



# PARISH NEWS

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## From Pastor Raabe: Words for Life

“WE ARE - - “PENN STATE!”

“O - H” - - “I -O!”

“I - L - L — “I - N - I!”



College chants. We know them like the back of our hand. Maybe we know them better than the back of our hand! These are the liturgies college sports fans live by, the mass eruptions that get the blood flowing, which can galvanize an entire stadium of 100,000 into a single ecstatic, mesmerizing voice.

And this one? “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” “And also with you.”

Isn’t this just as much a liturgy that brings life? Don’t we cherish this same call and response in words that are woven into the sinew of our bodies, the responses we know are expected of us and which we gratefully offer?

These are the words of our liturgy, which in this post-Covid era we are bringing back to Grace little by little. They give us a foundation to fall back on not only in our weekly worship but in our darkest hours.

I always think of what my seminary friend Becky told me long ago (I was in seminary long ago!), when at a particularly difficult moment in her life familiar words from our liturgy flooded into her consciousness. She was out walking on a hillside in a bleak frame of mind. Into this darkness the words of our Hymn of Praise suddenly sprang as a reminder of the timelessness of God’s promise in Christ for each of us: “Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain / Whose blood set us free as people of God. / Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb, forever, amen. / This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia!”

As with all the words of worship, these are drawn from scripture, in this case Revelation 19:7-9 and verses from Revelation chapters 5, 25, and 11. They were assembled into the familiar Hymn of Praise in the late 1960s by John Arthur, campus pastor at Stanford University (whose first calls, incidentally, were to Zion Lutheran in Duquesne, Pennsylvania then to at Holy Trinity in Greensburg). Arthur was seeking to bring more scriptural weight into the university’s worship life. His setting was enthusiastically adopted by the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship and put to music by Richard Hillert and Ronald Nelson, which went on to

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become the foundation of Settings 1 and 2 in the Lutheran Book of Worship (the “old green book”). These live on as settings 3 and 4 in ELW, from which we continue to draw in our worship at Grace.

Thanks be to God that we possess these words in such memorable musical settings! Thanks to composers and gifted writers who assemble verses and images from the Bible on our behalf, the liturgy of the church continues to be life-giving.

Yes, we may be singing the “same old thing” every week. But the familiarity etches these words deep into our minds, just as it did for my friend Becky, so that we can draw on them for hope and consolation whenever the need arises. “Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world” means MY sins as well as the entire world’s. “Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing” reminds us, as we make our offerings to the church, to be grateful for the abundance with which God continues to shower us. “Holy, holy, holy Lord...heaven and earth are full of your glory” reminds us of the enduring magnificence of God and the love that fills the universe as the strongest force in all creation.

So come to church! Come and sing these words. Sing them to your children, sing them with your children, sing them to your aging parents as they, too, are invited to remember the life-giving power of worship and the love of the One who is faithful to all generations, whose mercy endures forever.



### **From Our Minister of Music**

Summer is indeed beautiful. It really is wonderful to enjoy a bit of relaxed time with friends and family. I also love grilling dinners over the summer and that's something I would do all year round if I could! My family has planned some vacation time and I'm so excited to finally go away and do some fishing and crabbing! Yes, the dogs are coming with us :-)

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### **Scriptural Sources of Worship**

We begin in confession: “By grace, you have been saved...” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

In the Kyrie, which means “Lord, have mercy,” we make known our need for God’s grace (Luke 17:13; Luke 18:38-39; Psalm 123:2-3).

The Hymn of Praise is the very essence of worship as praise: “Glory to God” (Luke 2:14), “Worthy is Christ” (Rev. 5:9-13, Rev. 19:4-9).

In our Gospel Acclamation, “Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68), we acknowledge God’s Word as the only source of true life.

The Greeting of the Peace is a visible sign of reconciliation as we prepare our hearts to receive the sacrament (John 16:33; 20:19, 21, 26).

The Great Thanksgiving in our communion liturgy calls to our minds the entire history of salvation, which allows us to receive Christ’s body and blood mindful of all that God has done for us.

“Holy, holy, holy are you...” (Isaiah 6:3) We bow before God’s majesty and splendor in creating us, forgiving us and redeeming us through the gift of his Son.

Words of Institution: “In the night in which he was betrayed...” (Mark 14:22-24; Matt 26:26-28; Lk 22:17-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25).

The Lord’s Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13; also Luke 11:2-4, Mark 14:36, and Gal. 4:6.

“Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.” God’s undeserved mercy comes to us only through Christ’s saving death, a death that frees us from the fear of death so that we can live fully as a new creation in Christ (John 1:29, 36; Rev 5:6-13; Rev 22:1-3).

All of you remember the young pianist, Julian Nguyen. He played piano several times for Grace and the choir in the past and is going to be part of a studio recital here at Grace on Saturday, **July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. His teacher, Dan Green, is a local pianist who has a small studio of pianists who are also playing that day. Anyone from Grace is welcome to attend. I'm sure Julian would love to see you there! If you have any questions, please see me.

Summer Star Wars: Is it possible to hear music from Star Wars at Grace? Yes it is! On **Sunday, August 7th at 4 p.m.**, Will Shaffer and I will present an hour concert for Trumpet and Organ. Our mix will include music from Star Wars, a musical ballad by Josh Groban, and a classical trumpet and organ piece. Of course, I will play the very famous Bach "Toccat and Fugue in D Minor" that over time seems to be the piece that everyone associates with the organ. It will be truly a pleasure to play that and all the music we've planned for you to hear. Please come and bring a friend.

Kevin



### August Serving Schedule

Date	Altar Guild	Communion Assistant	Lector	Acolyte	Crucifier	Ushers	Coffee Hour
<b>9:15 am Service</b>							
<b>08/07/22</b>	Mary Jane Moyer	Kathy Stawasz	Slugg Family	Carol MacDonald	Usher	Slugg Family	Carol MacDonald
<b>08/14/22</b>	N/A	N/A	Richard Badman	Cristiano Tula	Usher	Peggy Schmidt And Crystal Tula	Don Capanear
<b>08/21/22</b>	Mary Jane Moyer	Jaime Snyder	Jean Shaffer	Lennon Kaler	Usher	Carol MacDonald & Bob Smyrl	Kay Stone
<b>08/28/22</b>	N/A	N/A	Beth Krout	Krout Family	Krout Family	Karen & Ken Seiler	Diane Ball

**Council Offering/Lock-up for August: Jeff Krout**

**Live Streaming: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm**

### August Calendar

- The Central Philadelphia (Korean) Church will be worshipping on Sundays at noon in the Sanctuary.
- Tues. are Bread Drop Sandwich Days. The coolers will be out from 8am-7pm.
- Yoga will resume in **September**.

Tue Aug. 2, 2022	7:00pm	Stitchers
	7:00pm	Worship & Music Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Property Team Meeting
<b>Sun Aug. 7, 2022</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Worship/Communion</b>
	<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Trumpet &amp; Organ Concert</b>
Mon Aug. 8, 2022	7:00pm	Giving in Service
Tue Aug. 9, 2022	7:00pm	Council Meeting (Zoom option)
Wed Aug. 10, 2022	6:30pm	Grace Picnic at Carol & Paul MacDonald's home
<b>Sun Aug. 14, 2022</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Worship with guest Pastor Mary Konopka</b>
<b>Sun Aug. 21, 2022</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Worship/Communion</b>
Tue Aug. 23, 2022	7:00pm	INReach Meeting
Wed Aug. 24, 2022		Last day of Stepping Stones Summer Camp
	3:00pm	Stepping Stones Summer Picnic
	6:30pm	Grace Picnic hosted by the Sluggs and Krouts at Grace
Thurs Aug. 25, 2022		Stepping Stones CLOSED
Fri Aug. 26, 2022		Stepping Stones CLOSED
<b>Sun Aug. 28, 2022</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Worship</b>

**During the Week:** Join Pastor Raabe live on Facebook for the **Night Prayer** service every Monday at 9pm, and look for her **Sermon Trailer** on Wednesday on Facebook and our YouTube page. Stay in touch with Grace!



### Lutheran Community at Telford Auxiliary

Grace Church is represented in the Auxiliary by Donna Klementisz and MC Reilly. One of the programs sponsored by the Auxiliary for the residents, is a monthly Bingo game for those in Personal Care. Our date for this activity is the third Saturday in September.

We are also responsible for the prizes for this day, and if you would like to contribute to this, please bring in the items by Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

The prizes include the following:

- Small Hershey bars
- Packs of crackers
- Small pudding cups
- Small pretzel bags
- Granola bars
- Small tissue packs
- Small packs of cookies
- Small boxes of Goldfish



## WORDS OF GRATITUDE

- For the families and Grace members who participated in and helped with our Summer Youth Service Camp here on July 12. We worked at the EEC Food Cupboard, packed snack bags for Bread Drop, and enjoyed an organ demonstration by Kevin and a visit from Mr. Smart T. Pants!

Thank  
You



- For the generous gift for the Youth Service Camp that enabled us to purchase supplies to pack 200 snack bags for Bread Drop.
- For Grace members who pitched in and attended to help make the Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Appreciation Night here on July 16 a success.
- For those involve in setting up, cleaning up and providing for our Coffee Hour. We appreciate being able to relax and visit together after worship.
- For those helping out with Bread Drop until Lou is back in action.

## WELCA (Women of the ELCA)

Ladies, I hope everyone is having a great summer. As you know there is no WELCA meeting in August. See you on September 7th which will be our first meeting. I will send out more information for the September Parish News later in August. Take care and please stay healthy, Barbara



## Summer Wednesday Evening Picnics

Don't miss our two Grace Summer Picnics in August! Dinner will be served at **6:30 pm**. Bring your favorite **picnic dish** to share and a lawn chair or blanket. If you have a favorite **outdoor game** to share, bring it too.

*Event is rain or shine!!*

**August 10<sup>th</sup>**, Carol and Paul MacDonald will host a picnic at their home. 1999 Rosemarie Way, Hatfield

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**, the Sluggs and Krouts will host our final picnic at Grace.



## PRAYER LIST

Please let Pastor Raabe know if you would like someone added to this list, or if someone you have added is no longer in need of urgent prayers.



### **In Need of Ongoing Prayers:**

Liz Bauer, Suzanne Colville, Cheryl Davis (Paul MacDonald's sister), Marilyn Forst, Helen Godshall, Bob Kaler, Peggy Long, Hazel Mascaro, Gerry Mason (Richard Badman's son), Pam Matolicz, Bob Rufe (Mary Jane Moyer's brother), Joyce Salter, Nancy Sellers, Bailey Vinson, (Liz Bauer's great-granddaughter).

### **In Current Need of Prayers:**

Cassi Lambert, Kristopher Yoder, Annette Beyer, Cindy Kunkel, Ron and Karen Hudson, Lisa Kane, Jerry Mascaro, Lorraine Snyder, Vickie West, Sandy Klinger, Janet Williams (Carol MacDonald's mother), the Scarola family (dear friends of Peggy & Bruce Schmidt), Debbie Hendricks (cousin of Mary Jane Moyer), Debbie Zuech-Smyrl, Madiafe Sheriff, Rhonda Wagner Berger (granddaughter of the Wagner property original owners), Dean Moore, Don Cabrera (Jean Shaffer's daughter's father-in-law), Peg Malloy, Diane Miller, Donna Herman (friend of the Badmans), Judith Stangl (John's sister), Daniel Hopwood (Tom Hopwood's son), Laurie Ronan (the MacDonalds' neighbor), Jim Finnemeyer (John and Jean Weierman's nephew), Sue & Faith Rowbottom, Deb Mandell (Cub Pack 510 treasurer), Lucia Morales (Crystal Tula's mother-in-law), Tom Burke (Laura Kratz's daughter's co-worker), Bill Reilly (Bob Reilly's brother), Jan Madigan (Sue Wieland's niece), John Renick, Lou Farrell.

**For all who grieve, including the family and friends of:** Ralph Schultz (Karen Seiler's father), Jeff Hinton (friend of Frank & Kay Stone), Cheryl Davis (Paul MacDonald's sister).

**For those in active duty military service:** Robert McNulty, Marines, Jessica Murphy, Air Force; Matthew Smyrl, Army; Nathaniel Smyrl, PA Army National Guard

**For active military deployed overseas:** Kyle Murphy, Air Force



### **BREAD DROP UPDATE:**

Bread Drop has resumed and Lou Farrell's healing is going well. For the latest updates check the Bread Drop Facebook page. He greatly appreciates those who are going, and literally driving, the extra mile(s) to help out. Lou is also very grateful for the sunshine box provided by the InReach Committee.



**Sanctuary Village Fundraiser:** This summer we are collecting children's clothing for a kids' market. From now until September 1<sup>st</sup>, we are asking all of our friends to collect new or gently used clothing (sizes 0 – 16). In early September we will host a kids' market where families can shop for affordable clothing and all of the profits will go to

building homes with Sanctuary Village, a village for people currently homeless in Philadelphia. Do you have clothing for us? Follow Sanctuary Village Philadelphia on Facebook and chat with Cathy Farrell for updates (cifarrell@comcast.net). Place your donations in the bin in the narthex.



**STEPPING STONES UPDATE:** With July behind us, we're looking forward to the end of Summer Camp and the beginning of (can you believe it?) the 2022-2023 school year! Stepping Stones is very excited to celebrate the end of the Summer/beginning of school with tons of spirit days like crazy hair day and rainbow day and we are even more excited for our Stepping Stones Picnic on the 24th! Stepping Stones will be closed on August 25th and 26th as we set up for the new school year and will begin our new session on 8/29! We are also still looking for volunteers to assist with the garden project so please reach out to [steppingstonesoffice@verizon.net](mailto:steppingstonesoffice@verizon.net) if you're interested!

Jessica Moran, Director



### **EEC Food Cupboard**

Help is urgently needed!!! There are many items that are depleted from the shelves at the EEC food cupboard due to a large increase in clients, as well as client needs. At a recent distribution in July, there were double the usual number of families shopping! Please know your generous donations are being

put to good use. Thank you for continuously providing for your Hatfield neighbors in need.

Below, please find the most recent pantry shortages.

**Food:** Tuna in OIL, Pasta (except spag), Spaghetti sauce, Cereal (cold only), Mac & Cheese, Coffee, Condiments, Flour, Sugar, Soup (low/no salt), French style Green Beans, Olives, Chick Peas, Tomato: paste, canned, and sauce.

**Household & Personal Care:** Conditioner, Shampoo, Body Wash, Laundry detergent, Men's & Women's Shaving Cream and Razors, Paper Towels

**Fresh Produce:** Surplus vegetables from your garden! Reach out via info below for pick up or drop off...please do not just leave at Grace. Your donations can be placed in our narthex bins, OR, if necessary, in the outside food cupboard plastic bins located by the doors leading into Stepping Stones (preferably on Sunday mornings when it can be brought inside).

Please be aware...if food is left outside in the heat, it might not be picked up for a few days.

### **Upcoming distribution dates & times:**

Tuesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm : August 2, 16, 30

Tuesdays 1 - 2 pm: August 9, 23

The food cupboard is open to all Hatfield borough residents, so please reach out if you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving supplemental food/household items. Messages for Janet Hague can be left at 215-855-2540; [foodcupboard@yahoo.com](mailto:foodcupboard@yahoo.com). You can also call/email Carol MacDonald @215-872-0472.



**VBS in our neighborhood: "Food Truck Party,"  
August 1-4 at Little Zion Lutheran Church,  
267 Morwood Rd, Telford**

Grace families, with children of all ages, let's join with our neighboring churches for the Food Truck Party Vacation Bible School from 9 am-12 noon on August 1-4. Hosted at Little Zion Lutheran and partnering with Grace and St. Paul's Lutheran, Telford and Zwingli UCC, Souderton, we're looking for "chefs" in preschool (age 3) - entering grade 5. During our Food Truck Party, we'll learn about the ways that God loves us so we can love others. We're also looking for teens and adults with a passion for sharing God's love with kids. Even if you are only available to volunteer for some of the time, helpers are needed for many roles, from assisting with snack time to leading our Pre-K group. For more information about VBS and to volunteer, contact Pastor Raabe here at Grace, call Little Zion's church office at 215-723-7404, or email [administrator@littlezion.org](mailto:administrator@littlezion.org).



If you are in need of pastoral care or are looking for a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe by email; in the office (M-Th 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or 215.855.4676; or on her cell phone 614.214.2639. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses and hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and joyful events in your life.



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**Give to Grace:** We rely on your generous giving to sustain Grace and all its ministries. Please see the "Give" page of our website to direct your electronic giving. You can sign up with Pastor Raabe for direct deposit giving, you may text a gift to Grace at 844-613-0815, or you may click on the adjacent QR code to arrange for your gift. Thank you!



**The Word in Season:** Grace continues to subscribe to this daily devotional. If you can't attend church and you'd like it to be mailed to you, please notify our Office Administrator, Lynn Fasick.

**Face masks:** Although we continue to hear of cases of Covid-19 in our area, Grace has not reinstated its mask requirement. We remain confident our spaces are safe for gathering, with high ceilings and good circulation, and our Coffee Hour held outside on the veranda. Please be careful by avoiding crowded indoor gatherings whenever possible.



# Rally Day

## Looking ahead to Rally Day,

Teams, please be updating your information and photos for your display boards for the Ministry Fair that will mark the opening of our fall season. This is your chance to make the case for your ministry area and get more people involved.

## September 11: Ministry

Also on September 11 starting at 2 p.m., Grace members will be working at Generations of Indian Valley, 259 N 2nd St, Souderton, as part of the **Community Day of Service** featuring churches and nonprofits in the area. This is linked to the ELCA's "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday and photos will be shared with our Synod and churchwide headquarters.

We will be assembling welcome baskets for our new Faith Build families on Cowpath Road. More than two dozen churches and nonprofits will be represented. Stop by to take it all in or feel free to lend a hand.



The **Hercolinis** are having a baby! They have posted an online registry on Amazon for anyone who would like to get them a little something they need. You can find it easily by searching on amazon.com for "baby registry" and then "Victoria Hercolini." We look forward to welcoming this new member of their family.



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**August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship/Communion  
Trumpet & Organ Concert**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>**

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