



Welcome to

Grace Lutheran Church and School

Called by Christ, we grow in grace,
live with love, and go to serve.



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 25, 2026

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 grow in grace, live with love, and go to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the 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

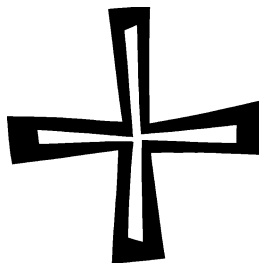
Today's flowers are sponsored by Mike and Roberta Gillespie in honor of the 91st birthday of Margaret Kruse.

As We Gather

To a people in exile, the prophet Jeremiah offers words of comfort and hope. Note that he does not promise to help them get back to how things used to be. No, through Jeremiah God promises to do something new. There is no golden age to which to return, only the bright future that flows from God's grace. This new covenant, written upon living hearts, is enacted by Jesus. In his faithfulness, Jesus goes all the way for us. In him are we justified, made new and right for the sake of God's Kingdom. Will we follow him? The law, if we are willing to hear its voice, speaks to our reality. To the brokenness and sin we would love to pretend isn't there. In Christ, we can accept the truth about ourselves and live instead within the great truth of God's love.

Grace School in Worship

This morning's musicians include the 5th - 8th Grade Choir from Grace Lutheran School. Singing sacred music is an important part of the curriculum at Grace School. It is a way for students to learn sacred texts and also to express their love of God and gratitude for God's blessings. "God Is Ever Sun and Shield," one of the pieces they will sing this morning, is by J. S. Bach — a "hands-on" encounter with the musical heritage of the Lutheran church. Grace Lutheran School serves a diverse student body, educating children in preschool through eighth grade in a caring, nurturing environment. As you see these students leave the building this morning, please take a moment to thank them for singing.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Partita on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Michael D. Costello

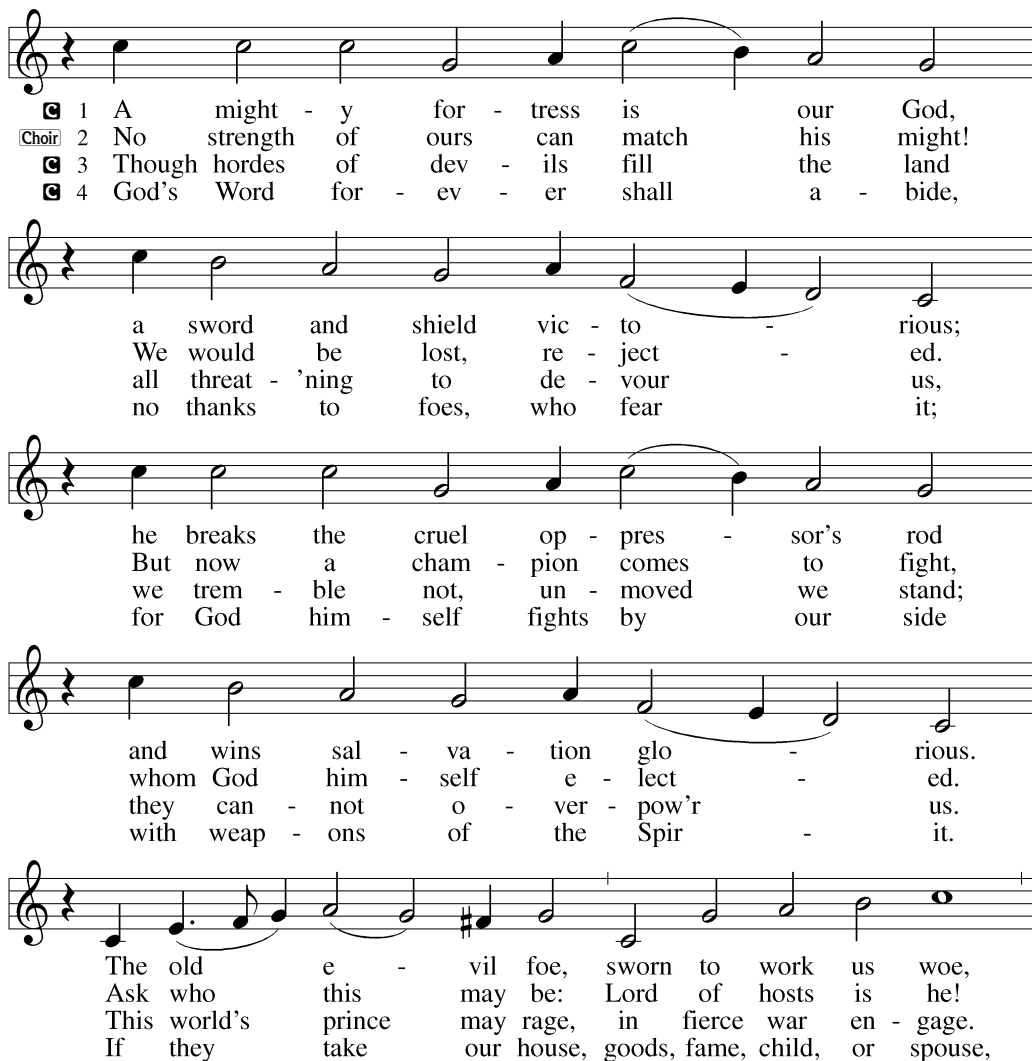
We stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

(green) **LBW #228**

Concertato by Paul Bunjes

Stanza two is sung by the choir.



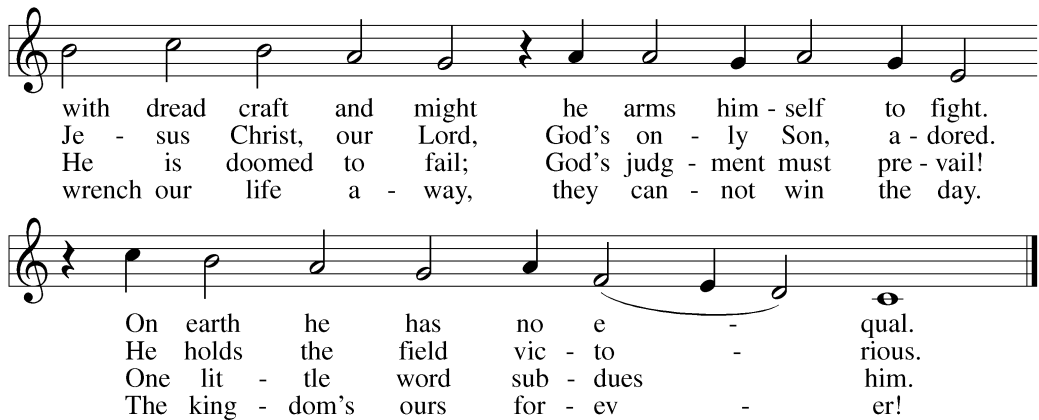
1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 [Choir] 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

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,

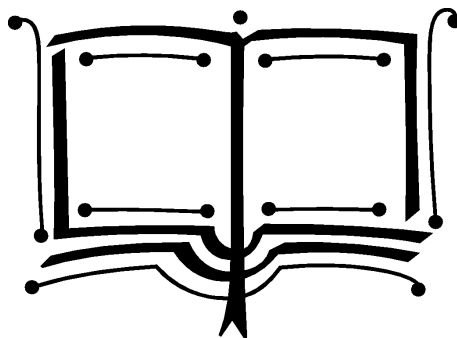


with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.
 Je - sus Christ, our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
 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

Higher (treble) voices sing parts marked I. Lower (bass) voices sing parts marked II.

All sing parts marked G.

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

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.

ANTHEM: Behold, God is My Salvation

Jody W. Lindh

Behold, God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid;

for the Lord God is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation!

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the nations,

proclaim that his name is exalted!

Sing praises to the Lord,

for he has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth!

Isaiah 12:2, 4b-5



✝ 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.

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ANTHEM: God is Our Refuge and Strength

Matthew Machemer

God is our refuge and strength,
a present help in trouble.

We will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved to the sea,
there is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
God is in her midst; she shall not be moved.

Be still and know I am God.
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth!

Come behold the works of the Lord,
the desolation he brings on the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress!

Psalms 46

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

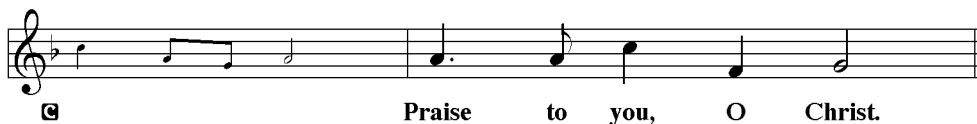
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



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: Freed for Something New

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 8:31–36; Jeremiah 31:31–34

HYMN: If God Himself Be for Me

(green) **LBW #454**
Concertato by Michael D. Costello

Stanza three is sung by the choir.



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;
2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
Choir 3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;
4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;
for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found-ed, fly.
a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.
were he not my de - fend - er be - fore God's awe - some throne,
and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.
If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.
I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in his sight,
The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;
what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?
The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.
but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.
the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, adapt.
Music: IST GOTT FÜR MICH, Augsburg, 1609

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.

C **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 Johann Gottfried Walther

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Romans 12:1–2

Ralph M. Johnson

I appeal to you, therefore, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.
Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewal of your minds,
that you may prove what is the will of God.

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:



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, 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.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

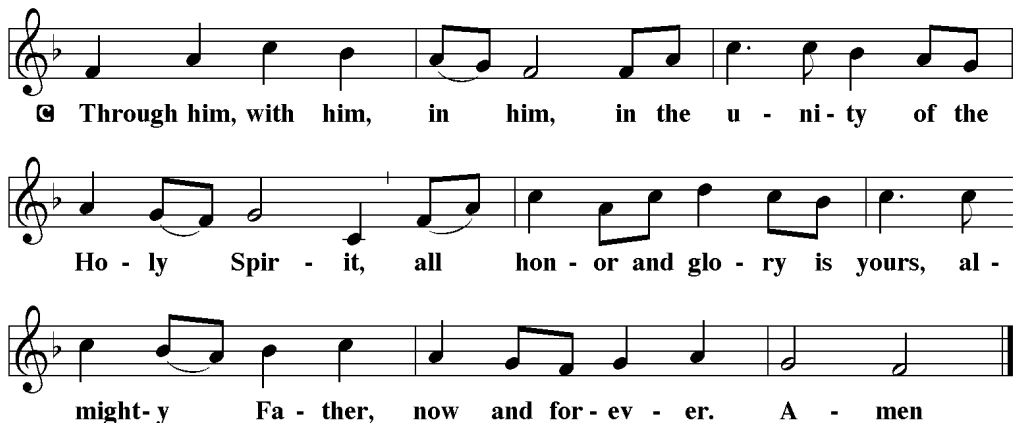
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.

☑ **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.

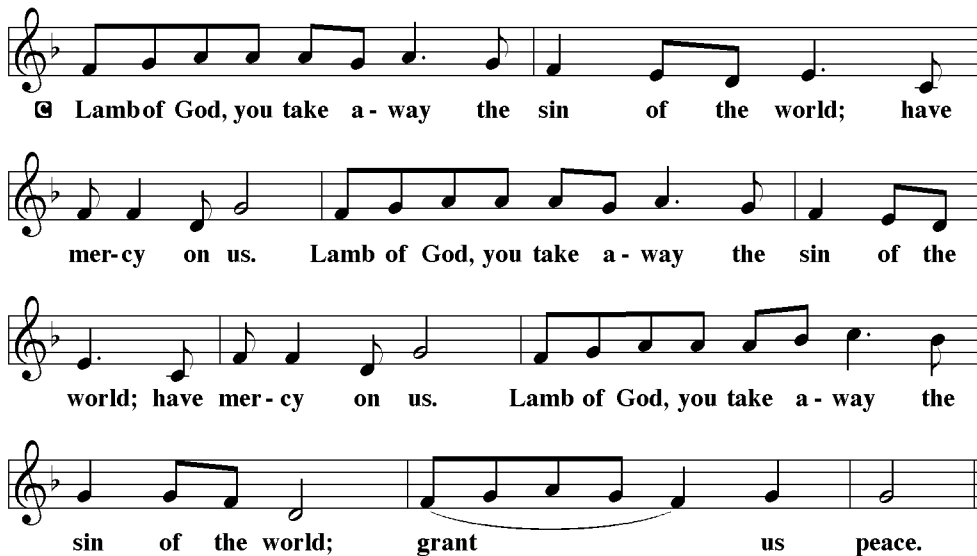
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

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: God is Ever Sun and Shield (from BWV 79)

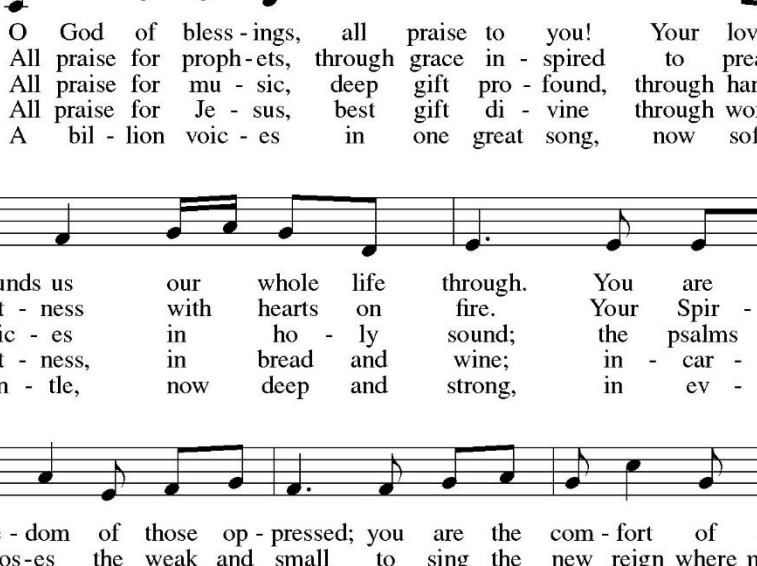
Johann Sebastian Bach

God is ever Sun and Shield,
Therefore we our praises bringing,
Join with grateful hearts in singing
Thanks for all his tender care.

He will still protect and bless us,
Though our foes may sore distress us,
Sharpened arrows they may wield,
God is still our Sun and Shield.

Based on Ps. 84:11

HYMN: Soli Deo Gloria

ELW #878

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, 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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ANTHEM: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

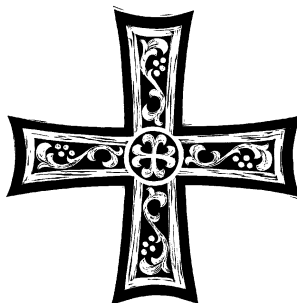
Setting: Benedictus Ducis
 c. 1492–1544

Dear Christians, one and all rejoice, with exultation springing,
 And with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
 Proclaim the wonders God has done, how his right arm the victory won.
 What price our ransom cost him!

The Lord had seen my wretched state before the world's foundation,
 And, mindful of his mercies great, He planned for my salvation.
 He turned to me a father's heart, He did not choose the easy part,
 But gave his dearest treasure.

Martin Luther, 1483–1546

tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.



HYMN: Listen, God is Calling

(blue) **WOV #712**

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,



ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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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.

A 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.

A Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

🔊 Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Founded on Faith

(blue) **WOV #782**

Tune and Concertato by Paul D. Weber

All 1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 Treble Voices 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 Choir 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 All 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 Lower Voices 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em-pow'ed to serve,
 All 6 Praise to the Fa - ther for our u - ni - ty!

pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow'ed to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.
 Praise to the Son, whose blood has set us free!

The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!
 Praise to the Spir - it! Bles - ed Trin - i - ty!

Al - le - lu - ia!

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A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Helmut Walcha

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The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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5-8 Grade Choir, choir

Johanna Johnson, conductor

Christine Janzow Phillips, oboist

Christian Anderson, Gregory Strauss, trumpeters

Tim Coffman, Brad Payne, trombonists

Jon Johnson, timpanist

Sandy Lentz, Ruth Nelson, lectors

Olivia Hartung, Sarah Jones, crucifer/book bearer

Kathryn Jandeska, Al Swanson, gift bearers

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In thanksgiving for

The 91st birthday of **Margaret Kruse**

For those who mourn

Marilynn Paulson (*mother of Mary Paulson*)

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Josh Espinosa (*cousin of Jenny Luebbe*)

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, OCTOBER 25

Library Open (self-service)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday School, Grades PK-6 (3 rd Floor Commons)	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center)	9:00 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room)	9:00 a.m.
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office)	9:00 a.m.
Parent Hangout (1-2 Classroom)	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Mentor Sunday (Youth Center)	11:15 a.m.
Youth Gathering Info Meeting (Conference Room)	11:15 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room)	3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers	3:45 p.m.
Cantata Reception (Fellowship Hall)	5:15 p.m.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

Tai Chi Class (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Stephen Ministry (Church Library)	5:00 p.m.
Dads of Grace (Offsite)	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

GriefShare (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

Tai Chi Class (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
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