

A new computer is on the way,
Laptop with way too much memory
For one such as I.
I'm concerned the computer's capacity
Might make me superfluous.

I keep getting invites to be on Facebook.
Maybe with this new computer I should,
But don't know if I am ready for that yet.
Read in the NY Times Magazine this past week
About the impact of Facebook on relationships.
It was fairly evenhanded, both positive
(we are able to keep up with more of our acquaintances)
and negative
(time spent on Facebook could be face time with others).

We are still only able to know about 150 people,
Facebook hasn't changed that.
Knowing people,
being involved in their lives,
Still takes time.
"Face time" is how the article referred to it;
We need to spend time face to face,
To be together in order to care for one another.
Whether it is hanging out, or in planned activity,
We need to be together for trust to develop.

This would be one of the primary reasons we gather:
We are social creatures,
Created in the image of God (*imago Dei*).
God is a social God whose Triune-ness is of God's essence.
Hence, the community gathers with one another
To meet and greet this God in worship
Even as we meet and greet one another.
It is graceful both ways.

Take . . . make . . . create . . . give . . . the time
To love those relationships into being,
Including the one God desires with you:

Grace University Lutheran Church at 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and **6:30 PM**, or
University Lutheran Church of Hope at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, or
Trinity Lutheran Congregation (Augsburg College Chapel) at 11 AM.

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