

September 2022

# Graceful Greetings



## SEPTEMBER 2022 WORSHIP SERVICES

If you prefer to worship online, our services can be found on our website under the "Worship" tab & on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.



- Sun., September 4—Thirteenth Sunday in Pentecost
- Sun., September 11—Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost
- Sun., September 18—Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost/Rally Day
- Sun., September 25—Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost

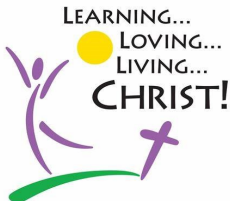
**Royersford Community Day is approaching...** Sept. 10, from 10:00am to 3:00pm! Grace will be participating by holding two packing events for the community to participate in. One packing event will be for the Royersford First Responders. The other packing event will be for the Southeastern Veterans Center. If you would like to volunteer to help with Grace's event this day, please contact either Angela Feist or Diane Harshaw or call the church office at 610-948-3684. If you are not able to volunteer, but plan on attending Community Day, stop in and say hello, and pack a bag!



**Piano Update:** Grace will soon be home to a new Yamaha digital piano! (That means a high quality instrument with beautiful sound, but NO need for tuning!) We look forward to the arrival of the piano. If you would like to support our music ministries, donations can be made by September 18th. (Please make checks to Grace Lutheran Church, memo: piano fund) The balance of the piano cost, after donations, will come from the Memorial Fund. Stay tuned!!! (Get it?!?!?)

**Fall Christian Education Programming Announcement** – Parents, you should have or will be receiving via snail mail & email, info about our fall programming! You can also find it on our website:  
[www.gracelutheranroyersford.com/fall-Sunday-program/](http://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com/fall-Sunday-program/)

This fall we would appreciate more parent volunteers to help lead classes! Please be prayerful about this opportunity & email the church office at [gracelutrn@verizon.net](mailto:gracelutrn@verizon.net) if you'd like to help.



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**Pastor's Points:** *"The Live Stream has been nice, but it feels SO good to be back in church!"* I hear this every time someone returns to in-person worship. Yes, we are blessed by the technology that helps us to reach those unable to be here. But no, it doesn't compare to the smiles, the wonderful feeling of being surrounded by fellow worshippers, or the conversations that happen when you step through the doors.



Fall has traditionally been the time in the church to regather and recommit after summer vacations. This fall, how do you feel called to recommit your faith life to God? Worship gathers us into a place to experience God's grace and as one person put it, "Have an hour of temporary sanity". Education opportunities on Sunday mornings are available starting at age two! Fellowship gatherings give us the chance to strengthen our relationships with others who also value faith. Social ministries are an excellent way to get involved with those in need in our community. Join us on September 18 between services for Ministry Madness and learn about all that is happening at Grace!



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### ***From the Deacon's Desk: Who is the ELCA?***

Last month, the ELCA held their triannual Churchwide Assembly. It was held in Columbus, OH. This is the time when delegates from all over the country gather for churchwide business. I'm guessing for most of you, this isn't something that was on your radar. And it occurs to me that maybe there are some questions that you have in general about our denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. So here are some quick facts. I encourage you to go to the national church's website [ELCA.org](https://elca.org) to learn more:

- The ELCA was formed on January 1, 1988, by the merging of three Lutheran church bodies. As of 2020, it has just over 3 million baptized members and almost 9,000 congregations.
- Our Presiding Bishop is Elizabeth Eaton
- National Church offices are in Chicago
- Supports 150 missionaries around the world
- There are 65 Synods in the ELCA.

Ours is the Southeastern PA Synod and our Bishop is Patricia Davenport.

- The ELCA belongs to the World Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, and the Lutheran World Federation. The ELCA is in full communion with the Episcopal Church, Moravian Church, Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church.

- Find out more here: <https://elca.org/About>

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**Our Prayer List Coordinator is Becky Leonard.** Becky is a wonderful addition to our volunteers, who help keep our church family connected and growing. Please send any prayer requests to Becky at [bellpn@aol.com](mailto:bellpn@aol.com) or you can call the church office at 610-948-3684 and leave a message. Thank you for sharing your joys & concerns and praying for others.



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## YOUTH NEWS

**Fall Programming for G.R.A.C.E. Place** will be every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 9:30-10:15am. 2 year old – kindergarten class in the social hall, 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will meet in LO9, and 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will meet in LO3 (All Purpose Room) on those Sunday's, learning about Jesus, baptism & prayers! If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month, our high schoolers are going to lead a service project with all ages in the welcome center!



Please Register your child(ren) for G.R.A.C.E. Place, so we have emergency contacts (<https://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com/registration/>)

**3 year olds, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders & 7<sup>th</sup> graders** are invited to receive Bibles from Grace on Sun., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, after our 10:30am service!

**Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders)** orientation is Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is Kick-off Sunday for Sunday school!** Join us in the Welcome center for fellowship and to kick-off G.R.A.C.E. Place programming!

**High School Youth Group:** Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> High School Students are invited to attend 10:30am service and afterwards help pack boxes for Julia's Grace Foundation in the Sanctuary!



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Grace Lutheran Youth Group  
"Like" us to see recent news & events**

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**Fellowship Zoom Gathering**—Please join me on **Thur., September 15 at 7pm** for our “3rd Thurs Fellowship Zoom”. We have a topic or theme to organize our discussion/sharing each month. I pray that you find some fellowship each week and remember that at Grace, we are here for each other, you just need to reach out. Contact myself or the church office to receive an email with Fellowship Zoom link.  
Peace, Brenda Johnson



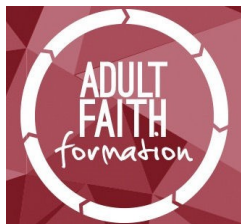
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**Do  
YOUR  
PART.**

**Be a Part/Do your Part!** *Did you know that help is needed?* Most of these opportunities have flexibility and they are easy to do! What can you do to help create an inspiring worship service? There are so many ways to be a part and do your part during worship at Grace, from being a trustee to a techie, from altar guild to assisting with communion, from choir to counting, teaching, reading, gardening, children's sermons & ushering. There's a way everyone can be a part and do their part. Worship works best when everyone works together! Call the church office at 610-948-3684 or ask Pastor Kraiss—she can gladly help you find out more about how you can be a part and do your part!

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## Check Out These Other Great Ways to Stay Connected



### *Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation & Fellowship*

- Richard Harshaw's group will begin again on September 11th and meets at 9:15 in the choir room.

- Judy Stryker's book discussion group will also begin on September 11th and will meet in the parlor. They will be reading the book, *"What if Jesus was Serious About the Church?"*, by Skye Jethani.

- If you have an idea about an adult group you'd like to see, please let Deacon Allison know.

**Our study of the Gospel of Luke continues.** Come join us! No experience necessary! Come find out how exciting scripture is. On Sunday mornings we get only a taste. One of the things this group has discovered is just how different the gospels are for each other. We meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings. Our Thursday group took a break for most of the summer, but will begin again on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Both groups study the same material. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Contact [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) or the church office for a link.



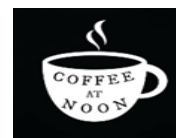
**Facebook Live Opportunity** —Join either Pastor Kraiss or Deacon Allison for prayer time on Sundays. Times will fluctuate based on what is happening with our in-person Sunday morning schedule. The Thursday Facebook Live has ended, but Deacon Allison will occasionally host one at various times. Check the Facebook page for updates.

**Morning Grace Daily Devotions.** You can find our Morning Grace Devotions at [allisonwilcox.com](http://allisonwilcox.com). Sign up there to receive devotions in your email box Mondays through Fridays.

**New Members:** If you are interested in learning more about membership at Grace, contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com). A membership information class will be happening again soon.



**Noon Coffee Hour & Get Real Link Info.!** Miss seeing your Grace friends? You don't have to! Join this zoom meeting just to chat and check in with one another. You'll be glad you did! Please call Angela Feist or the church office at 610-948-3684 for the new link or more info.



**Stay "connected" wherever you go! We're all over social media!!**

**Website:** [www.gracelutheranroyersford.com](http://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com)

**YouTube Channel:** [gracelutheranroyersford](https://www.youtube.com/gracelutheranroyersford)

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