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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 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 Neal, Esther and Sammy Armstrong in loving memory of their dear son and brother, Peter David Armstrong, on the anniversary of his death.

As We Gather
In Matthew 25, Jesus presents his closing argument. It is Tuesday in Holy Week. The storm is about to break upon him. In the seeming calm before the wave crashes, he speaks in parables of judgment. Today's is a wedding scene. The bridesmaids wait but the groom is delayed. Five of them were prepared for such a turn of events, and five were not. In the end, the five wise ones enjoy the celebration, while the five foolish ones are left on the wrong side of a locked door. Make no mistake: Jesus presents his return as a moment of ultimate finality. Who would want to miss out? But he is also the God who delights in bursting through locked doors. Keep awake! But be not afraid. What you are waiting for is a party, the celebration of justice and righteousness whose waters are gathering speed even as we wait.

Grace Lutheran School in Worship
Students from the first and second grade at Grace Lutheran School are singing in this morning's worship service. Music is an important part of the curriculum at Grace. Students learn about God's care for them through the words they sing, and they express their love and joy through music and song. Grace serves a diverse student body, educating and caring for children in preschool through eighth grade.



✢ GATHERING ✢

PRELUDE: Three Settings: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying — Paul Manz

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

℗ In the name of the Father, and of the ✢ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℃ **Amen.**

℗ 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.

℃ **Amen.**

℗ 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

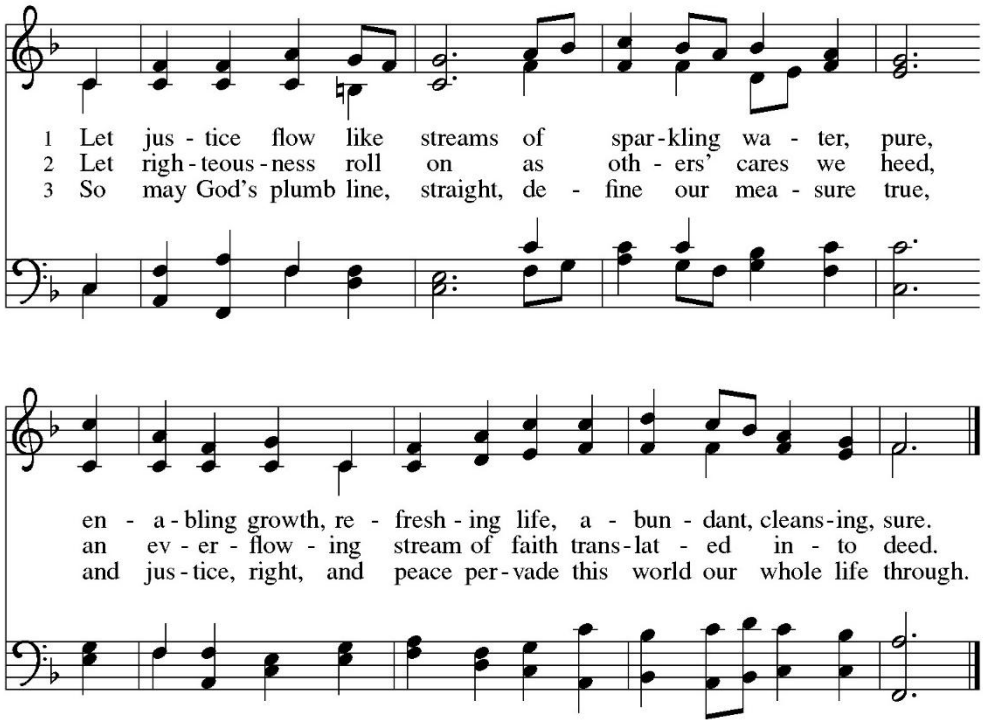
℗ Most merciful God,

℃ **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.**

℗ 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.

℃ **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: Let Justice Flow like Streams *(blue)* **WOV #763**
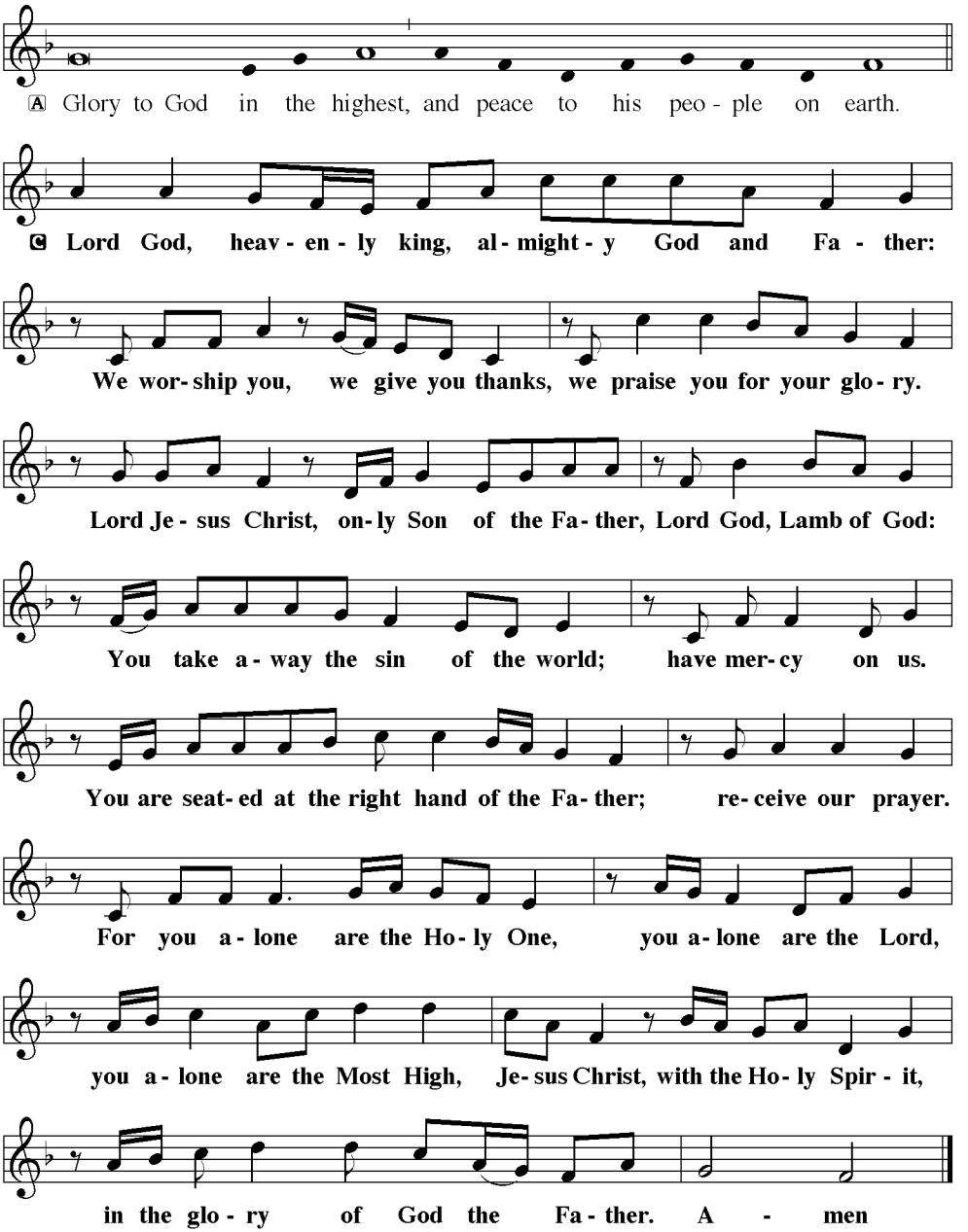


Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926
Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

℗ 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: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

℗ The Lord be with you.

℄ **And also with you.**

℗ Let us pray.
O God of justice and love,
you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.
Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

℄ **Amen.**

We sit.

ANTHEM: Chatter With the Angels — African American Folk Song
arr. Betty Bertaux

Chatter with the angels soon in the morning,
Chatter with the angels in that land!
Chatter with the angels soon in the morning,
Chatter with the angels, join that band!
I want to join that band and chatter with the angels all night long.

There was one, there were two, there were three little angels
There were four, there were five, there were six little angles,
There were seven, there were eight, there were nine little angels,
Ten little angels in the band.



✢ WORD ✢

FIRST READING: Amos 5:18–24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light;
[19]as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
[20]Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
[21]I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
[22]Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
[23]Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
[24]But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70

ANTIPHON: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. Michael D. Costello

L Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;*
O Lord, make | haste to help me.

C **Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth- | er dismayed;***
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.

L Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over | me turn back,*
because they | are ashamed.

C **Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;***
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"

L But as for me, I am | poor and needy;*
come to me speedi- | ly, O God.

C **You are my helper and | my deliverer;***
O Lord, | do not tarry.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14]For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15]For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16]For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17]Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18]Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

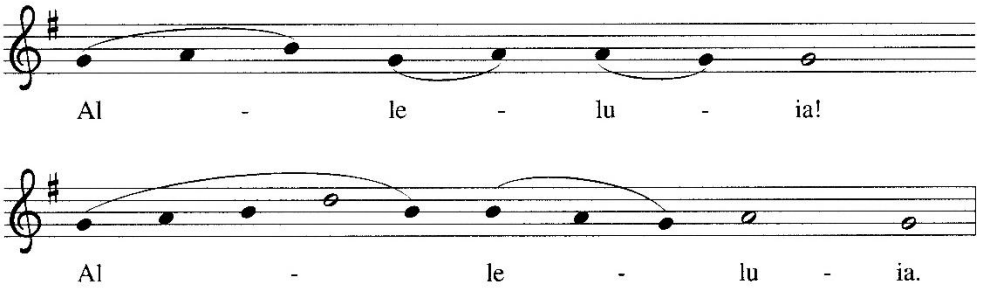
We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 24:42, 44 Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** *(below)*



Choir Keep awake and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1–13

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

℟ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. [8]The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10]And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. [11]Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'[12]But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13]Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

℗ The Gospel of the Lord.

℟ **Praise to you, O Christ.**
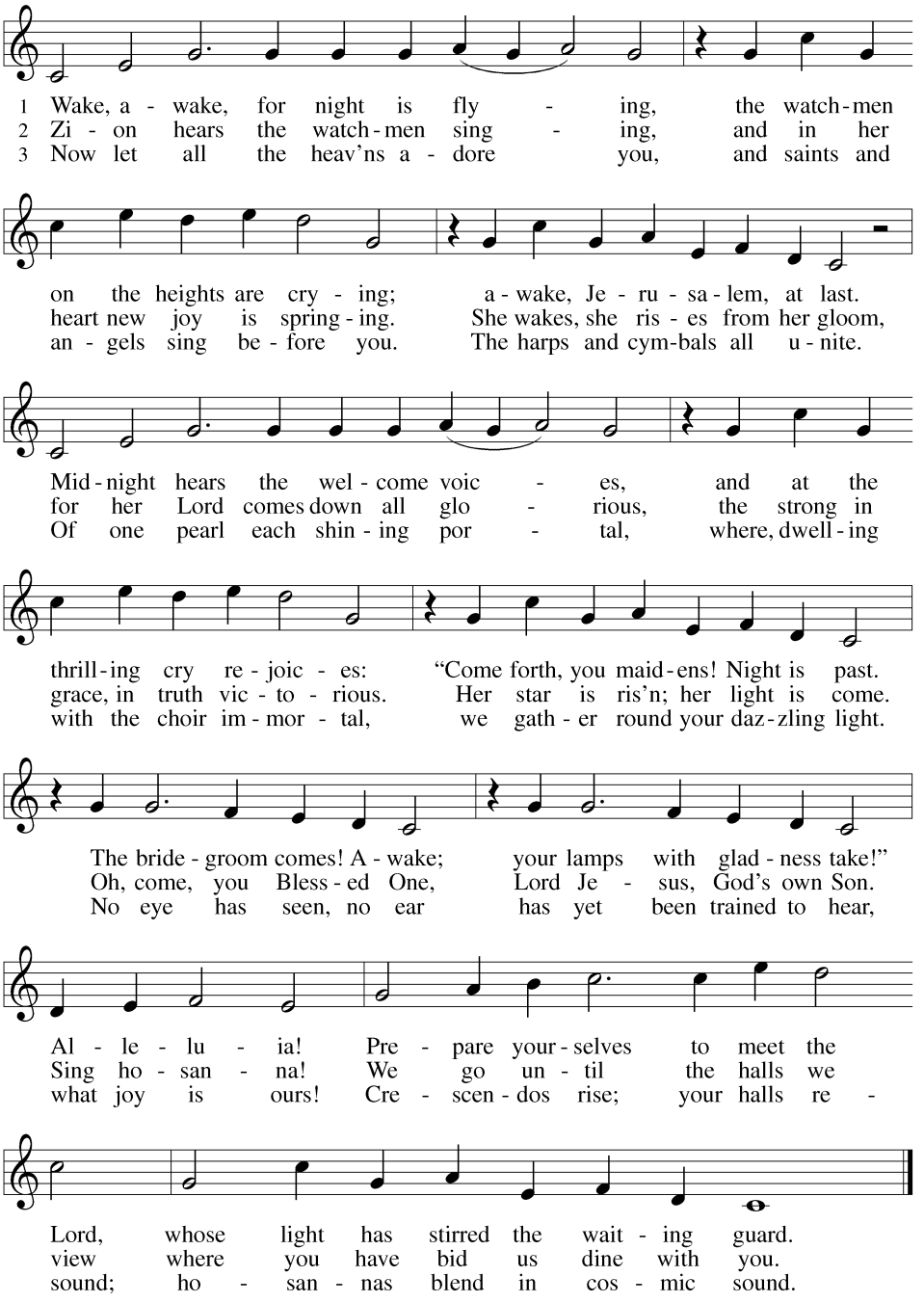
We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Don't Be Late! Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 25:1–13



HYMN: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying *(green)* **LBW #31**



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

APOSTLES' CREED

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

℃ **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:

Ⓐ Lord, in your mercy,

℃ **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

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

℃ **Amen.**

✢ MEAL ✢

PEACE OF CHRIST

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℣ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/ANTHEM: Thanks Be to God — Michael Bedford

Thanks be to God for all good gifts.
Thanks be to God for creation.

Thank you for homes, thank you for food,
Thank you for loved ones who care.
Thank you for church, thank you for school,
Thank you for love that we share.

Help us to love, help us to give,
Help us to sing your praise.
Help us to work, help us to live,
Serving you all our days.

Michael Bedford

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Revelation 19: 6–7, 9 — Donald Busarow

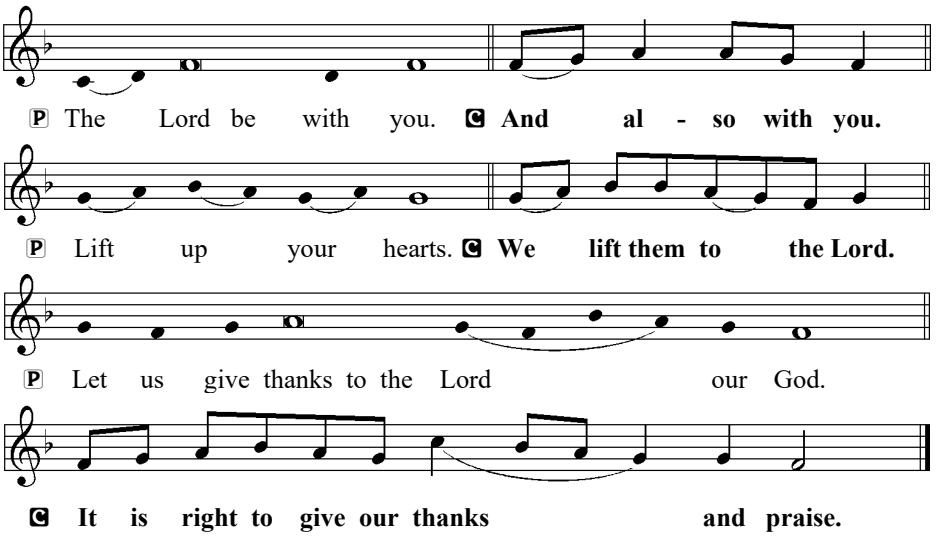
Alleluia! The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready.
Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

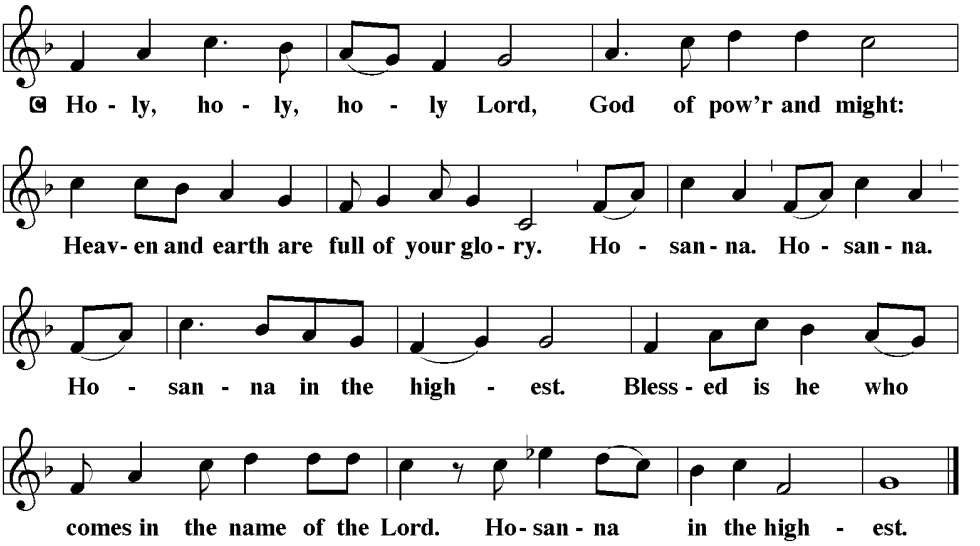
℗ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

℣ **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 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:



℗ Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

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.

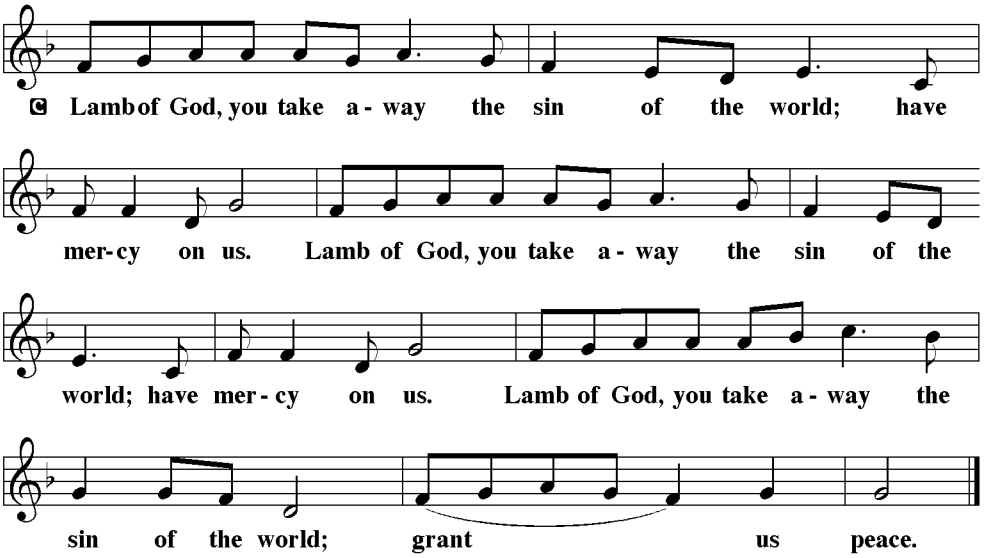
℗ The gifts of God for the people of God.

℣ **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
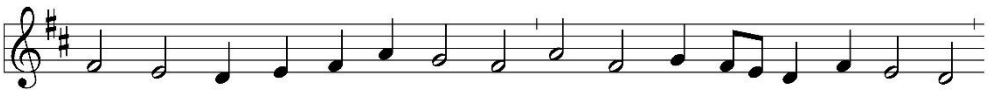
MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Keep Your Lamps! Spiritual
arr. Andre Thomas
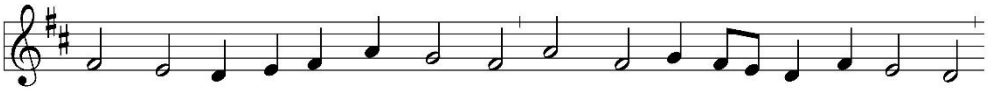
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary, 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
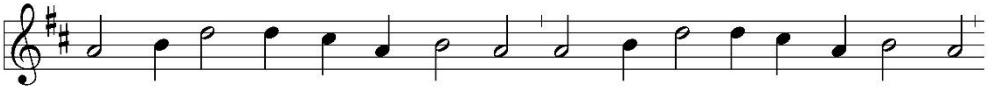


HYMN: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness *(green)* **LBW #224**
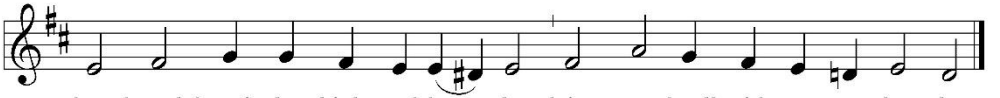


1 Soul, a - dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad-ness,
2 Has-ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and glad - ly greet him.
3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon - der o - ver this sur-pass-ing won-der
4 Je - sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru - est friend, and dear-est trea-sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der.
There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock-ing,
that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less;
peace be-yond all un - der-stand-ing, joy in - to all life ex-pand-ing:



Bless the one whose grace un-bound-ed this a - maz-ing ban-quet found-ed;
o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal:
with the choic-est wine of heav-en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en.
hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car-nate, I a-dore you;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low-ly.
"Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for-ev - er."
Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal-va-tion.
wor - thi - ly let me re-ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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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.

C **Amen.**

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

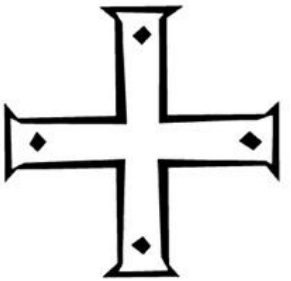
C **Amen.**

✢ SENDING ✢
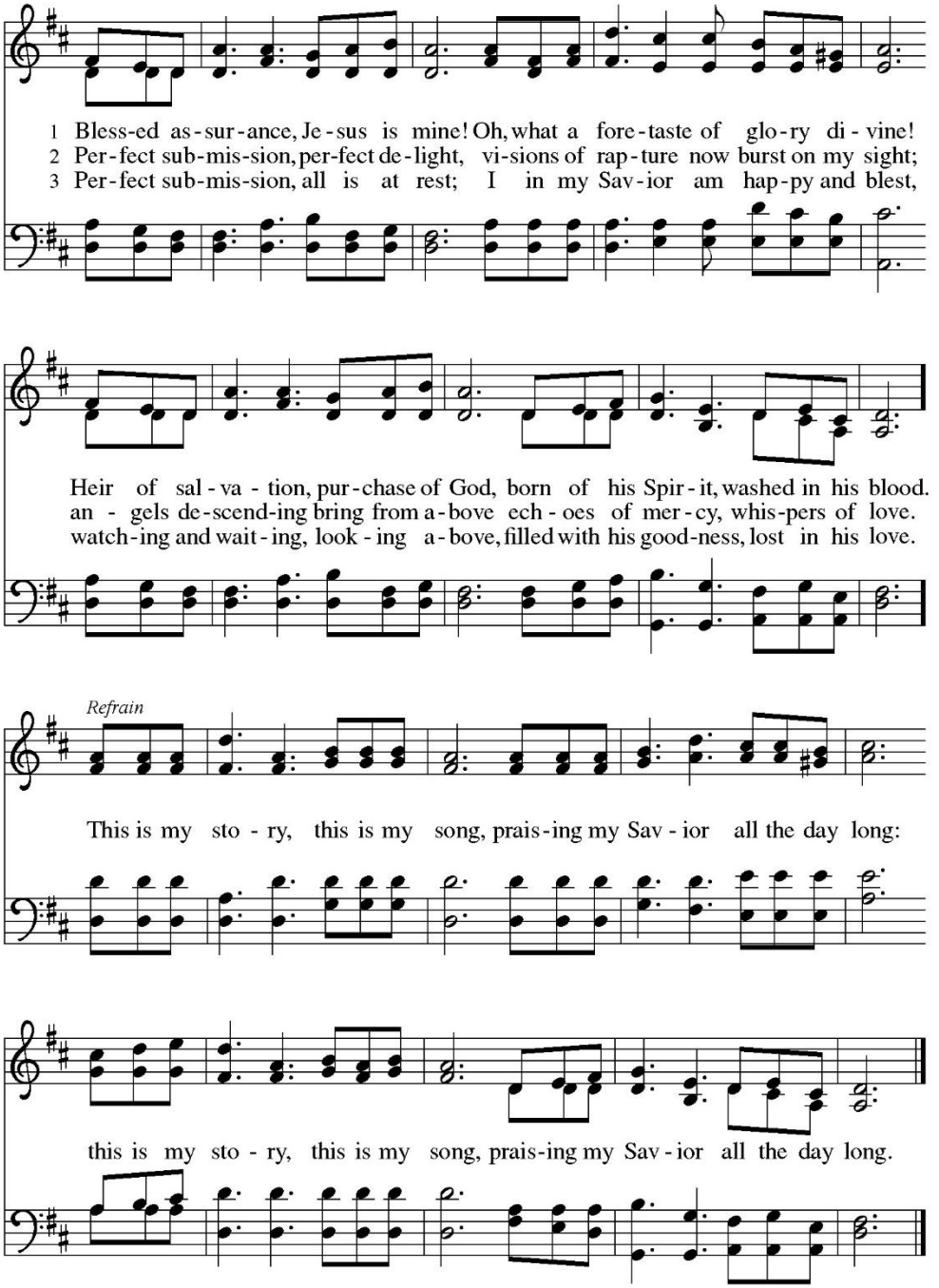
BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Blessed Assurance *(blue)* **WOV #699**



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying — Hugo Distler

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister
The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister
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Grace Parish Choir, choir
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
1–2 Grade Choir, choir
Johanna Johnson, director

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Adam Hinriksson, Collin Kuipers, crucifer/book bearer
Carol Ewald, Tom Thomas, Jr., gift bearers
Mary Rasmusson, John Sanger, Susan Scherer,
Alex Tan, Susan Weber, ushers
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In thanksgiving for

The 91st birthday of **Carol Prinz**

For those who mourn

Martin Gaspar *(cousin of Susan Hickey)*
Erma Jean Haas *(grandmother of Hannah Langhoff)*
Jane Varner *(aunt of Jenny Luebbe)*
Darlene Willenborg *(the mother of Linda Wolf)*

Those serving in the armed services

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Matthew Garmatz *(grandson of Margaret Garmatz)*
Zachery Grosz *(great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner)*
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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Those who are homebound

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, NOVEMBER 8
Library Open (self-service) ..... **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
(No Sunday School or Confirmation Class)
Adult Education (Seminar Room) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
New Member Class (Senior Pastor Office) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion ..... **10:00 a.m.**
All Church Harvest Brunch (Fellowship Hall) ..... **11:15 a.m.**
Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Seminar Room) ..... **11:15 a.m.**
Worship Committee (1902 Room) ..... **11:30 a.m.**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
Tai Chi Class (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Finance Committee (Virtual) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Faith Forum (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Elementary Education Committee (Conference Room) ..... **7:00 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
School Chapel Service ..... **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, NOVEMBER 12
GriefShare (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Yoga (3rd Floor Commons) ..... **6:00 p.m.**
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13
Finding Hope (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Quilting Group (Quilting Room) ..... **9:30 a.m.**
Viking Pub Crawl (Offsite) ..... **6:00 p.m.**

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