Liturgy at Grace Lutheran Church

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Evangelical Lutheran Worship



Sunday, November 15, 2026 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE THREE LITURGICAL PRELUDES, NO. 1 GEORGE OLDROYD

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ┼ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

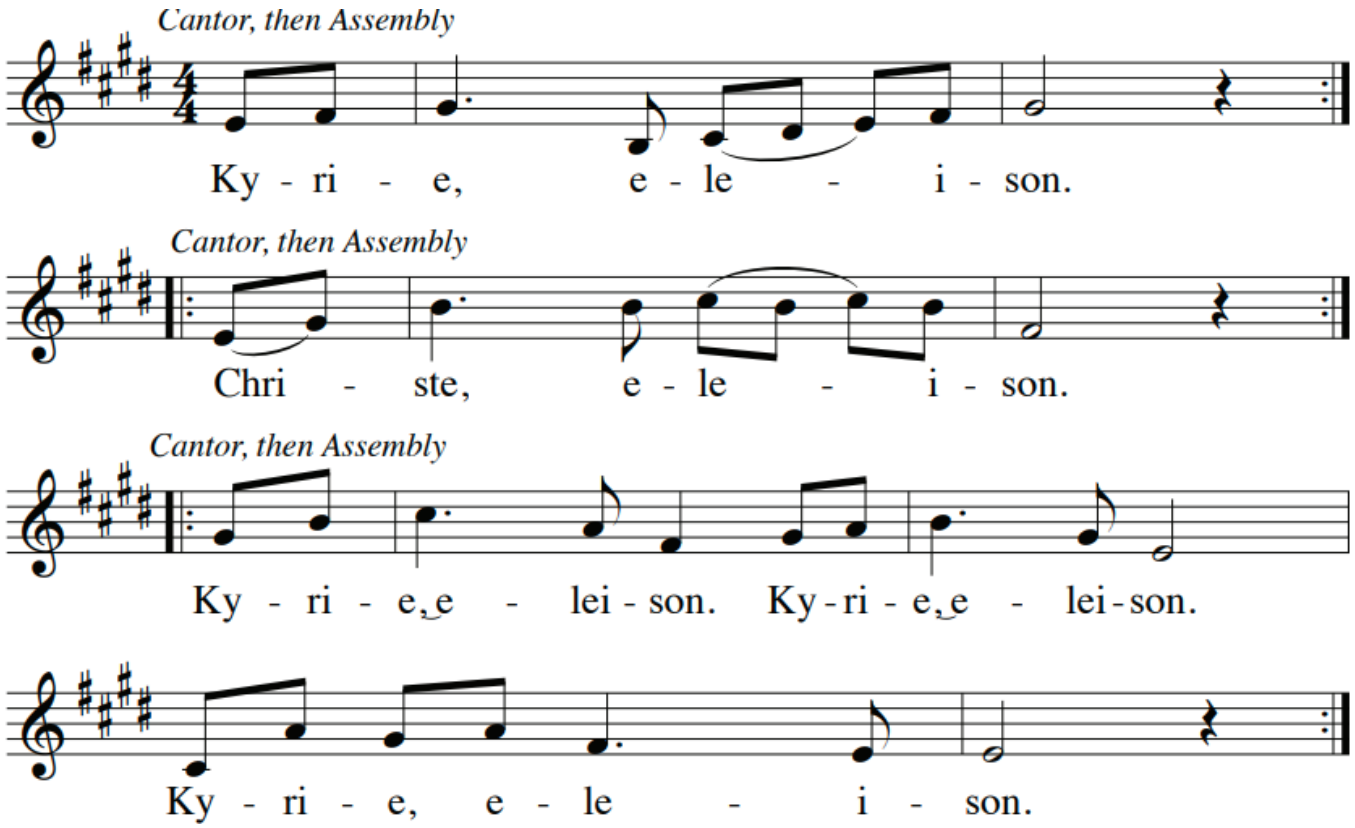
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY HYMN# 890

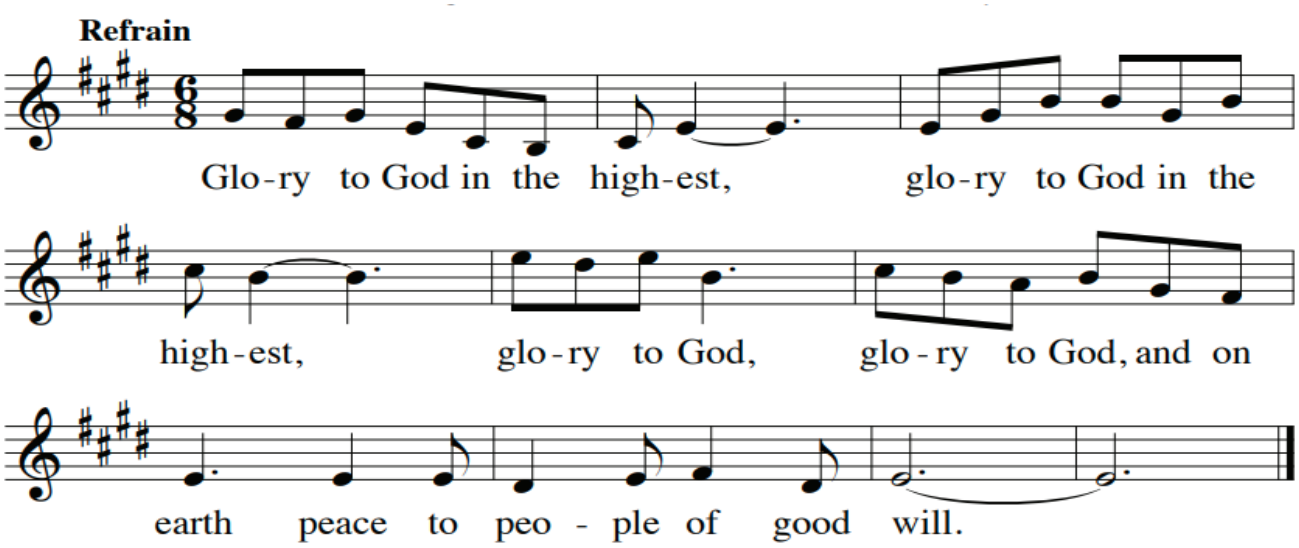
GREETING

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.**

KYRIE



GLORIA



1. We praise you,
   we bless you,
   we adore you,
   we glorify you,
   we give you thanks for your great glory,
   Lord God, heavenly King,
   O God, almighty father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
   Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
   you take away the sins of the world,
   have mercy on us;
   you take away the sins of the world,
   receive our prayer;
   you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
   have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
   you alone are the Lord,
   you alone are the Most High,
   Jesus Christ,
   with the Holy Spirit,
   in the glory of God the Father.
   Amen.

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

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 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 settle like dregs in wine,
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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5*



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R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD,
who walk in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.
R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants
around your table.
R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

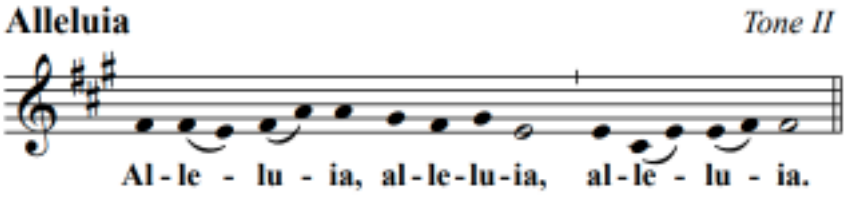
Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

[1] 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, brothers and sisters, 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

PLEASE STAND.



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"Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit." (Jn 15: 4a, 5b)

HOLY GOSPEL **MATTHEW 25:14-30**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the Twenty-Fifth chapter.

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.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY Rev. Khader Khalilia

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING HYMN# 678

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
The assembly sits after exchanging the peace.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, Peace be with you. *You may consider a gesture without physical touch, perhaps a slight bow, or crossing over the chest, as a symbol of an embrace.*

**Please consider an offering to Grace Lutheran Church by clicking at this link:* https://secure.myvanco.com/YQ3P/home or scan the QR code below.

OFFERTORY MUSIC REMEMBER, O THOU MAN THOMAS RAVENSCROFT

OFFERTORY VERSE *Please stand.*

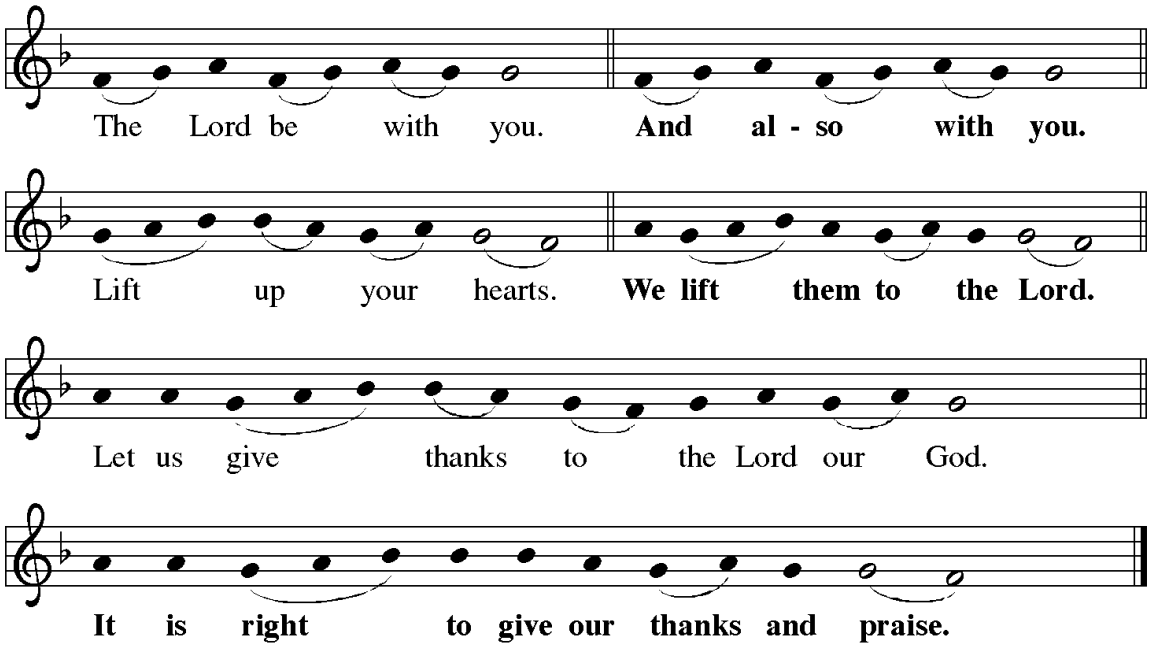
YOU ARE HOLY (DU AR HELIG)



OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…We praise your name and join their unending hymn…

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.
For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

OUR FATHER

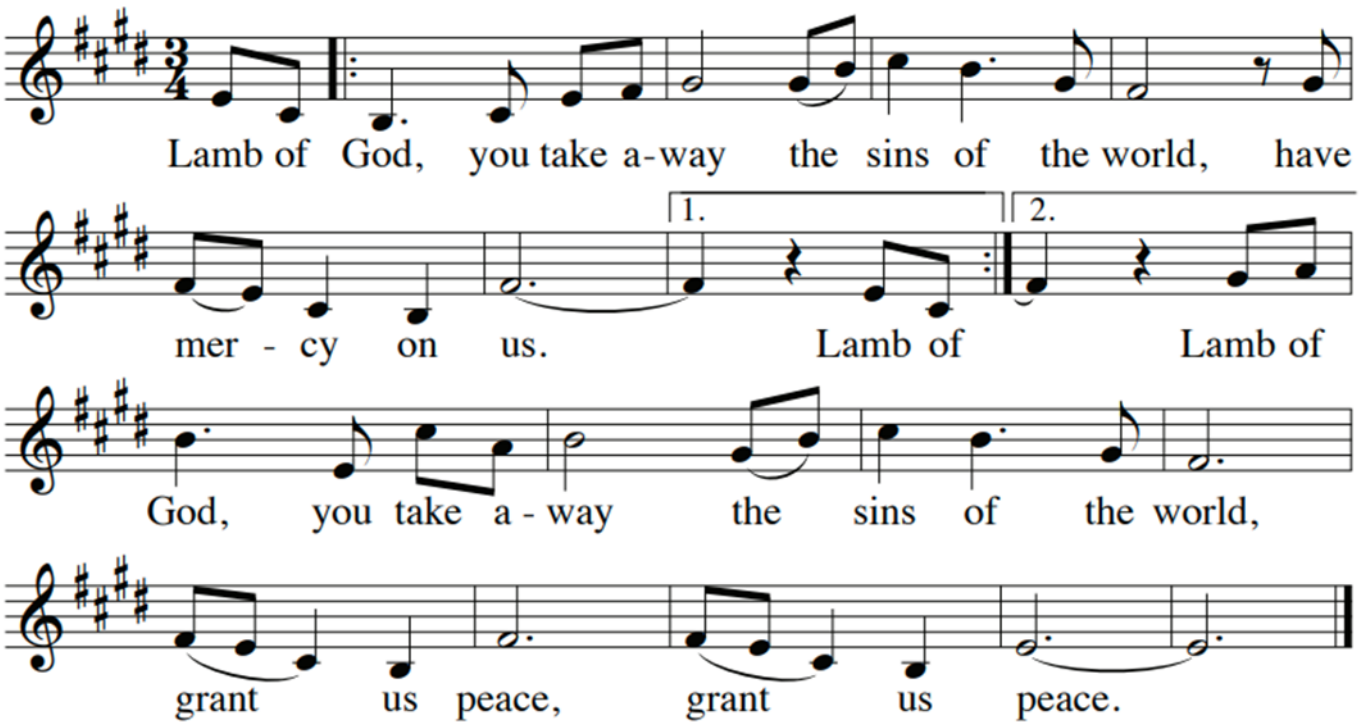
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

AT THE DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. In this Sacrament we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ for our forgiveness and salvation as we celebrate our unity with Christ and all the saints.

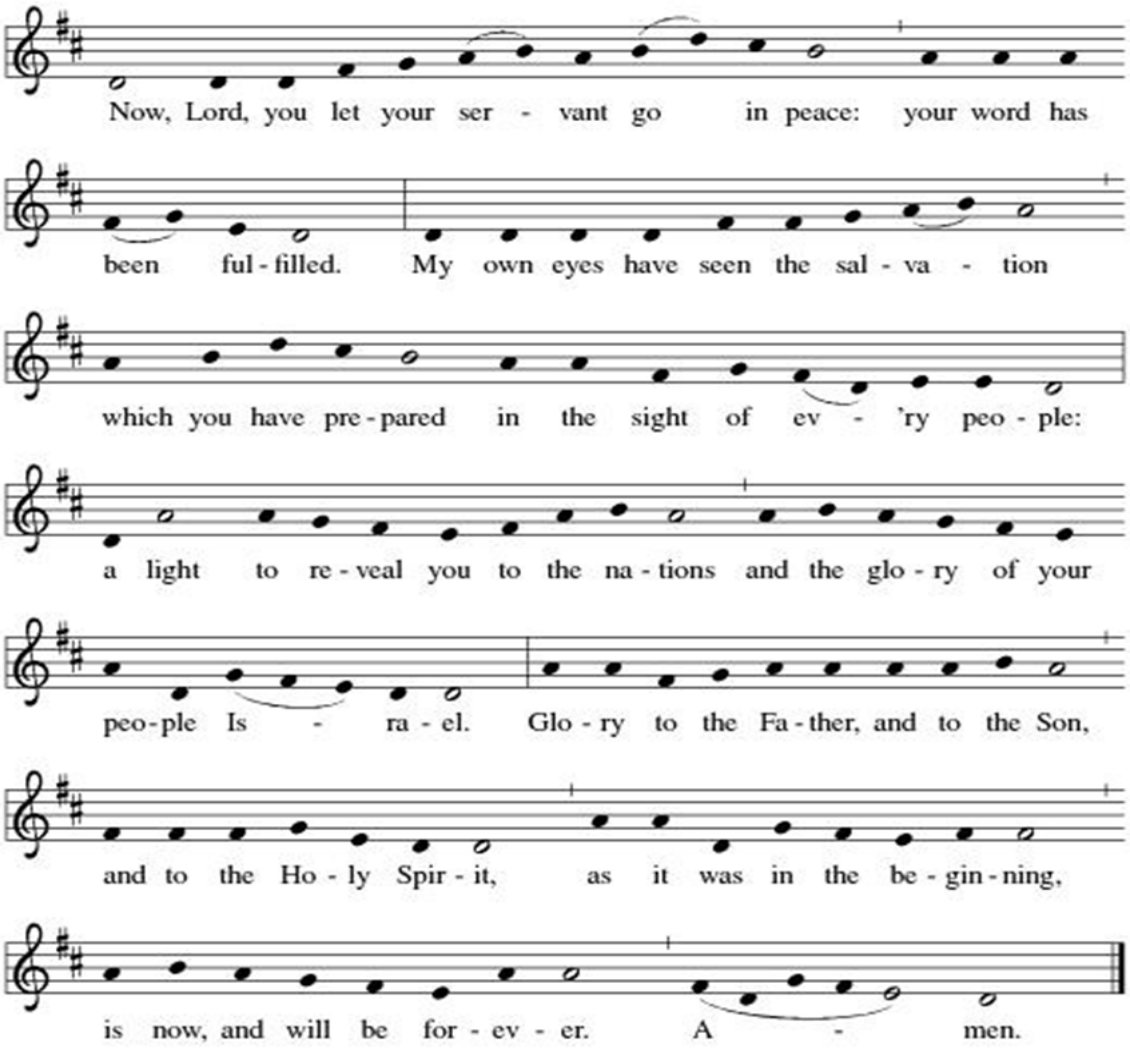
ANGUS DEI



MUSIC AT COMMUNION WHAT FEAST OF LOVE HYMN# 487
LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENT HYMN# 490

POST COMMUNION BLESSING *Please stand.*
The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

Now, Lord



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us Pray. Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

Sending *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

BENEDICTION *Please stand.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY HYMN# 674

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE THREE LITURGICAL PRELUDES, NO. 2 GEORGE OLDROYD

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PARISH NOTES – November 15, 2026

Welcome in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We appreciate your joining us as we celebrate the love given to us through God's beloved Son. If you wish to be included on our mailing list, please sign the guest book or inform an usher or the pastor. Also, please join us for conversation and refreshments in the lower level after worship. May you feel richly blessed this day!



~ Nancy Camarata, Anthony Serrano, The Family of Richard Boyle, John DeLuca, Beatrice Sarchapone, Maria Marsala, Roger Stern, Karen O'Brien, Phil Scherer, Milly Reistad, Pat Boyle, Steve Cerame, Diane Kerl, Family of Sandy Romano, Ruth Lundy, Dot Coy, Don Coy, Joshua Suzuki, Stanley Lieberman, Thomas Maulick, James Quigg, Norina Lundy, Carmen Delgado, Peter Syrdahl, Linda Ellsbury

Please let us know if you are in need of prayer.

"The Word In Season" devotionals for October, November and December 2026 are now available on the foyer table.



Eternal Candle and Altar Flowers:

It is $10 per week to sponsor the Eternal Candle and $50 per floral arrangement for the altar.

The Eternal Candle for November is lit in memory of ***Matthew J. Regevik*** with love from this family

Blessed Birthday Wishes for November to:

Henrik Johnson	Nov. 2
Nancy Khalilia	Nov. 14
Deborah Roman	Nov. 20

Kitchen Wish List

Our wish list in now on Amazon- **Grace Lutheran Church's Kitchen Shower**
The link is available in the church e-newsletter

November 2nd through November 22nd, ~~ Coat and non-perishable food drive.

Bring your coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, scarves, hats and gloves to church and leave them on the back pew. The items will be delivered to Trinity Lower Eastside. Your donation will help Trinity keep the unfortunate homeless warm.

Bring your non-perishable food for the food drive. Trinity Lower Seaside Lutheran serves a hot meal to the homeless every day and the food that Grace Lutheran collects will help fill their pantry. Please drop off non-perishable food in the back pew. The food will be delivered the same day as the coats.
Please note! At Sunday's November Fall Festival Service, scheduled for November 22nd, Pastor Khader will bless the collected food.

Harvest and Stewardship Sunday

Harvest and Stewardship Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 22, 2025 with a special luncheon to follow.

Save the Date: Dec 6th at 4pm Stille Nacht:A German Christmas Celebration
Choral Music for Advent and Christmas
A candlelit concert featuring Traditional Carols for All to Sing
here at Grace Lutheran Church.

Faith Formation

Sunday School

Sunday School meets on Sundays at **9:40 a.m.**

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class meets on Sundays at **9:30 a.m. in the Church Office**.



Stille Nacht

A German Christmas Celebration

Choral music for Advent & Christmastide, with carols for all to sing

DATE & TIME

Sunday, Dec 6
Starts at 4 p.m.

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FEATURING

Grace Lutheran
Choir of Brooklyn
and
Kirsten d'Aquino
Director of Music

RECEPTION

Wine and cheese fellowship following the performance.

RSVP

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Sundays	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Coffee Hour
	12:00 pm	Greek Apostolic Church Service
Wednesdays	7:00 pm	Sons of Bill (Men's AA Meeting) – *In-person*
Saturdays	1:30 pm –	Al-Anon Meeting – *In-person*

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Opening our doors and serving the community by transforming lives through the powerful teachings of Jesus Christ.
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