



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 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 graceriverforest.org.

The Holy Communion

Reformation Sunday
October 26, 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 in honor and celebration of Margaret Kruse on her 90th birthday.

We Gather

Despite our insistence on going our own way a thousand times, God persists. The truth is that we are not unlike those in Jerimiah's time and the folks that seem to have selective amnesia while in conversation with Jesus. That did not stop God then and does not now either. In our faithlessness, God remains faithful. Steadfast. This new covenant that God has given cannot be broken; it is written on our very flesh. Sealed by the broken body of God's own son, God has acted. Today we revel in the truth that God saves sinners singlehandedly. No strings attached. Pure gift from start to finish. That promise is for you right now. That's the truth. You have a place in the house of God forever. You are free. Free to risk, speak, share, serve, and love. All for the sake of others. We no longer live looking heavenward with calculated striving, but neighborward. With no strings attached.

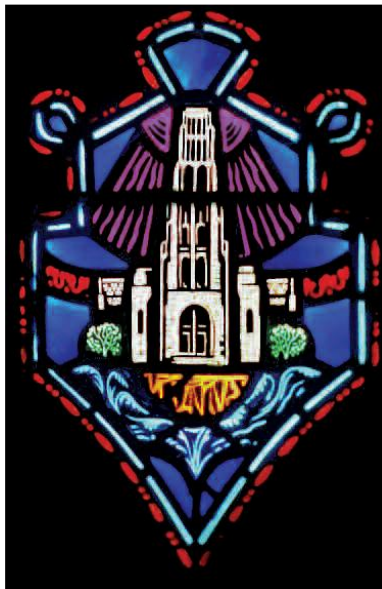


Photo by Jonathan Hillert

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Prelude (from *Three Pieces for Brass and Organ*)

Richard Hillert

ENTRANCE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(green) **LBW #228**

Setting by Paul D. Weber

Stanza three is sung by the choirs.

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;
 We would be lost, re - ject ed.
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;
 for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.
 whom God him - self e - lect ed.
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,



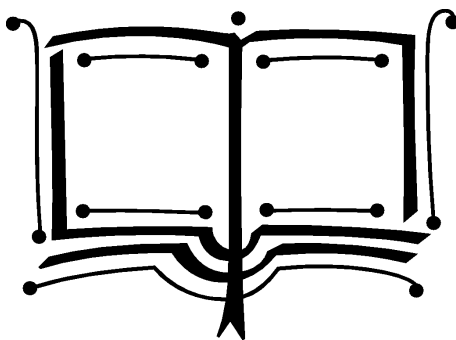
with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 Je - sus Christ, our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

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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.

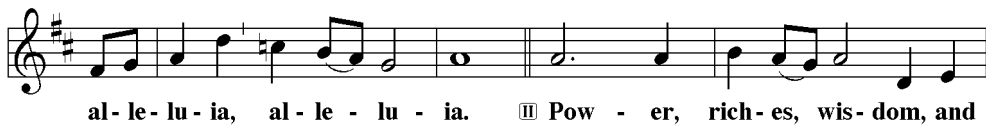
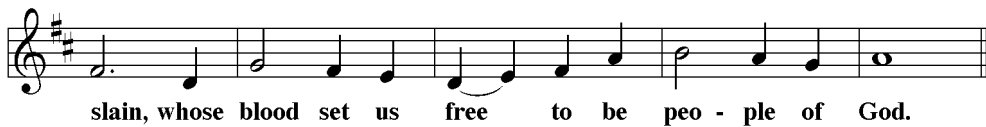
G And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Worthy Is Christ

Richard Hillert

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

All sing parts marked G.



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.

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② For the Lamb who was

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

☐ 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.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church.

Fill it with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it;

where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it;

where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it;

for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L The Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

The Antiphon is sung first by the choir, then by all each time thereafter.

☐ The LORD of hosts is with _____ us; the

God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

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- ☐ God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present | help in trouble.
- ☐ **Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,*
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**
- ☐ though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ☐ **ANTIPHON**
- ☐ There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ☐ **God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;***
God shall help it at the | break of day.
- ☐ The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;*
- God speaks, and the earth | melts away.
- ☐ **ANTIPHON**
- ☐ Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,*
what desolations God has brought | upon earth.
- ☐ **behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;***
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.
- ☐ "Be still, then, and know that | I am God;*"
 - I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."
- ☐ **ANTIPHON**

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L The Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

We stand and face the procession for the Gospel Reading.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 8:31–32

Michael D. Costello

Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 8:31–36

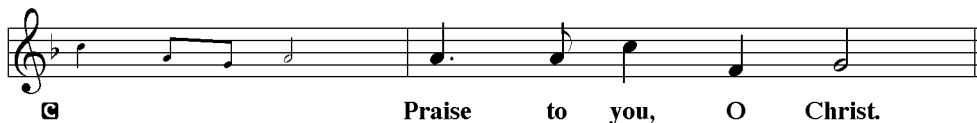
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



We face the procession as it returns to the chancel.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: No Strings Attached

Troy E. Medlin
Jeremiah 31:31–34; John 8:31–36

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Setting by David N. Johnson

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a melody line. The lyrics are:

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a melody line. The lyrics are:

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a melody line. The lyrics are:

from your Son and bring to nought all he has done.
church, that we may sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.
fi - nal strife and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543



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,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

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

C Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Michael D. Costello

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Cantate Domino

Richard Hillert

Cantate Domino canticum novum!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
Shout with joy to the Lord, you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Cantate Domino canticum novum!

Sing to the Lord with the harp
and the voice of song.
With the trumpet and sound of horn
oh, shout with joy before the Lord.

Psalm 98:1, 6–8

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.

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham and Sarah you promised to bless all nations.
You rescued Israel, your chosen people.

Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

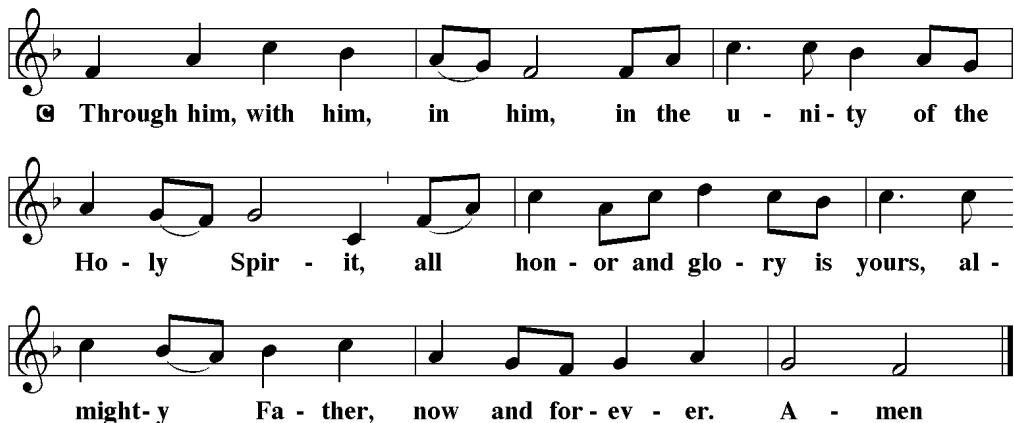
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection,
that we who receive the Lord's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

- P** Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions
of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



C Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

- P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

- C** **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.

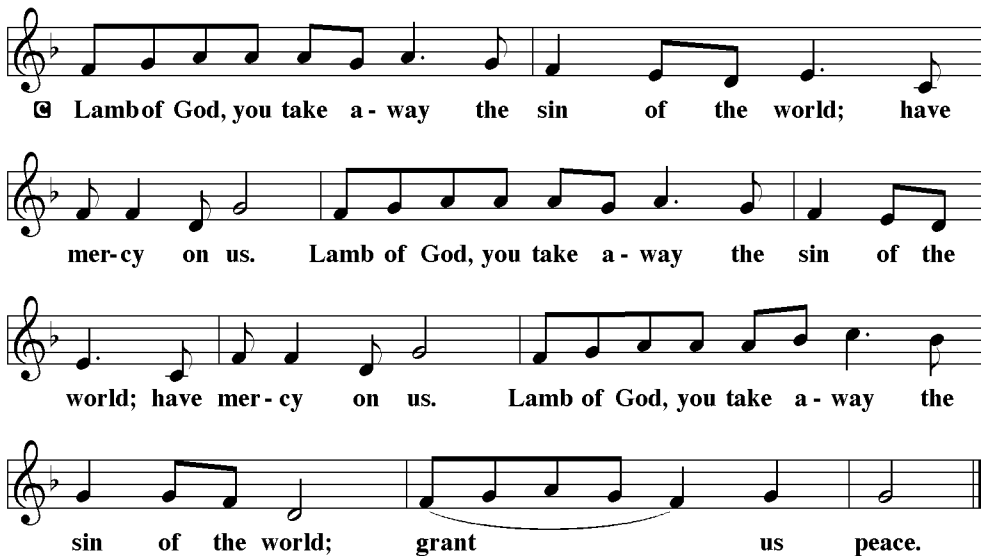
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

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: Festival Sanctus

John Leavitt

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts!

Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine Dei. Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

ANTHEM: Jesus, Author of Salvation

Robert A. Hobby

Jesus, Author of Salvation,
Love to all the world made known,
By your death and resurrection
Death was conquered, sin atoned.
At your cross I stand forgiven,
Justified by grace alone.

Humbly, then, I trust God's promise,
Through no merits of my own,
Raised to life the day the angel
Came to roll away the stone.
At your empty tomb I marvel,
Heir to heaven through faith alone.

At your table I am nourished,
At the font was made your own.
Through your church I grow and flourish
As the living seed is sown.
In your house I pray and worship,
Grounded in God's Word alone.

We join in singing the final stanza of the anthem:



All Oh, what heav'n-ly joy a-waits me, Joined with saints a-round Your throne!



Till that day, I glad-ly la-bor That Your love in me be shown.



In Your world I find my call-ing, Liv-ing here to Christ a-lone.

Text: David Rogner, b. 1960
Music: Robert A. Hobby, 2017

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1 O God of bless - ings, all praise to you! Your love sur -
 2 All praise for proph - ets, through grace in - spired to preach and
 3 All praise for mu - sic, deep gift pro - found, through hands and
 4 All praise for Je - sus, best gift di - vine through word and
 5 A bil - lion voic - es in one great song, now soft and



rounds us our whole life through. You are the
 wit - ness with hearts on fire. Your Spir - it
 voic - es in ho - ly sound; the psalms of
 wit - ness, in bread and wine; in - car - nate
 gen - tle, now deep and strong, in ev - 'ry



free - dom of those op - pressed; you are the com - fort of all dis -
 choos - es the weak and small to sing the new reign where might - y
 Da - vid, and Mar - y's praise, in word - less splen - dor and lyr - ic
 love song of bound - less grace, priest, teach - er, proph - et in time and
 cul - ture and style and key, from hill and val - ley, with sky and



tressed. Come now, O ho - ly and wel - come guest:
 fall; with them may we live your gos - pel call:
 phrase, with all cre - a - tion one song we raise:
 space, your stead - fast kind - ness with hu - man face:
 sea, with Christ we praise you e - ter - nal - ly:



So - li De - o glo - ri - a! So - li De - o glo - ri - a!

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: SOLI DEO GLORIA, Marty Haugen

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

G Amen.

A Let us pray.

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

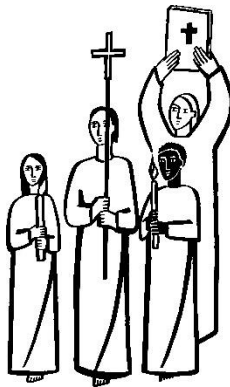
G Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

G Amen.



SENDING HYMN: The Church's One Foundation

Setting by Paul Manz



- ☐ 1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 [Choir] 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 ☐ 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 [Choir] 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 ☐ 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

DISMISSAL

- Ⓐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 ☐ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: The Church's One Foundation

Michael D. Costello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister

Laura Merwin, assisting minister

Dan Lehmann, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

5–8 Grade Choir, choir

Johanna Johnson, conductor

Sarah Heimberg, Gregory Strauss, trumpeters

Tim Coffman, Brad Payne, trombonists

Tina Laughlin, timpanist

Kathryn Jandeska, Al Swanson, lectors

Eleanor Fleisch, Ellie Schueler, crucifer/Book bearer

Carol Ewald, Beth Reynolds, gift bearers

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

Liz Hanson, Christina Starrick, altar guild

Susie Calhoun, Mary Jane Keitel, Ruth Reko, greeters

Kat Starrick, Liz Hanson, livestream audio/video

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Edward Maxwell Gnilka (*son born to John and Erica Gnilka, grandson of Jeff and Leanne Cribbs*)

For those who mourn

Frank Sarnelli (*great uncle of Grace School students Frances and Valentina*)

Claude Holzapfel (*uncle of Tom Thomas*)

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Those who need encouragement

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, OCTOBER 26

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.
High School Brunch (Youth Center)	11:15 a.m.
Lutheran World Relief Quilt Project (Seminar Room)	11:30 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Gym)	3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers	3:45 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

Stephen Ministry (Church Library)	7:00 p.m.
Dads of Grace (Offsite)	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

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, OCTOBER 30

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Fellowship Hall)	9:30 a.m.
Grief Share (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.

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