



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](http://www.graceriverforest.org).

### The Holy Communion

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 12, 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 are sponsored this week by Chuck and Elyn Levell in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Lori Martin and her family in memory of Walter and Carolyn Martin.

## As We Gather

Today's parable closes with the foolish bridesmaids locked out of the wedding banquet. Like the wise bridesmaids, they took their lamps. Like the wise ones, they fell asleep. Like wise ones, they were ready for the groom to arrive. Unlike the wise ones, they were not ready for him to be delayed. We are called to have faith as we wait, no matter the reason Christ's return is delayed. We are called to trim our lamps with the oil of faith, to light up the night with lamps of justice and righteousness. We do so in hope, for the groom who closes the door in the parable is also the one who rolls away the stone a few days later.

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Give Me Oil in My Lamp

arr. Karen Thompson

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

(green) **LBW 351**



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand in heav - en with the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him - self as  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and love and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has made us



saved; all peo - ples at the Lord's right hand shall  
Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new home which  
peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



find their names en - graved, shall find their names en - graved.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797–1866; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

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## 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.  
**G** **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God of justice and love,  
you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.  
Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Amos 5:18–24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 70

ANTIPHON: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

Michael D. Costello

℣ Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;\*  
O Lord, make | haste to help me.

℟ **Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;\*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.**

℣ Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,\*  
because they | are ashamed.

℟ **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;\*  
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"**

℣ But as for me, I am | poor and needy;\*  
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.

℟ **You are my helper and | my deliverer;\*  
O Lord, | do not tarry.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

℟ **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

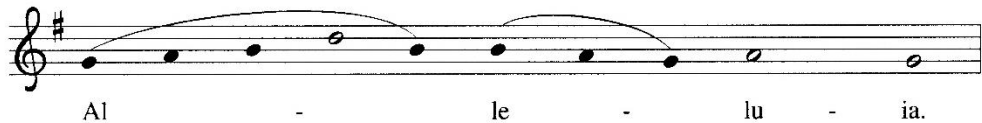
**GOSPEL VERSE:** Matthew 24:42, 44

Carl F. Schalk

*We join in singing:*

**Choir** Alleluia.

**REFRAIN** (*below*)



**Choir** Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know  
on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

**REFRAIN**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:1–13

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

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON:** Hurry Up and Wait

Pastor David R. Lyle  
Matthew 25:1–13; Amos 5:18–24

HYMN OF THE DAY: Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying

(green) LBW #31



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and in her  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you, and saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
 heart new joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,  
 an - gels sing be - fore you. The harps and cym-bals all u - nite.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
 for her Lord comes down all glo - rious, the strong in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, where, dwell - ing



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.  
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious. Her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
 with the choir im - mor - tal, we gath - er round your daz - zling light.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
 Oh, come, you Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
 No eye has seen, no ear has yet been trained to hear,



Al - le - lu - ia! Pre - pare your - selves to meet the  
 Sing ho - san - na! We go un - til the halls we  
 what joy is ours! Cre - scen - dos rise; your halls re -

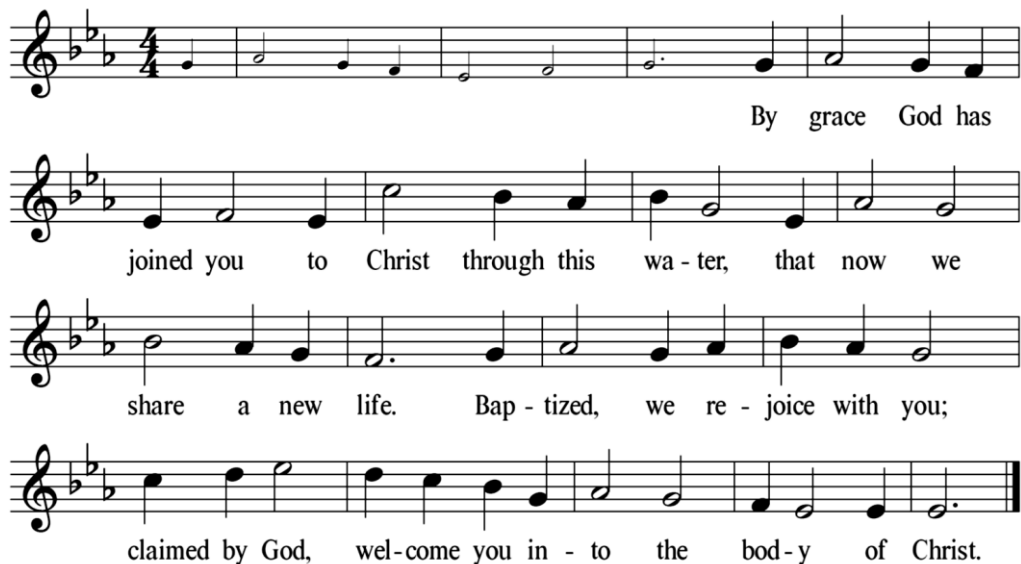


Lord, whose light has stirred the wait - ing guard.  
 view where you have bid us dine with you.  
 sound; ho - san - nas blend in cos - mic sound.

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

*Veronica Helen Roller*

*After the spoken welcome, the following response is sung twice through:*



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:** Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

17<sup>th</sup> Century French  
arr. Cathy Moglebust

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** Revelation 19: 6–7, 9

Donald Busarow

Alleluia! The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready.  
Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

### 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.

- P 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:



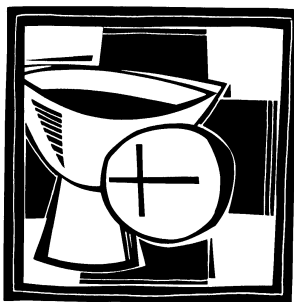
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



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.



☐ Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

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.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ 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: Keep Your Lamps!

Spiritual  
arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.  
Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.  
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

### HYMN: Blessed Assurance

(blue) **WOV #699**



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per - fect sub-mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per - fect sub-mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

#### *Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

*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: Let Justice Flow Like Streams

*(blue)* **WOV #763**



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

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## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Michael D. Costello

### **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Lori Martin, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Janel Dennen, percussion

Strike Team, bell choir

Gwen Gotsch, conductor

Mary Beth Logas, Carol Ewald, lectors

Tyler Henderson, Chris Morgan, crucifer/Bible bearer

Leanne Cribbs, Kathryn Jandeska, gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Paul Koester, Mary Rasmusson, John Sanger, ushers

Jane Andrew, Marilyn Moehlenkamp, altar guild

Avery and Allison Tan, greeters

Ryan Koehne, Tom Swanson, livestream audio/video

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 Marcia Anderson (*sister-in-law of David and Gay Anderson*)  
 Barbara Andre (*neighbor of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)  
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)  
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)  
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
 Irene Buchbinder (*mother of Paul Buchbinder*)  
 Jess Cosby (*nephew of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)  
 Adeline Coyle (*cousin of Brooke Schedler*)  
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 Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)  
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## Benevolence ministries

Housing Forward

### In thanksgiving for

The 96<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Evelyn Grams** (11/19)

The 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Chuck and Ellyn Levell**

All veterans and those actively serving in the armed forces

### 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

*Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (earmstrong@gracriverforest.org) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht (kathy.lucht@gmail.com) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.*

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## **TODAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Library Open (self service) .....	<b>9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Grace Gathers</b> (Fellowship Hall) .....	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>
Bible Study (Conference Room).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Book Group (Youth Center).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Sunday School PK-SK (Nursery).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Sunday School Gr 1-4 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Sunday School Gr 5-6 (3/4 Shared Classroom) .....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Confirmation (School Library).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b> .....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Teen Talk (Youth Center).....	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office) .....	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>
Health Cabinet (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom) .....	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>
Stephen Ministry Information Gathering (Church Library).....	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>
Christmas Eve Rehearsal for Public School Students (Seminar Room) .....	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>
Worship Committee (1902 Room).....	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
Surviving the Holidays Seminar (Offsite) .....	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Heritage Choral Concert (Sanctuary) .....	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>

## **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Finance Committee (Virtual) .....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Community Conversations (Fellowship Hall).....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

## **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

Retired Leaders (Church Library) .....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Knitting Group (Church Library).....	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Property Committee (Conference Room).....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room).....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

## **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

<b>School Chapel Service</b> .....	<b>8:25 a.m.</b>
Cornerstones (Church Library) .....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Worship – Morning Prayer</b> .....	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall).....	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>
Presentation – Columbian Exhibition (Church Library).....	<b>12:45 p.m.</b>
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

## **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

GriefShare (Church Library) .....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Personnel Committee (1902 Room) .....	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
Moms of Littles (Youth Center).....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room) .....	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) .....	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

## **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

Cooking for Crib (Main Kitchen).....	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
Religion in Literature (Offsite) .....	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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