



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

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 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 in celebration of the baptismal anniversary of Vero Roller by her mother, Katharine, and in celebration of the 98th birthday of Evelyn Grams by her daughter, Sandy.

We Gather

Every time we encounter an apocalyptic vision in the gospels, it feels more and more like something ripped from the headlines. War and famine, things falling apart. Is the end near? Well, not necessarily. Christians have been guessing wrong about the end times since Jesus ascended into heaven. Perhaps we're not supposed to be speculating about such things at all. Jesus' words make two things clear. First, there is much in this world that is broken, evil, bad. And second, that those things don't get the last word. Jesus, like everything else, will fall down. But he has been raised from the dead, lifting us into newness of life. While the world falls down, we build one another up. We work for the well-being of our neighbor. We support the work of God through the church. We might get tired of many things, but we do not weary of doing what is right. We are called to be faithful in all things, knowing that the Lord of all things isn't done with us yet.



✝ GATHERING ✝

PRELUDE: Holy Manna

arr. Judy Phillips

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: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW #657

1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the

might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:

show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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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.
- Q And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



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



B 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.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God,
before the earth was formed and even after it ceases to be, you are God.
Break into our short span of life
and let us see the signs of your final will and purpose,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1–2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven,
when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble;
the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts,
so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

²But for you who revere my name
the sun of righteousness shall rise,
with healing in its wings.

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**



ANTIPHON: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- L Sing to the Lord | a new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things.
- C **With his right hand and his | holy arm***
has he won for him- | self the victory.
- L The Lord has made | known his victory;*
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.
- C **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,***
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- L Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;*
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.
- C **Sing to the Lord | with the harp,***
with the harp and the | voice of song.
- L With trumpets and the sound | of the horn*
shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.
- C **Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,***
the lands and those who | dwell therein.
- L Let the rivers | clap their hands,*
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to | judge the earth.
- C **In righteousness shall he | judge the world***
and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: LUKE 21:28

John Helgen

Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

REFRAIN (*below*)



Choir Stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.

REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 21:5–19

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

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O God of Every Nation

ELW #713

Stanza 3 is sung by the choir in a setting by Anne Krentz Organ.



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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.**

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.

We sit.

OFFERING/PRESENTATION OF FAITH PROMISE CARDS

*After the ushers have received your offering,
please come forward to present your faith promise card.*

VOLUNTARY DURING THE OFFERING: Kingsfold

arr. Kevin McChesney

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Now the Silence

(green) **LBW #205**



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

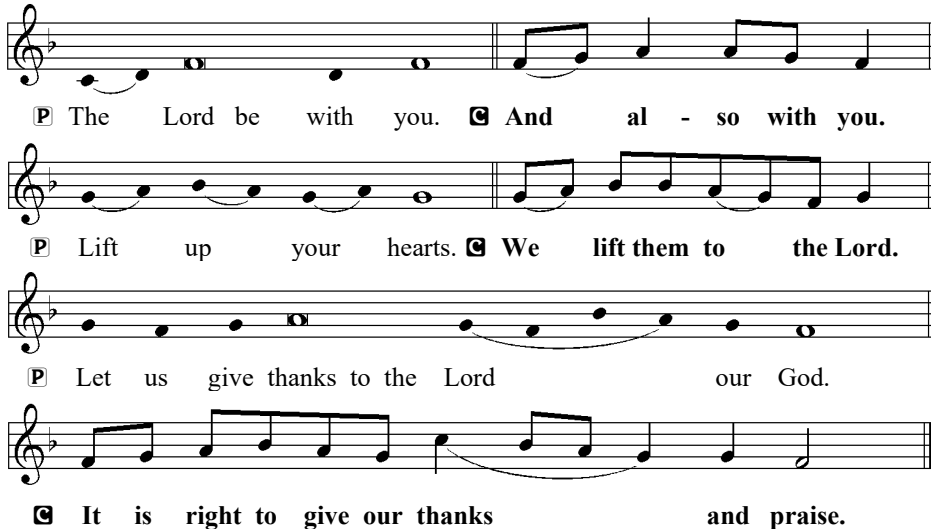
Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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



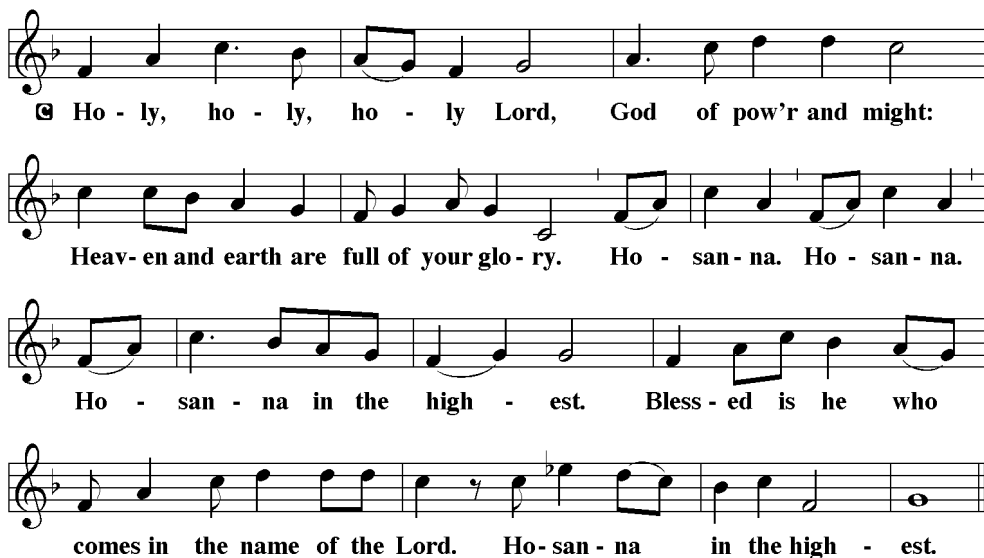
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.
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:



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.

℟ 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.**

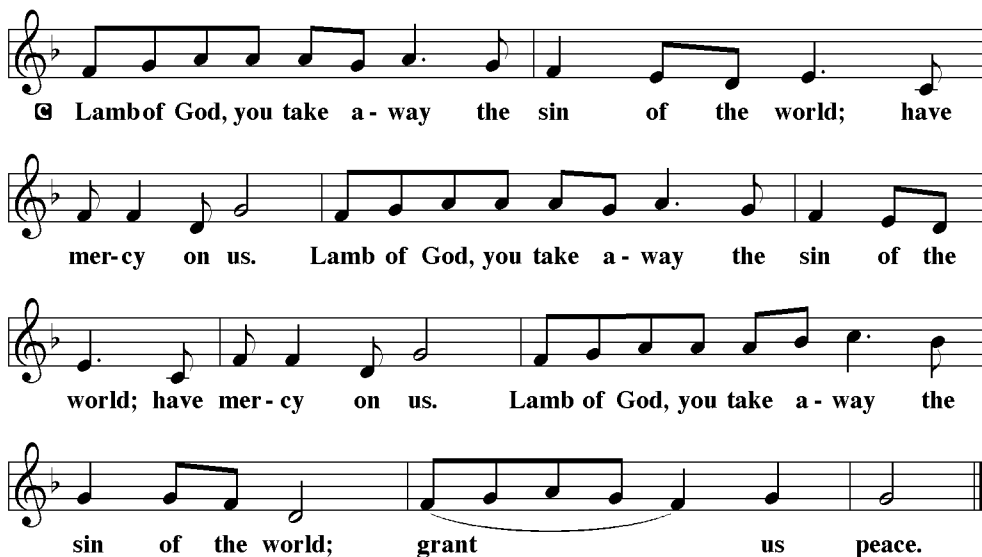
℟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☩ Thanks be to God.

℟ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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: Give Ear, O Lord, and Visit Me

James A. Rogner

Give ear, O Lord, and visit me amidst my spiritual poverty;
Preserve my life and hear the plea of one who trusts in you.

Be gracious unto me; renew the joy of faithful servants who
Lift up a troubled soul to you and ever "mercy" cry.

Upon your goodness I rely; show me your boundless love, that I
May know the pardoning reply with which you still my mind.

Help me the upright path to find; teach me your ways and gently bind
My fractured heart which was designed to rightly fear your name.

My fragile life you did reclaim from death, from depths of fear and shame,
And with great power to me you came to quicken and restore.

So will I praise you ever more for marvelous deeds of love, and for
The gentleness with which you pour on me your boundless grace.

Now towards your servant turn your face, and with a father's warm embrace
remind me of my certain place in your protecting arms.

Based on Psalm 86

HYMN: When Our World is Rent by Violence

ACS #1052



1 When our world is rent by vio - lence and our lives are
2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must
3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade
4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance
beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten
like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing
tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our
and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our
and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our
where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.
lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!
lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!
is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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.

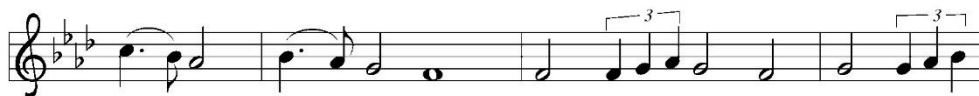
G Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

(green) **LBW #355**



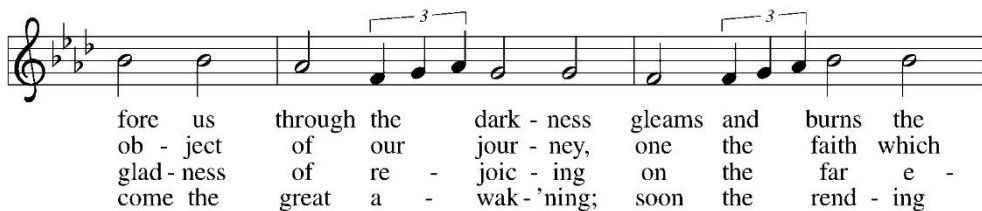
1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Fugue on EBENEZER

John A. Behnke

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Val Spiller, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Bells

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Bob Jandeska, Paula Stephens, gift bearers

Martin Becker, Richard Calhoun, Mike Gillespie, Dan Lehmann, Tom Swanson, ushers

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Garrett Klein (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)
Lenard Kling (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)
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Diane Raschal (*cousin of Jennifer Staples*)
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Michael Wilson (*friend of Larry and Carolyn Garber*)
Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

Benevolence ministries

New Moms

In thanksgiving for

The birth of **Evita Soler Chignoli** (*daughter of Anthony and Ana Chignoli*)

The 98th birthday of **Evelyn Grams**

For those who mourn

John Danford (*friend of many at Grace*)

Ray Danganan (*cousin of Edward Danganan*)

Judy Firehammer (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)

Dorothy Kubala (*mother of Cindy Rohlfing and Lori Marchi*)

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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 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*)

Those studying abroad

Hannah Schubkegel (*Sweden*)

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Bruce Cordes

Christopher Davis

David Franzone

Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber

Karen McMahon

Susan Messerli

Dave Moeller

Carol Prinz

Tim Sandvoss

Kathleen Wrobel

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 16

Library Open (self-service)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Adult Education (Church Library).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
All Church Harvest Brunch (Fellowship Hall).....	11:15 a.m.
Health Committee (Conference Room)	11:15 a.m.
GriefShare – Surviving the Holidays (Offsite).....	12:00 p.m.
Heritage Choral Concert (Sanctuary).....	4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Breakfast Group (Church Library)	10:15 a.m.
Knitting Group (Church Library)	1:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room)	7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Worship – Morning Prayer (Church Library).....	11:30 a.m.
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall)	12:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room).....	6:15 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library).....	9:30 a.m.
Grief Share (Conference Room)	10:00 a.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center)	6:30 p.m.
Scout Meeting (3 rd Floor Commons)	6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 p.m.
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Religion in Literature (Offsite).....	7:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Men of Grace (Youth Center).....	9:00 a.m.
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