Welcome to

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 24th Sunday after Pentecost



November 7 & 8, 2026

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING LITANY

P: As we the seasons change around us, we recognize that God stretches out the heavens and shapes the earth.

C: Come and give thanks!

A: God raises up the mountains and pours water into the seas.

C: Come and give thanks!

P: God calls forth plants from the soil and forms animals in infinite variety.

C: Come and give thanks!

P: God breathes upon us and fills us with life.

C: Come lift your voices in praise!

A: God gives our lives meaning through laughter and tears.

C: Come lift your voices in praise!

P: God touches our hearts through family and friends.

C: Come lift your voices in praise!

A: God loves us and blesses us with everything good.

C: Together we come to worship!

P: God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.
C: Together we come to worship!

A: God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!
C: Together we come to worship!

GATHERING SONG **ELW # 436**

WAKE, AWAKE, FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

THE GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
C: And also with you!

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.
C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING **EXODUS 32:1-14**

After Israel sinned by worshiping the golden calf, Moses interceded with God to spare Israel, lest the Egyptians conclude that God had evil intents in the exodus. Moses reminds God of the promises God made to Israel's matriarchs and patriarchs.

1 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the
mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come,
make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man
who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has
become of him." 2 Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are

on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me.” 3 So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” 6 They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

7 The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” 9 The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10 Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

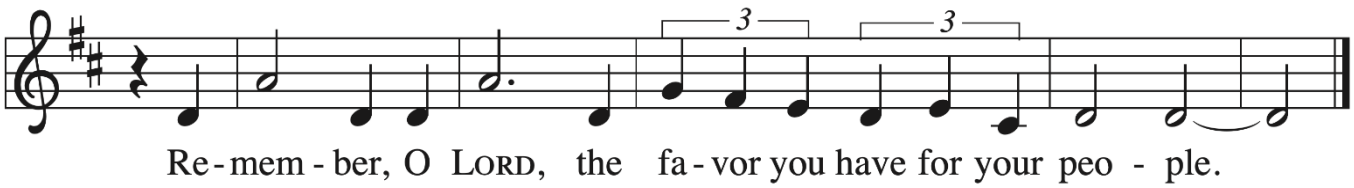
11 But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” 14 And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM — PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

The Cantor will sing the verses as the congregation response in singing the refrain.



[1] Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever.
[2] Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD or proclaim in full God's praise?

Refrain

[3] Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right.
[4] Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, and visit me with your salvation;
[5] that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people,
that I may glory with your inheritance.
[6] We have sinned as our forebears did; we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Refrain

[19] They made a bullcalf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;
[20] thus they exchanged their glory for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
[21] They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,
[22] wonderful deeds in the | land of Ham, and fearful things | at the Red Sea.
[23] So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood in the breach,
to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's moment, children in pre-k through 5th grade are invited to gather for an activity by the chapel.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL **MATTHEW 25:1-13**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like
this. Ten young women 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
young women 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 young women 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."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

THE REFLECTION PR. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW # 619**

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES!

THE CREED

A: Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith as expressed in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

THE PRAYERS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC

CHOIR
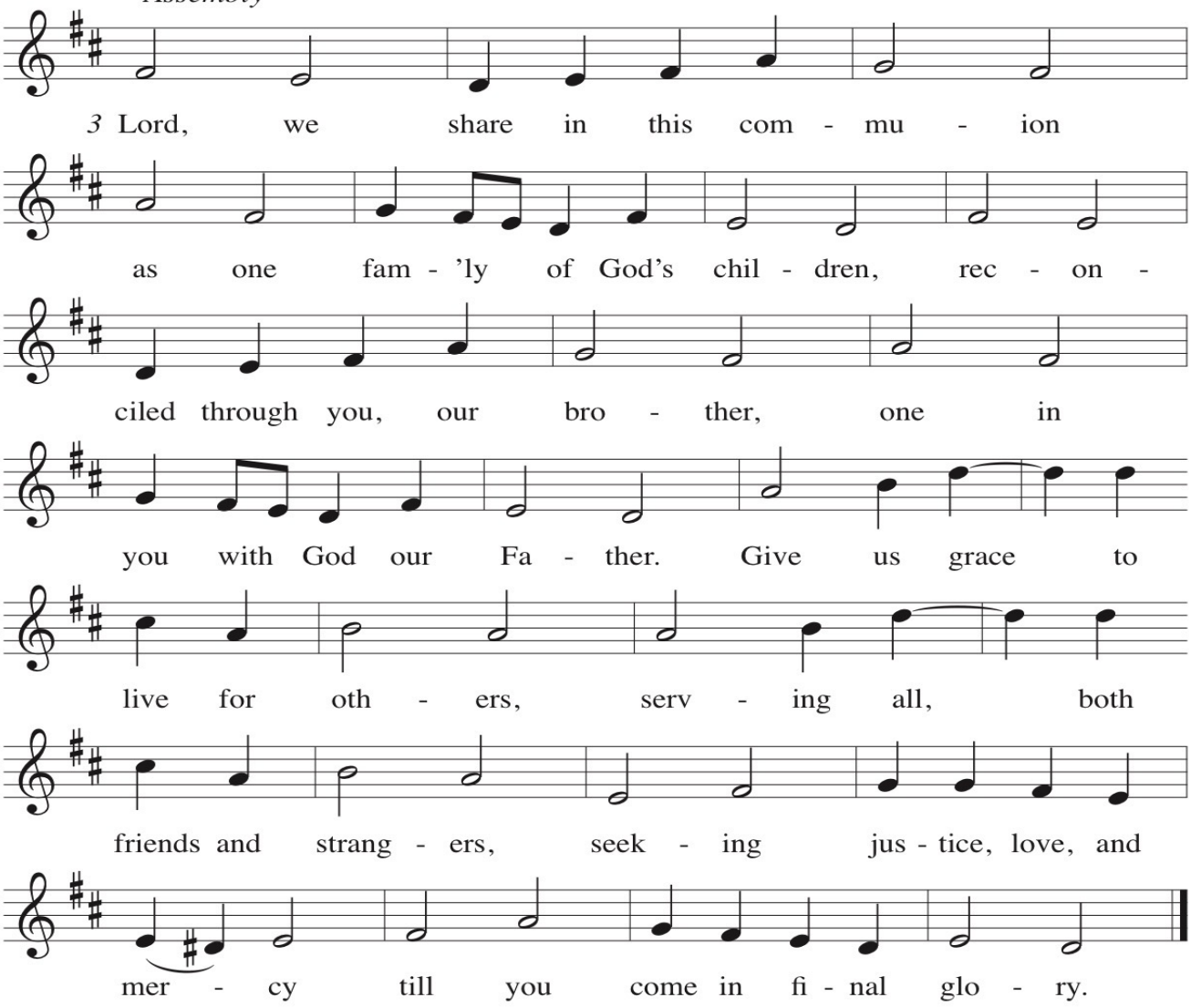
Now We Join In Celebration
Arr. Robert Scholz

Choir

1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.

2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing
of your loving deed on Calvary, of your living self, our victory,
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heavenly gladness.

Assembly

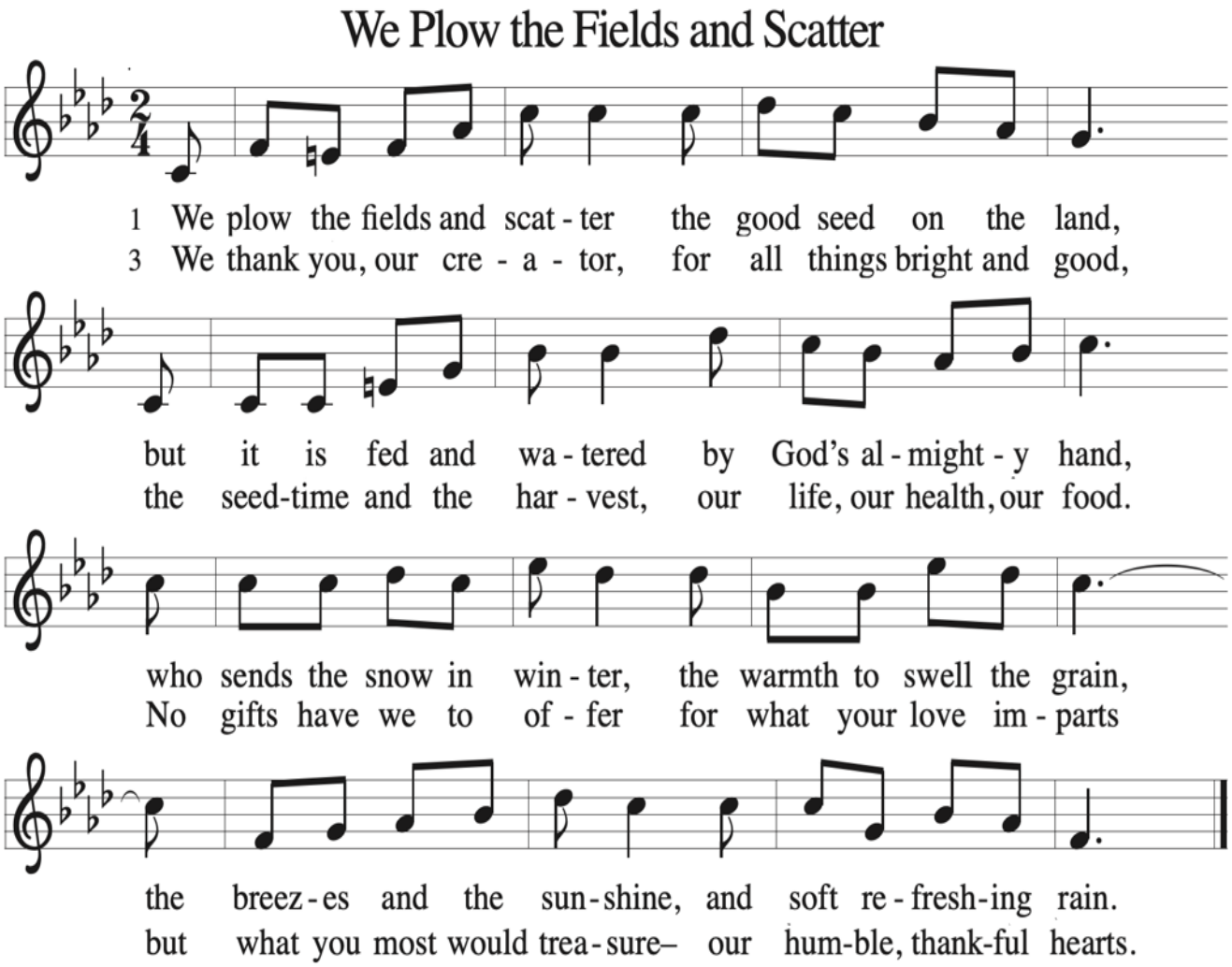


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Please stand.

OFFERING SONG



OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

THE DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

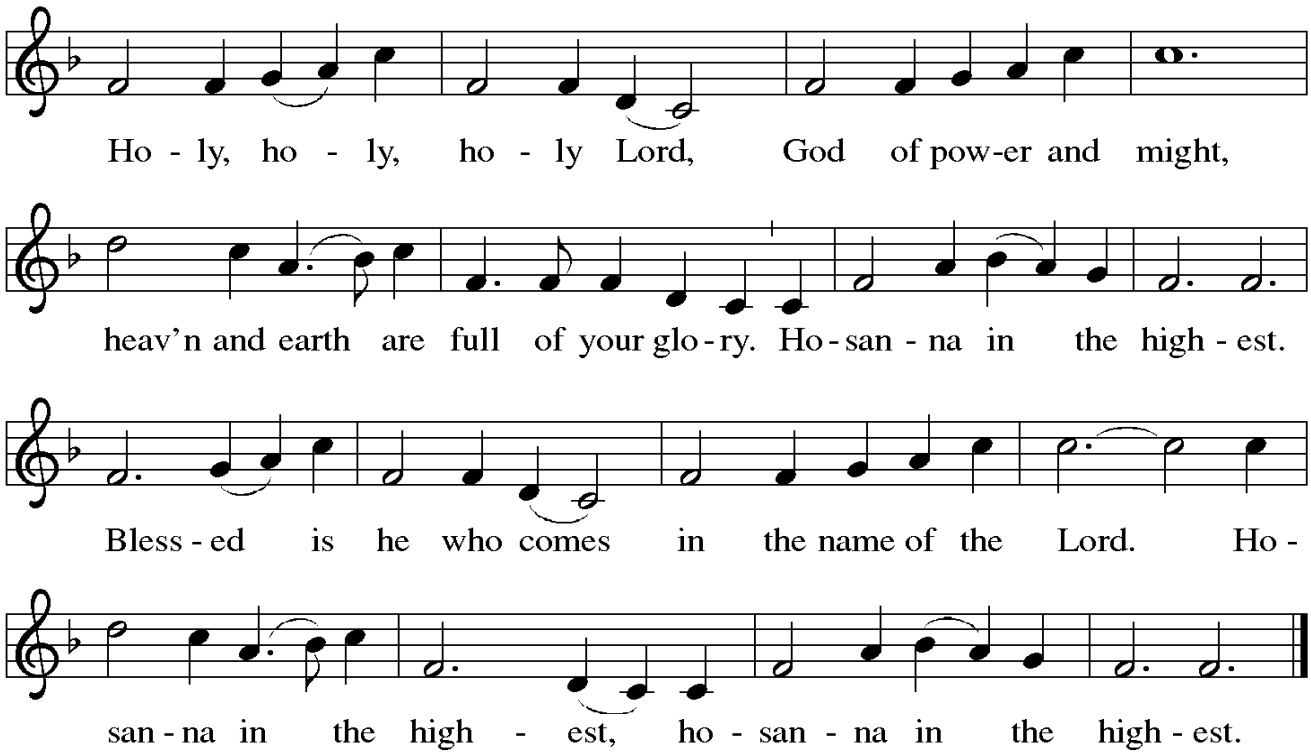
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.
He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.
He took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.
He fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people;
He stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free those who trust in you.
He is the one who, handed over to death, destroyed death.
He is the one, who lying in a borrowed tomb, rose victorious over the grave.

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, then, his life, death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold to pray.

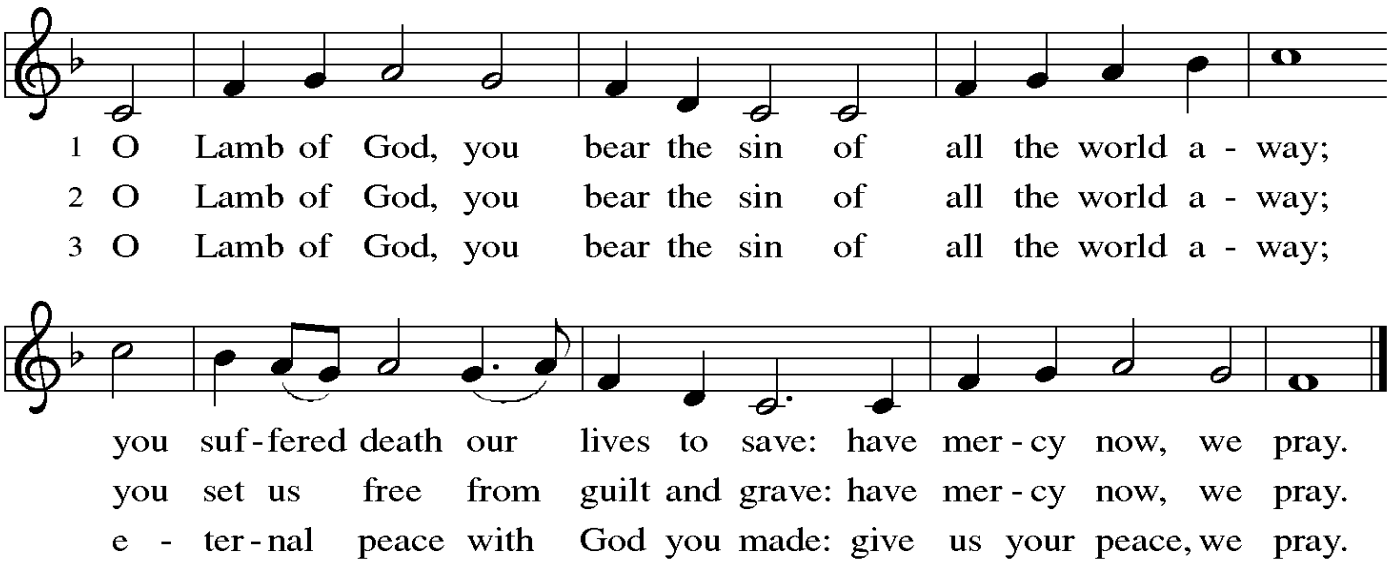
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

AGNUS DEI



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW # 638

BLESSED ASSURANCE

After all have communed, you are invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of you liberation, healing, and love. May we follow in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The God of love draw you into full accord to be of one mind, living as the body of Christ.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #488

SOUL, ADORN YOURSELF WITH GLADNESS

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace.

A: Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot, please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, John & Jan House and Kenneth & Patricia Damschroder, by the House family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given to the glory of God and as a gift to the congregation. **(Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is $72.50 and please make checks payable to BAS Broadcasting.], should contact the church office.)**

THIS WEEK, AS YOU PRAY, please remember: Diane Berryman, Janet Bowles, Krista Culbert, Peggy Dorr, Jamie Montooth, Jackie Mowry, Mary Nossaman, Tim Rutherford, Connie Wasserman, and Bob Wickert.

HOSPITAL VISITS! If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

HEARING DEVICES are available at the Usher station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. "has an upcoming surgery" etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm.

SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER should be sent to Tricia at dabrunztricia@yahoo.com

PREPARING FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

THIS ADVENT WE WILL PONDER THE STORIES OF SEVERAL KEY INDIVIDUALS of the Christmas Story with the *Worry to Wonder* series. "Actors" are needed to help bring Mary, Joseph, a Shepherd, and one of the Magi to life. Your monologue will be provided as we move our worries to wonder this Advent Season. If interested in more information, please see Pastor Bailey.

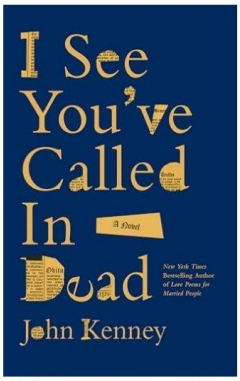
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING, and it will soon be time to decorate our worship space. It has been brought to our attention that our current decorations need to be replaced or refreshed. If you are able to help with a monetary gift your help would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran with “Christmas Decorations” written in the memo line and cash may be placed in a white pew envelope with “Christmas Decorations” written on the front.

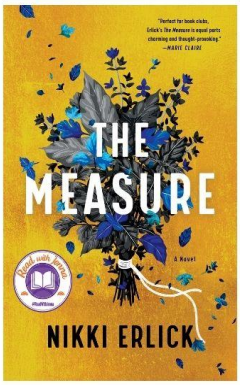
BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY^2 WITH PR. BAILEY – Have you ever wanted to dig deeper into the weekly Bible readings? If so, come send time with Pr. Bailey and Jesus on Mondays at 11:30 am in the lounge, eat a peanut butter & jelly sandwich and learn more about the weekly scripture readings.

MAUREEN’S MONDAY BIBLE STUDY will meet at 1 pm in the lounge. This fall her group will begin a study called Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table. The purpose of this study is to help people take control of their thoughts and fears.

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PR. BAILEY will meet at 6:30 pm in the large Sunday school room. The focus of this study will be the fall study from the Northwest Ohio Synod office called *The Way of Love*. During our time together we will explore John’s first letter to the church and ponder what it means to be in community with one another while we are surrounded by and united in the love of God that was revealed to us through Jesus Christ.





Grace's BOOKWORMS



The group has choosen to read two books for the meeting on November 23 at 2 pm.

I See You’ve Called In Dead: A Novel by John Kenney. Obituary writer Bud Stanley after some devesetating news decides to write his own obit.

The Measure by Nikki Erlick explores what would happen if everyone knew exactly how long their life would be.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP!

FALL CLEAN-UP – Help Grace get ready for winter! We are asking for help cleaning up the courtyard (trim bushes, clean out landscaping, etc..) on November 14 from 9 am – noon. A sign-up sheet will be available at the back of the sanctuary next weekend or you may call the church office to add you name to the list of helpers.

NOW THAT SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION BACKPACK BUDDIES HAS RETURNED AND NEEDS OUR HELP! We are currently in need of the following items: oatmeal packets, Nutri-Grain bars, cold cereal, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, individual mac-n-cheese cups, pasta cups, cans of soup, individual heat and eat soups, individual serving cups of peanut butter, cups of applesauce, fruit cups, sandwich crackers, pudding cups, cookies, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, chips, pretzels, granola bars, Teddy Grahams, microwave popcorn, Ritz crackers, Rice Krispie Treats, yogurts, beef sticks, and Oatmeal Cream Pies. We are also accepting monetary donations. These gifts help us to fill in any gaps in donations. Your check should be made payable to LIFT and please write Backpack Buddies on the memo line.

YOUTH NEWS!

KIDS ZONE - Toddlers - 5th graders are invited to Sunday School Hallway following the Children's Message for a short lesson and activity. They will return to worship before communion. If your child does not wish to participate, they return to their seat following the Children's Message.

AFTERWORD for our Middle & High School youth it's not the last word, just the next step. Students are invited after the sermon to connect with message of the day and pray. They will return to worship during the offering hymn.

THE WAY OF LOVE CONFIRMATION RETREAT on November 15 from 12:30 – 6:30 pm (doors will open at noon) at Grace Lutheran. Cost for the retreat is $5 for pizza and snacks. The event will include a Bible Study with Bishop Daniel, poverty experience, putting our faith into action and we will serve a community meal. Questions contact Pr. Stacy from St. John's Sandusky at Stacylauer@gmail.com or Pr. Matt Wheeler from St. John's in Fremont at matthew.wheeler612@yahoo.com.



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE — NOVEMBER 1 - 8, 2026

Today
- 8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 – Worship
- 10:15 - Confirmation
- 10:30 – Stewardship Brunch
- 3:30 – Pack 302 Den Meeting

Monday
- 11:30 – PB & J^2 with Pr. Bailey
- 1:00 – Bible Study with Maureen – Lounge
- 6:00 – Executive Committee Meeting
- 7:00 – Church Council Meeting
- 7:00 – Dartball vs. Zion

Tuesday
- 11:30 – 1:00 – Office Closed – Staff Lunch

Wednesday G & T DEADLINE - NOON
- 5:00 – Missions/Outreach Meeting
- 5:00 – Mid-Week Youth Huddle
- 5:15 - Handbells
- 5:30 – Parent's Support Group
- 6:00 – S.L.A.M.
- 6:30 – Jesus, Games & Crafts (Youth)
- 6:30 - Choir

Thursday
- 11:30 – Soup Kitchen

Friday

Saturday
- 8:00 – 6:00 – No One Crafts Alone
- 9 – Noon – Craft Workshop
- 4:00 – Worship/Food Pantry Challenge

Sunday FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE – Cereal & Oatmeal
- 8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 – Worship/Baptism
- Noon – Confirmation Retreat
- 4:00 – Pack 302 Parent Meeting

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 148

Called to Present the Light of Christ!