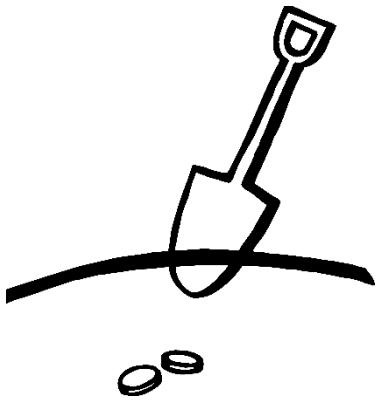
Welcome to

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2026



PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING LITANY

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

C: Come and give thanks!

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

C: Come and give thanks!

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

C: Come and give thanks!

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

C: Come lift your voices in praise!

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

C: Come lift your voices in praise!

Y: God touches our hearts through family and friends.

C: Come lift your voices in praise!

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

C: Together we come to worship!

Y: God loves us and overwhelms us with never-ending generosity.

C: Together we come to worship!

Y: God loves us and surrounds us with love in abundance!

C: Together we come to worship!

GATHERING SONG **ELW # 632**

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

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. 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 day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING — DEUTERONOMY 34:1-12

Moses was not allowed to enter the promised land, but he was granted the right to see it from Mount Nebo before he died. The statement that no prophet has arisen in Israel like Moses (34:10) stands in tension with Deuteronomy 18:15 (God will "raise up for you a prophet like me") and led to the expectation that another Moses would still come. In several New Testament passages Jesus is identified as that prophet.

1 Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah,
which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far
as Dan, 2 all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as
far as the Western Sea, 3 the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho,
the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. 4 The Lord said to him, "This is the land of
which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your
descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over
there." 5 Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at
the Lord's command. 6 He buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite
Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. 7 Moses was one hundred
twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired, and his vigor had not
abated. 8 The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the
period of mourning for Moses was ended.

9 Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his
hands on him, and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded
Moses.

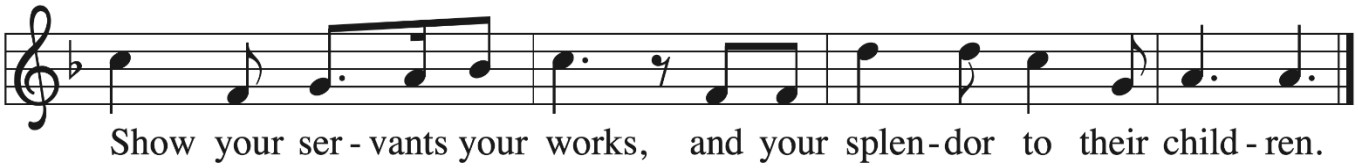
10 Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom
the Lord knew face to face. 11 He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that
the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his
servants and his entire land, 12 and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying
displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM — PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

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



[1] Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
[2] Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land
and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

Refrain

[3] You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
[4] For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past and like a watch in the night;
[5] you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6] in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Refrain

[13] Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.
[14] Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
[15] Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.
[16] Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.
[17] May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

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 25:14-30**

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "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. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off 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, 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.' "

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

THE REFLECTION BISHOP DANIEL BEAUDOIN

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW # 685**

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

Please be seated.

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

P: In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

P: Today you have presented ***Wesley Neil King*** for baptism.

P: As you bring ***Wesley*** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *his* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture *him* in faith and prayer, so that *he* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *him* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

P: Do you promise to nurture *him* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support ***Wesley*** and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

C: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Y: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Y: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Y: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
C: I renounce them.

Y: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
C: I renounce them.

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

Y: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C: 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.

Y: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
C: 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Y: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM

P: ***Wesley***, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Pour your Holy Spirit upon ***Wesley*** the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: ***Wesley,*** child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen.

WELCOME

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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

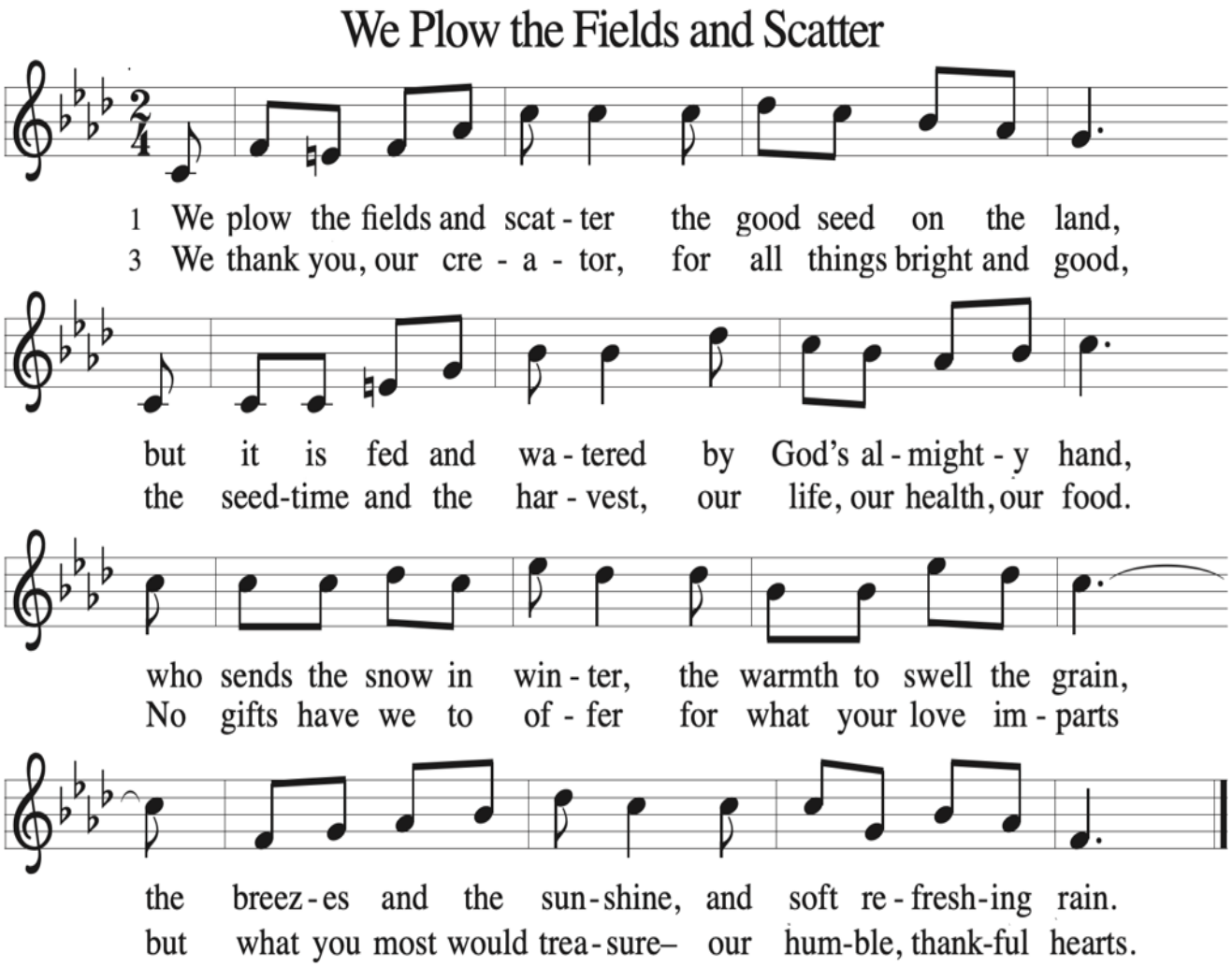
CHOIR

We Thank You, Lord

Nancy Price & Don Besig

Please stand.

OFFERING SONG



OFFERING PRAYER

Y: 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.

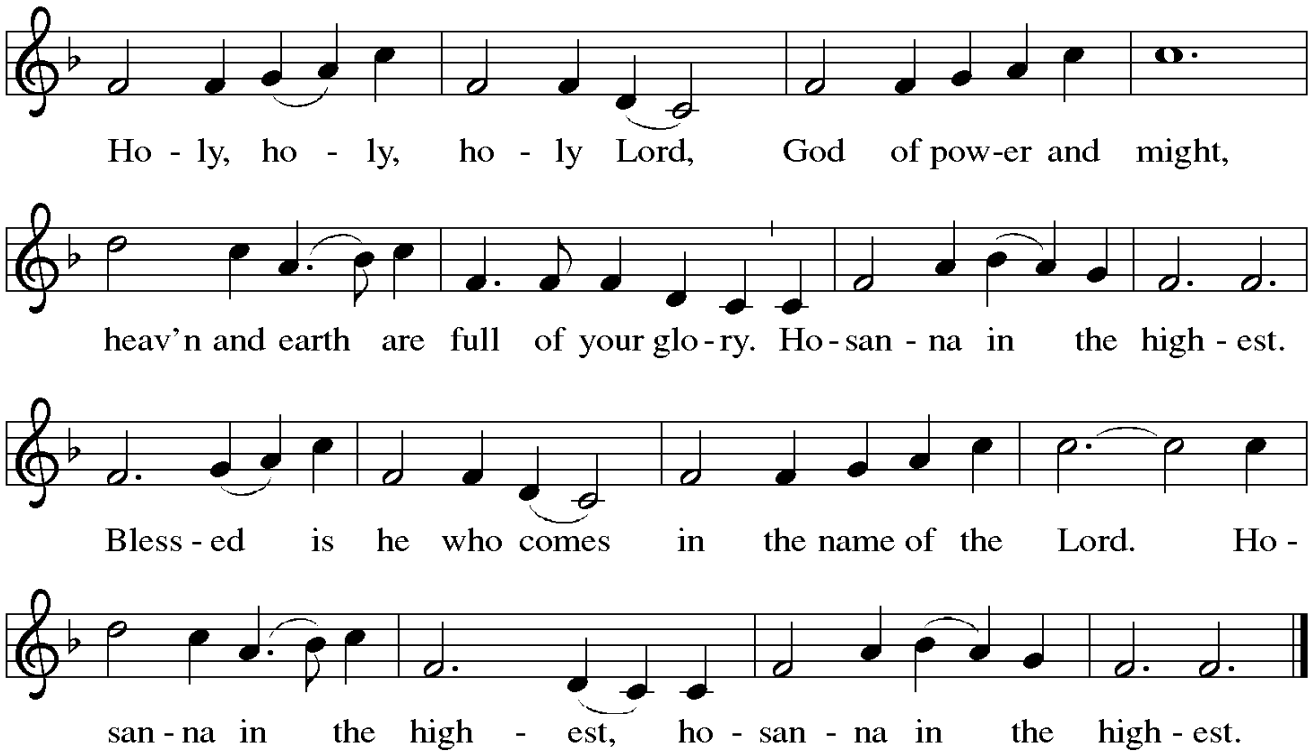
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

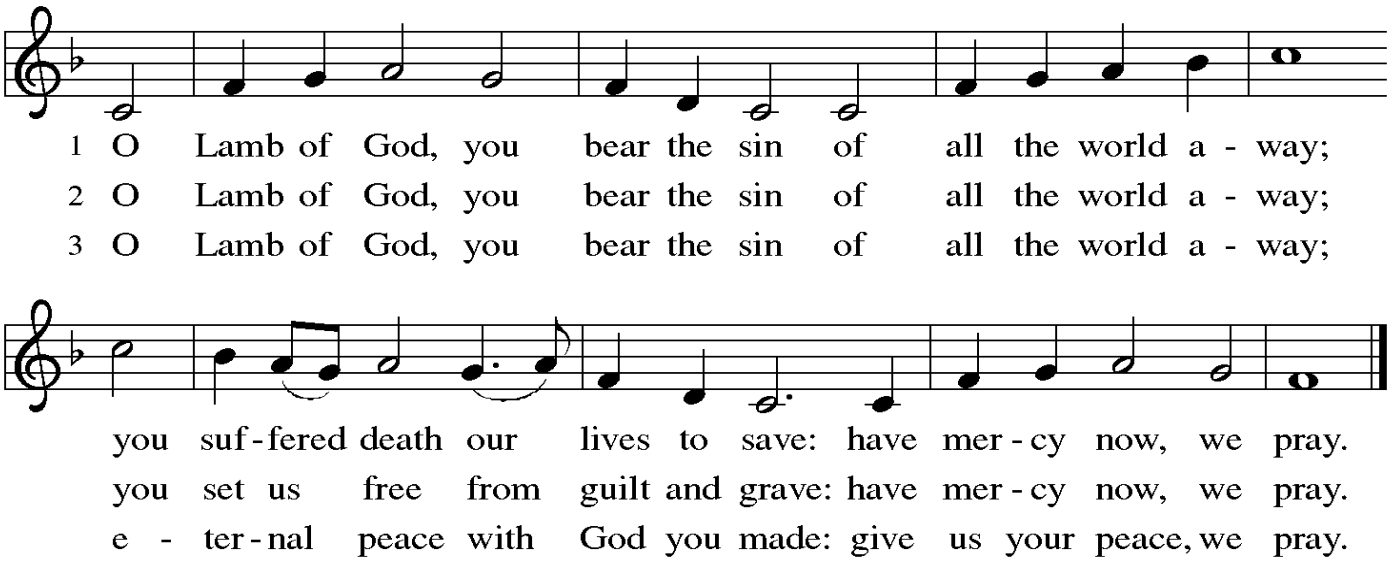
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is 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 # 715

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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

Y: 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 #674

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

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 Bob Guthrie, by Jan Guthrie and 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, Dan Fisher, Angie Martin, Jamie Montooth, Jackie Mowry, Tim Rutherford, Connie Wasserman, and Bob Wickert.

THIS WEEKEND WE REJOICE AND CELEBRATE THE BAPTISM of Wesley King, son of Michele & David King, and his sponsors are Jason King and Heather Schacht.

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW UPDATE - Our last constitutional revision took place in 2017. After much conversation, Church Council has reviewed and revised our governing document. Our "First Read" of these revisions will take place on Monday, November 23 at 6:30 pm. Copies of the proposed revisions will be emailed in the week ahead and a limited number of printed copies will also be available. These revisions will then be presented for adoption at our Annual Meeting in January 2027.

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY & PIE FELLOWSHIP - This year we will celebrate a "Thanksgiving Sunday" on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22. Along with returning our thanks to God, we will gather for some Thanksgiving pie! Have a pie you would like to share? Feel free to bring it along! Want to enjoy a slice (or two or three) feel free to stay following worship to have an old favorite or try something new. More importantly, we take time to say thanks while enjoying fellowship with one another.

PREPARING FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

LET'S DECK THE HALLS!! Yes, it's hard to believe that Advent is just over a week away and Christmas is not far behind. We need to make plans to dress the church for Christmas. So, following worship on Sunday, November 22 we will decorate the sanctuary. Many hands are needed, if you are available to help please call the church office.

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

GRACE GATHERS will meet on *November 19 at 6 pm*. We will head to The Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please all and place a reservation by noon the day before. This way we have room for everyone.

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.

SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT will meet on *November 16 at 6 pm* in the lounge. If you are grieving the loss of your spouse and could use the support of others experiencing the same loss, then please consider joining this group.

BOOKWORMS will meet on November 23 at 2 pm in the lounge to discuss I See You've Called In Dead: A Novel by John Kenney and The Measure by Nikki Erlick.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP!

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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP		
Sunday – 9 am		**YOUTH**
GREETER: NARTHEX	Robert & Linda Baumer	Blake Bartlett, Camden Brown, Luke Laughlin, Olivia Michles, Brayden Michles, Kayden Michles, Kaden Moss, Mason Moss, Greg Schalk
GREETER: BAKER ST.	Dan & Carol Polter	
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THIS WEEK AT GRACE — NOVEMBER 14 - 22, 2026

Today FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE – Cereal & Oatmeal
- 8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 – Worship/Baptism
- 12:30 – Confirmation Retreat
- 4:00 – Pack 302 Parent Meeting

Monday
- 9:00 – Project Day
- 1:00 – Bible Study with Maureen – Lounge
- 6:00 – Spousal Grief Support
- 7:00 – Dartball vs. Zion

Tuesday
- 2:30 – Joy Circle

Wednesday
- 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 G & T ASSEMBLED
- 11:30 – Soup Kitchen
- 6:00 – Grace Gathers at The Chateau Vineyard & Winery

Friday

Saturday
- 4:00 – Worship

Sunday THANKSGIVING & STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE SUNDAY
- 8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 – Worship
- 4:00 – Pack 302 Den Meeting

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 127

Called to Present the Light of Christ!