



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 10, 2024

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

Flowers are sponsored this morning by Katharine Roller to celebrate the anniversary of the baptism of Vero Roller.

As We Gather

It's the passage that has launched thousands of stewardship campaigns. The widow, in contrast to those who have and give more, gives everything. Two coppers coin clanking into the treasury. But questions lurk under the surface. Why does this woman have so little on which to live? Why is it the job of the poor people to keep the Temple going? Why is the whole system designed to keep the poor impoverished and the wealthy rich? Well, go back a bit. The widow's offering is not meant to illustrate the Kingdom; it's a real-time example of the faux-religious wealthy devouring the houses of widows. Yes, the woman is faithful and generous, and there is much to emulate in her. But why is so much being asked of her? As we emerge from an election into an uncertain - and for many, frightening - future, we do well to remember Jesus' teaching: Woe to those who continue to cause suffering for those at the margins. Changed circumstances do not change our baptismal vocation. We serve the neighbor in need in the name of the true temple, Jesus Christ, who demands nothing, and gives everything, to us.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Two Settings on FOREST GREEN

Charles Callahan and Kenneth Kosche

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

P Most merciful God,

C 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.

P 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.

C Amen.



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of orchard, flock, and field
 2 A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;
 3 In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to-day



to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield,
 to make our life an offering to God, that all may live.
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a long life's way.



so we to-day first-fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
 The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
 O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,



of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
 teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

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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



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



♩ 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.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8–16

Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L The Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: I will praise the Lord as long as I live.

- L Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!*
 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
 I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- G **Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,*
 for there is no | help in them.**
- L When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,*
 and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- G **Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,*
 whose hope is in the | Lord their God;**
- L who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;*
 who keeps his prom- | ise forever;
- G **who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,*
 and food to | those who hunger.**
- L The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind;*
 the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;
- G **the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares | for the stranger;*
 he sustains the orphan and widow,
 but frustrates the way | of the wicked.**
- L The Lord shall | reign forever,*
 your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24–28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: 1 Samuel 2:8

Carl F. Schalk

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir The Lord raises up the poor from the dust,
to make them inherit a seat of honor.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12:38–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

SERMON: What Mite We Do Now?

Pastor David R. Lyle
Mark 12:38–44

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

(green) **LBW #424**

Stanza 2 – lower/bass voices
Stanza 4 – higher/treble voices



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'rings 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'rings 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

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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

After new members have been received, we speak this word of welcome:

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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/ANTHEM: Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

arr. Alice Parker

Lord, thou hast searched me, and dost know
where'er I rest, where'er I go;
Thou knowest all that I have planned,
and all my ways are in thy hands.

My words from thee I cannot hide,
I feel thy pow'r on ev'ry side;
O wondrous knowledge, awful might,
unfathomed depth, unmeasured height!

Where can I go apart from thee,
or whither from thy presence flee?
In heav'n? it is thy dwelling fair;
in death's abode? lo, thou art there.

If I the wings of morning take,
and far away my dwelling make,
the hand that leadeth me is thine,
and my support thy pow'r divine.

If deepest darkness cover me,
the darkness hideth not from thee;
to thee both night and day are bright,
the darkness shineth as the light.

Based on Psalm 139

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 as 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

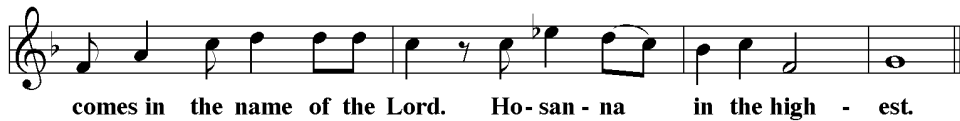
P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.

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:



- ☐ Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:
surrounded by evil and bordered by death
we appeal to you,
our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace
and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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,
the sacrifice of his life and death
and the victory of his resurrection,
we await with all the saints
his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine
and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son:
teach us your mercy and justice,
and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☩ Amen.

ℙ 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.**

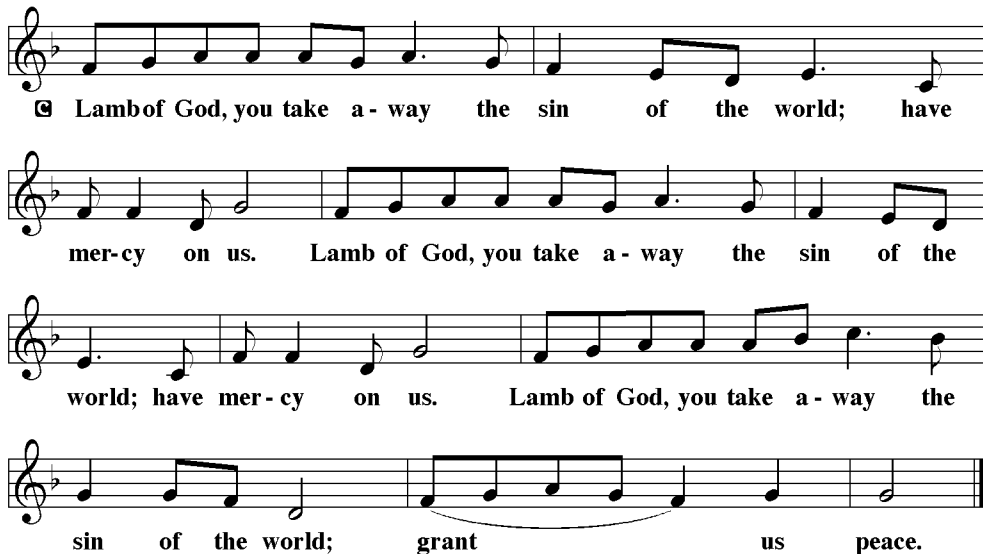
ℙ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☩ Thanks be to God.

ℙ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



♩ 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: Take My Life, that I May Be

Robert A. Hobby

Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Francis R. Havergal, 1836–79, *alt.*



HYMN: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

(green) **LBW #408**



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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

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

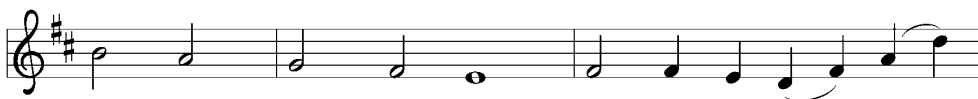
☞ **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Jesus Shall Reign

(green) **LBW #530**



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Jesus Shall Reign

Charles Callahan

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Deborah Maxwell, assisting minister

Lori Martin, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Women's Choir, choir

Gwen Gotsch, conductor

Donna Port, flutist

Eileen Maggio, Al Swanson, lectors

Annelise Walsh, Avery Tan, crucifer/Book bearer

Lois Harb, Susan Scherer, gift bearers

Martin Becker, Thomas Ewert, Paul Koester, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

Liz Hanson, Deborah Stonich, altar guild

Mary Jane Keitel, Bill Koehne, Allison Tan, greeters

Michael Starrick, Anne Claud, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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Ann Bresnen	Susan Franzone	Jim McClanahan	Frank Senn
Miriam Bretscher	Hena Gantepalli	Carol Prinz	Beth Smoots
MaryBeth Buschmann	Susan Hammon	Rob Ransom	Rhea Sprecher
Marilyn Busse	Kathy Hale	Karl Reko	Linda Webb
Dan Cattau	Patricia Herendeen	Ron Rott	
Yvonne Daniels	Phyllis Kersten	Marge Sanger	

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)
 David Benson (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Jack Berg (*friend of Art Gustafson*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
 Brad Bishop (*brother-in-law of Julie Modrich*)
 Cynthia Booth (*cousin of Ellen Pullin*)
 Ismail Abul Boshier (*father of Grace's first refugee family*)
 Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
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 Patrick Edwards (*friend of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim*)
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 Randy Ernst (*friend of Valerie Spiller*)
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 Therese Haderlein (*sister of Joe Modrich*)
 Elizabeth Hammon (*daughter of Susan Hammon*)
 Sara Heiserman (*relative of Carol Prinz*)
 Harry Heppner (*brother-in-law of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Ruth M. Hughes (*mother of Ruth Hughes-McElravey*)
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 Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
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 Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Claudia Kraft (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)

Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
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 Pam Mattox (*former member of Grace*)
Carol Metzler (*friend of Sandy Lentz*)
 Mary Moehlenkamp (*sister-in-law of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
 Tom Moeller (*brother of Sharon Kluge*)
 Monika Nash (*daughter of Verna Offermann*)
 Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)
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 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
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 John Riley (*father of Karin Danganan*)
 Mara Schmidt (*friend of Dan and Christa Krout*)
 John Slover (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
 Alex Stevic (*friend of Eliza Grahneke*)
 Chris and Sue Swanson (*cousins of Al Swanson*)
 Eleanor Teglia (*granddaughter Art Gustafson*)
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 Gaylord Thomas (*friend of Ruth and Karl Reko*)
 Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
 Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

Benevolence ministries

ELCA-International Women Leaders

In thanksgiving for

For all veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces

For our new members: **Art Gustafson, Dana Hall, Catherine Hegarty, Amy and Nathan Hill, Deanna, Brad, Carson and Juliet Krischke, Carolyn Lemley, Ellen Warger**

For those who mourn

Julie Hinz

Diane Bean (*friend of Julie Hinz*)

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*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Zachary Larsen (*grandson of Karen and Richard McMahon*)

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

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Dave Moeller

Christopher Davis

Tim Sandvoss

David Franzone

Pat Scala

Joan Koerber

Kathleen Wrobel

Karen McMahon

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 (eamstrong@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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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, NOVEMBER 10

Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m.
Library Open (self-service).....	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Book Study (Fellowship Hall)	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation PK-SK (Nursery).....	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation Gr 1-6 (3 rd Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation Gr 7-8 (School Library).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
New Members Welcome Reception (Atrium)	11:00 a.m.
High School Fellowship (Offsite)	11:30 a.m.
Health Cabinet (8 th Grade Classroom)	11:30 a.m.
Worship Committee (1902 Room).....	11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Finance Committee (Virtual).....	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Faith Forum (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room).....	7:00 p.m.
Property Committee (Conference Room).....	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Grief Share (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)	7:30 p.m.
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Religion in Literature (Offsite)	7:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

High School Youth Retreat (Offsite).....	9:00 a.m.
Visitation for Kent Folgers (Atrium).....	9:00 a.m.
Memorial Service for Kent Folgers (Sanctuary).....	10:00 a.m.
Folgers Luncheon (Fellowship Hall).....	11:00 a.m.
Heritage Choral Concert (Sanctuary)	7:30 p.m.
Concert Reception (Fellowship Hall)	8:30 p.m.

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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