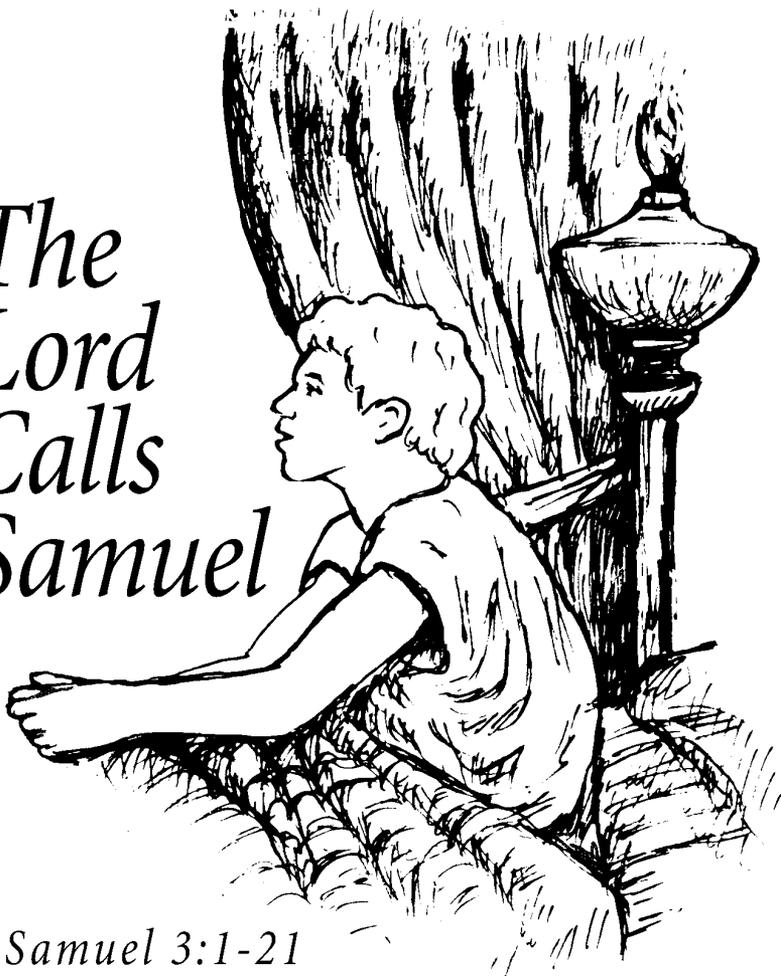


# Grace Lutheran Church

## *The Lord Calls Samuel*



*1 Samuel 3:1-21*

**The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

October 13, 2013

8:15 a.m. and 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), then 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.*

***Stephen Ministry** is a one-to-one care giving ministry for those experiencing personal problems such as grieving or crisis situations. A Stephen Minister will be available in the Upper Room on each Sunday morning between services to listen and offer prayer.*

## Prelude

8:15

“Fugue”

by Johann Pachelbel

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship as we confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

**C: So often we have failed to recognize your voice. We have put ourselves before others. We have failed to follow you. Forgive us for all we have thought, done, and said. Forgive what we have failed to do or say. Renew us to new life in your kingdom. 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.**

## Hymn

“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us”

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## 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.**

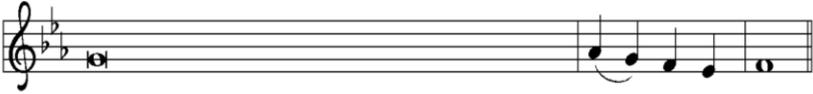
## Kyrie



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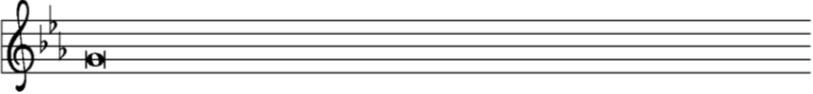
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



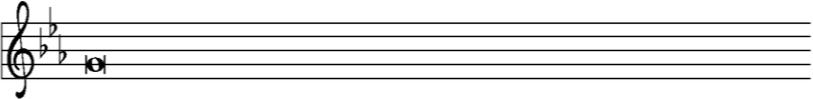
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: Beckoning God, you call your children to do many things for you. Some teach, some labor, some vision and dream. Call us however you choose, and equip us to do your work. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### **Reading: God Calls Samuel**

*From the Spark Story Bible, © Augsburg Fortress, 2009*

Samuel was a 12-year old boy who lived in the temple with a priest named Eli and learned about God. Eli took care of Samuel, and Samuel helped take care of Eli because Eli was almost blind. One night something special happened.

As Samuel slept in the temple he heard a voice call out, “Samuel.” Samuel thought it was Eli calling, so he jumped up from his bed. “Here I am,” Samuel answered as he ran to Eli. “I’m here because you called me.”

But Eli shook his head. “I didn’t call you. Go back to your bed.”

Samuel did as he was told and fell asleep quickly. A little while later the voice called again, “Samuel.” This time Samuel was more tired and crawled out of his bed more slowly. In Eli’s room, Samuel rubbed his eyes, scratched his tummy, and said with a yawn, “I’m here because you called me.”

Eli was getting tired of Samuel coming into his room and said more firmly, “I didn’t call you! Now please go back to bed!”

When this happened a third time Eli thought to himself, “Aha! It must be God who is calling Samuel!” Eli told Samuel, who was now very confused and sleepy, “If you are called again, just say, ‘God, I hear you and I will do whatever you want.’” When the voice called again Samuel did as Eli told him. It was God! And God had many things to say to Samuel.

Even though he was only 12, Samuel wanted to serve God. With God’s help, Samuel grew up to share many messages from God. People all over Israel knew Samuel as God’s trusted prophet.

L: the Word of the Lord

### **C: Thanks be to God**

**10:45 Anthem “Let Me Be Your Servant, Jesus”** by Judith A. Helms  
*Children’s Choir*

## Children's Sermon

### Skit: Samuel and Eli

*Please be seated*

### Sermon

*Please stand as you are able*

### Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord”

#574

### Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: With full confidence in your mercy and love, we pray all these things  
in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our savior and Lord. Amen.

**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**

“Heeding the Call”

by William Barnett

*Please stand as you are able*

**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.

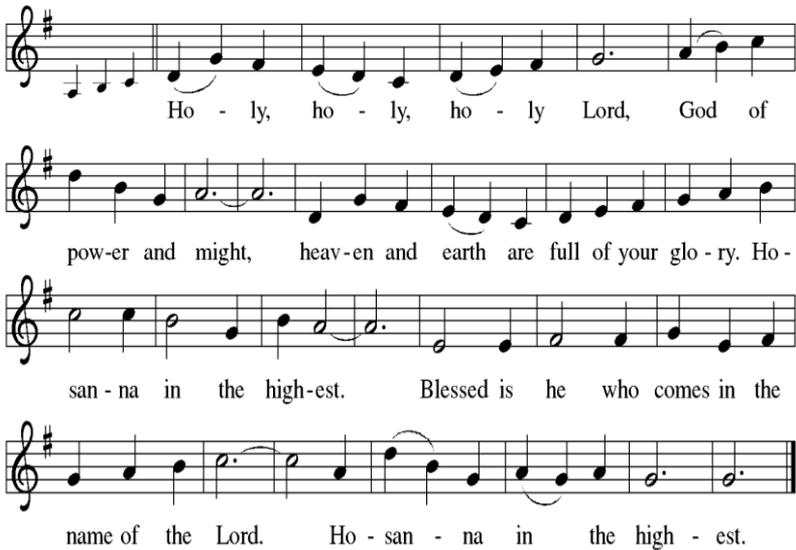
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 as 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

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Christ invites you to a place of honor at this banquet. Welcome to the feast.

*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:** 798, 785, 491

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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**

“We Are Called”

#720

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

“Rise Up and Serve the Lord”

by Patricia Lou Harris

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**Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**

**In our prayers:** LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Vivian Feilmann, Diane Jessen, Joyce Lewis, Duleep Singh, Brian Vance, the family of Palma Williams and the others we name before you...

**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ardis and Amy Schmelzer in honor of their family.

**Quarters** received today will be designated for the Grace Malaria campaign.

**Grace Malaria Campaign**

Malaria perpetuates poverty. Malaria makes people too sick to work. Parents find it necessary to stay home from work to care for sick children. With the need to spend money on medicine and treatment, effected families do not have funds available to purchase food and other necessities.

## Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and Adult Forum meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

### Today's forum has two options:

- The fifth week in the Bible study called *From Duty to Delight* will continue to meet in Grace Hall I. Please join us even if you have missed prior weeks.
- **VSA Arts Iowa** – meet in the Chapel. Guest speaker Kathy Kooyman is among the 208 performing and visual Iowa artists on the roster of VSA Arts of Iowa. This non-profit organization promotes the use of arts to improve the capabilities of children and adults with disabilities, and provides artist services to its members.

**Adult Bible Study**, led by Pastor Mike, meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II.

**Super Wednesday Supper:** Martha Circle is preparing a potato bar. Meals on November 6 and November 20 are still open if there is a recipe you've been wanting to make. Take a look at your calendar - can you help?



**Happy Birthday to:** Deanna Hummel, Sheryl Sauerman, David Peterson, Jessica Warren, Victoria Janson, Jane Ridnour, James Fenimore, Chris Lawson, Eryn Lenhart, Kyra Lenhart, Maya Lenhart, Joan Johnson, Rev. Stephen Sherer, Kara Jordahl, Lukus Loehrke, Gary Nelson, Roberto Ruiz, Bruce Nelson

**Happy Anniversary to:** Ricky and Jennifer Huisman, Michael Newell and Barbara Knapp

The next **New Member Class** will meet this afternoon from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike. The next class will be November 10.

**Support the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Des Moines Hunger Hike this afternoon**

The confirmation youth will be collecting money for the Hunger Hike today. They know hunger is a problem in Central Iowa and want to be part of the solution. To bring awareness of this problem to the community, they will walk with other people in the Des Moines area who care about the 14.7% of Americans who experience food insecurity. Join them in being part of the solution to hunger in the Des Moines area. You can find them collecting donations in the Gathering Hall or Grace Hall 1 between services.



**Oct. 19:** 5-7 p.m. Have some fun with your family and friends from Grace at Geisler Family farms! We will all gather at the assigned firepit at 5.

**Active Grace Costume Zombie Run/Walk October 26**

2-4 p.m. at Tower Park. We're planning fun activities, easy relay games, apple bobbing, and a fun run/walk. Each 'human runner' will wear a flag football belt with 2-3 flags. Make it through with at least one flag and you're safe. If you finish with no flags, sorry, you're infected and doomed to be a zombie.

If you don't want to be IN the race, we'll also need people to act as zombies and grab flags. Want to be a zombie without chasing runners? We'd love to have people hiding behind trees!

**AMOS is sponsoring a Restorative Justice Conference on October 19, 9 a.m.-noon**

at Plymouth UCC Congregational, 42<sup>nd</sup> and Ingersoll Avenue. The event is free and open to the public and daycare is provided. No registration is required. Topics to be addressed include an explanation of restorative justice, school mediation, lessons learned from the AMOS Court Watch, and the Racial Profile Project. For more information call 279-2234. Contact Julie Honsey (282-8817) if you are interested in attending the event.

**Lydia Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 15, at 6:00 pm in Grace Hall I. A light supper will be followed by a short program. Guest speaker will be an ombudsman.

## **This Week at Grace**

### **Sunday, October 13**

**8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion Worship Service**

9:15 a.m. – Coffee served in Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. – Education Hour

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – “From Duty to Delight” Bible Study series

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Adult Forum - chapel

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Stephen Minister in Upper Room

9:30 a.m. – Grace Brass

**10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion Worship**

1:00 –2:00 p.m. New Member Class

### **Monday, October 14**

10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

4:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA Groups

### **Tuesday, October 15**

8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. - Pastors' Text Study

6:00 p.m. – Good and Beautiful Book discussion group - cafe

6:00 p.m. – TOPS

6:00 p.m. – Lydia Circle

### **Wednesday, October 16**

9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Cherub Choir in Chapel (Preschool-Grade 2)

5:00-5:30 p.m. - Youth Choir in the Choir Room (Grades 3-6)

5:00-6:00 p.m. - Supper served in Grace Hall I

5:30 p.m. - Book Discussion in Library

5:30-6:00 - Beginner's Bell Choir (beginners ages 8 & up)

6:00-6:30 - Praise Bells Intermediate Bell Choir (*2+ years experience*)

6:00-7:30 p.m. - High School Hangout Time

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Lectionary Study in the Conference Room

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Kids' Hour in Gym and Room 101

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Confirmation

**6:30 p.m. - *Holy Communion Worship Service in the Sanctuary***

6:30 p.m. - Brass Practice in Chapel on lower level

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Grace Bells in the Bell Room (9th grade & up)

7:30 p.m. - Men of Grace Music Team in the Choir Room

**Thursday, October 17**

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – First Circle Friends

7:00 p.m. – Hannah Circle

**Friday, October 18**

5:00 p.m. – Women Up! At Lutheran Lakeside Camp

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation Dinner

**Saturday, October 19**

Women Up! At Lutheran Lakeside Camp

7:45 a.m. – Grace Bike Group

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Geisler Farms Outing

**Sunday, October 20**

**8:15 a.m. – *Holy Communion Worship Service***

9:15 a.m. – Coffee and fellowship in Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. – Education Hour – Sunday School Classes packing lunches

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – “From Duty to Delight” Bible Study series final

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Stephen Minister in Upper Room

9:30 a.m. – Grace Brass

**10:45 a.m. – *Holy Communion Worship***

2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Mid-Iowa Cactus and Succulent Society Meeting – Café

## Welcome to Grace!

**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

**Office Assistant** - Michelle Voelker

**Custodian** – Todd Haugen

**Ushers** – 8:15 Bruce Bergman, Dave Gronert, Len Ringgenberg, John and Linda Gronert 10:45 Jay Wangerin, Aaron Brandsfield, Diane and Lonnie Jessen

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Mary Freimuth Helt 10:45 Denny Rehder

**Lector** – 8:15 Kayleigh Medhurst 10:45 Mira Voelker

**Children's Sermon** – Carol Woodruff

**Eli:** Alex Davik

**Samuel:** Kyler Medhurst

**Communion servers** – 10:45 Aaron Brandsfield, Ellen Wonderlin  
10:45 Lori Fry, Mindy Scholten

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Devin Ashton 10:45 Hannah Jensen, Sage Speck

**Altar Guild** – Diane Jessen, Carol Woodruff

**Counters** – 8:15 Mike Peterman, Jon Rissman 10:45 Jeff Farrell, Chris Lawson

**Coffee** - Kathleen Uehling, Brad Lint, and Maya



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**Active Grace Costume Party Zombie Run/Walk**  
**October 26 2-4 p.m.**  
**Tower Park Shelter, Hickman and 50th**

**Rain or Shine, Fun for everyone!**

**2-2:30 Face Painting**

Make yourself up into a zombie, a clown, or whatever you like! We'll have some costume paint and makeup available, or bring your own.

**2:10 – 2:30 Marshmallow Golf.**

We'll provide the clubs and the marshmallows, you provide the swing!

**2:30 – 2:40 Costume Judging, all ages!**

Winners decided by popular vote.

**2:45-3:15 Zombie Walk-Run**

Tie on your flags, choose your route and make it to the finish line before the zombies take all your flags! We'll have the routes marked, never fear. You can go around once or twice and there will be extra obstacles for those who want more of a challenge.

**3:15 – 4:00 Awards and more fun!**

- Apple-biting races (apples on strings, no need to share germs) Caramel will be available once you get that first bite, win or lose!
- Three legged zombie races
- Two-person wheelbarrow races
- Zombie Red Rover
- Snacks and drinks

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**Are you coming?**

**Bring your friends! We need Zombies!**

We need an idea how many are coming to have enough snacks, awards and fun. Please place this portion in the pumpkin in the Gathering Hall.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I want to do the Zombie run/walk

\_\_\_ I want to do everything except the run

\_\_\_ I want to be a Zombie!