Welcome to

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Thanksgiving Sunday




## November 21 & 22, 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!**

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

**C: Come lift your voices in praise!**

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

**C: Come lift your voices in praise!**

A: 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!**

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

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

**GATHERING SONG** **ELW # 693**

***COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME***

**THE GREETI**

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**

A: Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** **DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18**

*Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.*

7 "The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in

valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, 9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

11 "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' 18 But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

R: The Word of God, for the People of God!
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15**

*Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.*

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under

compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to provide
you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough
of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 9 As it is
written, “He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness
endures forever.”
10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and
multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your
righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way for your great
generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, 12 for the
rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but
also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 13 Through the testing of
this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the
gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and
with all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you because of the
surpassing grace of God that he has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for
his indescribable gift!

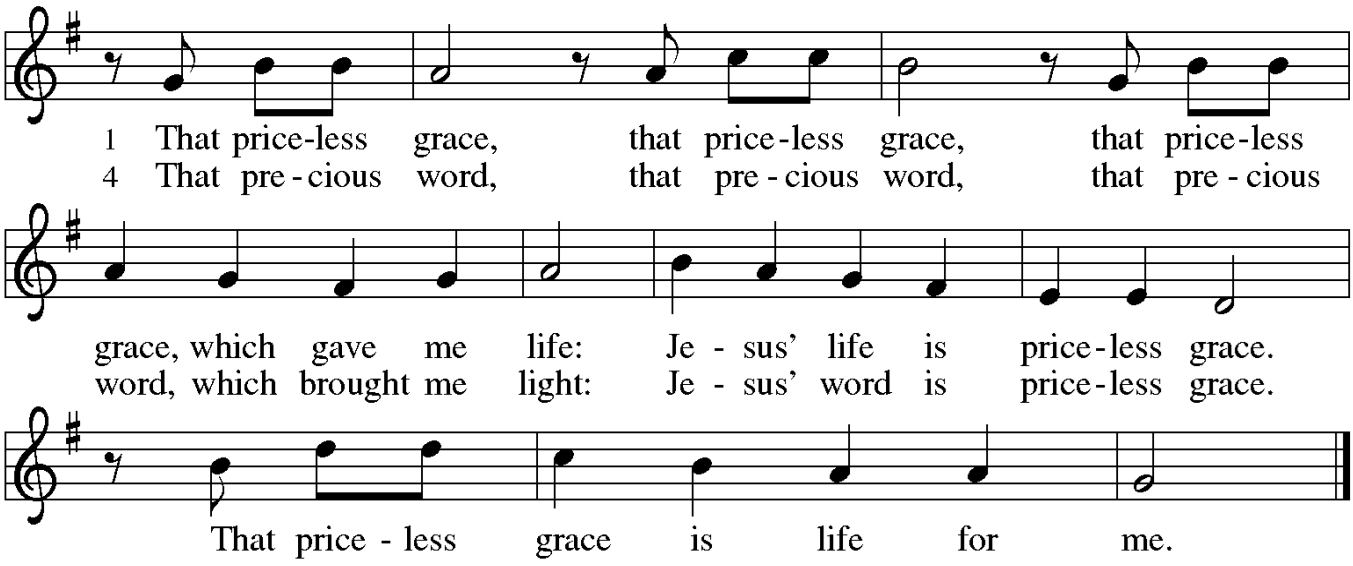
R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **ELW #591**

***THAT PRICELESS GRACE***



**THE GOSPEL** **LUKE 17:11-19**

*A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.*

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

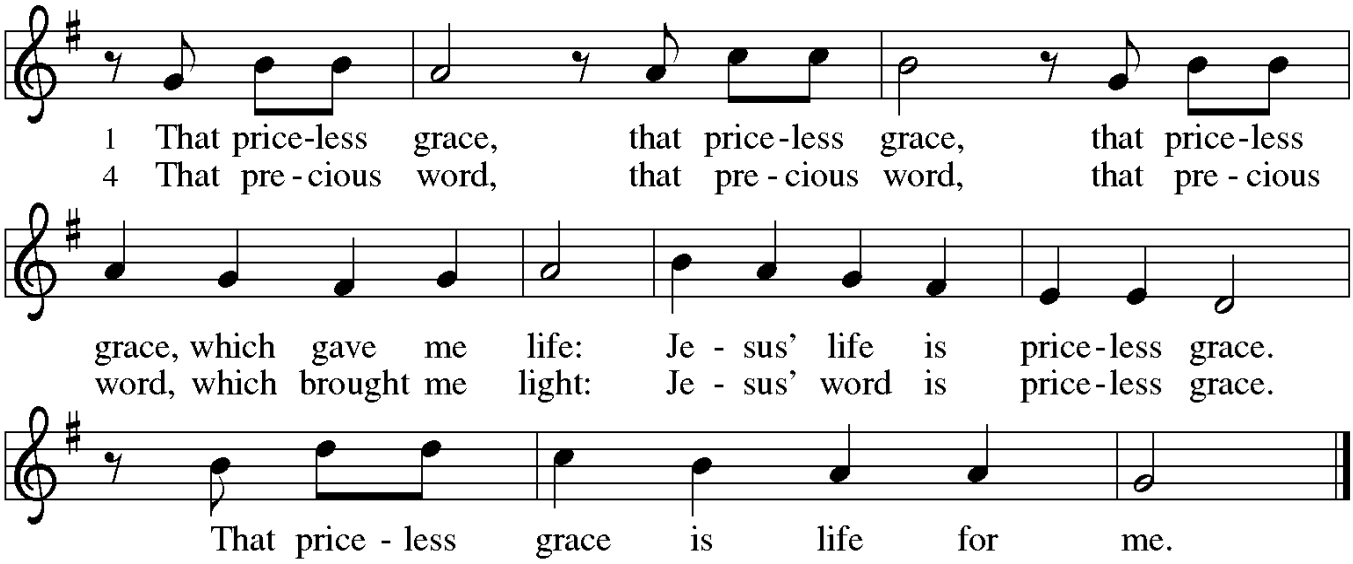
11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between
Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin
disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out,
saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14 When he saw them, he
said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they
went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he
was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He
prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a
Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where
are the other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God
except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your
way; your faith has made you well.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **ELW #591**

***THAT PRICELESS GRACE***



*Please be seated.*

**THE REFLECTION** PR. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

*Please stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** **ELW # 840**

***NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD***

**A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Today as we gather for worship, we pause to give thanks for the many and various gifts that God has entrusted to us, which have been shared with this congregation.
In the week ahead, we gather with family and friends to give thanks for the many various gifts that God has entrusted to us, which we shared with those most dear to us.

A: A reading from Revelation:
Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me.

A reading from St. Matthew:
Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

P: For all that we have, O God:
**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: For all that we are, O God:
**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: For all that we ever will be, O God:
**C: We give you thanks and praise.**

P: As we stand at the open door, we recognize that these doors beacon us in, where we gather as a family of faith for worship, praise and thanksgiving. We also recognize that these doors send us out into the world to proclaim the glories of God's name through our actions and interactions with our neighbor.

P: As we stand at the open door,

**C: Christ stands with us.**

A: Open our ears, O Lord,

**C: To hear you knocking.**

A: Open our eyes, O Lord,

**C: To see your presence in the lives of others.**

A: Open our mouths, O Lord,

**C: To speak with kindness and compassion.**

A: Open our hearts, O Lord,

**C: To love and serve our neighbor.**

P: Giving thanks for all of the gifts that God has given us, and recognizing our calling to love and serve our neighbor, let us pray: Gracious and loving God, in this Season of Thanksgiving, we pause to give you thanks, recognizing that every good gift comes from you. Inspire us to further acts of kindness and generosity. Move us beyond our comfortable places to open the doors that we have closed in life. Challenge us to love one another. Motivate us to share with abundance. Encourage us to be witnesses of your love and grace. So to you, O God, we give our thanks and praise, not as we ought, but as we are able, knowing that you mercifully hear and receive them. All this we pray in the holy and precious name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## 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.*

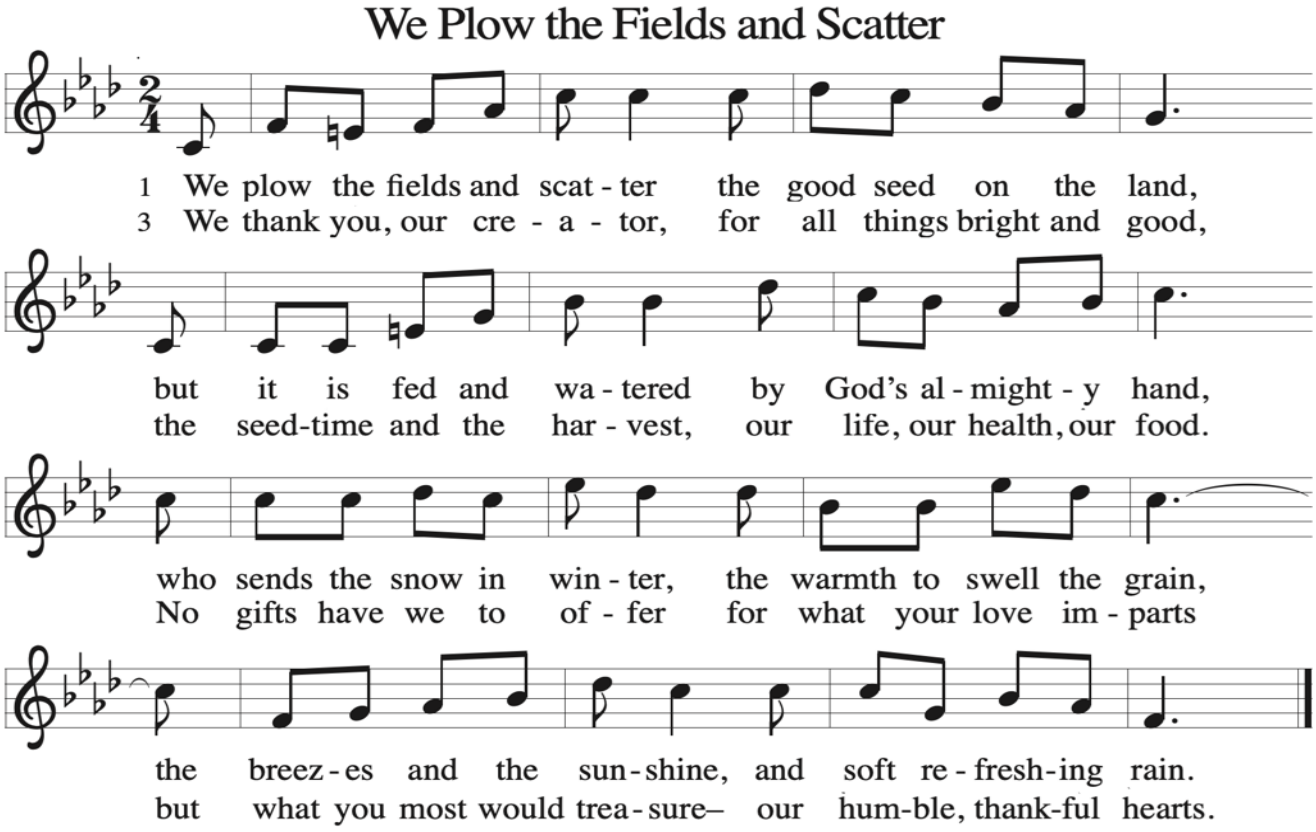
## OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC

## CHOIR

*Thanks Be to Thee*
*By Siegfried Ochs (Arr. Jerry Weseley Harris)*

*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.**

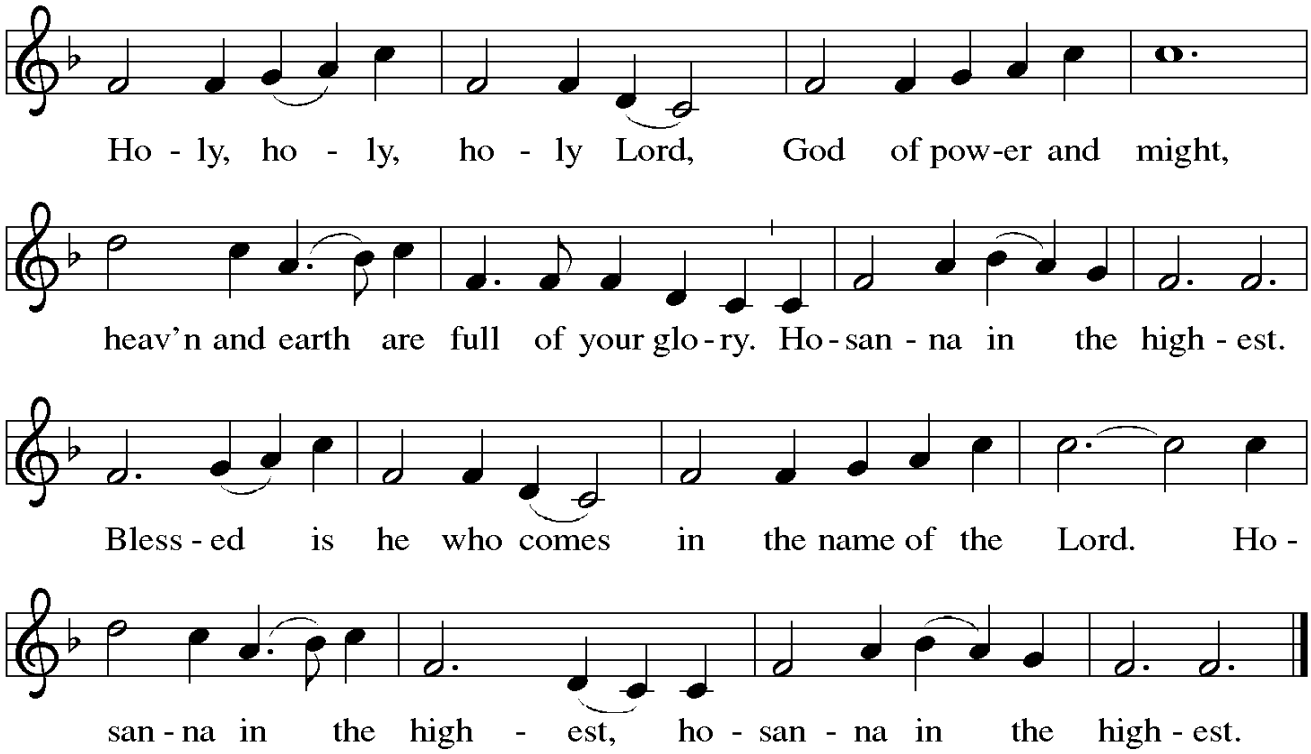
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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.
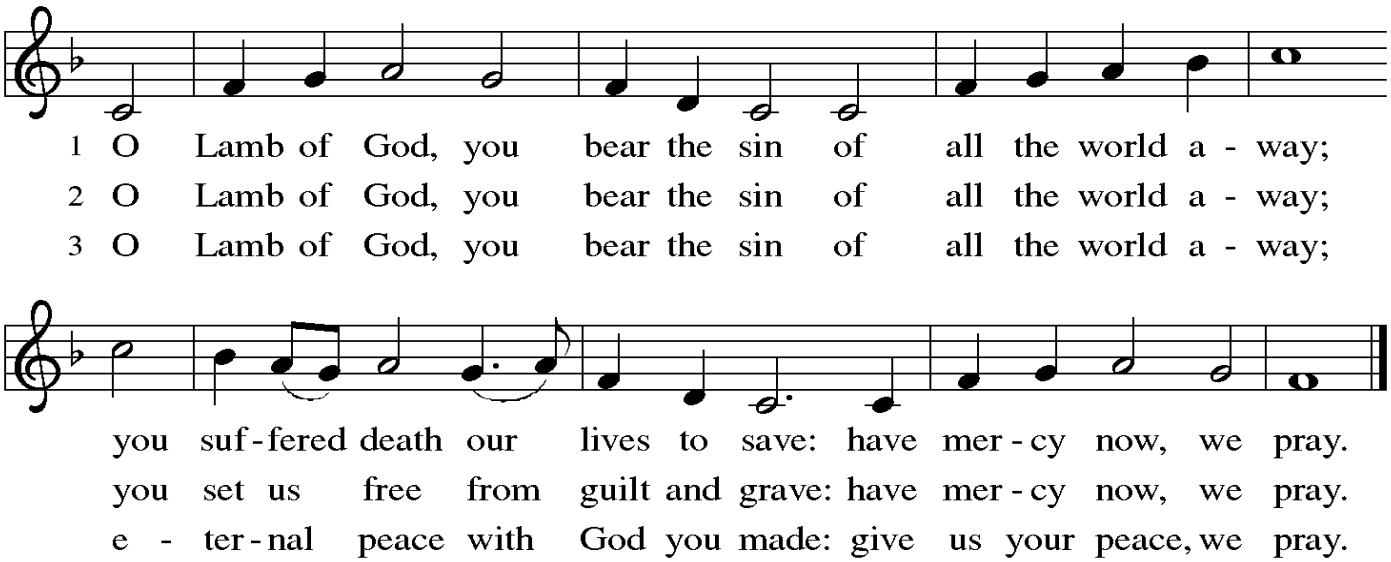
**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine 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 # 879**

***FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH***

*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 #881**

***LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING***

**THE SENDING**

P: Go in peace.

A: Encourage one another.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# 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 Otto & Esther Klohn, Lois Polter, Irv Klohn, and Don Klohn, by Carol Klohn & family and Ken & Barb Klohn & family.

**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is given to the glory of God and as a gift to the congregation, by Jan Guthrie & family. **(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, Ron Talbert, 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

## 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

**BOOKWORMS** will meet on November 23 at 10 am 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.

# Come and turn your

# *Worry to Wonder*

# this Advent

**Wednesday Evenings**

**December 2, 9 & 16**

**5:30 pm Meal & Fellowship**

**6:30 pm Holden Evening Prayers**

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## *Breakfast In Bethlehem*

CHILDREN'S JOURNEY TO THE MANGER

December 5th
9-11 AM

***Breakfast, Games, Crafts & The Nativity Story***



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| | **SATURDAY – 4 PM** | **SUNDAY – 9 AM** |
| **GREETER: NARTHEX** | Thomas O'Brien | Dave & Rae Ann Cooper |
| **GREETER: BAKER ST.** | | Dick Zilles |
| **WORSHIP ASSISTANT** | | Greg Jess |
| **READER** | Tanya Schardt | Janet Dorr |
| **COMMUNION ASSISTANT** | Wendy Bailey | Cecilia Boucher |
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**Payment and Wording is due when you place your order.**

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE — NOVEMBER 22 - 29, 2026

**Today THANKSGIVING & STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE SUNDAY**
- 8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 – Worship
- 3:30 – Pack 302 Meeting

**Monday**
- 10:00 – Bookworms - Lounge
- 7:00 – Dartball vs. Oak Harbor

**Tuesday**
- 5:30 – Juggling Act at The Garrison

**Wednesday**

**Thursday – OFFICE CLOSED – HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Friday**

**Saturday**
- 4:00 – Worship

**Sunday 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- 8:15 – Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 – Worship

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**:180

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