

WELCOME

In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. Come worship with us again!

TODAY'S FOCUS:

We continue our study of the letter to the Colossians. Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand what it means to be raised with Christ and setting our minds on things above.

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Listening Assistance Aids are available - please see an usher.

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD (supplement page 11)

GREETING

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen*

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 1



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and



hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,



Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RESPONSE

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Hurricane Florence plagued the southeastern Atlantic seaboard for days - first as a hurricane, then as a tropical storm and eventually as a tropical depression. Coastal cities became scenes of daring rescues and waterways swelled, testing dams and menacing towns with floodwaters that had no place to go but up. As a membership organization of Christians, Thrivent knows many people want to support those who are recovering from the hurricane. *And they are making it easy for YOU to make a monetary donation and have your donation matched dollar for dollar.*

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Donations must be made online at www.Thrivent.com and can come out of your checking account or put on a credit card. To make your donation and get this match, follow these steps:

- In the search box, type in "Disaster Response"
- Scroll down to "Hurricane Florence"
- Click on the (+) on the right to see more info & links for the organizations to donate through - **WELS Christian Aid & Relief is one of these.**
- Click on that link and complete the required fields with your information.

Thrivent will even pay all processing fees to ensure that 100% of your donation goes directly to help those in need.

If you need assistance processing this online donation, Ann Hornes will be happy to assist you. She is in the office on Tuesday mornings and Wed & Thu from 8-5. Just call Ann at 682-7377 to set up a time to come into the office for assistance. You will need to bring your checkbook or credit card with you.

Today's Message: Colossians 2:6-15

Raised to Live for Christ!

Introduction: Thumbs Up!

1. Let's Live "Thumbs Up" to who we ARE in Christ.

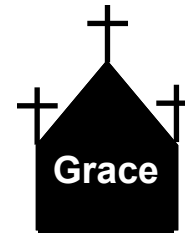
We must give a "Thumbs Down" to the wrong mind set.

"Thumbs Up!" Our lives are "hidden in Christ."

2. "Thumbs Up" to Who you Can Be in Christ!

"Thumbs Down" to your earthly nature!

New and Renewed, "Thumbs Up" to wearing the virtues of Christ.



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**SET YOUR MINDS
ON THINGS THAT
ARE ABOVE
NOT ON THINGS THAT
ARE ON EARTH.**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 30 & October 1, 2018**

Repeat Performance Update: This October we are celebrating our 14th successful year in business! **Come visit us on Saturday, October 6, from 9:00am to 5:00pm for our 50% off annual anniversary sale!** You can follow all of our sales on our Facebook page. It is called Repeat Performance Resale. We are always looking for volunteers: Cashiers and Day Managers pick their own hours on our monthly calendar and Sorters come whenever they have free time. We can give you a tour of our working area if you stop in and ask us



**“Fall Festival”
Saturday, October 20
from 9:45 - 11:00am
in the fellowship hall**

Please join us for the fun filled event. There will be games, crafts and lots of treats! Costumes are welcome, but nothing scary. Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Don't forget your camera! A free will collection will be taken for the “WELS Christian Aid Relief” fund. If you would like to help out at this event, please contact Bob Fink at 684-0467 or Heidi Malley in the office at 682-7377.

We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy for this event. Donations can be placed in the plastic bin located by the Information table through Oct 15th. Thank you!

**MLHS Fall Showcase & Concert
Sunday, October 21st:**

This annual event is one that you will not want to miss. Come to MLHS at **2:00pm** and partake in some pie, torte, ice cream and our popular silent auction. Then at **4:00pm** sit back and enjoy their Fall Concert featuring the Freshman Choir, Cantate Choir, Concert Choir, Lancer Singers, Symphonic Band and both a Jazz & Percussion Ensemble. We hope to see you there!



Last Week's Attendance: Sunday 8:00 -#96, 10:45 - #54, Monday - #47 = Total - #197

M: Oh, how I love your law!
C: ***I meditate on it all day long.***

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,
C: ***for they are ever with me.***

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,
C: ***for I meditate on your statutes.***

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,
C: ***sweeter than honey to my mouth!***

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 2



All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un -



shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;



You must work all good with - in us.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: ***so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.***

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: ***Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.***

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 3

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
 O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir-it's
 ceed - ing,
 plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken) Amen.*

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Stanza 4

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
 Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
 ra - tion!
 va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
 Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

This week - God willing

- Today:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am
 Sunday School, Teen Bible Class & Adult Bible Class 9:20am
 Pastor preaching @ Shady Lane & MHCC in the afternoon
 Evening Bible Class 6:30pm
- Mon:** Worship 6:30pm
- Tues:** **Women's Bible Study 6:30pm at the home of Ann Hornes 1404 Lee Circle**
- Weds:** Adult Bible Class 1:30pm
 Catechism Class 5:30pm
- Sun:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / SS, Teen & Adult Bible Classes - all at 9:20am
 Pastor Preaches on WCUB at 9:00am
 Knutson party in the fellowship hall 1:00 - 4:00pm
 Evening Bible Class 6:30pm
- Mon:** Worship 6:30pm
 Jesus Cares Ministry service @ Immanuel 6:30pm

Our Adult Bible Class series “Paul’s Letter to the Colossians” continues - today between services, tonight at 6:30pm & Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm. The same topic is covered in all 3 classes. Please join us!

Sunday School & Teen Bible Classes continue this week between services.

We start a new Women’s Bible Study “Our Bible Sister” this week Tuesday, October 2nd at the house of Ann Hornes, 1404 Lee Circle. For those ladies signed up to attend, if you can’t make it this week, please let Ann know by calling her at home 684-1241. An email was sent out to all of you this past week with details for this upcoming session. If you didn’t receive this email or have any questions, feel free to contact Ann.

Blood Drive



Red Cross Blood Drive - Grace will host another blood drive in the fellowship hall on **Monday, October 8th from 2:00-6:00pm**. We are looking for volunteers to sit at the registration table as donors come in for their appointments. Can you help for a few hours? If so, please call Bob Fink at 684-0467. There is also a sign up sheet for anyone that would like to sign up for an appointment to donate blood.

MLHS National Honor Society is hosting a Basketball Skills Camp for kids in Kindergarten - 4th Grade, on Sunday, October 14th from 1:00 - 3:00pm. This is being offered at 4 different schools (see poster on bulletin board for various locations) and the cost is \$10 per child. Registration online before October 10th at www.mlhsancers.org/eventregistration.



¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Philippians 2:10,11 (spoken by all)

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus very knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

"Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

"If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where 'the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.'

Everyone will be salted with fire.

"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

BE SEATED

HYMN #272: "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

TODAY'S MESSAGE: (based on Colossians 3:1-17)

"Raised to Live for Christ"

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING - During this time we ask all worshipers to sign the Friendship Register. Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, out of thanks to him.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, God our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger, sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security and well being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: *We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.*

LORD’S PRAYER

C: *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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.*

BE SEATED

HYMN #469: “Take My Life and Let It Be”

STAND

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: *Amen*

Closing Hymn #462: “Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson & Monday pianist, Darci Matzke.

October Newsletters and Calendar are in member boxes. Please pick up your copies today. Thank you to Lois Bergquist for doing our newsletter.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken) Amen.*

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON: Numbers 11:16, 24-29

¹⁶ The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

²⁹ But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

PSALM OF THE DAY - Psalm #51b (pg 49 of supplement)

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 3:1-17

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.