

October 5, 2025 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder, Colorado** Rooted in Grace + Reaching Out in Christ's Love



Welcome To Grace

In response to Christ's boundless love, members of Grace share that love by inviting all — regardless of ethnicity or race, educational or religious background, economic, physical, mental or social condition, gender identity or sexual orientation — to come and participate in the life of Grace. We are glad you are joining us for this worship service!

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

#### PARTICIPATING MINISTERS IN THE WORK OF GRACE

**Presiding Minister** Pastor Matthew Weber **Assisting Minister** Anne Peterson Communion Server Katherine Alexander Tom Dozier Lector Pianist & Organist Boyd Hamilton **Lead Singers** Alice Del Simone - soprano, Whitney Robinson – alto Simon Daum – tenor, Davian Raggio – tenor, Luke North – bass Mikki Matheson, Donna Rohde, and Susan Swaeby Altar Guild Financial Counters Tom Dozier & Susan Swaeby Digital Worship Coordinator Amy Stewart McIntosh

#### **GATHERING**

#### MUSICAL INVITATION TO WORSHIP

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.

We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the earth.

We reject your abundance,

trusting our own impulses instead of your steadfast love.

Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us again to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

⊕ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

# **GATHERING HYMN** "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" ELW 597



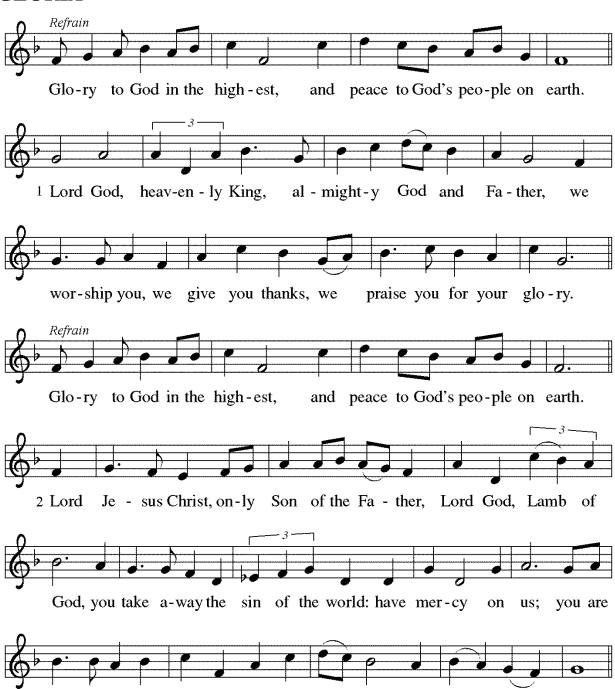
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#### **GREETING**

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.

## **GLORIA**

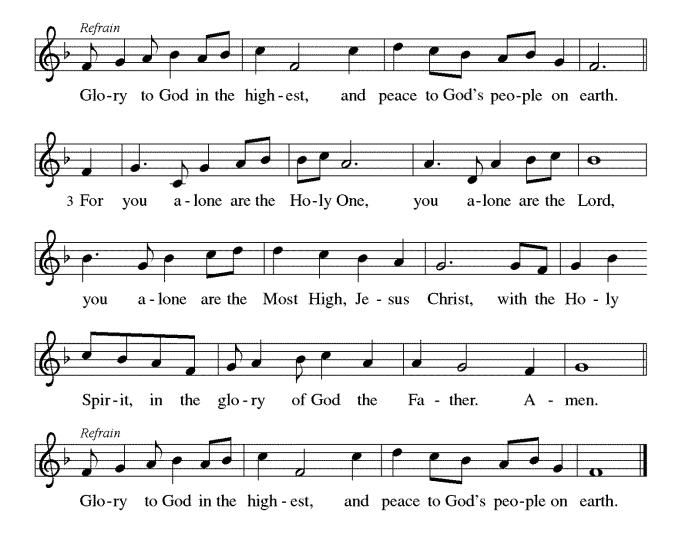


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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

# Benevolent, merciful God:

When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

#### **WORD**

## FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack, and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous; therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

#### **PSALM: Psalm 146**

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
  - <sup>2</sup> For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
  - <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
    - <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.
  - <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.
    - <sup>6</sup> The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
  - <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

    Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
    - <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
  - <sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

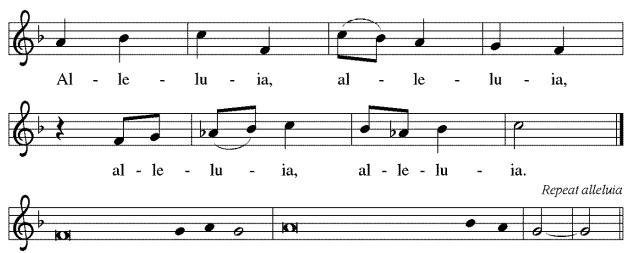
<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

#### **GOSPEL:** Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

The holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Pastor Matthew Weber

## HYMN OF THE DAY "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" ELW 769



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, we confess our faith. With the whole church, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

#### receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season, and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. We pray especially for those in Gaza and the West Bank. God of grace,

## receive our prayer.

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need, especially those who we name before you now ... Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

# receive our prayer.

O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

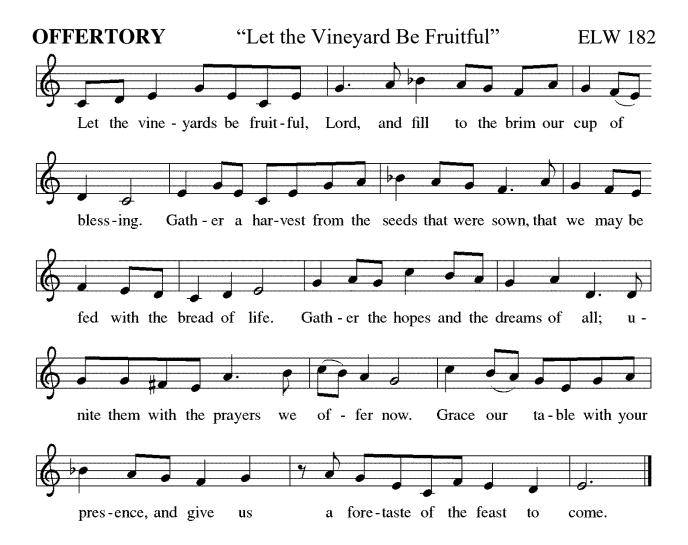
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**ANTHEM** "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee" Jody Lindh

#### **MEAL**

#### **OFFERING**

Our gifts to God's work in the world reflect our thanksgiving for the many gifts God has given us. Thank you for your offerings which support God's work here at Grace, and for your offerings which support the work God does through other agencies and organizations.



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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

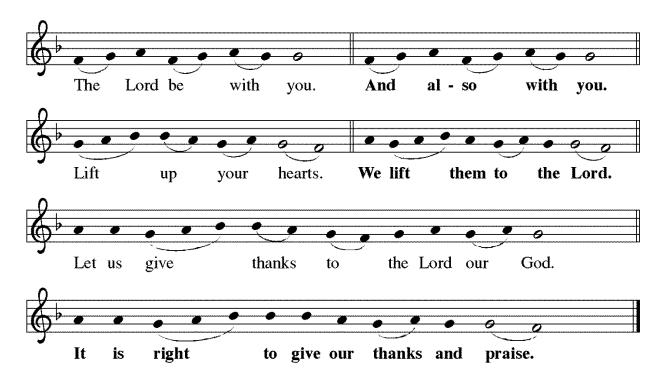
Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered so that all who are suffering and in need will be blessed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

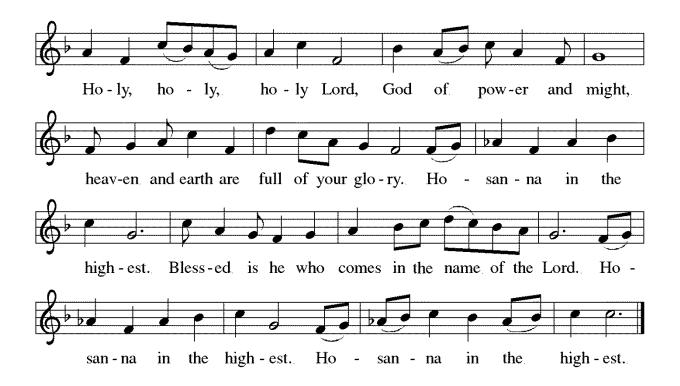
## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



## PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right ... their unending hymn:

# **SANCTUS**



# **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

To you indeed be glory ... we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



As we share this bread and cup ... may be fed, and forgiven, and strengthened to serve you.



#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

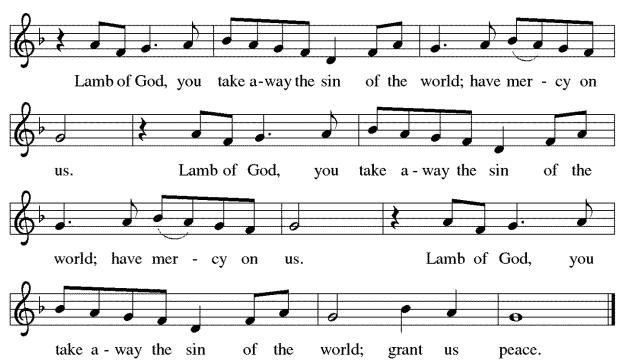
#### DISTRIBUTION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. All are welcome at this meal of mercy.

Thanks be to God.

This is God's table. We invite all who are hungry for Christ's presence in their lives to receive this gift of mercy and forgiveness at the table. For those who are not in the sanctuary: if you don't have bread, or you don't have wine or grape juice, Martin Luther reminds us that God's grace is fully present in each element – that receiving only the bread or only the wine is entire forgiveness. Further, those of you who might not receive communion for whatever reason, please recognize and understand that God's forgiveness and mercy and love are fully and completely provided to you in ways additional to Holy Communion.

## **AGNUS DEI**





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# **BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

\*\*Amen.\*\*

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us out to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

## **SENDING**





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## **BENEDICTION**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, in the name of Christ Jesus + our Savior bless you now and forever.

\*\*Amen.\*\*

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

#### INVITATION TO SERVICE

Scripture Readings for October 12: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

October 5, 2025

#### We pray for those **grieving the death of**:

- Phillip Schmitt (Charley Zabel's cousin)
- those killed in the Evergreen High School shooting

#### We pray for those **undergoing treatment**:

- Dagiadi (Dee) (Katherine Codrescu's friend) hospitalized with gallbladder issues
- Elita (Moira Matheson's friend in Scotland) undergoing treatment for terminal cancer
- Pr. Ron Roschke receiving treatment for cancer
- Hugh Ouellette (John Laitinen's cousin)
- Paul Herzegh (Mary and Charley Zabel's friend) receiving treatment for cancer
- Marilyn Engelbredt (Sandi Stahl's friend) receiving treatment for cancer
- Tony Pappas (John Laitinen's friend)
- Marsha Herrmann receiving treatment for cancer
- Margurite DuPont (Tom Dozier's childhood friend) fighting metastatic breast cancer
- Karen O'Loughlin's Godchild
- Robert Reish (Sandi Stahl's friend)

#### We pray for **hope and healing** for:

- Carolyn Fuhrman (Charley Zabel's sister) in rehab for a broken arm and sprained ankle due to a fall
- Mikki Matheson
- all those impacted by the flash flooding in Alaska, New Mexico, New York, and New Jersey
- Lester Tepe (Nelda Gamble's brother) in Hospice care in Florida
- Guy Heyl (Mary Zabel's friend) healing from a diagnosis of heart failure
- Sherrill Schneider (Hiroko Akima's friend)
- Ray Phillips (Karen O'Loughlin's brother-in-law) recovering at home
- all those impacted by the war in Iran
- all those affected by the Israel-Hamas War
- all those affected by the war against Ukraine
- all those affected by the conflict in Sudan
- Noah Laitinen (John Laitinen's nephew) working to recover after he was hit in a head-on drunk driving accident
- Nick Vanderborgh
- Donda Combs and Marie Jauncey (Hiroko Akima's friends)
- John Laitinen
- Coqui Stetson (John Laitinen's daughter) recovering from a car accident
- Emmanuel Rusaka
- Susan Hull (Patty Meyers' friend) with ALS and other concerns
- Carl Stubenrauch
- Allan Wolfe
- Pete Tafoya
- Rich Harris (John Laitinen's cousin)

# **Grace Partner in Ministry**

Grace's Partner in Mission (PiM) for October 2025 is: Kutandara.

For the past three years, Grace Lutheran Church has supported Kutandara through its Partners in Mission program, sustaining cultural exchange and community-building through music. These generous gifts let Kutandara continue its work in Zimbabwe—preserving traditional music and dance and creating opportunities for young people and their mentors to connect across divides. Programs like the Friendship Festival bring together groups who might never meet, fostering collaboration and strengthening community bonds.

In today's world—where isolation and division are common—the power of connection is more vital than ever. Kutandara sees music not just as art, but as a force for unity, healing, and resilience. Support from Grace amplifies this belief, enabling artists in Zimbabwe and Boulder to build bridges across cultures and rise together through shared creativity.

Ongoing support sustains programs that build cross-cultural understanding, empower youth, and preserve Zimbabwe's rich musical heritage. Especially now, when compassion is essential, this partnership shows how communities—separated by geography but united in purpose—can rise together. #TogetherWeRise

# Read more at kutandara.org

Thanks to the Grace Foundation, all gifts through our designated offerings will be matched dollar for dollar in 2025 up to \$2,000/month. Please make your check to "Grace Lutheran Church" and add "Kutandara" to the memo line. You may place checks in the mail slot at Grace, send through the US mail, or use our electronic giving option Simply Giving on the Grace website. Thank you for your generosity!

## **Rooted in Grace**

**Lectionary Bible Study** continues this week on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 11 am. The readings for October 12, 2025, are:

- 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Naaman washes in the Jordan and is cleansed
- **Psalm 111** *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart.* (Ps. 111:1)
- 2 Timothy 2:8-15 If we die with Christ, we will live with Christ
- Luke 17:11-19 One leper made clean by Jesus gives thanks to God

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**Adult Ed** continues next week on October 12 at 8:45 am in Fellowship Hall. We're continuing a series of a few weeks comparing the three Creeds – Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian.

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SAVE THE DATE for **Third Thursday Theology** on October 16.

# **Reaching Out in Christ's Love**



Remember **Harvest of Hope** food pantry when you shop for groceries this week. <u>Our donations make a difference</u> for those who struggle to find food each week.

Thank you for your donations of blank greeting cards for the inmates of **New Beginnings**. Your cards allow the women to communicate with loved ones. New Beginnings also has a new request, which is for us to help them fill their Cowboy's Closet, which is aimed at helping women leaving prison. Most women leave prison with less than \$300 available to them and are often in need of basic items. Bring any donations to Grace and Pastor Matthew and Amy will coordinate their delivery to New Beginnings with Pastor Samm.

#### This Week at Grace

# Sunday, October 5: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 am Adult Education, Fellowship Hall 10 am Sunday Worship, Sanctuary + YouTube

## Monday, October 6

7-8 pm NA, Fellowship Hall7-8 pm NarAnon, Library

## Tuesday, October 7

12-1 pm Grace Staff Meeting, Zoom6-7:30 Sing Out 4 Peace, Sanctuary

## Wednesday, October 8

11 am-12 pm Lectionary Bible Study, Zoom 7-8:15 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

# Thursday, October 9

9:30am-12:30pm Quilters, Fellowship Hall

# Friday, October 10

6-7 pm AA Meeting, Fellowship Hall 8-9 pm NA Meeting, Fellowship Hall

# Saturday, October 11

9 am-12 pm Organist Practice, Sanctuary

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#### **Grace Church Staff**

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Director of Music
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The people of God at Grace Lutheran Church acknowledge that we live and move and have our being on the traditional land of the Ute, the Arapahoe, and the Cheyenne people – land where they lived, loved, drummed, danced, sang, prayed, and served as caretakers for many generations, long before this congregation was established.

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