

# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



## **The time after Pentecost**

September 16 – 23, 2012

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion Services

*The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.*

# **Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church**

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the in the Gathering Hall.*

***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord’s table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose-colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.*

## **Prelude**

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation.*  
“Prelude and Fugue” by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: have mercy on us. In so many ways we cause or suffer brokenness: envy, ambition, conflict, boasting, hard hearts, lashing tongues, and dishonor for the poor. In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, the sheaves of wisdom and justice; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Gathering Hymn**

**“O God of Every Nation”**

**#713**

## **Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

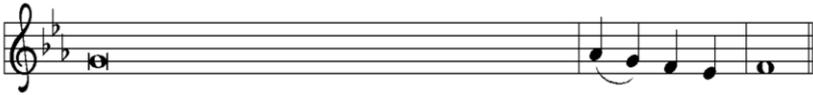
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



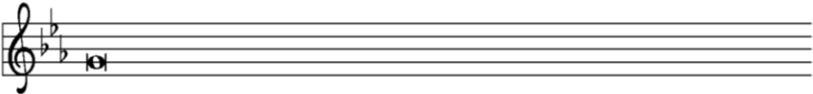
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



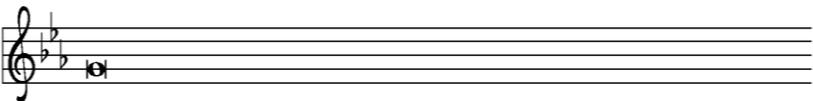
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

### Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

*Refrain*

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

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

*Refrain*

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**C:** O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to you and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

*Please be seated*

### First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18–20

*Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.*

<sup>18</sup>It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" <sup>20</sup>But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your

retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

L: the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 54**

**R** God is my help - er; it is the  
Lord who sus - tains my life.

<sup>1</sup>Save me, O God, | by your name; in your might, de- | fend my cause.

<sup>2</sup>**Hear my | prayer, O God; give ear to the words | of my mouth.**

<sup>3</sup>For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life, those who have no re- | gard for God.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, God | is my helper; it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life. R**

<sup>5</sup>Render evil to those who | spy on me; in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

<sup>6</sup>**I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for | it is good.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have rescued me from | every trouble, and my eye looks down | on my enemies. **R**

**Anthem (10:45)**

“Seek the Lord” by John Carter *Chancel Choir*

**Children’s Sermon**

## Second Lesson: James 3:13—4:3; 4:7–8a

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

**Chapter 3** <sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. **Chapter 4** Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

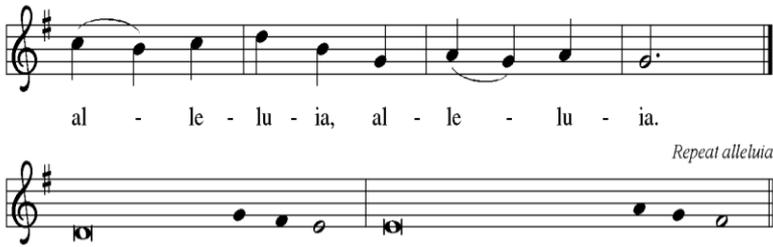
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### Gospel Acclamation



C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



L: God has called us through the proclamation of <sup>1</sup> the good news,\* that we may obtain the glory of our Lord <sup>1</sup> Jesus Christ. (*2 Thess. 2:14*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Ninth Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 9:30–37**

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn of the Day “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”  
#712**

**Reception of New Members (10:45)**

Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg, Stephen Bloomberg, Vanessa Bloomberg, John Farver, Hilary Woodhouse, Kristin Kopperud-Stinn, Kevin Stinn, Jenie Schmidt, and Allison Olson

*After the Address and Questions:*

P: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers, faithful God, and renew us by your Spirit, that we may joyfully love and serve you and one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus’ holy name. Amen.**

**Passing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

*Please be seated*

## Announcements

### The Offering

**Offertory:** " Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" by Brian Glyncannon

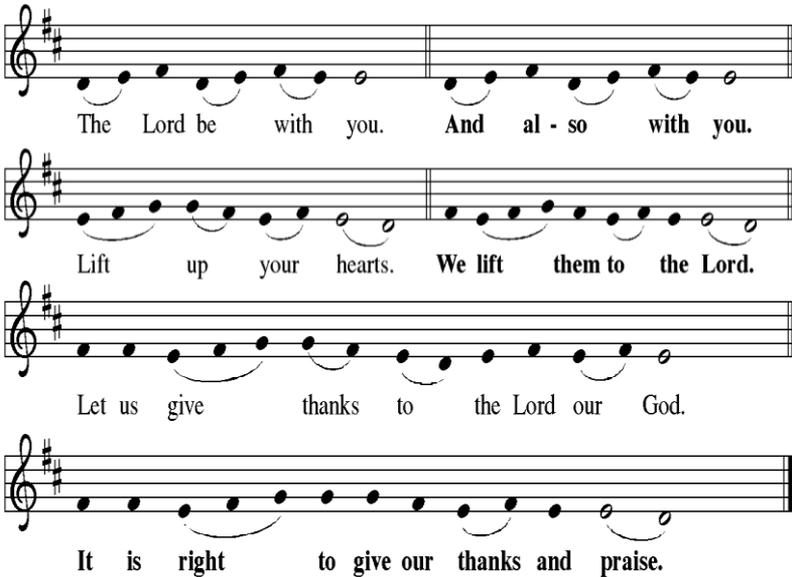
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### Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

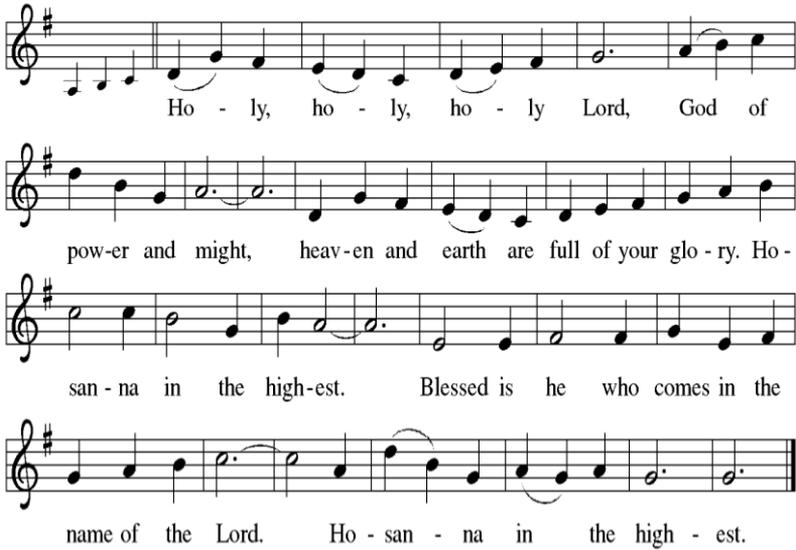
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## Lord's Prayer

**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**

**Invitation to Communion**

P: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table prepared before you. Taste God’s goodness and mercy.

*Please be seated*

**Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Distribution Hymns:  
 793, 496, 661**

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy

meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn**

**September 23 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #815**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. The Lord is near.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** "Postlude in E-flat" by James Martin



## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** - Michael Schmidt

**Director of Laity Ministries** - Stephanie Johnson

**Director of Music Ministries** - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Ensemble Director** – Sherry Kocek

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Office Administrator** - Jacquelyn Holmes

**Building/Grounds** - Luis Reaza

**Receptionist** - Diana Johnson

**Office Assistant** - Michelle Voelker

**Ushers** – 8:15 Jon Rissman, Jessica Rissman, Marv Simonsen, Jim

Rundle 10:45 Norm Iverson, Lenora Iverson, Jay Wangerin,

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Paul Kallenbach, 10:45 Janet Habick

**Lector** – 8:15 Carol Woodruff 10:45 Kate Schaller

**Children’s Sermon** – Cathy Barks

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Ardis Schmelzer, Amy Schmelzer, Cathy

Barks, Stephanie Johnson

**Acolytes** – 10:45 Payton Lawson, Matt Farrell

**Altar Guild** – Mary McCann, Sue Anderson

**Counters** – 8:15 Carter Woodruff, Jon Rissman, 10:45 Kent Weaver,

Mark Stumme

**Coffee Servers** – Tim and Loree Nelson

**In our prayers:** Tony, Heath, Erik, Jill, LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Norma Black, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Willa Mae Johansen, Lucy Krauss, Marvin Malmin, Margaret Olson, Helen Richards, John Rydiesky (Vivian Feilmann’s relative) Malena Seymour (Gail Peterson's mother), Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, Robert Ziesman, and the others we name before you...

**Flowers on the altar** are given to the glory of God by LaRue Buihner in honor of families and loved ones.

**Quarters** placed in the offering plate this, and every fourth Sunday, are for the Msindo parish in Tanzania.

## Education Opportunities

**Sunday School classes** and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time. Please join us!

### **Adult Forum:**

**September 23** - World hunger: Rev. Paul Ostrem, Assistant to the Bishop

**September 30** – ELCA Malaria Campaign: Walter Gwenigale, chair of the synod's SWAT Team.

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15 a.m. in Grace Hall II . Tuesday evening Bible Study will begin October 2 at 6 p.m. in Esperanza Chapel. Pastor Mike leads both studies.

**Text Study** on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Leonard Larsen and Mark Mattes lead this study.

**Super Wednesday Suppers** are from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall I. Join us and relax! No dishes to wash...

We are looking for individuals and families to prepare and serve Super Wednesday meals in September and October. We have easy ideas for you (make a casserole, order pizzas, put out a sandwich bar). Meals must be ready to serve at 5 p.m. – just sign-up in the kitchen or contact Jane Ridnour at 577-7841. Invite a friend to sign up with you!

### **Lutheran World Relief**

We will be collecting donations towards making kits this week. You will find special envelopes in your pews if you would like to make a donation. The Ingathering is this Sunday during the services. We would love your help in packing up kits and quilts after the 10:45 service today.

***Our world is badly in need of people who love, and it is starving for people who demonstrate genuine kindness.***

If you believe that statement and desire to be one of those people you are invited on the journey of discovering a relationship with God that leads to becoming such a person. We will be using a series of three books (The Good and Beautiful God, The Good and Beautiful Life and The Good and Beautiful Community) written by James Bryan Smith. We will schedule dates and times based on availability with a good possibility of there being a group meeting in the evening as well as a second group meeting during the education hour on Sunday mornings. If you would like more information contact Cherie Rissman or Julie Honsey.

### **Happy Anniversary!**

Joshua and Sharena Appenzeller,  
Tom and Mary Jo McCleary

### **Happy Birthday!**

Susanne Carney, Angela Ringgenberg, Cory Johansen, Michael Meadows, Thomas Rutter, Ella Oberhart, Karla Tillotson, Barb Powers, Bruce Mumm, Jeanette Best, Jeryl Janson, Gregory Honnold, Helen Schroeder, William Kallestad, Joshua Curry, Marvin Malmin, Ross Peeler, LaRue Buihner, Aaron Page, Robert Rissman

### **Staying Connected with Our College Grace Members:**

We want our Grace college students to know we are thinking of them and they are always a part of our Grace family. What better way to let them know by sending an occasional care package filled with encouragement and goodies. Today there will be a table in the gathering hall for members to sign a note of encouragement to our college members. There also will be an opportunity to make a monetary donation for goodies and postage expense along with a sign up sheet to bake homemade cookies for one of the three packages we will mail through the school year. Thank you for blessing our college members!

## **Women of the ELCA invites all women...**

... to our fall 2012 Gathering at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 914 Ash, Ankeny, Iowa, on September 29, 2012. The program, "The Healing Power of Humor," will be presented by "Clickette the Clown". (Debbie Cooper of the Iowa Dept. of Public Health). Come and learn how to laugh!

**Go camping with Grace this fall!** We're looking at a single overnight at Lutheran Lakeside on Friday October 19. Perfect for the families of those attending Women Up (campfire, tents, S'mores, songs...). Tent, pop-up, RV, and cabin campers welcome. Look for more information in following weeks, or let Pastor Mike know if you are interested.

Join the **Grace Fellowship** group Sunday, October 7 at 5:00 p.m. for an evening of food, fellowship and music. Hear "A Party of Four" perform "music for the young of heart". Call Verda (276-6625) or Barb (278-2039) for information

## **This Week at Grace**

### **SUNDAY, September 23, *Lutheran World Relief Ingathering***

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass practice

9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School parents meeting – Gathering Hall

10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion

### **MONDAY, September 24**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. LSI Training - Cafe

10:00 a.m. – Staff meeting

4:00 p.m. - TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

### **TUESDAY, September 25**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. LSI Training - Cafe

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Bible Study

6:00 p.m. – TOPS

7:00 p.m. – Council Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY, September 26**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. LSI Training - Cafe

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers  
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Cherub Choir  
4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Supper  
5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion  
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Chapel Chimers  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Kids Hour  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Lectionary Study  
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Bells  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Hangout, high school room  
6:30 p.m. – Brass Practice  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Confirmation begins  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells  
7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, September 27**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. LSI Training – Café  
9:00 a.m. – Quilters  
9:30 a.m. – Martha Circle

**FRIDAY, September 28**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. LSI Training – Café  
5:00 p.m. – Wedding rehearsal

**SATURDAY, September 29**

4:00 p.m. - Wedding

**SUNDAY, September 30, *Tanzanian Liturgy***

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion  
9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall  
9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass practice  
9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room  
10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion