# WHEN GOD SPEAKS

# **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

The Years the Locust Has Eaten - Pastor Angie Way

Life brings times of devastation for all of us, but our God is a God who brings restoration.

# **NOTES:**

### Here are three things you can do while you're here:

- → Help yourself to **free coffee and cookies** in the Commons.
- → **Stop by the big Orange Wall** for a free gift! You'll also find answers to any of your questions and other resources about our church family.
- → If you're ready, let us know you were here by **going to** *myorangewall.com*.

# KIDS & STUDENTS

**HISKids PATHFINDERS** (for infants through age three) meets today in the Nursery.



(for **preschool through grade six**) meet weekly September through May, except the first Sunday of each month, when every generation worships together.

**REFUGE & CONFIRMATION** (grades 7-12) gather weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. September through May. Visit *gracepeople.church/refuge* for upcoming events.

Information about summer events can be found on our website at gracepeople.church.





# GIVING

- → Give online at gracepeople.church/give. Giving online is a convenient way to give, designate your gifts and set up recurring gifts.
- → **Check or cash** can be placed in the offering basket as it passes during the designated time in the service. Make checks out to Community of Grace or CGLC.



to Community of Grace!

You are loved and welcomed in this place. Our love for you isn't based on what you've done in the past or where you've been that brought you here today. Jesus' love isn't conditional either.

You are safe here. Take a breath and look around you. We may appear like we have it all together, but we struggle in some of the same areas as you. We are a community of grace, mostly because we all need a little grace and peace in our lives. Grace is here because Jesus is here.



# **FOLLOW ALONG**

Bibles are available at the back of the worship space. Or, use your device.





Welcome

Welcome and Announcements Great Is Thy Faithfulness - Blue Hymnal 771 Confession & Forgiveness - Green Hymnal pg. 77 Prayer Glory Be to God in Heaven

HISKids' Message - Joel The Sharing of the Peace - Green Hymnal pg. 86

Reading - Joel 2:12-13, 25-27 (Quest Study Bible pp. 1325-26) Gospel Verse & Acclamation - Green Hymnal pg. 83 Gospel Reading - John 14:15-20, 27 (pg. 1587, 1588) Gospel Response - Green Hymnal pg. 83 Message - The Years the Locust Has Eaten There is a Balm in Gilead - Blue Hymnal 737

Apostles' Creed - Green Hymnal pg. 85 Offering Offertory Response and Prayer- Green Hymnal pp. 86 & 87

#### Communion

(All are welcome at the table.)

Words of Institution Our Lord's Prayer - Green Hymnal pg. 91 Lamb of God... - Green Hymnal pg. 92 Come, Let Us Eat - Green Hymnal 214 Post-Communion Prayer

#### Benediction

Praise to The Lord, The Almighty - Green Hymnal 543, sts. 1, 4 Dismissal - Green Hymnal pg. 95

## **COMING UP**



## Vacation Bible School & Refuge Summer Take-over

Wondering what all the decorations are about? Tomorrow begins one of the most exciting weeks of the summer. Everyone will be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries them through every storm in life.



#### **Former Interim Pastor Passes Away**

Pastor Gene Hermeier (who served as Interim Senior Pastor before Pastor Steve Mahan was called) passed away on Sunday, June 17. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 22 at First Lutheran Church in Decorah, Iowa. Cards can be sent to Ruby Hermeier, Sunrise Senior Living, 7128 France Ave S Unit 308, Edina, MN 55435



#### R.O.M.E.O. and J.U.L.I.E.T.

The Retired Old Men Eat Out the first Thursday of each month at Denny's Restaurant in Maplewood. Just Us Ladies Informally Eating Together will dine at Joseph's in Stillwater on July 2. Ladies should sign up for J.U.L.I.E.T. at the Information Desk.



#### **VOLUNTEER!** How Can You Pour Out Love?

Do you have the gift of hospitality? Can you make people feel welcomed? Perhaps serving as a greeter on Sundays or as a receptionist is your calling? Do you like to be outside? Do you have a green thumb? Maybe helping with the gardens is for you. Stop by the **orange wall** today and make your connection.



#### **Kids & Student Summer Activities**

Registrations continue for events such as Mission Trip (July 16-21), Camp Strong (July 30-August 2), and more! Visit gracepeople.church and click KIDS & STUDENTS.



## Recycled Cards For Sale - Support Missions & the Environment

Tired of spending \$3-4 on greeting cards? Did you know we have volunteers who recycle greeting cards into some very nice "new" cards that we sell for 50¢ each (including an envelope) on the first Sunday of each month? Plan to check out the large selection at the table in the Commons next Sunday. July 1.

Printed calendars and information on additional opportunities can be found at the Information Desk or at *gracepeople.church*.



# WE NEED YOUR INPUT REGARDING OUR NEXT SENIOR PASTOR!

You're invited to participate in a survey to share the leadership qualities and characteristics you will find most valuable in a new Senior Pastor and help equip our Call Committee and Church Council during the search process.

#### You can take the quick 12 question survey different way.

- Today and the next two Sundays, use the computers available in the Commons.
- Go directly to the survey online: surveymonkey.com/r/COGTransition
- Click on the link in the eNote (if you are already a subscriber) sent the next two Thursdays (June 28 & July 5).
- Pick up a paper copy at the Information Desk today through July 8.

Thank you for the part you are playing in this discernment process! Please direct any questions to the Information Desk.

All worshipers are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Survey Available: June 24 — July 10

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

Income for both our general and missions budgets is significantly behind pace for the year. This trend has been taking place all year and is not tied to our current senior pastor vacancy. We re providing a weekly update on giving so the congregation is fully aware of how income is tracking throughout the year. The numbers below represent our total income received through June 17. Thank you for your support as we live into our mission to be and make disciples of Jesus.

January - June 17, 2018	General	Missions
Actual Income Budget Income	\$616,403 \$687,807	\$21,052 \$23,000
Difference	(\$71,404)	(\$1,948)