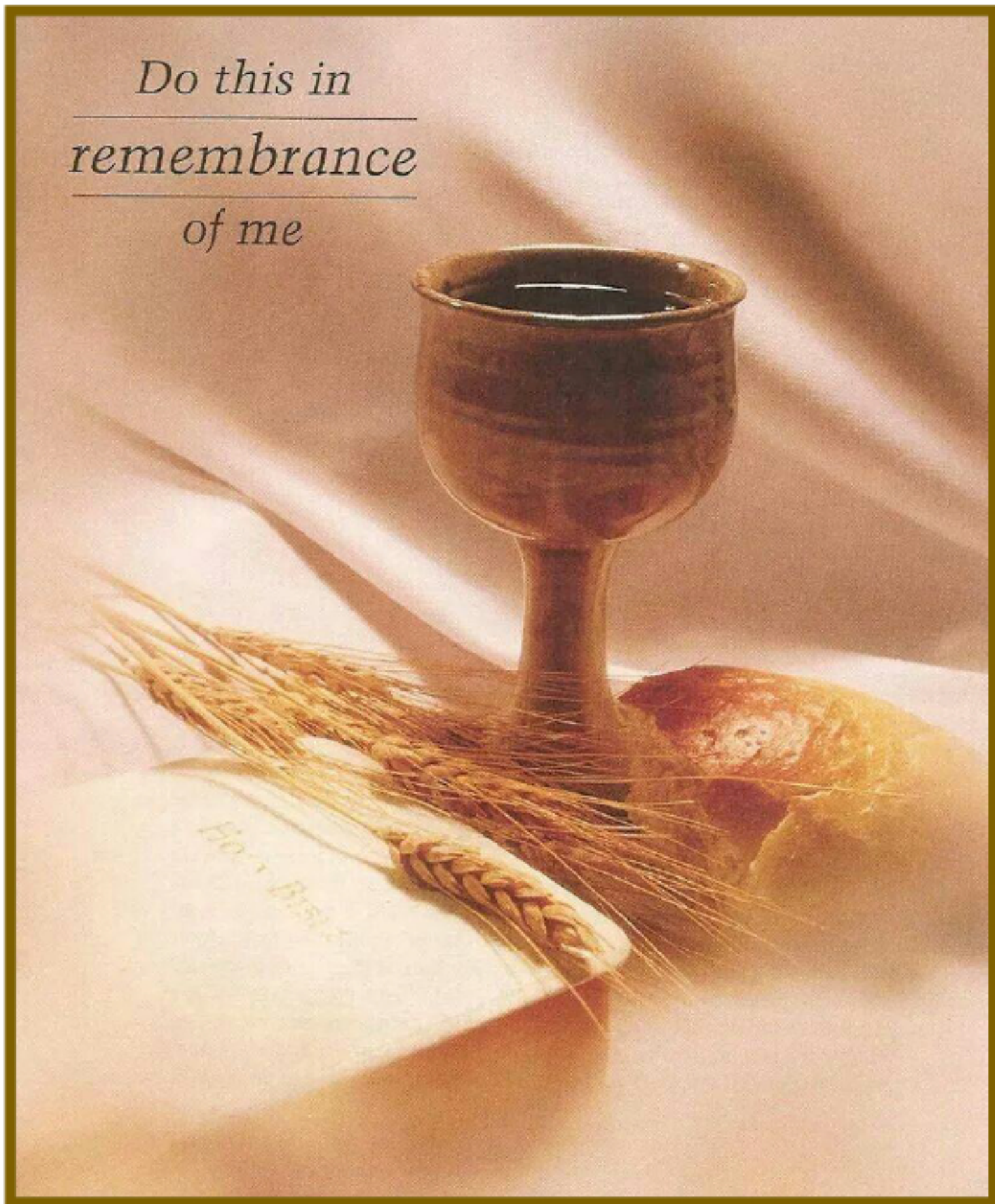


AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

Lions Club, 2907 Myrtle St, Edisto Beach

COMMUNION SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



REV. KEVIN P. STROOP

Music Director: Megan Whitt

Church Service: 9AM

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



AMAZING GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

COMMUNION SUNDAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost–White September 20, 2026

PRELUDE

“Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me”

- Robinson, Thompson, Farren

INTROIT

“Surely the Presence”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,

I can feel His mighty power and His grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings I see glory on each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who seek God.

People: All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Leader: Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!

People: When the Lord restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

***OPENING PRAYER:**

Father, deepen our love for one another and make us eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit. Help us care for all, not showing favoritism. May love compel us to strengthen the weak, bind up the injured, and serve patiently as we remember our service to others is service to You. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. **AMEN**

***OPENING HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(vs. 1-4)

Hymn 470

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Apostles Creed**

***GLORIA PATRI**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

We confidently make our needs known to our resurrected Lord Jesus. For our international, national, state, and local leaders, that they work together to assist the needy and raise the hopes of all who cannot help themselves, **we pray to the Lord**

For this faith community, that we worship and work together with all humility, gentleness, and patience, **we pray to the Lord**
For all victims of war, violence, and abuse, that they not lose hope in their times of trouble and receive the help they need, **we pray to the Lord**

For those who are preparing for marriage, may they deepen their love for one another, **we pray to the Lord**

God of life and love, welcome us into your eternal kingdom as you have welcomed your beloved Son Jesus after his life of service and sacrifice on our behalf. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord, who taught us to pray: **Our Father...**

WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Come, Share the Lord" - Leech

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN** "Christ for the World We Sing" Hymn 292

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 1:21-30 (on back)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON MESSAGE Rev. Kevin Stroop

COMMUNION

***HYMN** "Are Ye Able" Hymn 413

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** "On Eagle's Wings"

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,

Bear you on the breath of dawn,

Make you to shine like the sun,

And hold you in the palm of His hand.

POSTLUDE "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"
- Robinson, Thompson, Farren

****Those who are able, please stand***

SCRIPTURE – Philippians 1:21-30

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATES

Are you interested in starting Sunday school after church services? We will meet today after our church service to discuss this idea.

HYMN SING 🎵 is Sunday, September 27. Hymn request inserts are included in the bulletin. Please make sure you fill out and give to Megan today.



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Jane Loy Mary & Billy McCollum Cliffie Jarrell
Andy Fairey Jan Pollard Robert Waters Eric Hutchinson

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WESLEY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 17, 2026



Matthew 14:30-32 - *"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.*

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

We don't have to change the whole world today.

We simply have to let God's peace flow through us to the person He places in our path.



Music Notes from Megan

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

"Lord, make me a channel of your peace."

Those words, made familiar through the hymn Make Me a Channel of Your Peace, are based on the prayer traditionally associated with St. Francis of Assisi. At its heart, this is a prayer asking God not simply to give us peace, but to make us carriers of His peace.



Think about what a channel does. A channel doesn't create the water-it simply gives the water a path to flow. In much the same way, God doesn't ask us to manufacture peace, love, hope, or forgiveness on our own. He asks us to allow what He has given us to flow through us and into the lives of others.

"Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
 Where there is injury, pardon.
 Where there is doubt, faith.
 Where there is despair, hope.
 Where there is darkness, light.
 Where there is sadness, joy."

What a different world we would have if we began each morning with that prayer-not asking, "What can everyone else do differently?" but asking, "Lord, what can You do through me today?"

Sometimes being a channel of God's peace means choosing kindness when we have every reason to be frustrated. It means forgiving when holding onto hurt feels easier. It means offering hope to someone who is struggling and being a light when someone else is walking through darkness.

And sometimes, being a channel of peace simply means being present-listening, encouraging, praying, or offering a gentle word at exactly the moment someone needs it.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS and DATES - 2026

WMMC Acolyte & Crucifer for Sunday, September 20 are Ellie Ann and Hattie Mothena.

COMMUNION is Sunday, September 20.

AGMC: Are you interested in starting Sunday school after church services? We will meet this Sunday after church service to discuss this idea or if you are not able to attend and wish to participate, you can call Phyllis at 843-367-7734 or Jody at 803-316-3224.

AGMC HYMN SING 🎵 is Sunday, September 27.

EPWORTH WORKDAY OFFERING: We will be collecting through the month of September in honor of David Smoak. Please make checks out to Epworth Children's Workday Offering.

If you have an urgent prayer concern between Thursday afternoon and Tuesday you can text Glenda at 843-737-1150. My computer will not go on the church's email from home at this time but in an emergency I can run to the church.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER-JAMES 5:16

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