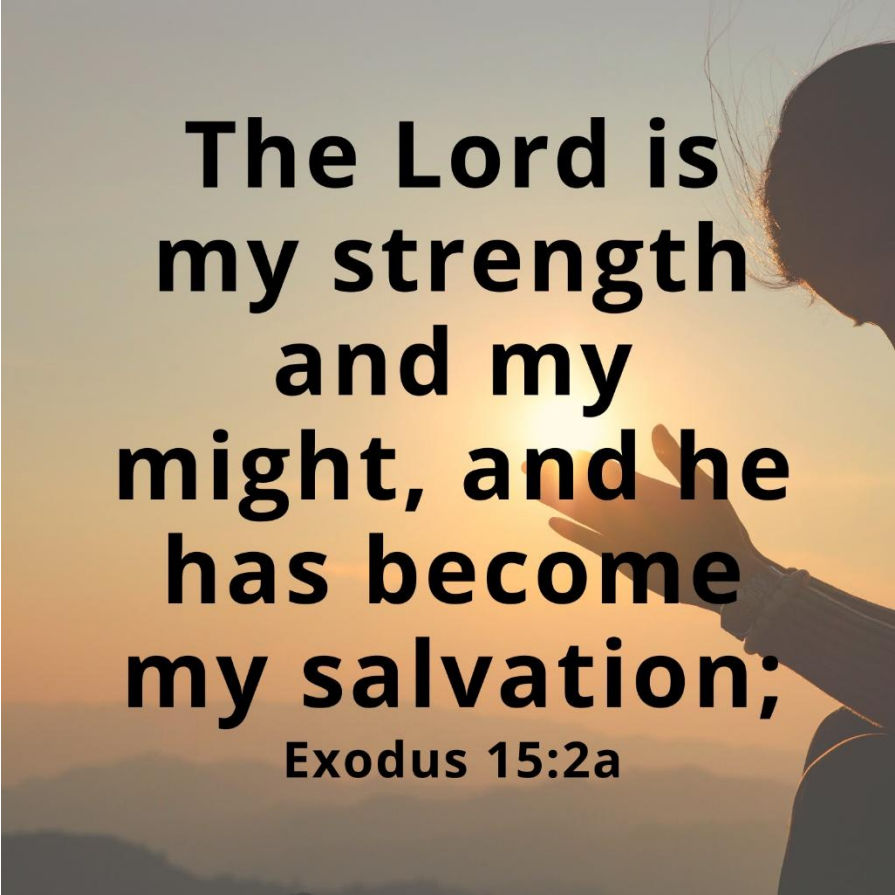


16th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 13, 2026 10:00 am



**The Lord is
my strength
and my
might, and he
has become
my salvation;
Exodus 15:2a**



*By the grace of God, we seek to love God
and to serve humanity as Christ did.*

The People of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

Welcome to GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor: Jerry Cho

Prayer Request Cards are available in each pew. An usher will collect the cards during the service. Pastor will include your prayer request during the Sharing of Concerns and Joys.

Yellow Welcome Cards are available in each pew for our guests to fill out.

Hymns and Songs are in the red United Methodist Hymnal (**UMH**) and the black song book The Faith We Sing (**TFWS**) located in the pew racks. **Indicates those who are able may stand.*

Entrance and Praise

PRELUDE

Mason Thill

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lin Lohr

To our guests, we extend our warm greetings.
To the friends we know, let us renew our welcome.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (L-Leader, A-All)

Lin Lohr

L: Come, all who are weary and searching for hope.

A: We come to find strength in God's presence.

L: Come, all who rejoice and all who carry burdens.

A: We come as we are, trusting in God's grace.

L: Let us open our hearts to God and to one another.

A: Let us worship God with joy and gratitude.

***HYMN**

Freely, Freely

#389 UMH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Lin Lohr

God knows our hearts—our hopes and our failures, our kindness and our shortcomings. Yet God welcomes us with mercy and invites us to begin again. Trusting in that grace, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Pastor Jerry Cho

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always love as you call us to love. We are quick to judge and slow to understand. We sometimes speak when we should listen and remain silent when we should speak for what is right. Forgive us for the ways we have hurt others and failed to reflect your love. Open our hearts to your grace, and help us walk in kindness, humility, and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Now let us take a moment of quiet reflection to bring our sins individually before our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (L-Leader, P-People)

L: Hear the good news: God's mercy is greater than our failures, and God's grace offers us a new beginning. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to live in love.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Forgiven and restored to right union with God let us offer each other the sign of His peace. This is a symbol of our commitment to love our neighbor.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Proclamation and Response

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

Lin Lohr

Page 58, Old Testament in pew Bible

SECOND READING

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Lin Lohr

Page 59, Old Testament in pew Bible

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Pastor Jerry Cho

Page 19, New Testament in pew Bible

Leader: The Word of God for people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Forgive and Move On

Pastor Jerry Cho

***HYMN**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

#2171 TFWS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Collectively we bring our petitions to the Lord with the prayer He has given us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Amen.

AFTER LORD'S PRAYER

Amen

#898 UMH

Sending Forth

***HYMN**

Sanctuary

#2164 TFWS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Mason Thill

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**SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED 9/6:**

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Parking Lot    | \$150.00 |
| Family Promise | \$100.00 |
| Craft Booth    | \$16.00  |

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Current Needs

Canned meats, canned beans, canned fruits and vegetables, large soups, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, and condiments.

Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!

Liturgist		Cupbearers	Coffee Host
9/13	Lin Lohr	n/a	Judy, Deb, Vickie, & Kaylee
9/20	Ardelle Dionne	n/a	<i>Needed*</i>
9/27	Mark Grams	n/a	<i>Needed*</i>

****See sign-up on bulletin board***

Usher		A/V
9/13	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
9/20	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
9/27	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech

Calendar Reminders This Week:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sun 9/13	6:30-8 pm	Lighthouse Cookout/Kickoff	GAUMC
Mon – Fri	10:30am-12:30pm	ADRC Meal Distribution	Kitchen
Mon 9/14	12-2pm	PW Woman's Club	Fellowship Hall
Tue 9/15	10 am	Stockbox	FAC
Wed 9/16	8 pm	AA Mtg	FAC
Thu 9/17	5:30 pm	Private Group	FAC
	7 pm	Sister Circle	Christ the King

Sister Circle - Thursday, September 17, 7:00 pm

Christ the King, 420 W Whitefish Rd, Port Washington

We are beginning a new year together and reading the book, "JESUS THROUGH THE EYES OF WOMEN: How the First Female Disciples Help Us Know and Love the Lord" by Rebecca McLaughlin. For the September 17th meeting, please read the Introduction and Chapter 1-Prophecy.

Questions or to receive a Sister Circle newsletter, please contact Mary at 414-828-4675 or mariwags@gmail.com.



Pastor Meetings

We are looking for individuals to host casual get-togethers in their homes over the coming months. These small gatherings are a wonderful chance to share a snack, say hello, and get to know Pastor Jerry and Cindy on a personal level.

If you are able to host, please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or contact Sandy Grams at sgrams@wi.rr.com or call/text 262-490-4856 with the date and time you would like to host. We would love to get these started soon, so hope to hear from you shortly.

Blessings, Sandy

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## 🌸 Watering Volunteers Needed! 🌸

We need of a few more volunteers to sign up for the next four weeks to water the outdoor plants along the front and side of the church.

If you can help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway. Together, we can keep our church looking as warm and welcoming on the outside as it is on the inside!



## Current Needs

Women's 3 blade disposable razors, disposable exam gloves – size large, box fan, dryer sheets, laundry detergent pods, toilet bowl cleaner, foaming bath cleaner, and earplugs.

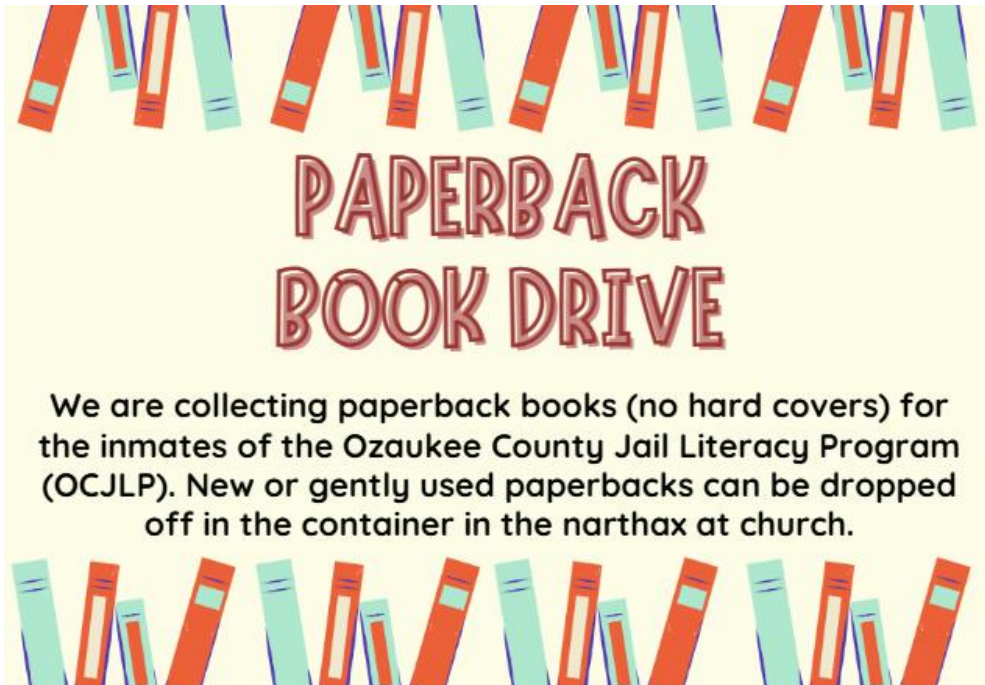


## Giving Tree



It's not too early to start thinking of our winter season ahead. Please start bringing hats, mittens, scarfs and gloves to church to help our neighbors in need. Place them on the Christmas tree in the narthex. In early November, we will divide them between Family Promise and the Ozaukee Foster Care program.

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Remember Our Endowment Fund