



# October 2025 Graceful Greetings



## October 2025 WORSHIP SERVICES

**Fall Schedule: Worship Services at 8:15 & 10:30am  
with Sunday School & Faith Formation at 9:15am**

Sunday, October 5—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 12—18th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 19—19th Sunday after Pentecost

**Blessed to Be a Blessing Sunday/One Worship service at 9:30am**

Sunday, October 26—Reformation Sunday



If you are unable to worship with us in person, our worship services can also be found on our website under the “Worship” tab & on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.



### Blessed to Be a Blessing Sunday is Coming!

Our main theme this year is “Blessed to be a blessing”, which recalls God’s faithful promise to Abraham & Sarah.

*“I will bless you and make your name great;  
and you shall be a blessing.”*

*Genesis 12:2*

By now, you should have received a letter inviting you to prayerfully consider joining us for our Blessed to Be a Blessing Sunday. At this important event, we’ll enjoy a combined morning worship service at 9:30am and the opportunity to make our financial stewardship commitment for 2026. Following worship, a Celebration Breakfast will be served in the Social Hall.

It’s important that you RSVP for the breakfast, so we can prepare properly. Please do so by Oct. 12, by calling or emailing the church office at 610-948-3684 or [gracelutrn@verizon.net](mailto:gracelutrn@verizon.net), or by putting the RSVP slip in the offering plate during worship on 9/28, 10/5 or 10/12.

As we prepare for our Blessed to Be a Blessing Sunday, may our commitments of stewardship overflow with joy and gratitude, as we give back from the abundance God has given us. Thank you for your continued faithful support of Grace’s ministries. We can’t wait to see you on October 19th at the 9:30am worship, to share our blessings and gratitude for God’s faithful promises.

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**From Pastor Leah**

Dear Siblings in Christ,



Every good and perfect gift comes from God above, and God is so good! That God gives good and perfect gifts for us is part of God's love story since the very beginning of time. God created everything, generously blessing creation with every gift to create and sustain life, and God called it all good, even very good. Then God made a covenant, a sacred promise, to Abram and Sarai that God would bless them in order that they would be a blessing for others throughout many generations with as many descendants as there are stars in the heavens.

God's people are blessed by God's promise to be a blessing!

Out of great love, down through these many generations, God's people have experienced blessing and the fulfillment of God's promise through the gift of Jesus Christ and his ministry of preaching, teaching, feeding, healing, restoring, welcoming, and blessing. And finally, from the cross Jesus died and was resurrected to new life. After ascending to heaven, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on that first day of Pentecost calling the Church into being that all might know the blessing of the good news we have in Christ Jesus.

God's people are blessed by the gift of the Holy Spirit to be a blessing!

Still today, we find blessing when we are gathered together, as the body of Christ, to worship, pray, praise God, and receive God's grace through the gift of the sacraments, because God has always been faithful to God's promise. In the waters of baptism, we are blessed by God's promises for forgiveness and new life, and again as we are anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and while we pray for the on-going gift that the Spirit be "stirred up in us." At the table, we are blessed by the grace we receive through the sacrament of Holy Communion. We are nourished by bread and fruit of the vine—the body and blood of Jesus—so that we might be sent into the world to bless others with the good news of God's great love that has been made known to us.

God's people are blessed to be a blessing!

Indeed, by every good and perfect gift God has given in abundance for the life of the whole world, we have been richly blessed by God's faithfulness and steadfast love. All that we have is a gift first received from God—our talents, our time, and our treasures. And with them, we are called to "proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the world." By our baptismal promises and the sharing of God's abundance, this is how we are called to be a blessing to others.

Having received God's good and gracious blessings, and by our ministries at Grace, we strive to live out these promises in loving service toward our neighbors. This fall, as we begin our Fall Stewardship Campaign, we hope that you will prayerfully ponder how you, too, have been blessed to be a blessing at this very time and for this very place. Please consider how you will respond to the invitation this fall to support the on-going ministries at Grace, that this community may continue to be a blessing for the sake of the world God loves.

Peace + Grace,

*Pastor Leah*

## From the Deacon's Desk: What is the Role of the Church Regarding Political Issues?



It is common for preachers, pastor, deacons, bishops & congregational leaders to hear from a congregational member that something is too political, when a topic they disagree with or are uncomfortable with enters into congregational discourse. And of course, that's understandable to an extent. Church is the place we come to for comfort, especially when the rest of the world seems so divided.

But while you will never hear either myself or Pastor Leah use the pulpit as a place to tell you what particular candidate to vote for or not vote for, there will be times when the pulpit is the place we call out the sinfulness of a particular action by the government, or a call to advocacy for a vulnerable group. It's important to remember that Jesus made many political stances himself and died as a result of sinful political actions.

While church is a place for comfort, it is also a place for challenge. As Christians, we are constantly challenged to seek where God's heart lies in a political act.

The ELCA this summer voted on a social statement called "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All" which deals with this idea of the Church's role in the political and civic realm. I encourage you to read through the statement here: [https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/F\\_and\\_CL\\_SWBA\\_as\\_adopted\\_CA25\\_05\\_21\\_not\\_copyedited\\_formatted.pdf](https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/F_and_CL_SWBA_as_adopted_CA25_05_21_not_copyedited_formatted.pdf)

You will also find more information on the ELCA's stance on engagement with government in the social statement, "Government & Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy" found here: [https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Government\\_and\\_Civic\\_Engagement\\_Social\\_Message.pdf](https://elcamediaresources.blob.core.windows.net/cdn/wp-content/uploads/Government_and_Civic_Engagement_Social_Message.pdf)

As Christians, we are not separate from our engagement in civic matters. We live in the world, and as church, we are called to engage with the world in a manner that faithful to our Christian witness - where the good news of Jesus Christ is open to all. But like Christ, we pay particular attention paid to the most vulnerable in our communities who desperately need that good news.

As always, I'm happy to engage in further conversation about this - or any other matter that lies on your heart.

God's peace be with you!

+ Deacon Allison



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** Our Holiday Craft Fair is back! Always a fun day to start your holiday shopping early, support local makers and our youth group, and grab some tasty homemade treats! We are still accepting vendors/artisans/makers- if interested, please fill out the google form (linked below) or message us directly at [gracelutrn@verizon.net](mailto:gracelutrn@verizon.net)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6tVFauDbYWZzMV2YEJilxciV5dzN-HlzftVM16UzIZsNzBg/viewform>

(Please note, the only communication or request for vendor payment will come from CEY Grace Lutheran email or Julie Boyer, please beware of scammers).

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## YOUTH NEWS



**G.R.A.C.E. Place** programming will be every Sunday with 2 worship services and is for preschool through 6th grade! Confirmation will have class every Sunday. Details are still being worked out for our high school youth for Sunday mornings .

**G.R.A.C.E. Place October Dates:** October 5th, 12th & 26th - 9:30am - 10:15am  
2 year old – kindergarten meet in Lower Level 07; 1st– 6th grade class meets in Lower Level 08-09.

Please register your child for G.R.A.C.E. Place online at:  
[www.gracelutheranroyersford.com/registration](http://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com/registration).

**Confirmands are required to attend the Lutheran Youth Retreat at Tuscarora, 3/20 – 3/22, 2026;** cost is approximately \$150. This is an opportunity for the youth to enjoy some great activities & music, and deepen their spirituality among friends! If you would like to chaperone, the required background checks must be processed immediately. Please call the office for details. We LOVE (and need) plenty of adult help on our retreats. If you need financial help, please apply through the Paul Neff Scholarship BY January 1st, 2025. Scholarship applications can be found in the narthex on the toolbox table)

**First & second year confirmation students are combined and will meet in room L01, lower level of the church.** If your child has not received First Holy Communion, please contact Pastor. Your child will receive Communion instruction in this class & receive First Holy Communion.

**Our Youth Group's first gathering will be October 19th from 5pm to 8pm.** We will be meeting at the Olszanowski Farm at 315 Pughtown Rd, Spring City, PA for a hayride, bonfire & corn maze. More information to follow.

**Calling all Crafters!!!!!! The youth is hosting their 3rd Annual Craft Fair on November 1st from 9am to 3pm.** If you would like to be a vendor please use the link below. Deadline to sign up is October 10th.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe6tVFauDbYWZzMV2YEJi1xciV5dzN-HlzftVM16UzIZsNzBg/viewform>



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Grace Lutheran Youth Group  
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**YouTube Channel:** [gracelutheranroyersford](https://www.youtube.com/gracelutheranroyersford)

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**Facebook search:** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Twitter search:** [@gracelutheran12](https://twitter.com/gracelutheran12)

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## Check Out These Ways to Support Your Faith Journey

**Bible Studies:** Bible Studies have begun. We are studying the Revelation of John, and it is giving us all kinds of great fodder for conversation! We have two groups that cover the same topic: Monday's at 7pm via Zoom and Thursday mornings at 10am in the parlor. Contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) with questions or if you'd like a link to Monday's Zoom.



### Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation & Fellowship—

Richard Harshaw's group continues to meet in the Choir Room at 9:15 am for topical conversations on faith and life and for a time of fellowship. Check with Richard for details.

Judy Stryker's book discussion group meets at 9:15 in the parlor (L05). They are reading the book *Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories* by Debie Thomas.



### Faith First – Last Wednesday of this Month:

Join us for breakfast devotions and fellowship at Main Street Café. We will continue to meet over the summer on the last Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am. Our next gathering will be on **Wednesday, October 29th**. (Please note that this is the 5th Wednesday in October). Hope to see you there!

**Thank you to all of the women who took part in our day long Women's Retreat!**

**Interested in joining Grace?** Contact Deacon Allison [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com), to learn more about membership at Grace. Our next information class will begin soon.



**Lorraine's Hearing Fund** (created to provide financial assistance to members of Grace who have a hearing impairment), will take applications for those in need of equipment/devices, education, or technology. Awards up to \$2,500 each will be considered for applicants. To apply, email Roxanne Troiano ([rmtroiano@verizon.net](mailto:rmtroiano@verizon.net)) and she will either email or mail you an application (whichever is best for the applicant). **All applications are due by October 31, 2025.** Applicants will be notified in November of eligibility and the amount of the award. Please direct questions to Roxanne Troiano.

**AND—Save the Date for a Lorraine's Hearing Fund Fundraiser**--this fund provides financial assistance to individuals diagnosed with a hearing impairment.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 9, 2025      **HOURS:** 10 am - 9 pm

**WHERE:** Giovanni's Pizza & Restaurant, 466 Main Street, Royersford, PA

Why cook when you can have lunch, a date night, or a meal out with family and friends. Have someone else cook & clean up while helping to raise money for a great cause. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to LHF.



## **OCTOBER Worship Assistants**

*Thank you all for your service!*



**Trustee**—Glenn Peak

**Altar Guild Team**—Deb Armstrong, Tammy Jordan & Karen Lewis

**Counting Teams**— 10/5 Matzke/Harshaw 10/12 Meyers/Troiano 10/19 Brown/Henson 10/26 Fritz/Shiley

**Readers**—10/5—8:15 Gladys Pouchan 10:30 Margie Alloway  
10/12—8:15 Jackie Perry 10:30 Cindy Butler  
10/19 One Service at 9:30 - Marie James  
10/26—8:15 Tom Weikel 10:30 Tina Meredith

**Children's Sermon**—10/5 Darrell 10/12 Brenda 10/19 Tina 10/26 Angela

**Tech Table**—10/5—8:15 Paul & 10:30 Rick 10/12—8:15 Jackie & 10:30 Austin  
10/19 One Service at 9:30 Dave 10/26—8:15 Dan & 10:30 Jim

### **Communion Assistants**—

10/5—8:15 S. Firering 10:30 W. Moyer, K. Petel, G. & C. Peteritas  
10/12—8:15 R. Harshaw 10:30 M. Rehner, C. Peteritas, K. Thomson & M. Alloway  
10/19 One Service at 9:30 J. Kamertz, K. Brown, C. Ferguson & D. Fritz  
10/26—8:15 K. Reese 10:30 D. Lewis, T. Meredith, K. Mills & W. Moyer

### **Ushers**—

10/5—8:15 R. Harshaw, J. & C. Campbell 10:30 C. Ferguson & T. McGarry  
10/12—8:15 R. Pennypacker & J. Stoddard 10:30 T. & M. McGarry  
10/19 One Service at 9:30 B. & M. Johnson  
10/26—8:15 G. Peak & J. Stryker 10:30 G. Straface & K. Thomson

*(Changes to this schedule may occur after printing; assistants should be alert for updates.)*

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**DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2025  
ISSUE OF GRACEFUL GREETINGS  
IS Wednesday, October 15th**