



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.

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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

Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 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 the family of Carol and Bill Ewald in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and the Board of Spiritual Life in celebration of the fifth anniversary of Pastor Medlin's installation as Associate Pastor at Grace.

We Gather

Everything about the scene seems wrong. Instead of a crown, thorns. In the place of a throne, the cross. This is your king? Yes. This is the king we need. In a world overwhelmed with cruel kings and petty potentates, Jesus reveals the truth about the Kingdom of God. Our world runs on domination and subjugation. But the Kingdom is fueled by the self-giving, sacrificial love of Jesus Christ. This world's rulers grab all they can for themselves. Jesus empties himself for you, for the sake of the promise of paradise. Jesus empties himself, and reveals the fullness of God's love.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Partita on DUKE STREET

Charles Callahan

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.

We face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE 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

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 of Christ

(organ) This is the feast of

vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le-lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Worth-y is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. 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.

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, for the Lamb who was slain has be -
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.

- ℣ God is our refuge and strength,*
a very present help in trouble.
- ☩ **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,*
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths | of the sea;**
- ℣ though its waters | rage and foam,*
and though the mountains tremble | at its tumult.
- ☩ **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ℣ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy habitation of | the Most High.
- ☩ **God is in the midst of her; she shall not be | overthrown;***
God shall help her at the | break of day.
- ℣ The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;*
God has spoken, and the earth shall | melt away.
- ☩ **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.
- ℣ Come now and look upon the works | of the Lord,*
what awesome things he has | done on earth.
- ☩ **It is he who makes war to cease in | all the world;***
**he 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."
- ☩ **The Lord of | hosts is with us;***
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:11–20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Mark 11:9

John Helgen

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)

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

Choir Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 23:33–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: The King of Life and Love

Pastor David R. Lyle
Luke 23:33–43



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Holy God, Holy and Glorious

ELW #637

Stanza 3 is sung by the choir in a setting by Jeremy Bankson.



1 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - ri - ous,
2 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow - er - ful,
Choir 3 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau - ti - ful,
4 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise,
5 Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one,



glo - ry most sub - lime, you come as one a - mong us
pow - er with - out peer, you bend to us in weak - ness;
beau - ty un - sur - passed, you are de - spised, re - ject - ed;
wis - dom of great price, you choose the way of fol - ly:
life that nev - er ends, you show your love by dy - ing,



in - to hu - man time, and we be - hold your glo - ry.
emp - tied, you draw near, and we be - hold your pow - er.
scorned, you hold us fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.
God the cru - ci - fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.
dy - ing for your friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: NELSON, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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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.**

We stand.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

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

The prayers conclude:

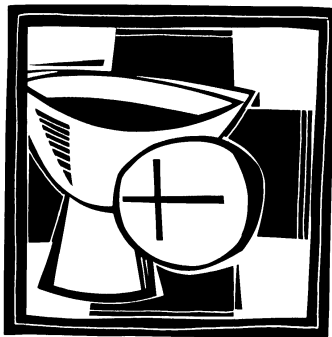
- P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

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

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.



OFFERING


OFFERTORY CANTICLE: I Will Sing the Story of Your Love

Paul D. Weber

The Refrain is introduced by a soloist and sung by all each time thereafter.



☞ I will sing the sto - ry of your love, O Lord, and pro -



claim your faith-ful-ness for - ev - er, and pro - claim your faith-ful-ness for - ev - er.

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Choir In this place shall be heard again the sounds of joy and gladness,
the voice of the bridegroom and the bride.

☞ REFRAIN

Choir In this place shall be heard again the voices of those who sing,
offering praise in the house of the LORD.
“Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good,
and the steadfast love of the LORD endures forever.”

☞ REFRAIN

Choir In those days, says the LORD I will raise up a righteous Branch from David’s line,
who will do what is just and right in the land.
(We stand to sing as the gifts are presented.)

☞ REFRAIN

Choir In those days and at that time Judah will triumph,
Jerusalem will live in safety.
And this shall be the name of the one who comes to reign:
“The LORD God is our righteousness.”

☞ REFRAIN

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**☞ 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.

☐ 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:

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.

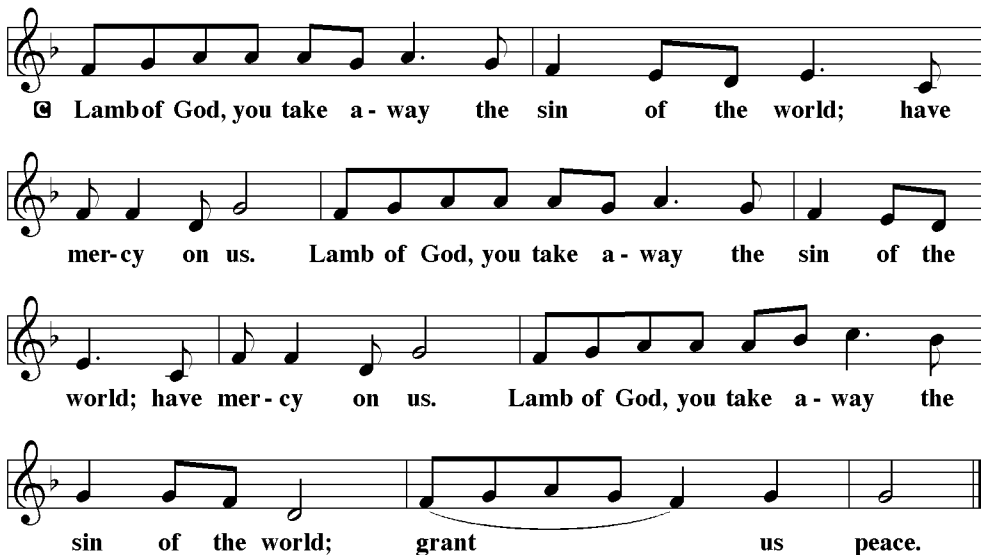
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

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: Image of the Unseen God

Richard Hillert

Image of the unseen God, firstborn of creation,
Matrix of the spinning world, heavenly foundation;
Christ, now reigning from the cross, wondrous incarnation.

Dawn of light before all time, union of all being,
Of the mystic church, the head, source and the beginning:
Christ now reigning from the cross, precious is your coming.

Firstborn of the blessed dead, dwelling of the Maker.
Concord of all things with God, wounded intercessor:
Christ now reigning, glorious in your splendor.

Susan Palo Cherwein, based on Colossians 1:15–20



HYMN: Beautiful Savior

(green) LBW #518

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

HYMN: Jesus, Remember Me

(blue) **WOV #740**

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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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: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

(green) LBW #27

Stanza 2 is sung by the choir in a harmonization by John Rutter.



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him,
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion thee,
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,

once for fa - vored sin - ners slain;
 robbed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 still his daz - zling bod - y bears,
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,

swell the tri - umph of his train:
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers,
 claim the king - dom as thine own.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Karl Osterland

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Christine Nelson, assisting minister

Paulette Reddel, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Paul Nelson, Mary Margaret Bartley, lectors

Avery Tan, Ellie Schueler, crucifer/Book bearer

Tony Stephens, Al Swanson, gift bearers

Thomas Ewert, Mike Gillespie, Mary Rasmusson, Alex Tan, ushers

Roberta Gillespie, Liz Hanson, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Ruth Reko, Allison Tan, greeters

Kat Starrick, Michael Starrick, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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Miriam Bretscher	Susan Hammon	Katarina Modrich	Bonnie Shaner
MaryBeth Buschmann	Bob Hale	Chris Morgan	Rhea Sprecher
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 Sarah Marohl (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner and Art Gustafson*)
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Valparaiso University

In thanksgiving for

The 96th birthday of Diane Amati

The 60th wedding anniversary of Bill and Carol Ewald

The 95th birthday of Olinda Fink

For those who mourn

Peter Armstrong

Marilyn Busse

Gail Goodwin (*friend of many at Grace*)

John Huber

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Josh Espinosa (*cousin of Jenny Luebbe*)

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

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*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

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Hannah Schubkegel (*Sweden*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

Those who are homebound

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Susan Messerli

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Those who need encouragement

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

Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong (earmstrong@graceriverforest.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 23

Library Open (self-service)..... 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Adult Education (Church Library)..... 9:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Break – No Sunday School/Confirmation
Worship – Holy Communion..... 10:00 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Gym)..... 3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers..... 3:45 p.m.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

School Chapel Service – Holy Communion..... 8:25 a.m.
Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)..... 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Building Open 8:30 a.m.-noon
No Cornerstones
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Building Closed after worship, Thanksgiving Holiday
Thanksgiving Worship – Holy Communion..... 10:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Building Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

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