

Grace Lutheran Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2025

10:00 AM

Welcome!



Today in Worship

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Hymns

Gathering:	#719	Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
Sermon:	#729	The Church of Christ, in Every Age
Communion:	#188	Create in Me a Clean Heart
Sending:	#536	God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Intercessory Prayer – Congregational Response to the Leader’s call “**God of Grace,**” is: “**receive our prayer.**”

For **special music** today, Neema will sing solo, and **in Italian**, “*Oh, Thou Cooling Shade*”, in which God is praised for his sheltering arms.

Each Sunday, **Offerings** are collected in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings to the church or donate on-line through our website at [Grace Lutheran Church \(online giving\)](#) or scan QR code at the right.



All baptized people of faith are welcome to **Communion**. Receive the wafer and cup with wine or juice and eat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children and adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

If you are **unable to attend worship in-person**, please contact the pastor to bring you communion at home.

Grace Notes and Announcements: For those who worship with us on Facebook, the scripture readings and announcements are available on our church website at [Sharinggrace.org](#).

As we prepare for Grace’s ministry in 2026, and in anticipation of Pledge Sunday on October 19th, we are counting our blessings with gratitude for this community of faith. Today, *Taneika* is sharing from their experience about the blessings of serving God in the community with the people of Grace.

Today after Worship

Fellowship: Join us after worship for refreshments and discussion.

This Week

Choir Practice is canceled for this **Thursday, October 2**. We will resume practice on **Thursday, October 9**, at **7:00 pm**.

Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School will resume next **Sunday, October 5th**.

Upcoming Weeks

Game Night & Chili Contest: Saturday, October 18 from **4:00-6:00 pm**. Mark your calendars!

Pledge Sunday, October 19: Share your talents!

Reformation Sunday, October 26: Grace Lutheran Church is hosting and celebrating Reformation Sunday along with the members of Peace & Hope Lutheran Churches.

3rd Quarter Statement of Giving: An email will soon be sent to you regarding your giving/pledge to Grace through September. If you would like a printed copy, please contact June.

Plan Ahead

Port Tobacco Players, Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 pm: Please sign-up if you are interested in attending "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat".

On – Going

Sunday School teachers needed! Please sign up in the narthex to teach our youth for one or more Sundays this fall! A lesson plan and materials will be provided.

Prayer Group: The group will meet on **Wednesdays**, at **10:30 am** via Zoom. Contact the Church office for more information.

Fort Washington Food Pantry (FWFP): The FWFP distributes food on Saturdays from **9:00-11:00 am** at 6336 Rosecroft Drive, Fort Washington, Md. Volunteers are needed to prepare for the food distribution **Fridays, 9-11 am and Saturdays, 8-11:30 am**.

Volunteers are also needed to **pick-up food on Fridays**. Check for updates at the FWFP Facebook page or the website at <https://fortwashingtonfoodpantry.net> as the schedule is subject to change.

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Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life #719

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.
- 4 The cup of water giv'n for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion in your face.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

First Reading - Amos 6:1a, 4-7

- ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
- ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
- ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
- ⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- ² I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
- ³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
- ⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- ⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
forever;
- ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
free;
- ⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
- ⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- ¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Lord!

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment,
⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time— he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Gospel Reading - Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Church of Christ, in Every Age #729

- 1 The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
- 2 Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.
- 3 Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
- 4 For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.
- 5 We have no mission but to
serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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