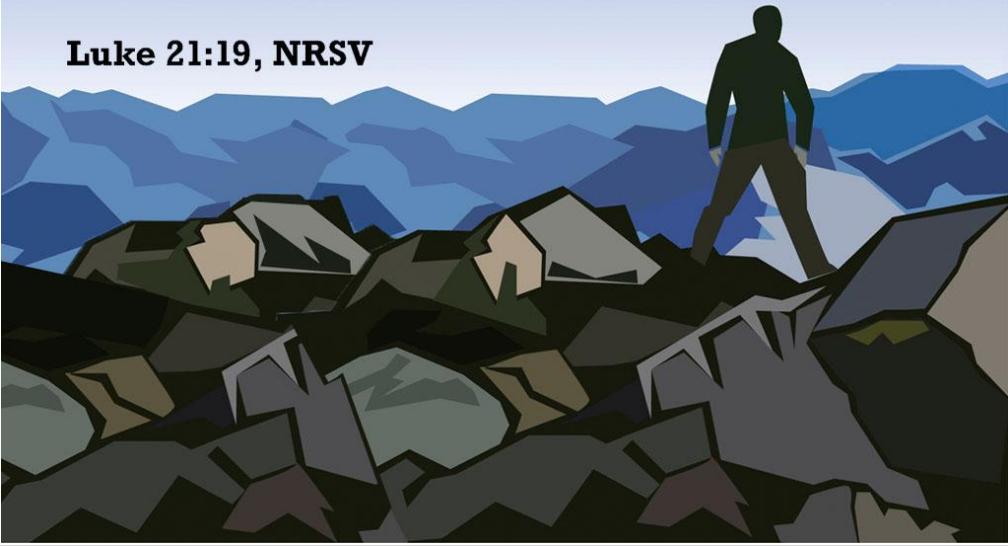


**By your endurance  
you will gain your souls.**

**Luke 21:19, NRSV**



**Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**November 17, 2019  
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**



# **Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

## **A Note to Visitors**

Thank you for worshiping at Grace today. We invite you to fill out a yellow "Welcome" card and place it in the offering plate. For more information about Grace and its ministries, please visit our website [www.graceboone.org](http://www.graceboone.org) or speak with a member of the Hospitality Ministry or one of our ushers who are waiting in the Narthex. Please join us at 8:45 a.m. for our Coffee Hour, hosted by members and ministries of the church.

## **During Worship:**

- Bulletin Notes: Congregation responses are in BOLD print; "ELW" refers to the red hymnal; "WOV" refers to the blue hymnal; The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- Devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Please turn off all cell phones or place in silent mode.
- We especially welcome and encourage families with young children to join us for worship. Quiet bags are available with the ushers. Sunday School is held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and the children are invited to attend Children's Church following the Children's Sermon.
- Nursery care is available for children up to 4 years old.
- To reach the restrooms and water fountain, exit through the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary and turn right.
- Sermons, worship bulletins, the newsletter, and information about upcoming events are available online at [www.graceboone.org](http://www.graceboone.org).

## **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Affirmation of Welcome**

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the Gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.

## **Today's Worship Theme**

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantimes." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

## ✠ GATHER ✠

### WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *“Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending,” arr. Lloyd Webber*

*Please hold a time of quiet prayer and reflection. Prayer cards may be held up to be collected by Ushers.*

*Please stand.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

*Please stand and turn with the cross as the crucifer processes forward.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** -“On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand”– 437 ELW

### **GREETING**

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.**

**KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



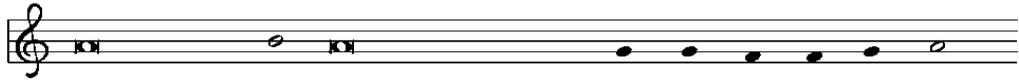
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Assisting minister*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

*All*



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **✠WORD✠**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S TIME & CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

*The children are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon and then are invited to the Sunday School classrooms upstairs to learn the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer, make crafts and to talk more about the readings for the day. The children will return to the worship service before Holy Communion is distributed.*

## **FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a**

*Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who fear God.*

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.'

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to

synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - "Canticle of the Turning!" – 723 ELW

**APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

*Please kneel as you are able.*

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:*

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

*Please stand.*

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## ✠ MEAL ✠

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING** "Baptized and Set Free" – arr. John Halgen

*Please stand.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** - "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" – 181 ELW

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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.

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### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy..... join their unending hymn.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes all to the table.  
Come to the feast.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

*Holy Communion will be served around the altar today by intinction. Please come forward in two rows by the center aisle. On the lectern side, please begin filling in at the back of the altar rail, halfway around to the front of the rail. On the pulpit side, please begin filling in at the front of the altar rail and halfway around to the back of the rail. Kneel as you are able. Receive the bread and dip it into the wine (first cup) or the grape juice (second cup). The bread served today is homemade and gluten-free. Anyone who may require the sacrament to be brought to their seats should alert an usher.*

*This is the Lord's Table, so all who seek Christ's true presence promised to us through this bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited.*

**COMMUNION SONG**



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.

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**HOLY COMMUNION SONGS**

"Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" – 721 ELW

"My Lord, What a Morning" –438 ELW

*Please stand.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**✠ SENDING ✠**

**BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** - "Soon and Very Soon"--439ELW

*Please turn with the cross as the crucifer returns to the entrance.*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share God's love.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** " Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies," arr. Benjamin Cullie

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:**

<b>Presiding</b>	<i>Pastor Steve Troisi</i>
<b>Preaching</b>	<i>Vicar Christopher</i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	<i>Justin Wilson</i>
<b>Lector</b>	<i>Judy Michael</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD
<b>Crucifer</b>	TBD
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Susan Frank</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Sandy Moretz, Beth Reavis, Cathy Ritchie</i>
<b>Greeters</b>	<i>Rkie Clark</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Week Three</i>
<b>Nursery Volunteers</b>	<i>Theresa Hoppach &amp; Savannah Thomas</i>
<b>Card Ministry</b>	<i>Jennie Hallsey &amp; Martha Krezoch</i>
<b>Pew Helper</b>	<i>Joan Snyder</i>
<b>Minister of Grace</b>	<i>Robin King</i>
<b>Fellowship Hosts</b>	<i>Janice &amp; Jeff Voss</i>

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God by Gail Lund and Ron Schuette in honor of their families.

**The Sanctuary Lamp** is burning to the glory of God and in celebration of Ron & Gail from the Quilters.

**Additions to the prayer list:**

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:45 am** Coffee Hour  
**9:00 am** Sunday School  
**10:00am** Worship (S)  
**11:30 am** Ringers of Grace Rehearsal (CR)

**Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00 am** Staff Meeting (P)  
**6:00 pm** Council Meeting (FH)  
**6:45 pm** AA (LLFH)

**Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am** Woodlot Work Day (OS)  
**5:30 pm** Habitat for Humanity (FH)  
**6:00 pm** Reading Between the Wines (OS)  
**6:00 pm** Worship & Music Meeting (C)  
**8:00pm** AA (LLFH)

**Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am** Quilters (QR)  
**4:15 & 4:45 pm** Via de Cristo (C/P)  
**5:30 pm** Meal (FH)  
**6:00 pm** Chancel Choir Practice (S)  
Confirmation (LLFH) HS Youth (SS)  
**6:00 pm** LSA (CH)  
**7:00 pm** Holden Evening Prayer (S)  
**7:00 pm** PKE (LLFH)

**Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**9:30 am** Via de Cristo (P)  
**10:30 am** Bible Study (CH)  
**7:00 pm** Course w/ David Holden (FH)

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9:00 am** Parking Lot Fundraiser

**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**8:45 am** Pancake Breakfast  
**9:00 am** Sunday School & Advent Wreaths  
**10:00am** Worship (S)  
**11:30 am** Ringers of Grace Rehearsal (CR) &  
Altar Guild Decorates (S)

***Key** ~C – Chapel; CR – Choir Room; CH – Councill House; FH – Fellowship Hall; L – Library; LLFH – Lower Level Fellowship Hall; N– Nursery; O – Church Office; P – Parlor; QR–Quilter’s Room; S – Sanctuary; VdC – Via de Cristo Reunion Groups; Off Site – OS; SS – Sunday School Rooms*

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*Readings for November 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Jeremiah 23:1-6*

*Psalms 46*

*Colossians 1:11-20*

*Luke 23:33-43*

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<b>Giving Report</b>			
<i>Giving as of October 31, 2019</i>			
<b>October Giving</b>	<b>October Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Giving</b>	<b>Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving</b>
\$19,654.00	\$25,000.00	\$41,522.30	\$50,000.00

**Grace Office Hours**

The Grace Office will be closed on Thursday 11/28/19 and Friday 11/29/19 in observance of Thanksgiving.

**Pecans for Guatemala Missions - \$20 per bag**

Profits buy the medicines we will use on our 2020 Guatemala mission trip. Make checks payable to "Matthew 2540". Call Kathy Griewisch to place your order. 828-264-2206 ext 106 or we have a table in the Fellowship Hall during coffee hour.

- Pecan halves - 16oz bags
- Dark or milk chocolate pecans-12 oz bags
- Cinnamon glazed pecans – 10 oz bags

**Quilters**

Starting in November, Grace Quilters will meet every Wednesday starting at 10:00 a.m. and they will quilt until noon. Come join us!

**Reading Between the Wines November**

Join Grace's book club that meets the third Tuesday of each month. For our November discussion, we will be reading Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. We will meet to discuss the book on November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at Casa Rustica. See you there! We will not meet in December, but if you would like to read ahead for January, we will be discussing the book, A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

**App State Football Parking Lot Fund-raisers**

Grace will hold a parking lot fundraiser on Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Grace HS Youth will host the fundraiser. Please remember that parking is by donation and first come, first served.

### **Advent Wreath Workshop**

The Faith Formation Team will be hosting an Advent Wreath workshop and everyone is invited. Join us on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We have wreath forms to purchase (\$5.00) and a number of blue candles (\$5.00 for 4) as well. (You're welcome to bring your old form if you have one.) We would love for families to enjoy this experience together. Mark your calendars and begin your holiday decorating with this simple but expressive devotional symbol of the season. Questions, see Beth Reavis. In addition to wreath making on the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy a Pancake Breakfast prepared by our Faith Formation Dads during the Coffee Hour.

### **Annual Scarf Sale**

Handmade crocheted scarves will be available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall between 9 and 10 AM on November 17 and 24. All proceeds will go to support the spring mission trip to Guatemala. These scarves make great Christmas gifts. You might also want to treat yourself to a new scarf!

### **Council Meets**

Council will meet on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### **Course Study with David Holden**

The final class with David Holden will be held on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. All participants should plan to complete the book for the discussion.

### **Choir Rehearsal**

The Grace Choirs will move their scheduled practice from Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **Worship & Music Meeting**

Worship & Music will hold their monthly meeting to November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6 PM in the Chapel.

### **Holden Evening Prayer**

Wednesday 11/20/19 @ 5:45 p.m. – Wednesday nights are back! Join us once a month for Connect Night, a fun evening with dinner served @ 5:30 p.m., then groups break out at 6:00 p.m. for discussions around the church. High school youth will meet in the Youth Room upstairs and Confirmation will meet downstairs in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall. Later, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, LSA will lead worship with the Holden Evening Prayer Service.

### **Community Action with Hospitality House**

Hospitality House is in need of blankets, quilts, comforters. These can be new or used items. As the weather has gotten colder, blankets are needed to hand out to folks who come in to their shelter seeking warmth. Please take any blanket donations directly to the Hospitality House.