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-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 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 Katharine Roller in celebration of Vero Roller's baptismal anniversary.

As We Gather
This Sunday we encounter the second of the three great parables of judgement. The man at the center of this story seems almost cartoonish. He gives slaves who have never owned anything, but have been literally owned by a corrupt system, 20 years' worth of wages or more supposedly based on their ability (to do what?) and says "good luck!" The first two slaves are rewarded for their investment savvy, and the third, who buried his talent, is cast away into outer darkness. Escalation abounds. What if Jesus is foreshadowing his own death? What if he is the talent of priceless worth buried in the earth for three days, only to be raised again by a God who brings life to those cast aside and buried by the ways of this world? Here Jesus is showing the foolishness of a system that rewards people only for their ability to produce and turn a profit and expand their bottom line. We are placed in the risen life of Christ. Now we invest in love, justice, mercy, and our neighbors, reaping rewards that money could never buy.



✢ GATHERING ✢

PRELUDE: Quartet #15 in D minor, KV 421 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Minuet and Trio

*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
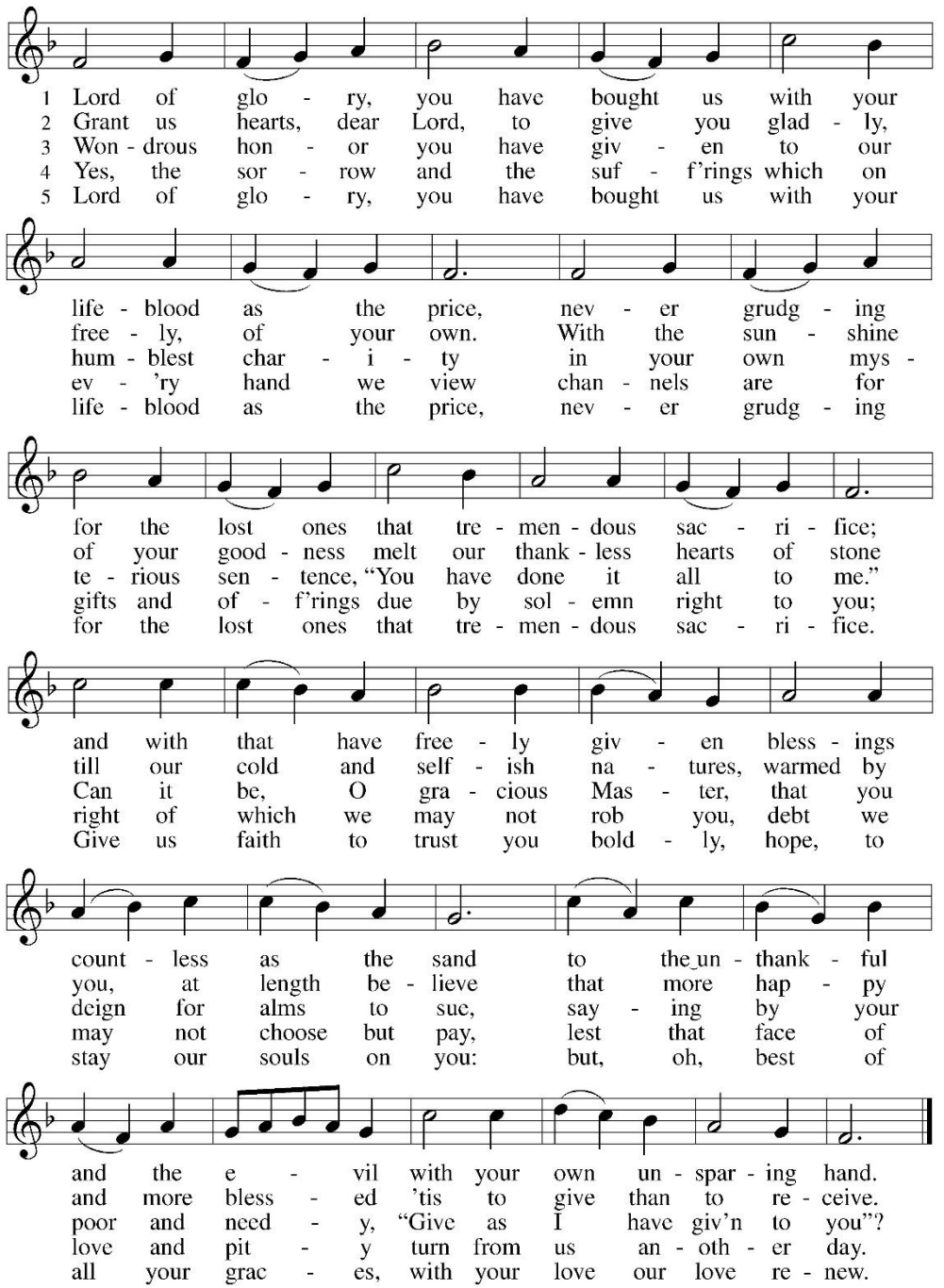
℗ Most merciful God,

℃ **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: Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us *(green)* **LBW #424**
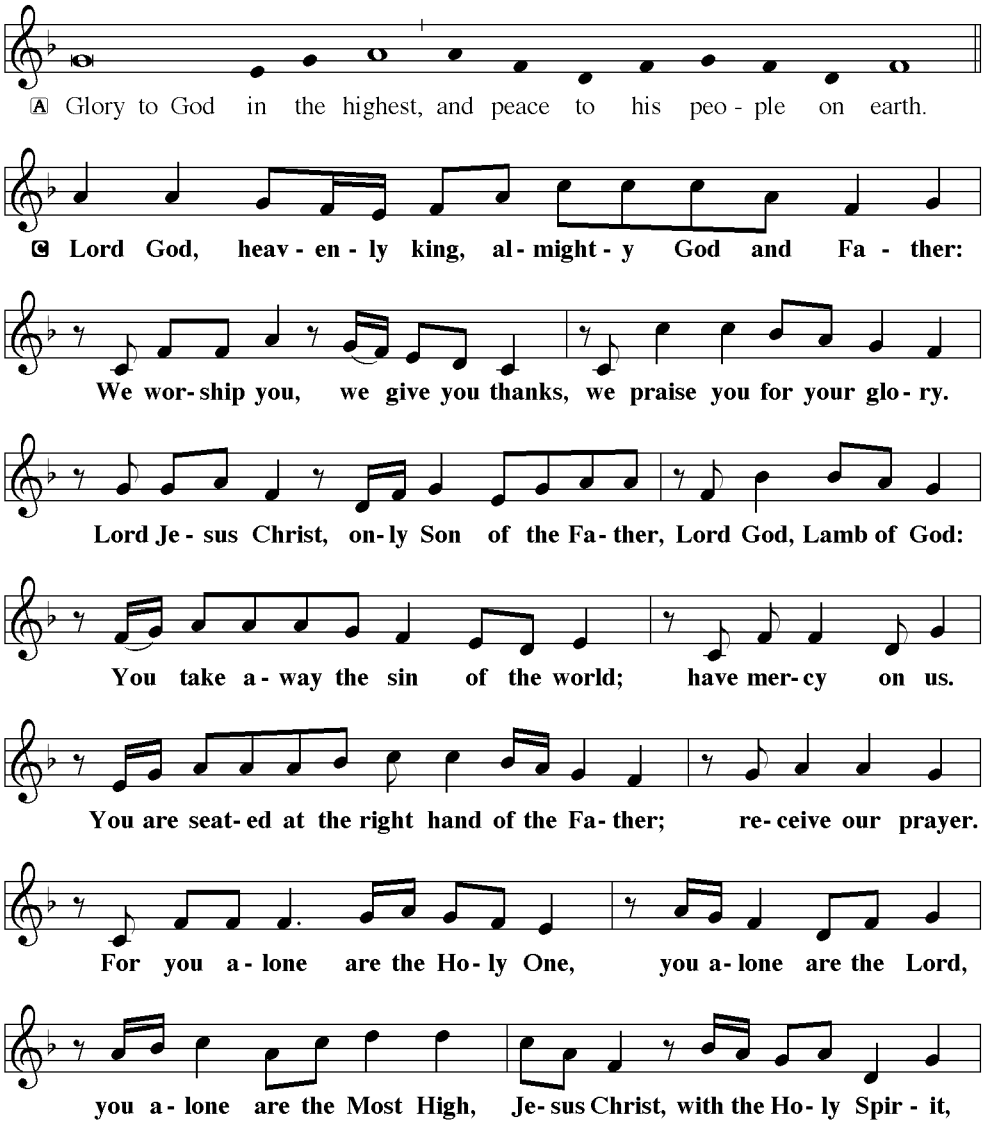


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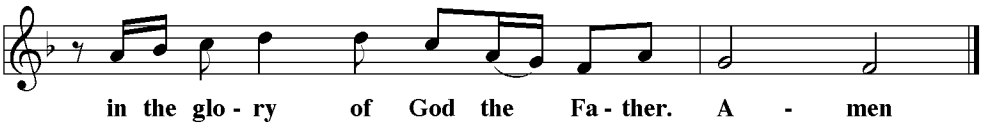
APOSTOLIC GREETING

℗ 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.
Righteous God, our merciful master,
you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have.
Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom,
and prepare us for the joy of the days of your coming,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

℃ **Amen.**

We sit.

ANTHEM: Here, O My Lord — Russell Schulz-Widman

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God;
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load;
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but yours; nor do I need
another's arm save yours to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, indeed, my strength
is in your might, your might alone.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet passing points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Horatio Bonar, alt. (1808–1889)

✢ WORD ✢

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18

Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:1–12

ANTIPHON: Teach us to number our days, Michael D. Costello
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

L Lord, you have | been our refuge*
from one generation | to another.

C **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the | earth were born,*
from age to age | you are God.

L You turn us back to the | dust and say,*
"Go back, O | child of earth."

C **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past***
and like a watch | in the night.

L You sweep us away | like a dream;*
we fade away suddenly | like the grass.

C **In the morning it is | green and flourishes;***
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

L For we consume away in | your displeasure;*
we are afraid because of your wrathful | indignation.

C **Our iniquities you have | set before you,***
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

L When you are angry, all our | days are gone;*
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

C **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength | even eighty;***
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and | we are gone.

L Who regards the power | of your wrath?*
Who rightly fears your | indignation?

C **So teach us to num- | ber our days,***
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything
written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in
the night. [3]When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon
them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! [4]But you, beloved,
are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5]for you are all children of light and
children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. [6]So then let us not fall asleep as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are
drunk get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the
breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has destined us not
for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build
up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

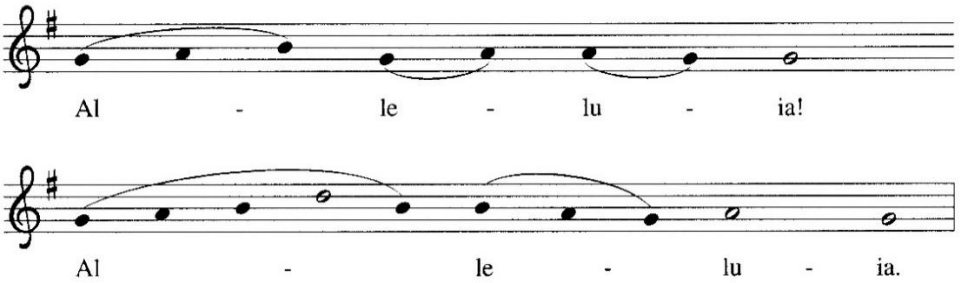
We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 15:4–5 Carl F. Schalk

We join in singing:

Choir Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** *(below)*



Choir Abide in me as I abide in you;
Those who abide in me bear much fruit. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14–30

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

℣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15]to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. [17]In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18]But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20]Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22]And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24]Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29]For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30]As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

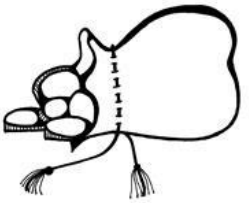
℗ The Gospel of the Lord.

℣ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

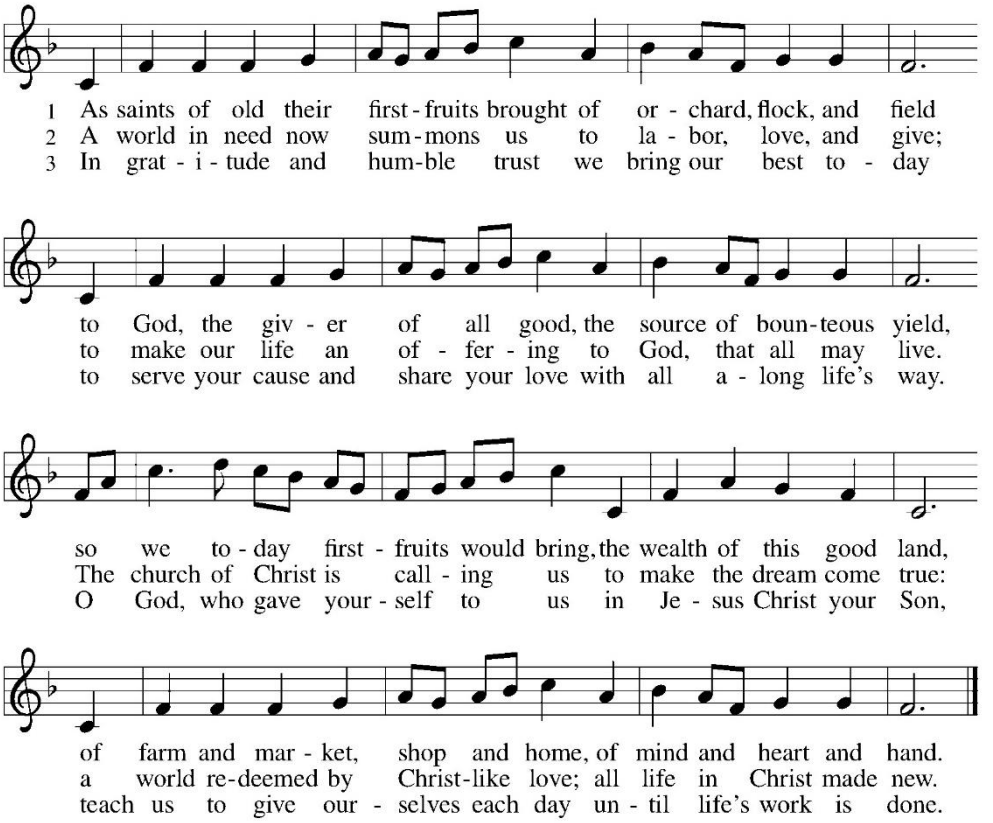
We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

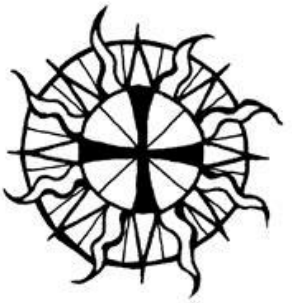
SERMON: Talent Show? Pastor Troy E. Medlin
Matthew 25:14–30



HYMN: As Saints of Old **ELW #695**



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Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune
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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/VOLUNTARY: Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow arr. Derek K Hakes

We stand as the gifts are presented.

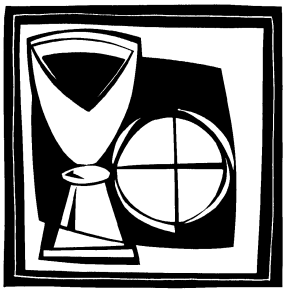
OFFERTORY VERSE: Revelation 11:17; 14:7 Donald Busarow

We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was,
That you have taken your great power and begun to reign.
Fear God and give him glory, for the hour of judgment has come;
And worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the fountains of water.

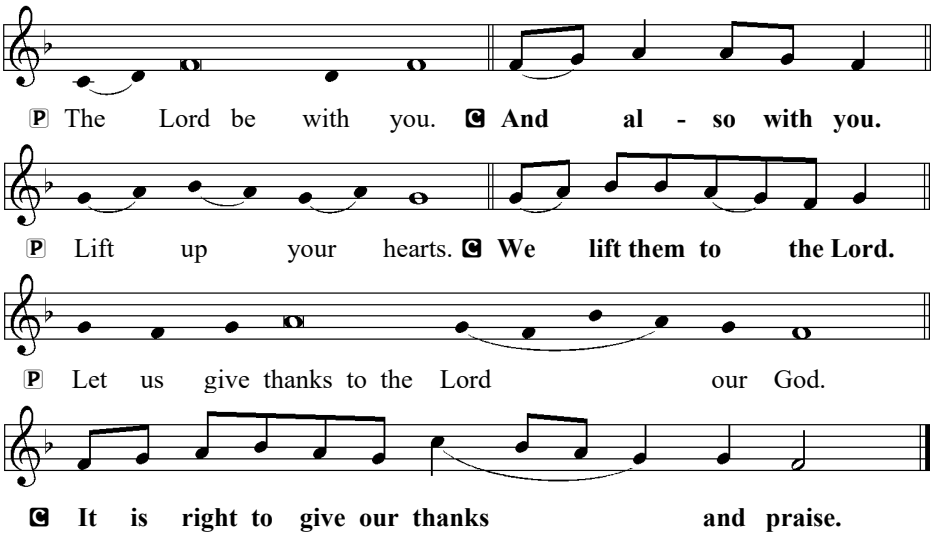
OFFERTORY PRAYER

℣ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

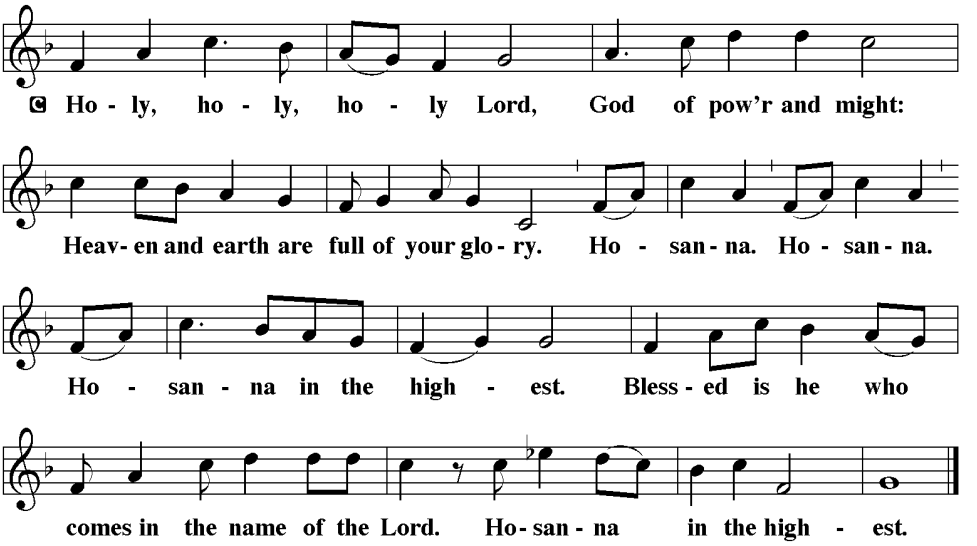
℄ **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



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.

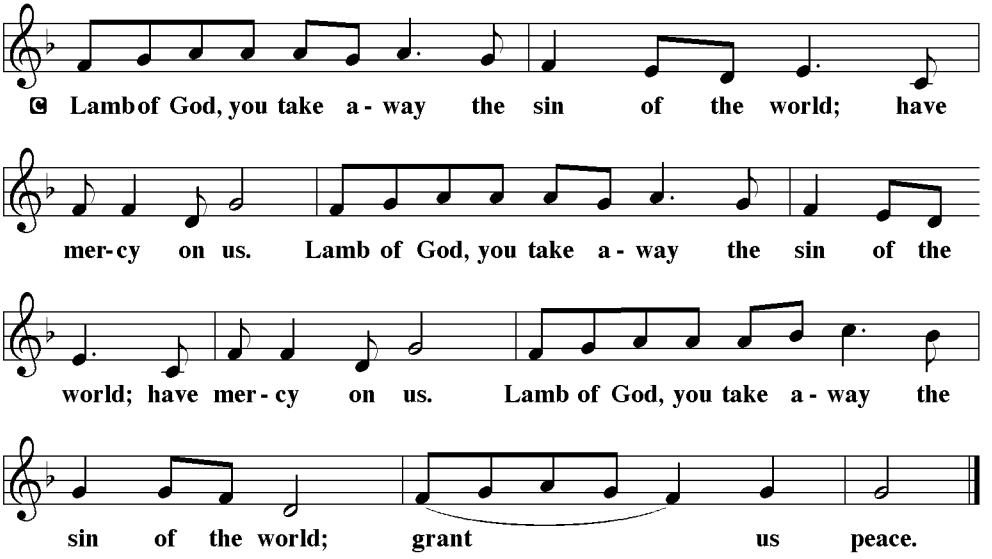
℗ The gifts of God for the people of God.

℣ **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).

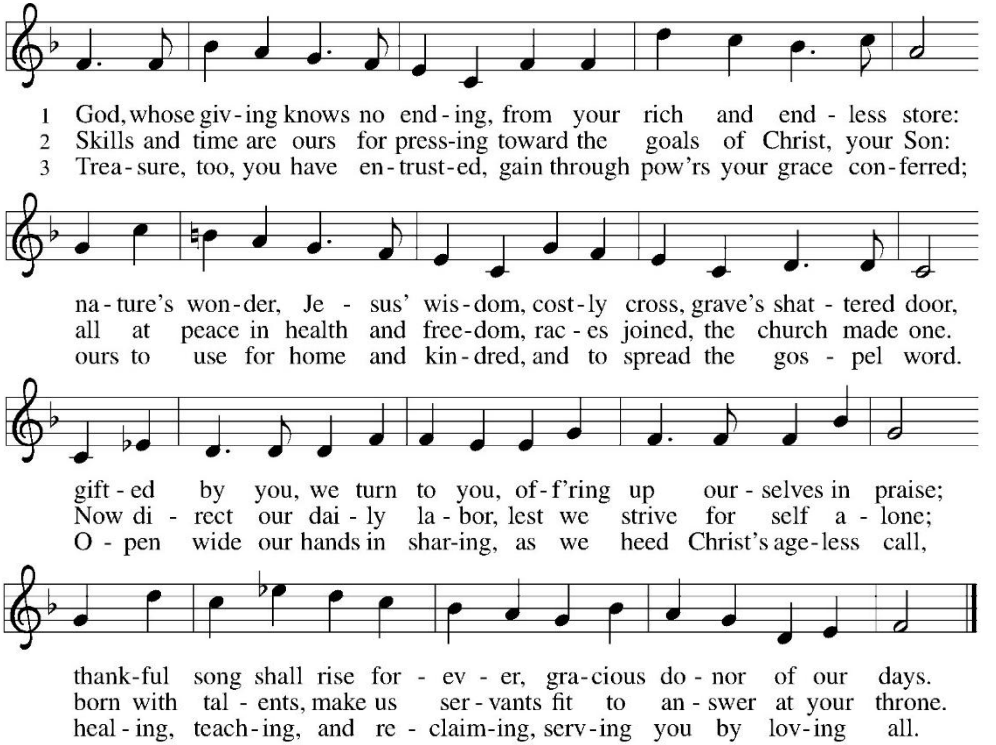
Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.
Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

VOLUNTARY: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence — arr. Kevin McChesney

VOLUNTARY: Fugue on "Simple Gifts" — Joseph Brackett, arr. Matt Naughtin

HYMN: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending — *(green)* **LBW #408**



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Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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We stand.

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

℄ **Amen.**

Ⓐ 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.

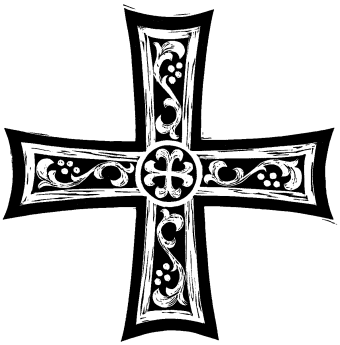
℄ **Amen.**

✢ Sending ✢

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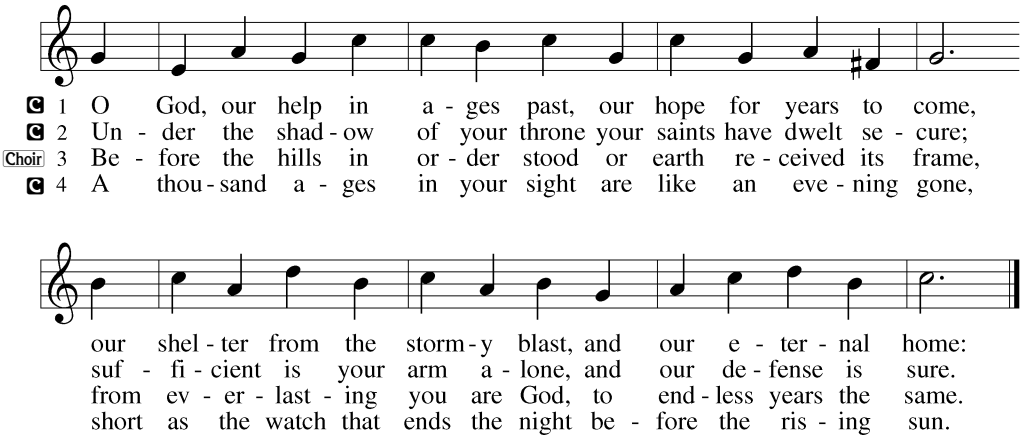
℗ Almighty God: Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

℄ **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past *(green)* **LBW #320**

Stanzas three and five are sung by the choir in a harmonization by Carl Schalk.



Choir 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

C 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: O God, Our Help in Ages Past Paul Manz

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
Deborah Maxwell, assisting minister
Dan Lehmann, deacon

Grace Parish Choir, choir
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
Grace Adult Bell Choir, handbell choir
Lisa Wolfanger, director
Kontras Quartet
Janis Sakai, violin
Sherri Zhang, violin
Ben Weber, viola
Jean Hatmaker, cello

Gail Eifrig, Julie Modrich, lectors
Adam Hinriksson, Eleanor Fleisch, Harrison Schedler, crucifer/book bearer
Richard Calhoun, James Claud, gift bearers
Martin Becker, Mike Gillespie, Julie Lehmann, Tom Maxwell, ushers
Susan Scherer, Linda Street, altar guild
Susie Calhoun, Ruth Reko, greeters
Liz Hanson, Michael Starrick, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY…

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Karen Kress
Mark Lucht
Chris Lueking
Joe Modrich
Betty Moore
Carol Prinz
Stan Reddel
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Naomi Rowley
Paul Schnittker
Linda Schwab
Frank Senn
Eunice Spurgat
Virginia Walker

Coletta and Crystal Ali *(friends of Pat Anderson)*
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Suzanne Kasang *(friend of Carol Ewald)*
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Kathryn Krubsack *(niece of Irmgard Swanson)*
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Benevolence ministries

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In thanksgiving for

The 99th birthday of **Evelyn Grams**
The birth of **Archer Lee Fogelman,** grandson of Catherine Hegarty

For those who mourn

Gayle Killey *(cousin of Julie Modrich)*
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Sonny Putman *(nephew of Susan Franzone)*
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Christopher W. Sylvester *(grandson of Janet Sylvester)*

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, NOVEMBER 15
Library Open (self-service) ..... **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
Sunday School, Grades PK-6 (3rd 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 (Library Media Center) ..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Seminar Room) ..... **11:15 a.m.**
Heritage Chorale Concert (Sanctuary) ..... **4:00 p.m.**
Heritage Chorale Reception (Fellowship Hall) ..... **5:30 p.m.**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Tai Chi Class (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Knitting Group (Church Library) ..... **1:00 p.m.**
Church Council (Conference Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
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.**
Cub Scout Pack 4066 (1-2 Common Room) ..... **4:30 p.m.**
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) ..... **6:00 p.m.**
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library) ..... **9:30 a.m.**
GriefShare (Conference Room) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... **6:00 p.m.**
Moms of Littles (Youth Center) ..... **6:30 p.m.**
Scout Meetings (3rd Floor Commons) ..... **6:30 p.m.**
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room) ..... **7:30 p.m.**
Finding Hope (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20
Tai Chi Class (Church Library) ..... **10:00 a.m.**
Religion in Literature (Offsite) ..... **7:30 p.m.**

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