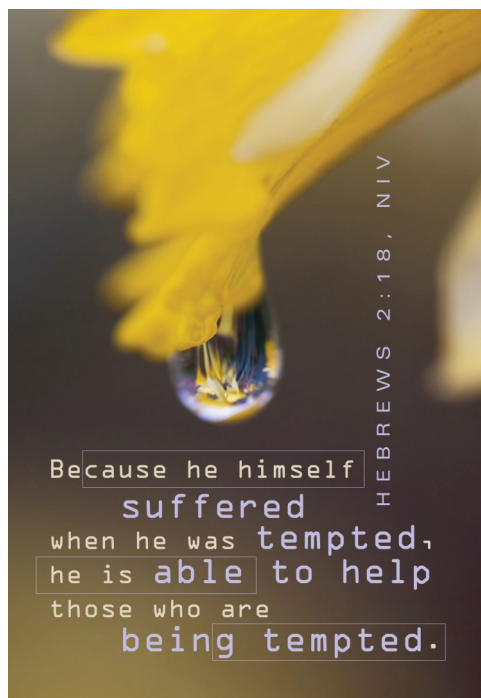


The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost  
Sunday, October 6, 2024  
9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion  
Welcome Pastor Robert Forsberg



*"Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"*

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Pastor: Dwight Hanson

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

In Holy Communion our Lord Jesus graciously invites those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to repent of all that separates us from God, and to receive His sacred and real presence for the forgiveness of sins.

**In addition to wine, grape juice is also offered.**

*Children who do not yet receive Communion may come for a blessing.*

***Holy Communion will be offered as you kneel at the chancel rail.***

Please take a moment to fill out the “Attendance & Communion” Registration Cards (located in the pew racks). Pass your card to the end of your pew.

P - Presiding Minister

A - Assisting minister

C - Congregation

\* - PLEASE STAND

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR 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:

C **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.

C **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Please kneel or sit as you are able.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.**

**\*SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (LBW 561)**

**\*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Triune God, you created humanity in your image, intended for life-giving relationship with you and one another. Heal our selfish brokenness and teach us to trust in you as we learn to love and forgive one another;

C **through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:18-25**

A A reading from Genesis:

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup>Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the

man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 128**

A <sup>1</sup>Happy are they all who fear the LORD, and who follow in his ways!

C **<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

A <sup>3</sup>Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.

C **<sup>4</sup>The man who fears the LORD shall thus indeed be blessed.**

A <sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

C **<sup>6</sup>May you live to see your children’s children; may peace be upon Israel.**

### **SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:1-18**

A A Reading from Hebrews:

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup>For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? <sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his

control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” <sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.” <sup>14</sup>Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup>and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup>Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

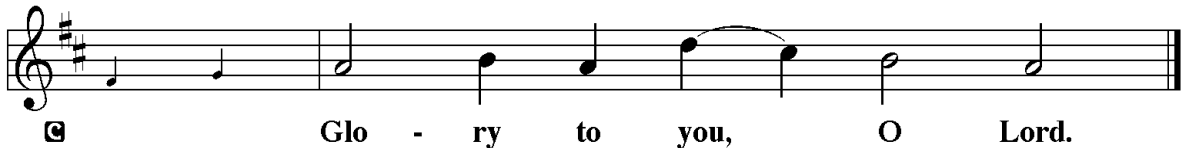
**\*GOSPEL VERSE:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

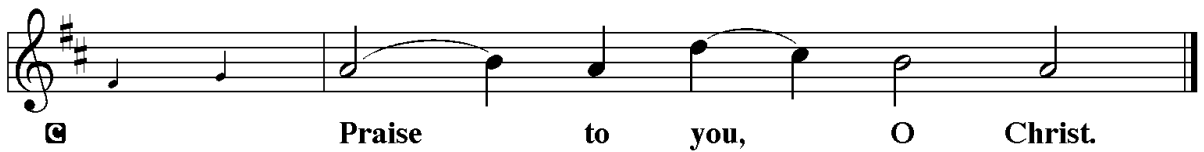
**\*GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

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



<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test {Jesus} asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” <sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON: Pastor Robert Forsberg — What About Children?**

**Mark 10:13-16**

**Introduction**

Children are a great joy but some look upon them as problems.

**The problem with children (10:13)** *“People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them.”*

Some possible reasons the disciples responded this way.

1. They looked down on the children’s dependence.
2. They looked down on the children because of the parent’s pride in them.
3. They looked down on the children because they were interfering with their work.

**The truth about children (10:14-16)** *“But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.”*

Five truths about children.

1. Children are to be invited to Jesus.

The benefits of bringing a child to Jesus.

- A child learns love.
- A child grows by the grace of God to live a life of trusting Jesus.
- A child grows learning hope for the future.
- A child grows learning the truth of life.
- A child grows to know the peace that passes all understanding.

There are several reasons why some parents do not bring their children to Jesus.

- Some parents are not aware of God themselves.
- Some parents have heard the Good News of God but they reject Jesus.
- Some parents do believe but they are complacent.
- Some parents are believers, but unfortunately, they are spiritually immature.
- Some parents are too worldly minded.

2. Children are citizens of the kingdom.
3. Children illustrate how one receives the kingdom.
  - The child trusts and depends on Jesus.
  - The child responds and surrenders to Jesus.
  - The child is obedient to Jesus.

- The child is humble and forgiving.

4. Children are received and blessed by Jesus.

*“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away.” John 6:37*

5. Children respond to Jesus.

First, children will be children. We have all been there. The fact is that Jesus loves children. Nothing they do can ever cause Him to stop loving them. We need to be like Jesus.

Second, the most important thing a parent or anyone can do is to bring or introduce a child to Jesus. That begins in bringing them to be baptized but must follow with instruction in their family and the church, allowing God’s grace to bring them to their own confession and faith in Him and a meaningful life.

Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton quoted the African proverb, “It takes a village to raise a child.” There is some truth in that. But we know who it really takes. It takes Jesus!

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Let the Whole Creation Cry” (LBW 242)**

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED:**

**C 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:**

A Let us pray: Holy Father, Lord of creation from the beginning of time, we thank you for the bountiful harvest in this autumn season. We also pray for a harvest of good fruit to grow within families, the most basic building blocks of civilization. Bring healing and hope to husbands and wives who may be struggling with relationship stress and pain. Grant forgiveness and restoration to all who seek it, so that hearts may be filled once more with the goodness intended from the beginning of time. We also lift up all who seek to live faithfully as single people. Be with them amid the challenges and opportunities of life. Grant them good friends and faithful community. Teach all of us to receive your Kingdom like children, keeping Christ at the center of our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A As we pray for the needs of the world, we ask your continued blessing upon farms, orchards, and gardens, as well as those who tend them. Inspire us to be good stewards of your world. And we pray for our country, that a harvest of righteousness would grow in our homes, schools, churches, and communities. Watch over and guide all who serve in civic leadership. Inspire them to do so in ways that honor your will, for the good of all. We pray for nations at war, or who live under the threat of it. Bring peace as only you can do. And protect those who stand with honor in harm's way for the protection of others. Bless them and their families. And we pray for all who continue to clean up after the hurricane. Lord, your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

A We pray for healing, specifically naming: The Forney & Farish families at the passing of Tom Farish. *Rhonda Paige Atkinson, Phyllis Boaz, Jane Farish, Nick Flowers, Elaine Fudge, Judy Hansen, Tiffany Ingram, Amy Jackson, Tina Leonard, Kole Maggard, Karen & Daren Marshall, Aubrey Mitchell, Jim Proeschel, Gordan Self, Dean & Mary Shetter, Jackie Steiner*, as well as those whom we name silently in our hearts (pause for silent prayer). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray.

**C Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# OFFERING

ANTHEM: *“Prayer of Communion”* Choir

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *“Let the Vineyards”* (LBW pg. 86)



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P Let us pray.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

C **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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.

**\*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; 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.

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION AND BLESSING OF CHILDREN  
 COMMUNION HYMNS: "Lamb of God"**



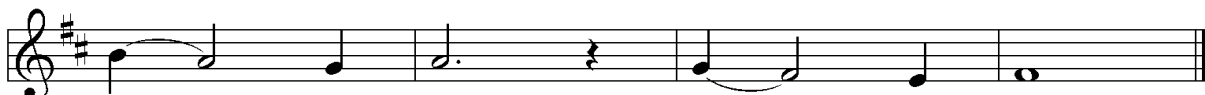
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

*"Now We Join in Celebration" (LBW 203)*

*"Beautiful Savior" (LBW 518)*

*"Let Us Break Bread Together" (LBW 212)*

**\*P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**

***“Thank the Lord”***



**C** Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.



Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud- ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen**

**\*THE BLESSING:**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: “Amazing Grace” (LBW 448)**

**\*DISMISSAL:**

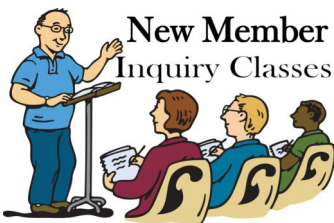
**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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# Announcements



## New Member Inquiry Classes

### New Member Inquiry Classes:

Would you like to find out more about Grace Lutheran Church, or even about what it means to be a Christian in the Lutheran tradition? You are invited to take part in two inquiry classes, led by Pastor Hanson. They will be on two **Sundays, October 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, following worship** in the church library across from the church office. Emphasis is on the word “inquiry,” an open-ended opportunity. But if, coming out of those classes, some wish to join the congregation, we will schedule a Sunday for that. If you know of someone who might be interested, please spread the word. **Class sign up:** Please call Mary in the office at (937) 456-6258 or email her at [graceaton111@gmail.com](mailto:graceaton111@gmail.com). Name and contact information would be helpful.

**Game Night Friday October 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m.** Snacks featuring Chili & Mini Corn Dogs will be served @ 6 p.m. with Games beginning at 7 p.m. Bring a side dish (snack) to share and a Friend to enjoy the Games! Sign Up sheet is in the Narthex.



**Sunday S’mores Youth Group: Middle & High School youth are invited to come and help design a Program for their age group.** Meeting will take place at the **Fire Ring** just beyond the Shelter House. Currently this is being planned for **every other** Sunday beginning in **October**. [Reach out to Tina Ebright 937-472-5663 for more information](mailto:Tina.Ebright@graceaton111.com)

**VBS Planning for 2025. It takes a Village to pull off VBS. Tina is asking for all who want to help plan VBS 2025 to come and meet. Monthly Meetings are planned!** If you have input or would like to be involved in the planning of VBS 2025 please plan to attend. Reach out to Tina Ebright 937-472-5663 for more information.



### **“COUPS FOR THE TROOPS”**

Collects coupons up to two months expired, which are accepted overseas for our military personnel to use at the commissaries. Please place clipped or unclipped coupons in the box in the Narthex & the Fellowship Hall. Contact Becky Lenk with any questions you may have—937-416-8435. Thank you!

**The Common Good of Preble County Food Pantry** no longer needs breakfast food from Grace. Instead, we are asked to provide Rice, Baked Beans, Wide Noodles and Peanut Butter. Thank you.

# Worship Assistants

**Altar Guild for October:** Becky Lenk, Tiffany Ingram  
**Offering Counter for October:** Wanda Winter

## Sunday, October 6— Pentecost 20

**9:30 a.m.**

**Greeter:** Carolyn & Dave Bradley

**Usher:** Bryan Jackson

**Lector:** Mike Schamel

**Communion:** Tiffany Ingram, Amy Jackson

## Sunday, October 13—Pentecost 21

**9:30 a.m.**

**Greeter:** Scott & Nancy Parkinson

**Usher:** Gary Pemberton

**Lector:** Debbie McKinney

## Attendance & Stewardship — (\$4,187 needed wkly)

9/29/2024 9:30 a. 65 \$2,377.00

### ***Great Commission Outreach Partners:***

*World Mission Prayer League—Chris & Emily and family, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Abundant Grace, West Chester.*

**Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund:** The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact the church office and we'll give your question to the appropriate person.

# Grace at a Glance

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### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

- TODAY**      **October 6, 2024—Pentecost 20**  
9:30 a.m.      Worship with Holy Communion—**Welcome Pastor Forsberg**  
10:30 a.m.      Education for all ages
- Monday**      **October 7**  
Pastor's Day Off  
9:45 a.m.      TOPS  
6:30 p.m.      Men's Disciple Group (Schamel's)
- Tuesday**      **October 8—Office closed in afternoon**  
6:00 p.m.      Men's Disciple Group (GLC)  
6:00 p.m.      Wine & the Word (C. Perry's)  
Lakeside Fellowship will be held on Oct. 15 this month
- Wednesday** **October 9**  
9:00 a.m.      Bible Study (FH)  
6:30 p.m.      Choir
- Thursday**      **October 10**  
7:00 p.m.      Church Council & Executive Committee  
7:30 p.m.      AA Meeting (Shelter)
- Friday**      **October 11**  
12:30 p.m.      Bulletin Production
- Saturday**      **October 12**

## In Our Prayers

***After 4 weeks we will remove names from this list. If you would like to keep someone on the list, please note their name on the back of the “Attendance & Communion Registration” form.***

### **URGENT PRAYER LIST:**

#### **GRIEVING:**

*For the Farish-Forney family at the passing of Tom Farish, the Grand-father of Veronica, Jeff, Violet & Jade Forney.*

#### **FOR HEALING:**

***Rhonda Paige Atkinson:*** (Sister of Mindy Ramsey – diagnosed with Huntington’s Disease – she lives in Colorado)

***Phyllis Boaz:*** (Cousin of Jan Pearce with health issues)

***Laura Delaney:*** (Friend of Shetter’s and Gotwald’s—she is having kidney surgery on 10/1).

***Amanda Dell:*** (Rob & Suzie Dell’s daughter going through testing & biopsies for a growth on the back of her tongue and her throat.)

***Jane Farish:*** (Grand-mother of Veronica Forney & family)

***Nick Flowers:*** (Step-son of Andy Proeschel—Prayers for health issues)

***Elaine Fudge:*** (Recovering from knee surgery)

***Judy Hansen:*** (Dear friend of Marti Good & Michael Good—Prayers for comfort & healing)

***Tiffany Ingram:*** (Prayers as she begins taking a new medication)

***Amy Jackson:*** (Prayers for healing & comfort)

***Tina Leonard:*** (Daughter of Barb & Gerry Myers—Dealing with cancer)

***Kole Maggard:*** (Grand-son of friend of Nancy Childs. Kole is in the ICU.)

***Karen & Daren Marshall:*** (As Daren deals with back issues & Karen deals with knee issues)

***Aubrey Mitchell:*** (14 yo cousin of Jeff Forney – Aubrey was in a very serious horseback riding accident which has left her with multiple internal injuries. Prayers are asked for the Twohig-Mitchell Family as they all work through this.)

***Andy Proeschel:*** (As he awaits word of a double lung transplant.)

***Jim Proeschel:*** (Paula Murray’s brother—He will have knee surgery on 10/2)

***Gordan Self:*** (Kelly Coffman’s dad – prayers for complete healing)

***Dean & Mary Shetter:*** (As Dean continues with different tests to determine how to treat his illness)

***Jackie Steiner:*** (She is struggling with Huntington’s Disease)

**LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST**.....Andy Proeschel, Jean Bailey, Wally & Jane Bowman, Judy Newkirk, Mike & Judy Schamel, Suzan Pauley, Tim Lanthrop, Barb Goebel, Connie Coffman, Carmen Hasdorff, Ruth Meyer, Martha Grimme, Tom Schamel, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Susan Root, Fran Kester, Teddi & Mike Watkins, Ruth Hardin, Jenifer Combs, Jean Bailey, Doug Davis, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Judy Jay, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes: and those serving in the military: Maj. Love Hartman; Capt. John Ketteman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Alex Pollitt, Airman, U.S. Air. Force.



# Opportunities for Prayer and Bible Study:

**Come for the goodies & fellowship and stay for Sunday Morning Adult Education — Immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service.**

Adult Classes are held Sundays following Worship and studying the Lessons of that day. All are welcome!

## **Adult Bible Studies (during the week)**

- ◆ **The Phoebe Women’s Bible Study.** They meet at 7:00 p.m. on the **2nd Monday of each month**. They have begun a study called The Fitting Room: Putting on the Character of Christ. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: [Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com](mailto:Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com)).
- ◆ On the **Second and the Fourth Tuesdays of the Month, Wine & the Word** and the **Bible Study “Lakeside Fellowship”** (at the home of Karen & Dan Schultz—in Lakengren).
  - \* **Wine & The Word** meets at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Carol Perry). They have been viewing the Third season of ***The Chosen*** and discussing it afterwards. If you would like to join them, please contact Carol at 937-456-6683 or [cbperry122@embarqmail.com](mailto:cbperry122@embarqmail.com)
  - \* **Lakeside Fellowship** (at the Lakengren home of Dan & Karen Schultz) begins at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join this group, please contact Karen/Dan Schultz at 419-890-7965 or [dkschultz52@yahoo.com](mailto:dkschultz52@yahoo.com).  
**In OCTOBER LF is meeting on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays (10/1 & 10/15)!! They will return to the 2nd & 4th in November.**
- ◆ **The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study meets at 9:00 a.m.** in the Meeting Room off of the Fellowship Hall. They are currently studying the Book of ***Jeremiah***.

**These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.**



The Common Good of Preble County (Once Around Shop) is looking for a part time, 25 hour per week, Monday - Friday, employee to assist with the social service programs, volunteer recruitment & retention, and support the retail and social service programs. Ideal candidates will have strong computer (i.e., Excel, Word, Google Doc, and social media) skills and interpersonal skills as well as a desire to help people in need. Two (2) year's experience working in social service and/or customer service.

**Job duties include:**

- \* Assist Food Pantry Coordinator with general operations such as: date checking donated food, shopping for food and/or coordination of food drives, recording food donations, and coordination of the milk and produce program.
- \* Responsible for the School Food Pantry operations such as ordering, shopping and/or coordination of food drives as well as processing monthly service reports.
- \* Assisting client with Clothing Giveaway and prescreening applicants for the Financial Assistance program.
- \* Assist with volunteer recruitment and retention activities.
- \* Responsible for recording client's services into the internet database and completing monthly reports related to the Social Service programs (i.e. Monthly service report).
- \* Crossed trained to assist with retail store as needed through assisting customers, cash register operation, sorting, preparing, and pricing donations to be sold on the sales floor.
- \* To apply please send resume to The Common Good 113 S. Cherry St. Eaton, OH 45320 or email to [jmccarty@commongoodpreble.org](mailto:jmccarty@commongoodpreble.org). Accepting resumes until October 15, 2024.

## Hold Fast

Find the 38 **bold** words from Mark 10:2–12 (ESV)

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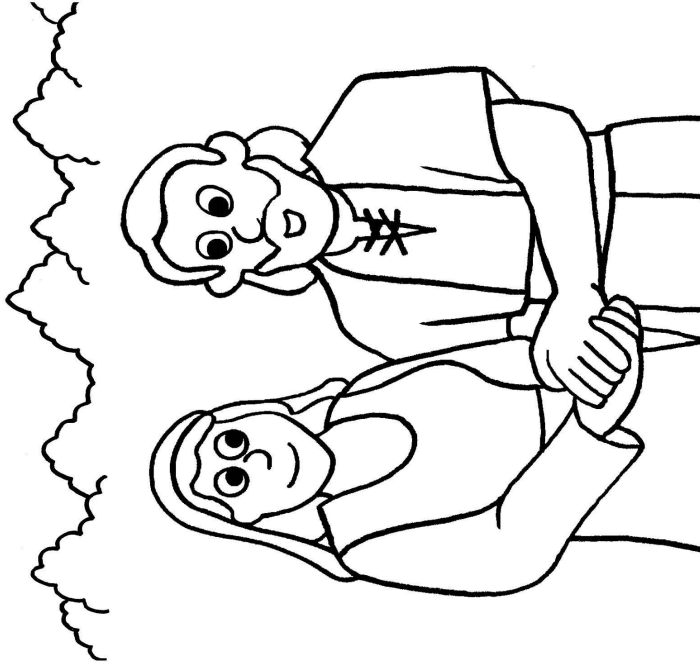
And **Pharisees** came up and in order to **test** him asked, “Is it **lawful** for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did **Moses command** you?” They said, “**Moses allowed** a man to write a **certificate of divorce** and to send her away.” And **Jesus** said to them, “Because of your **hardness of heart** he wrote you this **commandment**. But from the **beginning of creation**, ‘**God made them male and female**.’ Therefore a man shall **leave his father and mother** and **hold fast** to his wife, and the two **shall become one flesh**. So they are no longer **two** but **one** flesh. What therefore **God** has **joined together**, let not **man separate**. And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his **wife** and **marries another** commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her **husband** and **marries another**, she **commits adultery**.”

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## Today's Gospel Lesson

20th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 6, 2024



“What God has joined together, let no one separate,”  
Jesus said.

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# ***Listening for the Promise***

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22) – October 6, 2024**

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh.*

*What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”*

*– Mark 10:7-9 –*

Jesus is quoting the Scripture, specifically Genesis 2:24. This is God’s design for the human family from the very beginning. It continues to be God’s design for the human family. The world in its fallen nature may deem other relationships as equivalent to that of marriage. That does not change God’s loving purpose for the lifelong union of one man to one woman. From the beginning, God designed man and woman in such a wondrous way that we would experience a glimpse of the miracle that is the creation of life. And should the union of man and woman not result in children, that does not make one’s marriage a failure or any less beautiful.

I’ve been blessed to officiate at the weddings of couples young and not as young. I’ve seen couples in their best days and yes, in their most difficult of circumstances. One of the most beautiful things I’ve seen is the loving care given to a husband by his wife and vice versa as they approach their final years, months, and days. I’ve seen the love of a wife who came daily to visit her husband in the Alzheimer’s Unit long after he became bed ridden and could only mumble incoherently. That didn’t stop her from sitting with him, singing to him, and telling him Bible stories. Likewise, is the man who cared for his wife day after day at home when all she knew of this man was that he was kind and nice.

When a man and woman make a promise before God, no one on that wedding day knows the joys and struggles that will come. What we do know is that couples will face temptations that, if followed, will lead to the destruction of the marriage. The voice of the tempter is a powerful voice who seeks to place doubt in our minds that God’s intent is different from what is stated in Scripture.

The beauty of a life-long union of man and woman who are blessed with 50, 60, or 70 plus years as husband and wife is their witness to the world. Such a witness includes grace, mercy, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you, patience or what some translations of the Bible call long-suffering that together husband and wife endure the trials and struggles together. In these small ways, we see God’s faithfulness to us.