



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.

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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 LBW and
blue 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 gracriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2025

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

Today's flowers are sponsored by Julie Krueger in loving memory of her husband Scott Krueger and by Gwen Gotsch in loving memory of her son Kris Grahnke.

We Gather

In the midst of terror and tribulation the people receive a promise: The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the Kingdom. It will be theirs, forever and ever. God fulfills this promise in the oddest of ways. The Most High comes down low. We see him today on the plain, standing on a level place. It seems that before Jesus will call us out of this world's woes, he first joins us here. And where do we find his blessings? With the poor, the hungry, the weeping, the hated. Woe to the rich and the full! In this world of gross inequality, Jesus brings the great leveling, proclaiming and enacting a Kingdom without hunger or want, here and now. Want to experience the grace of forever? Feed a neighbor. Comfort those who weep. Work for the poor, no matter where they're from or what their status. Isn't that what you hope they'd do for you? With saints below and saints above, we find ourselves on level ground at the foot of the cross.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Variations on SINE NOMINE

Richard Proulx

ENTRANCE HYMN: Holy God, We Praise Your Name

(green) **LBW #535**



- ☐ 1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
Choir 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
☐ 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
☐ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

APOSTOLIC GREETING

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

Treble/higher voices sing parts marked I. Bass/lower voices sing parts marked II.

All sing parts marked ☑.

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

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

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

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

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

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.



② This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ③ For the Lamb who was



slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



④ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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.

ANTHEM: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

John Henry Hopkins, Jr.

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green;
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one, too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear
And His love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus sake,
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
And there's not any reason, no, not the least,
Why I shouldn't be one too.

Text: Lesbia Scott

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever — forever and ever.”

℣ The Word of the Lord

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149

John Folkening

ANTIPHON: Sing to the Lord a new song.

- ℣ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord | a new song;*
sing his praise in the congregation | of the faithful.
- ☩ **Let Israel rejoice | in his maker;***
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their king.
- ℣ Let them praise his name | in the dance;*
let them sing praise to him with tim- | brel and harp.
- ☩ **For the Lord takes pleasure | in his people***
and adorns the | poor with victory.
- ℣ Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;*
let them be joyful | on their beds.
- ☩ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat***
and a two-edged sword | in their hand;
- ℣ to wreak vengeance | on the nations*
and punishment | on the peoples;
- ☩ **to bind their | kings in chains***
and their nobles with | links of iron;
- ℣ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;*
this is glory for all his faithful people. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:11–23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I 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 and face the procession for the Gospel Reading.

GOSPEL VERSE: Revelation 7:15

Robert A. Hobby

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God,
worshiping day and night within the temple;
and the one who sits upon the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.



We sit.

SERMON: Forever and Ever and Now

David R. Lyle

Luke 6:20–31

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Give Thanks for Saints

ELW #428



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962

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

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NICENE CREED

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

Ⓒ **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- A** Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

The last petition of the prayers is sung in a setting by Mark Mummert:

- L** Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.
- C** **REFRAIN** (*below*)



C All of us go down to the dust, yet e-ven at the grave we
make our song: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- P** We remember before you in thanksgiving all who have died in the past year:
John Albright, Cathy Barker, Mike Berg, Marlene Hallman, David Hansen, Jo Ann Hutchinson, Scott Kibler, Diane Moses, Pat Scala, Kay Smith, Richard Stasack, and all who have died in the faith of Christ.

The prayers conclude:

- L** You alone, O God, are immortal, the creator and maker of all that breathes;
And we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return.
For when we were created, you said, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."
- C** **REFRAIN** (*above*)

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Give Thanks for Saints

Robert Powell

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: O God Our Father, Source and Destination



1 O God our Fa - ther, source and des - ti - na - tion,
Choir 2 O Christ our Sav - ior, light of ev - 'ry na - tion,
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, fin - ish Your cre - a - tion,



Our ev - er - last - ing hope and con - stant stay,
We praise You for the saints who la - bored here
By grant - ing pow'r and wis - dom from a - bove



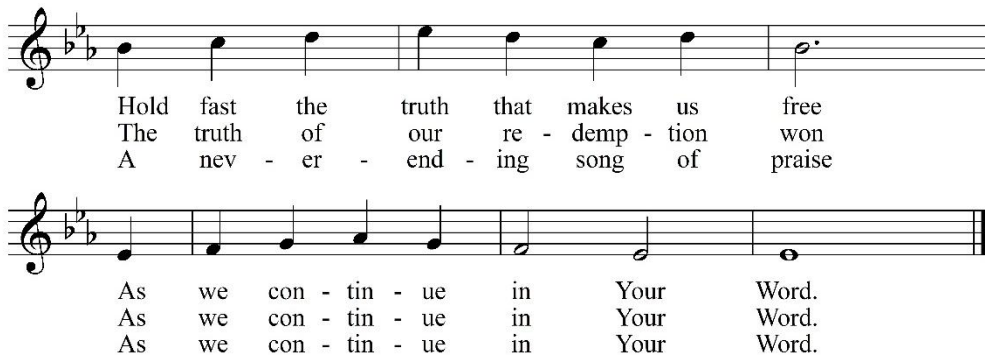
Your might - y arm has won for us sal - va - tion,
To build a house up - on Your sure foun - da - tion,
That we may glad - ly serve in our vo - ca - tion



Your gra - cious hand has led us on the way.
And bear Your light through ev - 'ry pass - ing year.
As true dis - ci - ples, quick-ened by Your love.



Pre - serve us - now and grant that we
Help us pro - claim, as they have done,
And give us thank - ful hearts to raise



Hold fast the truth that makes us free
 The truth of our re - demp - tion won praise
 A nev - er - end - ing song of praise
 As we con - tin - ue in Your Word.
 As we con - tin - ue in Your Word.
 As we con - tin - ue in Your Word.

Text: David Rogner, b. 1960
 Music: Carl Schalk, 1929-2021

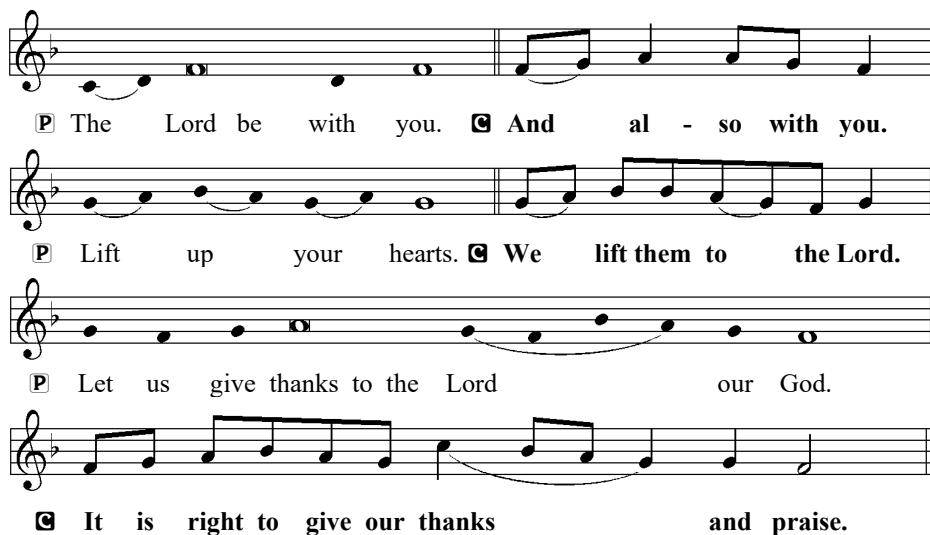
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C 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. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. 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.

- P 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.**

℟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☩ Thanks be to God.

℟ 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.*

Anointing with oil for healing *is offered during the distribution of communion.*

*After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle
for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or
anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Jesus in the Morning

Anonymous

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning, Jesus at the noontime,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus when the sun goes down!

Love him, love him, love him in the morning, love him at the noontime,
Love him, love him, love him when the sun goes down!

Serve him, serve him, serve him in the morning, serve him at the noontime,
Serve him, serve him, serve him when the sun goes down!

Praise him, praise him, praise him in the morning, praise him at the noontime,
Praise him, praise him, praise him when the sun goes down.

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; Inspired by Ephesians 1: 11-23.

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HYMN: Let All the Saints on Earth Rejoice

1 Let all the saints on earth re - joice
Choir 2 Their earth - ly tri - als now are past,
 3 All praise to God and to the Lamb,

In con - cert with the saints a - bove,
 And God has wiped a - way each tear.
 Cre - a - tor and Re - deem - er blest.

Who praise the Lamb in pur - er voice
 The Lamb has brought His sheep at last
 The Tri - unc God, O great I AM,

And glo - ry in His per - fect love.
 To ver - dant pas - ture, wa - ters clear.
 Whom saints in heav'n and earth con - fess.

Once mourn - ful, hun - gry, poor, de - spised,
 The glo - rious white - robed com - pa - ny
 When tears of grief must mute the song,

These Blest now dwell in heav - en's light.
 Of ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe, and tongue
 Re - mind us of the vic - t'ry won

In bliss they see— with ran - somed eyes—
 As - crite to Christ the vic - to - ry
 For those now part of heav - en's throng,



What once was dimmed by mor - tal sight.
And bid Sal - va - tion's song be sung.
Whose per - fect life has but be - gun.

Text: David Rogner, b. 1960
Music: Michael D. Costello, b. 1979

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Music © 2025 Michael D. Costello

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C **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.

C **Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: For All the Saints

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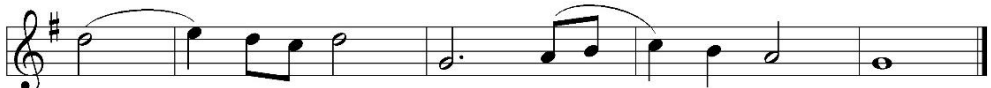
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 7 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 you, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
 saints . . . tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,



your name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 you, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 and win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 the King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest;

yet all are one with - in your great de - sign.
 and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
 Music: SINE NOMINE, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fantasy on SINE NOMINE

Michael Bedford

*Those who wish to gather in the Memorial Garden
 to remember those who have died are welcome to do so.*

Those not able to navigate the stairs into the Memorial Garden can worship from the atrium level.

✠ COMMEMORATION ✠

- ℘ When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.
For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

☩ **Amen.**

The Psalm is spoken responsively.

PSALM 121

- ℘ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- ☩ **My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ℘ He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- ☩ **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- ℘ the LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- ☩ **so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
- ℘ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- ☩ **The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

READINGS

A reading from John: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die." (*John 11:25–26*)

A reading from Hebrews: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (*Hebrews 12:1–2*)

PRAYERS

P O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially John, Cathy, Mike, Marlene, David, Jo Ann, Scott, Diane, Pat, Kay, Richard, and all those we name before you now.

Following a brief silence:

Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Lord Jesus, by your death you took away the sting of death. Strengthen us to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep in you and wake in your likeness; to you, the author and giver of life, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

P O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Elyssa Salinas Lazarski, assisting minister
Susie Calhoun, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
Grace School 1–2 Grades, choir
Johanna Johnson, conductor

David Simpson, Laney Juel, lectors
Angelina Guzman, Annelise Walsh, crucifer/Book bearer
Julie Lehmann, Donna Serpico, gift bearers
Bob Jandeska, Benz Kuipers, anointers

Richard Calhoun, Paul Koester, Mary Rasmusson, Susan Scherer, Susan Weber, ushers
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Neal Armstrong, Susan Bogner, Gerlinde VanDriesen, greeters
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In thanksgiving for

The 90th birthday of **Carol Prinz**

For those who mourn

Scott Kibler (*father of John, Dan and Olivia Kibler*)

Gloria Brooks (*mother and grandmother of Grace School alumni Mary, Nola and Sam Williams*)

Those serving in the armed services

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Josh Espinosa (*cousin of Jenny Luebbe*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

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

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

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

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Those who need encouragement

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, NOVEMBER 2

Library Open (self-service).....	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office).....	8:45 a.m.
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery).....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Grades 1-6 (3 rd Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center).....	9:00 a.m.
Adult Education (Fellowship Hall).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Advocacy Action Event (Fellowship Hall).....	11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Kontras Quartet Concert (Sanctuary).....	7:30 p.m.
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Breakfast Group (Offsite).....	10:15 a.m.
Property Committee (Conference Room).....	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room).....	6:15 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Grief Share (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center).....	6:30 p.m.
Scout Meeting (3 rd floor Commons).....	7:30 p.m.
Social Ministry (Conference room).....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Ladies Bunco Night (Fellowship Hall).....	6:15 p.m.
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