

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022 ♦ 9:00 am



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

### **A note to first time visitors:**

Whoever you are, wherever you have come from, whatever you believe, you are welcome here. God welcomes ALL to receive his love and know his grace. That is what we celebrate in our gathering together here at Grace of God. If you are new here, we invite you to participate in our worship that includes the singing of hymns and songs, the reading of Scripture, and hearing God's love proclaimed. We celebrate the Lord's Supper (Communion) every Sunday. We believe in this eating and drinking Christ is really present for us and we receive the gift of God's love in his body and blood.

We are glad you are with us today and look forward to meeting you and knowing you better.

### **Small children are welcome in worship**

"Busy bags" for young children are available in the "Good Shepherd" room adjacent to the worship space near the doors. That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.

## GATHERING

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*The first part of our worship gathers us all together in Jesus' name for worship*

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*We begin our worship acknowledging that we are broken sinners loved and forgiven by God. We confess our sins and receive God's grace and forgiveness because of what Jesus has done for us. We begin with the sign of the cross and the name of the Trinity that was placed on us in baptism.*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

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

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**P** To you, O God,

**C all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**P** By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✚ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

**C Amen.**



HYMN “Earth and All Stars” stanza 1 – all; stanza 2 – women/girls; stanza 3 – men/boys; stanzas 4-5 – all

*We begin worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.*



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!  
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!  
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!  
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!  
 5 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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## GREETING

*This Trinitarian greeting is from one of Paul’s letters to the early church.*

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A** And also with you.

## KYRIE

*Kyrie, eleison means "O Lord, have mercy." It is an ancient and all-inclusive prayer. When we have God's mercy we have everything we need.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



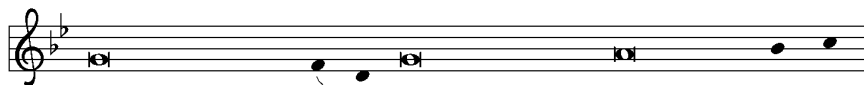
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



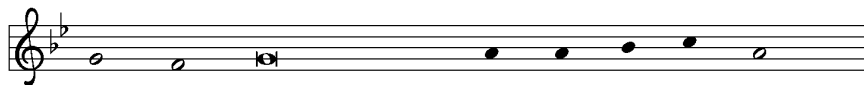
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

The hymn of praise, taken directly from the songs of angels in Scripture, centers our service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The prayer or “collect” of the day, appointed for each Sunday, “collects” or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the character of God as revealed in the Scriptures for the day.*

**P** Let us pray.

**All** **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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*Now we listen to God’s Word which reveals law and Gospel to us and ultimately leads us to Christ – the Word made flesh.*

## FIRST READING

*The first reading is typically from the Old Testament (the Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted. This reading always connects in some way to the Gospel reading for the day.*

### **Amos 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
 and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over  
 so that we may sell grain;  
 and the sabbath,  
 so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
 We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
 and practice deceit with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
 and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
 and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
 Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**L** Word of God. Word of life.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.*

### I Timothy 1:12-17; 2:1-7

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

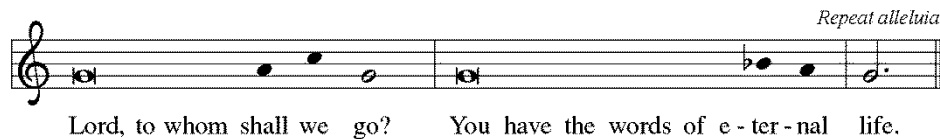
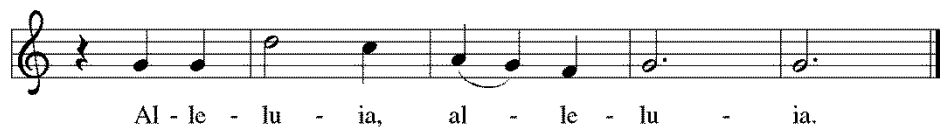
**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

JESUS TIME (all children are invited to come forward)

### ALLELUIA VERSE

*This brief acclamation expresses our joy at hearing the words of Jesus who alone has words of life. We stand to honor Jesus' living presence among us.*



### HOLY GOSPEL

*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. This is the main reading of the day because of the primary importance of Jesus' words and actions*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

## Luke 16:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup>He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

### HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;  
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;  
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.  
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



## APOSTLES' CREED

*The words "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Apostles' Creed is the oldest statement of faith based on the teachings of the apostles. The Nicene Creed was formulated in the fourth century at the Council of Nicea and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: the Holy Trinity.*

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**  
**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**  
**He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**  
**He will come again 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

*Together we pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. We pray for global concerns and for our community of faith. Prayers from this community may be requested before the service. We are reminded in prayer of God's mercy and that we are part of a larger fellowship, the body of Christ.*

*(Response to each petition)*

**P** God of grace,  
**All hear our prayer.**

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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*Having confessed our sins, listened to the Word of God and affirmed our faith, we are ready to experience the miracle of Holy Communion.*

## PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

*In this "Praise and Thanksgiving" we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: Thank God and recall what God has done for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C And also with you.**  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C It is right to give God thanks and praise.**  
**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior, Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANTUS

*The Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy") is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3. This song is coupled with the song of praise of those in Jerusalem who waved palm branches to welcome Jesus into the city the week before he died.*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*We hear the words of Jesus when he gathered with his disciples the night before he died. In this, his last will and testament, he gives his own body and blood as a gift of love.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread the spiritual food we receive in Holy Communion is an ancient connection.*

**AI** 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

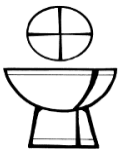
## AGNUS DEI

*Angus Dei means “Lamb of God.” These are the words of John the Baptist who introduced Jesus to his disciples with these words. The imagery is from the Old Testament Passover lamb who was sacrificed for the life and freedom of God’s people.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

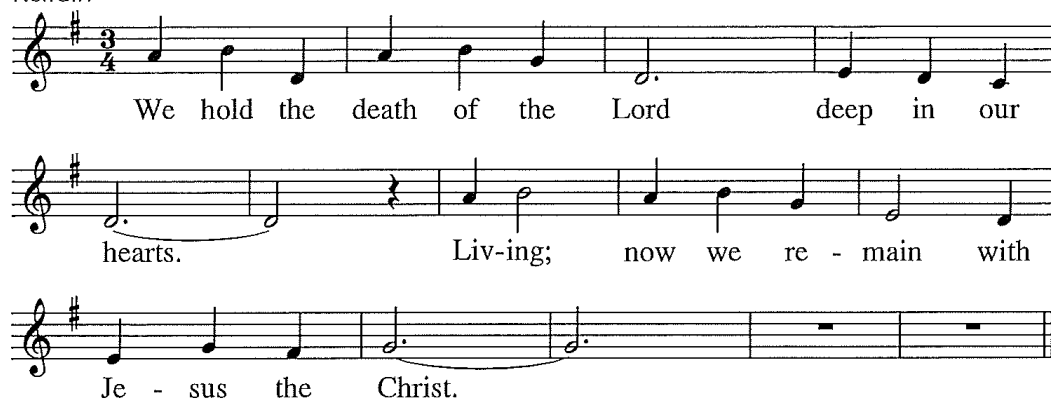


*Scripture says, “Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” Martin Luther’s Small Catechism says, “Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink.” All baptized Christians who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord’s Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.*

- As you approach the altar down the aisle, receive an empty cup from the cart. (non-alcoholic wine is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack. Gluten-free/dairy-free/nut-free wafers are offered in rack))
- Maintain physical distance in line.
- Receive the bread
- Proceed to the right to receive the wine.
- As you return to your seat, place your cup in the rack on the table to your right.

# SONG DURING COMMUNION "Now We Remain"

## Refrain



We hold the death of the Lord deep in our  
hearts. Liv-ing; now we re - main with  
Je - sus the Christ.

## Verses



1. Once we were peo - ple a - fraid, lost in the  
2. Some-thing which we have known, some-thing we've  
3. He chose to give of him - self, be - came our  
4. We are the pres - ence of God; this is our  
night. Then by your cross we were  
touched, What we have seen with our  
bread. Bro - ken, that we might  
call. Now to be - come bread and  
saved; Dead be - came liv - ing, Life from your  
eyes: This we have heard; Life giv - ing  
live. Love be - yond love, Pain for our  
wine: Food for the hun-gry, Life for the  
giv - ing. for to live with the  
word.  
pain.  
wea - ry,  
Lord, we must die with the Lord.

Text: Corinthians, 1 John, 2 Timothy; David Haas, b.1957  
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## SENDING

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*Having been fed and nurtured at the Lord's Table, we are sent to be God's living presence in the world.*

### DISMISSAL

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.

**All Amen**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** God of the abundant table,

**All you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### BLESSING

*We receive the blessing of God who goes with us into the ordinary of daily life.*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and **✝** give you peace.

**G Amen**

**P** Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

**G Thanks be to God.**



CLOSING HYMN “The Church of Christ in Ev’ry Age” (stanzas 1, 3 and 5)



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

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## OFFERINGS

Your gifts in support of the ministry at Grace of God may be placed in the offering plate at the entrance to the worship space under the cross. You may also mail in your offering or make your offering online. Click on the DONATE link on the front page of our website to make a one-time or an ongoing contribution.

# ALL ARE INVITED FOR COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS AFTER WORSHIP

# grace happens

September 18-25, 2022

Sunday, September 18

- 9:00 am WORSHIP – PENTECOST 15  
Coffee and doughnuts after worship  
10:15 am Adult Bible study/Sunday School Play Space opens!

Monday, September 19

- 6:00 pm Board of Education and Youth Meeting  
7:00 pm Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday, September 21

- 7:00 pm Cantate Choir rehearsal

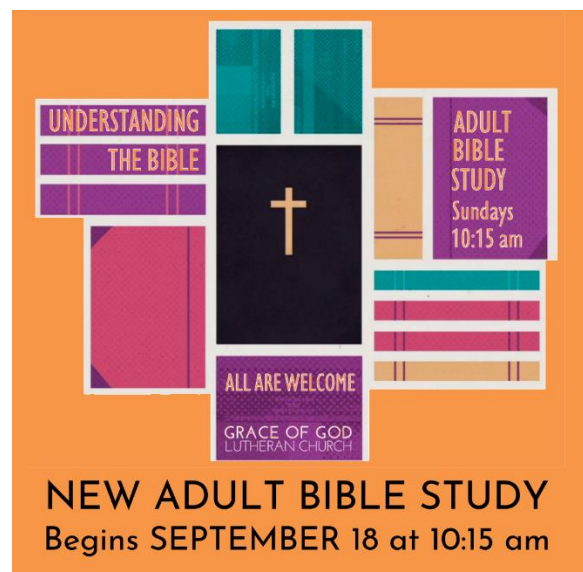
Sunday, September 25

- 9:00 am WORSHIP – PENTECOST 16  
Coffee and doughnuts after worship  
10:15 am Adult Bible study/Sunday School Play Space open

## STARTING TODAY at 10:15 am



This space will include story Bibles, crafts, games, learning stations and toys designed to help kids get to know Jesus and explore God's love for them! All kids are welcome!



Our topic is **Understanding the Bible**. Using group presentation and discussion, as well as short video segments from The Bible Project, we will examine the literary and historical context of the Bible so that we can better understand its meaning for us today.

# YOUNG ADULT SERVICE DAY

Saturday, October 8 at 4:30 pm

4:30—6:15 Feed My Starving Children in Eagan — Union 32 Craft House afterwards



## All YOUNG ADULTS (20 – 30something)

Are invited to a day of service and fun!

Meet at Feed My Starving Children in Eagan at 4:30 pm

Gather at Union 32 Craft House afterwards

(first round is provided!)

Register online at [graceofgodlutheran.com](http://graceofgodlutheran.com)

### OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE:

Last week's Offering	\$1,491.55
YTD Offering	\$209,236.34
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