

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Holy Communion The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 18, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided at the 8:30 worship service for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Educational opportunities occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

Flowers are given by Randy and Ellie Schnack in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

Grace Council Statement on Racism: The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

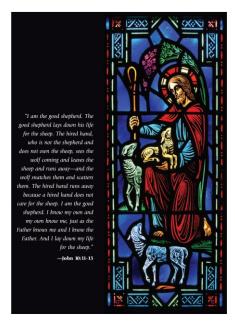


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+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Selections from Partita: O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Jan Bender

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- @ Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- **P** Most merciful God,
- We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.
- @ Amen.





Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–1673; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt. Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

PSALM ANTHEM: The Bird's Song (Psalm 23)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:11–22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 10:27

Rick Erickson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

G REFRAIN (below)



Choir My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me.

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HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Troy E. Medlin Mark 6:30–34, 53–56





- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

APOSTLES' CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

+ MEAL +

PEACE OF CHRIST

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.

Visit GraceRiverForest.org to give online.

At the conclusion of the Voluntary we stand and sing the Offertory Hymn.



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Music: AUSTIN, William P. Rowan, b. 1951
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We stand.

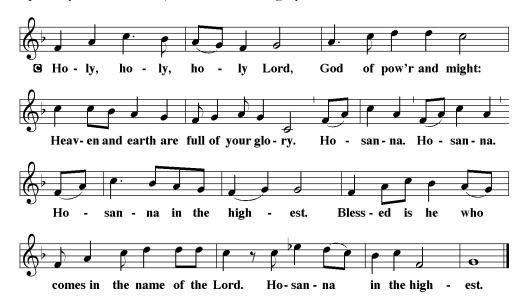
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
- A 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,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

- **P** The gifts of God for the people of God.
- Thanks be to God.
- **P** Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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.



COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

Please remove your mask as you approach the head of the aisle, where we receive the consecrated wafer and then drink from one of the individual cups.

Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may pick up a gluten-free host from the table at the head of the aisle.



MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

CANTICLE: I Will Sing the Story of Your Love

Paul D. Weber

The Refrain is sung first by the cantor, then by all each time thereafter



claim your faith-ful-ness for - ev - er, and pro - claim your faith-ful-ness for - ev - er.

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Let In this place shall be heard again the sounds of joy and gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the bride.

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■ In this place shall be heard again the voices of those who sing, offering praise in the house of the LORD.
"Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, and the steadfast love of the LORD endures forever."

G REFRAIN

■ In those days, says the LORD I will raise up a righteous Branch from David's line, who will do what is just and right in the land.

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■ In those days and at that time
Judah will triumph,
Jerusalem will live in safety.
And this shall be the name
of the one who comes to reign:
"The LORD God is our righteousness."

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Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505–1585

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.
- **A** Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (green) LBW #196 Praise the Lord, rise re - joic - ing, wor ship, thanks, de Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly, Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a vo - tion voic - ing: glo God high! ry be to on one voice hear - ing, at ten - tive word: ears to your lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free. Christ, your cross shar - ing, eu - cha and pas - sion by this bod - y, your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, vour in Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry. firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and the Lord. faith - ful fol - l'wers be. ev - 'ry na - tion, may we

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Michael D. Costello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
Julie Hinz, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
(8:30) Mary Margaret Bartley, lector
(11:00) Mary Beth Logas, lector
Karen Brunssen, mezzo-soprano
Kim Brunssen, baritone
(8:30) Paul and John Lochner, altar guild
(11:00) Roberta Gillespie, altar guild
(8:30) Justin Martin, videographer
(8:30) Al Swanson, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Diane Amati Rosemary Cheatem Rose Mary Anderson Hans Dumpys Annalise Balock Louis Elia

Cathy Barker Carl & Donna Gruendler
Jim Barker David Gruendler
Jill Baumgaertner Don Heimburger
Ed Borg Patricia Herendeen
Ann Bresnen Bob Jandeska

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Pat B. (friend of Pat Anderson)

Javed Bachew (relative of Susan Franzone)
Greg Ball (friend of Irmgard Swanson)
Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel)

Shari Barnich (friend of Randy Schnack)

Sophie Bartell (granddaughter of Marvin and Judy Bartell)

James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker)
Frances Benson (sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat)
Karen Berglund (friend of Carol Stanger)
Florence Breed (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)
Susan Cahill (cousin of Randy Schnack)

James Cordes (brother of Bruce Cordes)
Family of Jim Cozzi (friends of Diana Sicuro)

James Crone (grandson of Eunice Spurgat)

Stella Dillberg (mother of Gretchen Weaver; grandmother of Grace

School student Julia Weaver)

Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner) Seth Flanders (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

Benjamin Galiher (nephew of Paul May)

Chandramma Gantepalli (mother of Hena Gantepalli)

Luke Gawencka (friend of Eunice Spurgat)

Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) Chuck Hitzemann (friend of Grace)

Margaret Hofmaier (mother of Barbara Hofmaier)

Alice Hollis (friend of Marge Sanger)

John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)
Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson)
Jonas Kendra (godson of Stephanie Wilkening)
Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten)
Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat)

George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma) Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson) Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Amy Juel
Phyllis Kersten
Karla Koehne
Joan Koerber
Jerry Koenig

Joan Koerber Jerry Koenig Karen Lemke Carolyn Martin Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff Pat Scala Jim Scherer

Rich and Bonnie Stasack Cameron Valencia

Maxx Kusper (friend of Deb Maxwell)

Jack Lichtenberger (friend of Diana Sicuro)
Beth Luebbe and family (sister of Jenny Luebbe)
Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli)

Kathy Lyons (sister of Karin Danganan) Esther Martz (friend of Susie Calhoun) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell)

Christopher Miller (friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska)

Carole Nelson (mother of Michael Nelson)
Julie Novak (daughter of Eunice Spurgat)
Elaine Pierce (friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson)

Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt)

Sarah Ponder (friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys)

James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Mark Redheffer (son of Virginia Walker) Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson) Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko) Jennifer Sandahl (friend of Jennifer Murtoff)

Kim Shannon (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner)

Huxley Shoup and family (friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner)

Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten)

Lee Stephens (brother of Tony)

Jennifer Sylvester (daughter of Janet Sylvester) Martin A. Thieme (brother of Susan Franzone) Ilene Thompson (sister of Marilyn Heppner) Jan Thomson (sister-in-law of Christine Phillips)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretche)
Daniel Wenzel (friend of Pat Anderson)
Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas)
Deborah Wilson (niece of Carolyn Garber)
Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Kidz Express

Those who mourn

Marie Gierke

Terence Leen (friend of Pat Anderson)

In Thanksgiving for

The 51st wedding anniversary of Randy and Ellie Schnack

Those serving in the armed services

Daniel Behrens (relative of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska) Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout) Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks) Kellyn Daly (niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann)

David Danford (son of John and Karen)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting) Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany) Drew Krueger (England)

Those who are homebound

Christopher Davis Carolyn Martin
Marie Gierke Joanne Nelson
Ronald Gresens Barbara Rinnan
Gloria Hillert Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)
Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, JULY 18

Library Open	8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship Services - Holy Communion	
New Members Class (Grace Garden)	
TUESDAY, JULY 20	
Church Council (online)	7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 21	
GLOW Supper	6:00 p.m.
GLOW Worship Service - Holy Communion	1 6:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, JULY 24	r

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

NAME(S)	_
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CITY/STATE/ZIP	
PHONE NUMBER	
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Check all that apply:

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- I would like to know more about Grace Church.
- □ I am interested in a path toward membership.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace School.
- ☐ I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail,

Sunday Is Coming.

□ I would like one of the pastors to contact me via (check one) □ Phone or □ E-mail.



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