

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity~September 3, 2023
We Welcome All Who Worship Here This Morning!

PRELUDE

Grace~SueAnn Berntson, Roxanne Stensland
Zion~Stacey Berntson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ Opening Prayer
Call to Worship ~ Psalm 26**

Grace #455 "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"
Zion #320 (Concordia)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Grace- *Ambassador* Pg. 2; Zion-*Concordia* Pg. 408

CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Romans 12:9-21 (G-pg 1351; Z-pg 1189)
Matthew 16:21-28 (G-pg 1163; Z-pg 1026)

CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ Nicene Creed

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING

Grace #573 "I Have a Friend So Patient, Kind, Forbearing"
Zion #295 (Concordia)

Pastor Dennis Norby

Jeremiah 15:15-21 (G-pg 919; Z-pg 808)

Grace #568 "Day By Day"
Zion #561 (Green)

Holy Communion

**LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
THREE-FOLD AMEN - DOXOLOGY**

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COMING EVENTS AT GRACE

Today is Communion Sunday. The Lord's table is open to all baptized and confirmed believers, who have rightly examined themselves and live in repentance of sin and personal faith in Jesus Christ, while acknowledging the real presence of Christ in the sacrament.

Monday, September 4

Labor Day — Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

NO Men's Discipleship

Baby Shower for the Perry Center

7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 6

Confirmation

6:00 PM

Adult Bible Study

7:00 PM

Youth Group

7:00 PM

Saturday, September 9

Men's Prayer

7:00 AM

WMF Quarterly Meeting

9:30 AM

Sunday, September 10

Rally Sunday

9:00 AM

Divine Worship

10:30 AM

We are planning to begin a new members class in the near future. If you are interested in participating please contact Pastor Norby or the church office.

*****NOTICE: Work will begin soon to relocate our geothermal lines. As a result, there will be no air conditioning in the church for 2-3 weeks.**

Sundays: Lift High the Cross KOVC (1490) 10 AM KSJB(600) 8 AM
Listen Live! Sunday Mornings at 10:30 AM at www.gracefree.com

COMING EVENTS AT ZION

Tuesday, September 5

Baby Shower for the Perry Center at Grace

7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 6

Confirmation

6:00 PM

Adult Bible Study

7:00 PM

Youth Group

7:00 PM

Sunday, September 10

Divine Worship

9:00 AM

Fellowship

10:00 AM

*Please be
Praying for...*

Pray for one another. HOME: Eileen Berntson, Henry Voldan, Bonnie & Eldwyn Van Bruggen, Kevin Borg, Jim & Sharon Jensen, Ronda Richards, Toby Larson, Etta Pritchett, GerriKnutson, Cheryl Borg, Jan Kjelland, Laverne Leach, Kathleen Schierkolk, Arlene Berntson
CARE CENTER: Delores Card, Betty Bostrom, Darlene Fjeldstad
MCVILLE NURSING HOME: Vivian Stugelmeyer
ELIM FARGO: Gary Skramstad,
MARYHILL MANOR: Doug Richman
Our nation's leaders, military & families, local elected officials. Our church leaders. Pray for wisdom and guidance for the deacons as they consider God's direction in caring for the needs of the congregation, specifically in regard to someone to serve as a youth leader.
AFLTS & AFLBS Students. Pastor Norby & family
AFLC Missionaries: Jonni Sliver, Brazil
AFLC Congregations: Ruthfred Lutheran, Bethel Park, PA
Living Faith Lutheran, Boyertown, PA
If you know of someone who is sick or hospitalized please contact the church office .

Message & Notes

Scripture readings for Sunday, September 10, 2023

Call to Worship: Psalm 32:1-7

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 5:16-24; Luke 17:11-19

Sermon Text: Psalm 119:9-16

Seminary and Scholarship Fund update-

As many of you know, the tuition and living expenses for our Bible College and Seminary students has increased greatly for the upcoming semester.

Seminary- Fall semester we have 3 students attending Seminary. At the annual meeting the congregation voted to pay half of tuition/housing/utilities for each student for the spring semester. If we were to do that for the fall semester, we would need approximately \$22,575.00. The current balance in the Seminary Fund is \$8,549.11.

Bible College- Fall semester we have 5 students attending FLBC. In the past we have tried to pay half the tuition/room/board for each student. If we were to do that the fall semester we would need \$25,000. The current balance in the scholarship fund is \$20,152.88.

Pray that God will provide for all of our students. If you wish to donate for fall semester, please do so by September 15.

Valley City Right to Live will be hosting a baby shower for the Perry Center on Tuesday, September 5th . The shower will be at Grace at 7:00 pm. All who come are encouraged to bring a gift for the center. the immediate needs the center are: paper towels, razors for shaving, thin maxi pads, aluminum foil, shampoo and conditioner - for normal hair and also for ethnic/curly hair, pillows and pillowcases, diaper bag backpacks, baby wipes, newborn clothing. They will gladly accept any item but these are the ones that are needed most at this time. Nathaniel Douglas, director of the center, will be sharing with us about what the center is all about and new things that they have been doing. A lunch of finger foods, sweets and coffee will be provided! Please join us for a fun evening on September 5th!

The ladies SS class is planning to do a study on Revelations. " The Smart Guide to the Bible: Book of Revelations". Cost is \$15.49 when 10 or more are purchased. If you are planning to participate, please talk to Becky (W) Schroeder.

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 10:30am to choose study materials and schedule starting date. The short meeting will be followed by lunch and fellowship. All ladies are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Val Reinsel by text or phone: 814-715-3022.