

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022 ♦ 9:00 am



*At his gate lay  
a poor man  
named Lazarus*

LUKE 16:20

## 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

*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.

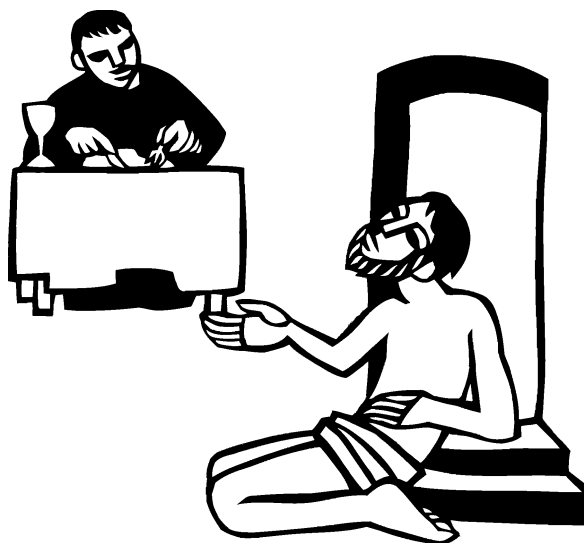
*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**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

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

### “Making Their Way”



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626

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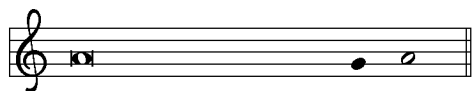
## GREETING

*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.  
**All** **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.



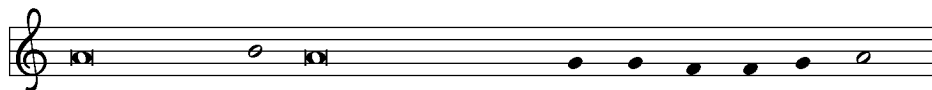
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy 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.*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



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



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



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.

## 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** **O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world.  
Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you,  
though 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 6:1a; 4-7**

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

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

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

### CHOIR

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.  
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

### 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 6:6-19**

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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 <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>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.

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

**All** 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 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>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.’ <sup>25</sup>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. <sup>26</sup>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.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>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.’”

- P** The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

HYMN “Poor Lazarus, in Hunger Yearned” (tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR)

**Poor Lazarus, in hunger yearned  
For crumbs that fell to marbled floors;  
While lavish wealth his hunger spurned,  
The kindly dogs would lick his sores.**

**We, like the rich man, turn away  
From needs that meet us at our gate;  
We eat and drink, we laugh and play,  
Our own desires to satiate.**

**Forgive, O Lord, our apathy,  
Our lack of mercy, callous greed;  
Direct our eyes to clearly see  
The open mouths which we can feed.**

## 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.*

- A** 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,  
**A** hear our prayer.



## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*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:

### SANCTUS

*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.*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

### 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.*

**A** **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.**



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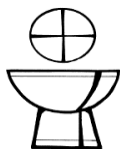


**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;**



**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

### “Christ Be Our Light”



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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## SENDING

*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,

**A** **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.

**C Amen**

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

**C Thanks be to God.**



## CLOSING HYMN

“Lord Whose Love in Humble Service“ (stanzas 1, 3 and 4)



- 1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
- 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
- 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
- 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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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 25, 2022

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

Wednesday, September 28

7:00 pm Cantate Choir rehearsal

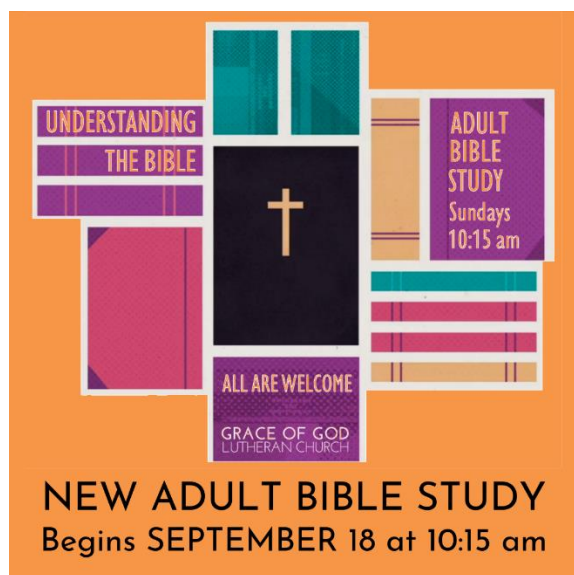
Sunday, October 2

9:00 am WORSHIP – PENTECOST 17  
Coffee and doughnuts after worship  
10:15 am Adult Bible study/Sunday School Play Space open  
6:00 pm GRACE GROUP KICK OFF EVENT

## 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.

# IT'S GETTING CHILI OUTSIDE!



After a COVID hiatus, our annual (okay, we may have only done it once) Chili Cook-Off is back by popular demand!

**What:** Chili (Vegetarian, GF, White, Spicy, Mild...You-name-it!)

**When:** October 30<sup>th</sup>, our Charter Sunday after church service

**Who:** Anyone with a crockpot and a desire to join the competition.

If you prefer to contribute something other than chili, feel free to sign up on the posted sheet.

## LET'S GET COOKING!

# Grace Groups

*growing in Christ together* 

Grace Groups make up the small group ministry at Grace of God. Groups of **8-12 people** meet together monthly or bi-monthly to study God's Word, enjoy fellowship and pray. Grace Groups are for adults of all ages, **single or married**. Each group has a leader who facilitates the group gatherings and provides general organization and leadership for the group. Other group members may lead a prepared Bible study, host the gatherings in their homes or provide a simple treat for the fellowship time. Groups determine when and where they will meet and share leadership responsibilities.

These groups have been a tremendous blessing in our congregation and have provided a place of Christian friendship, love and support. And they are fun! ☺ Great things happen when we come together! All are welcome to participate! (Please note: you do not need to be a member of Grace of God to be in a Grace Group)

**If you are interested in participating in a Grace Group** beginning in please fill out a card in the entryway or register at: [graceofgodlutheran.com](http://graceofgodlutheran.com)

## GRACE GROUP KICK OFF EVENT

For anyone interested in being part of a Grace Group or just want to learn more,  
come to a fun gathering on:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2  
6:00 pm



# 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)

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