



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the
inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover
to tell us more about you.

Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page
about additional resources for worship.

Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us
online at www.graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Grace

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ—to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. Contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Electronic Devices

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices during worship. Thank you.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be sponsored by members who wish to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Stop by the front desk to sign up.

As We Gather

The funny thing about both the sheep and the goats is that they're surprised to discover who they really are. The sheep do not seem particularly aware of taking care of the needs of their neighbors. The goats do not seem particularly aware of their negligence. But the final judgment reveals them for who they are. If that doesn't stop you cold, I don't know what will. Truth be told, there's not a pure sheep in the flock. We have all sinned, turning from the needs of those around us. Thanks be to God that Christ our King is the Good Shepherd who died even for the goats. But if we are forgiven, let us also be ignorant no longer. Open your eyes, your hearts! Your neighbor needs you, and your King is sending you to them.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

We stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns

(green) **LBW #170**

Stanzas two and four are sung by the choir in settings by Thomas Gieschen.



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau-ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey 1816–1893

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Women sing parts marked ①. Men sing parts marked ②.

All sing parts marked ③.

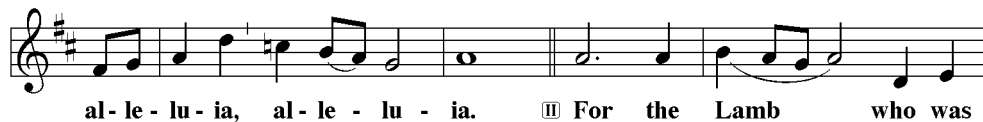
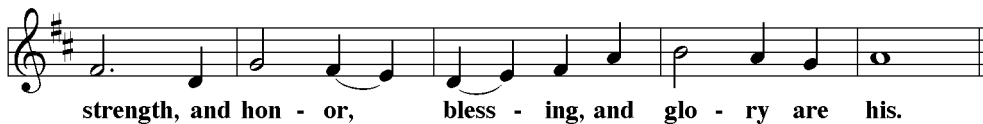
③ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ① Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

③ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. ② Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God of power and might,
your Son shows us the way of service,
and in him we inherit the riches of your grace.
Give us the wisdom to know what is right
and the strength to serve the world you have made,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95:1–7a

ANTIPHON:

We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of his hand. Michael D. Costello

- L** Come, let us sing | to the Lord;*
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- C** **Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**
- L** For the Lord | is a great God,*
and a great King | above all gods.
- C** **In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**
- L** The sea is his, | for he made it,*
and his hands have molded | the dry land.
- C** **Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,*
and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.**
- L** For he | is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15–23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

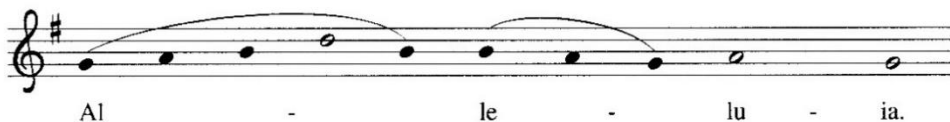
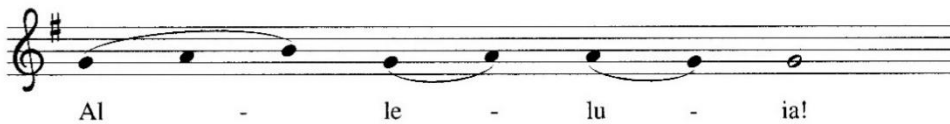
GOSPEL VERSE: Mark 11:9

Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

REFRAIN (*below*)



Choir Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

REFRAIN



HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31–46

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

👤 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

👤 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

SERMON: When Was It?

Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 25:31–46

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

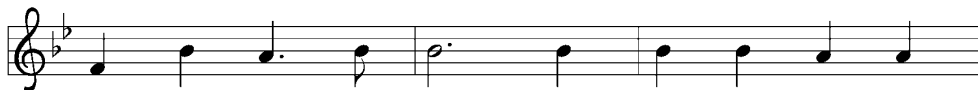
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1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
all, you said the first must be the last and
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
we might rise and live. To break the law of
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
death you came, the law of love to bring: a
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

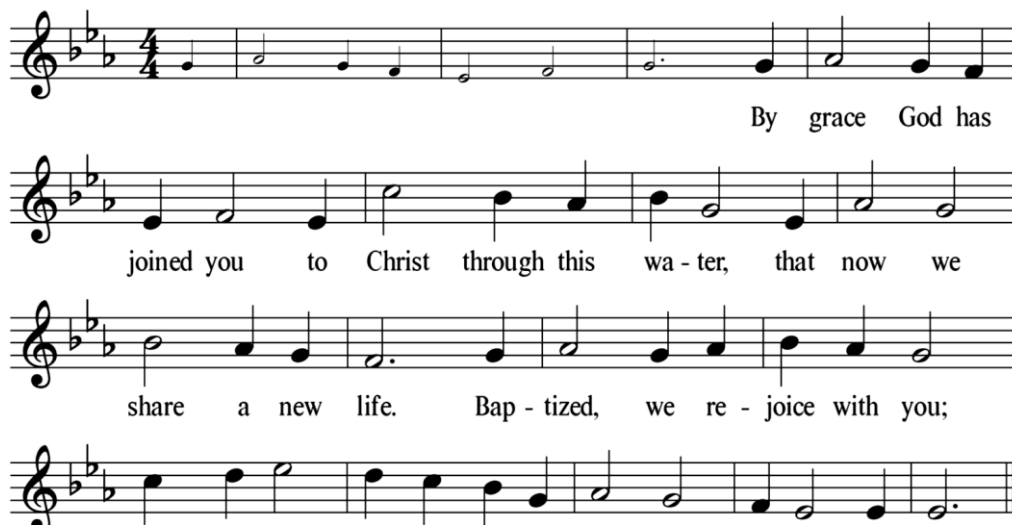
Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (page 121 *in the front* of the green *LBW*.)

Oliver Randall Wood

After the spoken welcome, we sing the following response:



By grace God has
joined you to Christ through this wa - ter, that now we
share a new life. Bap - tized, we re - joice with you;
claimed by God, wel - come you in - to the bod - y of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Michael D. Costello

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: 1 John 3:2–3

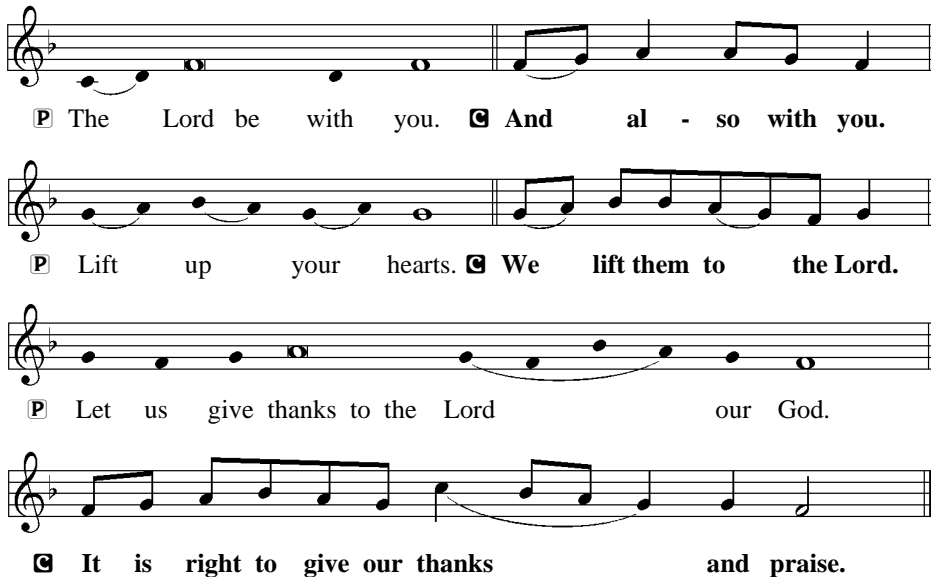
Donald Busarow

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be,
But we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
G we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



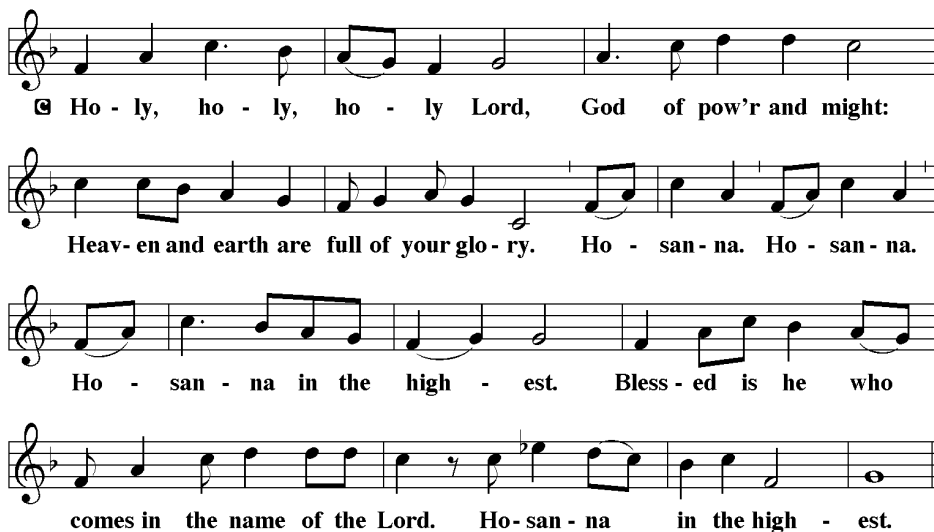
P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

G It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ¶ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

- ¶ You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God;
you are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished our salvation.
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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

☩ Amen.

℟ 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.**

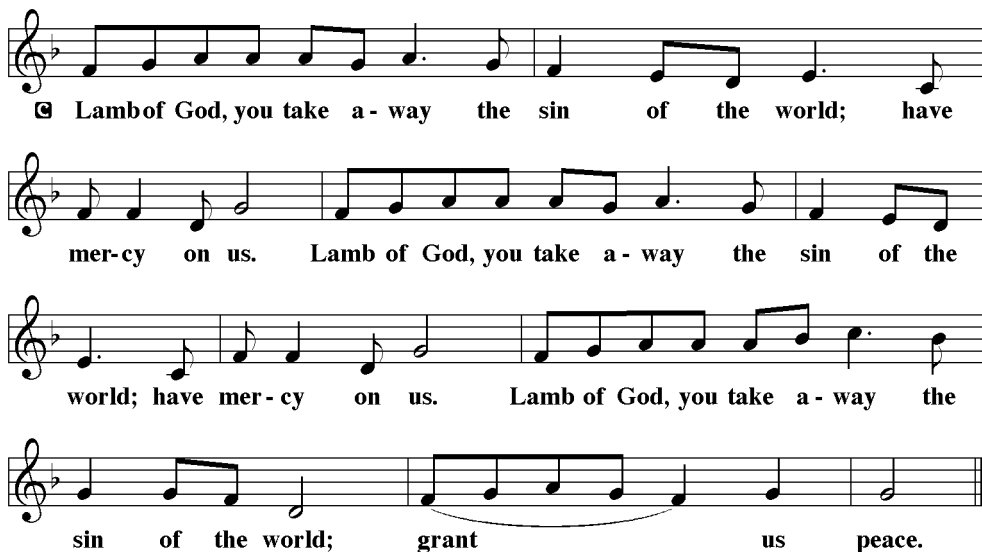
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

*The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper,
giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: O How Amiable

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
And the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:
They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for year to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Psalm 84:1–3, 90:17

HYMN: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LBW #456



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877
 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

HYMN: In Christ an Inheritance is Ours



1. In Christ an in - her - i - tance is ours;_____ So that
2. In Christ when we heard the word of truth_____ We were
3. In Christ, with our hearts en - light - ened now_____ We may
4. In Christ was this Eas - ter pow'r re - vealed_____ When God
5. Through Christ, who is head o'er all the church,_____ We give



we, the first to set our hope on Christ, Might
 sealed and marked with God's re - demp - tive pledge Toward
 know the hope to which the saints are called, The
 raised and seat - ed him a - bove all rule For
 praise to God, the Fath - er, Spir - it, Son, for



live for the praise_____ of the glo - ry_____ of God.
 life in the Lord_____ and the glo - ry_____ of God.
 great - ness and pow'r_____ of the glo - ry_____ of God.
 age af - ter age,_____ to the glo - ry_____ of God.
 age af - ter age_____ to the glo - ry_____ of God.

Text: Michael D. Costello (b. 1979), based on Ephesians 1:11–23

Tune: Michael D. Costello

DUTCH FORK

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

G Amen.

A Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Rejoice the Lord is King!

(green) **LBW #171**



1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Rigaudon

Andre Campra

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Christine Nelson, assisting minister

Jeff Cribbs, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Kathryn Jandeska, Eunice Eifert, lectors

Jackson Brayton, Matthew Huffman, crucifer/Bible bearer

Jessica and Keith Bullock, gift bearers

Paul Koester, Gerlinde VanDriesen, Susan Weber, ushers

Jane Andrew, Donna Serpico, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Mary Jane Keitel, greeters

Tom Swanson, Al Swanson, livestream audio/video

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Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

Lawndale Christian Legal Center

In thanksgiving for

The baptism of **Oliver Randall Wood** (*son of Josh and Julia Wood*)

For those who mourn

Aria Grochowsky (*friend of Pat Allen*)

Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those studying abroad

Lila Shea (*England*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Tim Sandvoss

Christopher Davis

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

Those who need encouragement

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

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TODAY, NOVEMBER 26

Library Open (self service) **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Grace Gathers will not meet today

No Faith Formation this week

Worship – Holy Communion..... **10:00 a.m.**

Christmas Eve Rehearsal for Public School Students

Grades 1-4 (Seminar Room) **11:15 a.m.**

Christmas Eve Rehearsal for Public School Students

Grades 5-8 (Seminar Room) **12:00 p.m.**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Dads of Grace (Offsite) **7:30 p.m.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room) **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

School Chapel – Morning Prayer..... **8:25 a.m.**

Cornerstones Bible Study (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**

Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

GriefShare (Church Library)..... **9:00 a.m.**

Yoga (Fellowship Hall) **6:30 p.m.**

Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) **7:30 p.m.**

Boy Scouts (3rd Floor Commons)..... **7:30 p.m.**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Christmas Caroling at Oak Park Winterfest (Offsite)..... **11:00 a.m.**

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