



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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 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 David and Susan Franzone in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary and by Sandy Grams in celebration of the 96th birthday of Evelyn Grams.

As We Gather

It is easy to spiral inward. One look out the door and we are tempted to retreat and hide. Lulled by the drumbeat of despair we want to protect ourselves. We crave safety and security. Fear wraps us up and we begin to believe there is not enough of anything to go around. In the midst of the drumbeat, we hear the words of the psalmist: God has been our refuge from one generation to another. God is our home. A home not built by human hands but by the one who is ever creating. Who calls into existence things that do not exist. God is our dwelling place. This God, who is your future, is the one who has given you the fullness of Jesus Christ. Forgiveness, mercy, and promise unilaterally. Joined to the one who was buried for three days, cast into outer darkness, and raised again we are free to risk everything for the sake of our neighbors. As children of the day, we are tuned outward with hands and eyes wide open.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Selections from Partita on ST. ANNE

Paul Manz

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

☞ Most merciful God,

☞ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

☞ In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: Oh, God Our Help in Ages Past

(green) **LBW #320**

Stanzas three and five are sung by the choir in a setting by Carl Schalk.



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

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: Glory to God in the Highest



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



C 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,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that,
always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment,
we may be stirred up to holiness of life here
and may live with you forever in the world to come;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1–12

ANTIPHON: Teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Michael D. Costello

L Lord, you have | been our refuge*
from one generation | to another.

G Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the | earth were born,*
from age to age | you are God.

L You turn us back to the | dust and say,*
"Go back, O | child of earth."

G For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past*
and like a watch | in the night.

L You sweep us away | like a dream,*
we fade away suddenly | like the grass.

G In the morning it is | green and flourishes;*
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

- ℒ For we consume away in | your displeasure;*
 we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.
- ☞ **Our iniquities you have | set before you,***
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.
- ℒ When you are angry, all our | days are gone;*
 we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.
- ☞ **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;***
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.
- ℒ Who regards the power | of your wrath?*
 Who rightly fears your | indignation?
- ☞ **So teach us to num- | ber our days,***
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

ℒ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

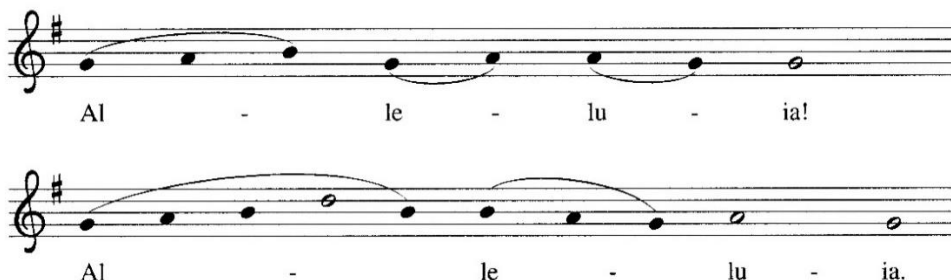
GOSPEL VERSE: John 15:4–5

Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

REFRAIN (*below*)



Choir Abide in me as I abide in you;
Those who abide in me bear much fruit. Alleluia.

REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14–30

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

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my

return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Buried No Longer

Pastor Troy E. Medlin

Psalms 90:1–8 [9–11] 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of Light

(green) **LBW #405**

Stanza three is sung by the choir in a setting by Michael D. Costello.



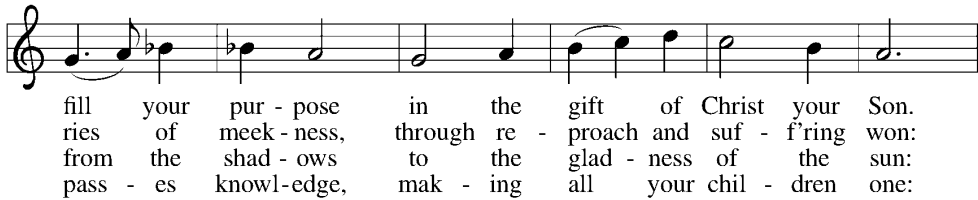
1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



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RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
G **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.
G **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
G **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Fanfare on ABBOT'S LEIGH

Charles Callahan

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Revelation 11:17; 14:7

Donald Busarow

We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was,
That you have taken your great power and begun to reign.
Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of judgment has come;
And worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of water.

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. **C** And al - so with you.



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C 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:



C 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.**

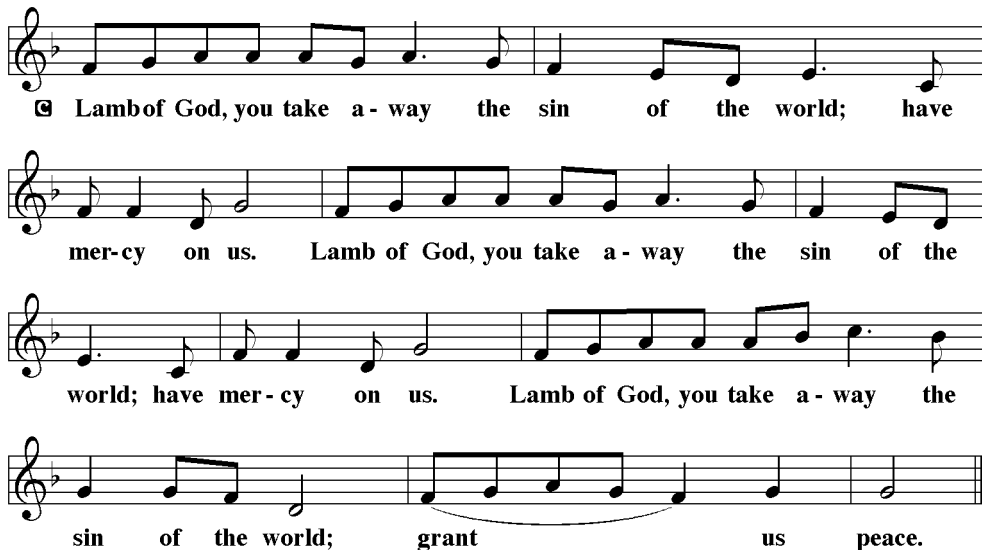
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

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: O Taste and See

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Psalms 34:8

ANTHEM: Here, O Lord

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God; here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load; and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but yours; nor do I need another's arm save yours to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, indeed, my strength is in your might, your might alone.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet passing points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Horatio Bonar, alt.

HYMN: O Christ the Same**ELW #760**

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing pow'r,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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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.



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our
 4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'ings which on
 5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your

life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing
 free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine
 hum - blest char - i - ty in your own mys -
 ev - 'ry hand we view chan - nels are for
 life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing

for the lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 of your good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 te - rious sen - tence, "You have done it all to me."
 gifts and of - f'ings due by sol - emn right to you;
 for the lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

and with that have free - ly giv - en bless - ings
 till our cold and self - ish na - tures, warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, that you
 right of which we may not rob you, debt we
 Give us faith to trust you bold - ly, hope, to

count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, say - ing by your
 may not choose but pay, lest that face of
 stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
love and pit - y turn from us an - oth - er day.
all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: HYFRYDOL

Setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister

Paulette Reddel, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Grace Women's Choir, choir

Gwen Gotsch, conductor

Mary Margaret Bartley, Julie Modrich, lectors

Chris Morgan, Grant Kuipers, crucifer/Bible bearer

Neal and Esther Armstrong, gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Mary Rasmusson, Scott Schwar, Susan Weber, ushers

Catherine Amato, Donna Serpico, altar guild

Susie Calhoun, Sabrina Maggio, greeters

Anne Claud, Al Swanson, livestream audio/video

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In thanksgiving for

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The 20th wedding anniversary of **David and Susan Franzone**

The 94th birthday of **Diane Amati** (11/24)

The 93rd birthday of **Olinda Fink** (11/24)

For those who mourn

Bill Brown

Those serving in the armed services

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

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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*)

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Those who need encouragement

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TODAY, NOVEMBER 19

Library Open (self service) **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**
Grace Gathers and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) **8:45 a.m.**
Bible Study (Conference Room)..... **9:00 a.m.**
Adult Education (Seminar Room)..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion..... **10:00 a.m.**
Journey Through the Church Year (Gym) **11:15 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.**
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room) **3:00 p.m.**
Bach Cantata Vespers **3:45 p.m.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

No Cornerstones Fellowship and Bible Study
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving Holiday – Building closed after worship
Thanksgiving Worship – Holy Communion..... **10:00 a.m.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Holiday – Building Closed

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