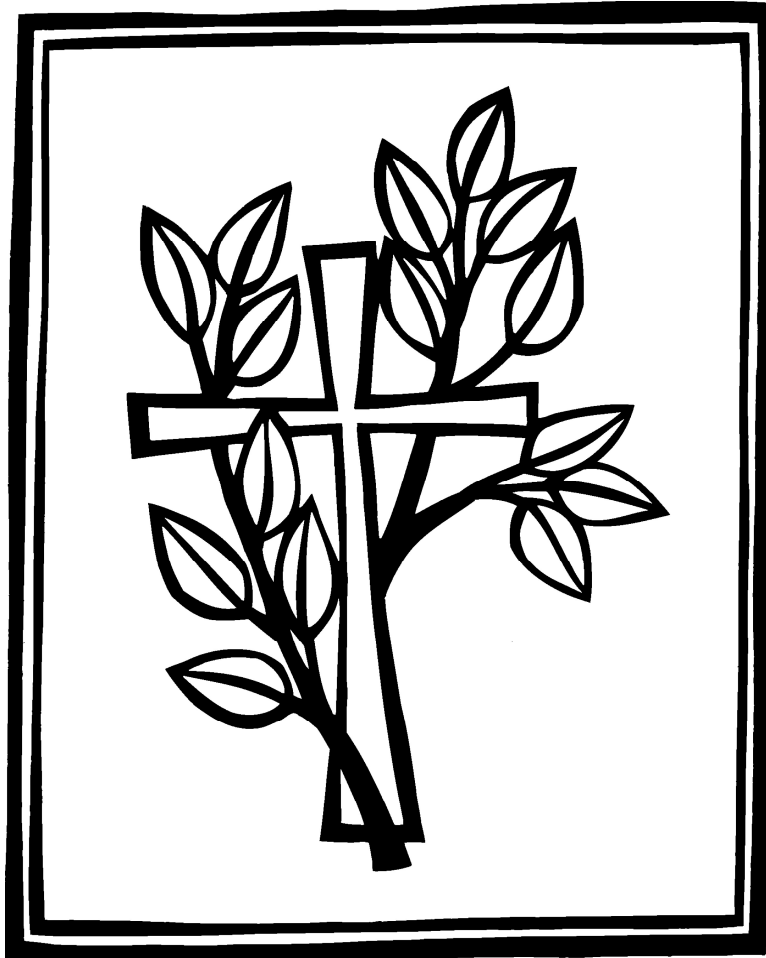


**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 3, 2023—9:45am**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

521 Providence Road  
Chesapeake, VA 23325  
757-420-4704

[www.GraceLutheranChesapeake.org](http://www.GraceLutheranChesapeake.org)



<https://linktr.ee/gracelutheran>

Pastor—The Rev. Leslie D. Weber (she/her/hers)  
Minister of Music—Morgan Hatfield (they/she)

**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

“Here I am Lord” arr. by Albert Mendoza

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“Holy Ground”

As I walked through the door, I sensed His presence. And I knew this was the place where love abound, for this is a temple, Jehovah God abides here. We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

**Refrain:** We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around. Let us praise Jesus now. We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

In His presence, there is joy beyond measure. And at His feet, peace of mind can still be found. If you have a need I know He has the answer. Reach out and claim it, child you're standing on holy ground.

We are standing in His presence, we are standing in His presence on holy ground.

- + Greeting ELW p.147
- + Prayer of the Day ELW p.46

**+Word+**  
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

- First Reading Exodus 3:1-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b ELW #105
- + Gospel Acclamation ELW p.151
- + Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-28
- Young at Heart Message & Sermon The Rev. Kaye Hute
- + Song of the Day ELW# 831 v.1-4
- + Apostles' Creed ELW p.105
- + Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- + Peace

**+Meal+**  
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**  
 Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!  
 Electronic donations can be made at  
[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/475611](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe/give-one-time/475611).



- + Offering Prayer
- + Great Thanksgiving ELW p.152
- + Proper Preface
- + Sanctus ELW p.153
- + Thanksgiving at the Table

+ Lord's Prayer (sins)

ELW p.154

+ Invitation to Communion

Agnus Dei

ELW p.154

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

Distribution Song

ELW #493

**+ Sending +**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Announcements

+ Sending Song

Hymn Lotto

+ Dismissal

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

Postlude

Reprinted, podcasted, and streamed with permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS012006, One License # A-726145, CCLI License #1881789, and CCLI Streaming License #20660555. All rights reserved.