

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 17, 2019

**“ A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus”**

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Four
Congregational responses are in bold print

*Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir Sing

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation stands.

Prelude: "Mosso Moderato"

Hesse

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God our helper,

We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

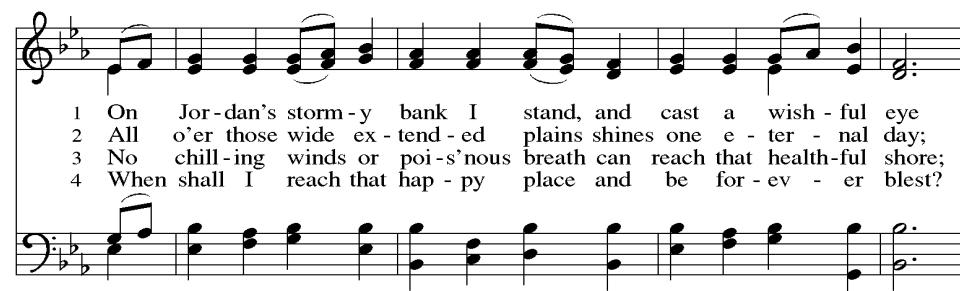
There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen

Gathering Song: "On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand"

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On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

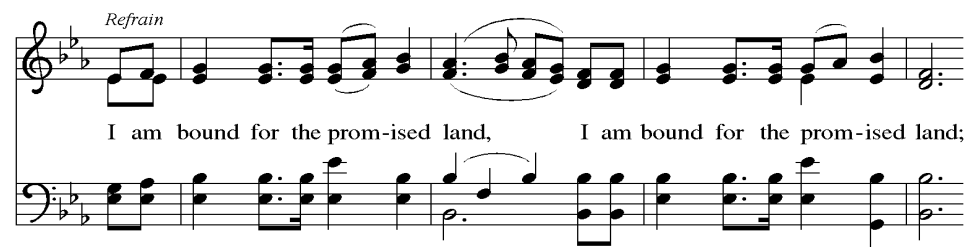


1 On Jor-dan's storm-y bank I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
2 All o'er those wide ex-tend-ed plains shines one e-ter-nal day;
3 No chill-ing winds or poi-s'nous breath can reach that health-ful shore;
4 When shall I reach that hap-py place and be for-ev-er blest?

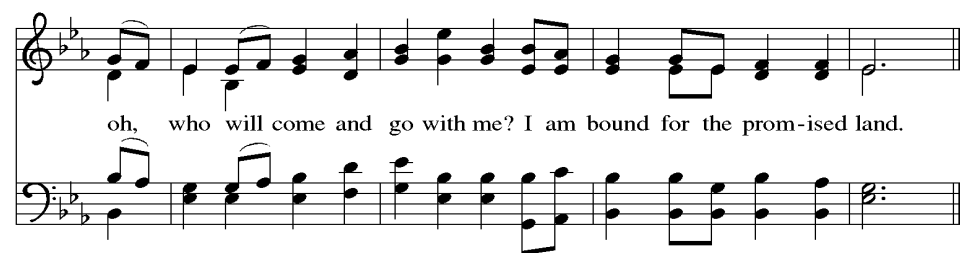


to Ca-naan's fair and hap-py land, where my pos-ses-sions lie.
there God the Son for-ev-er reigns and scat-ters night a-way.
sick-ness and sor-row, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.
When shall I see my Sav-ior's face and in God's bos-om rest?

Refrain



I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land;



oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

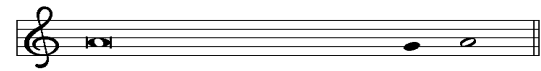
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Music: PROMISED LAND, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1836-1899

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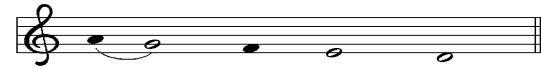
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

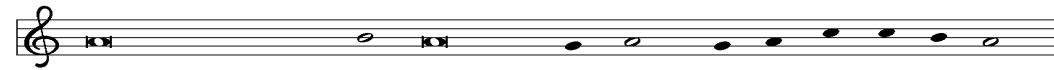
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



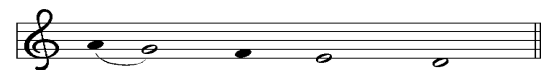
Lord, have mer - cy.



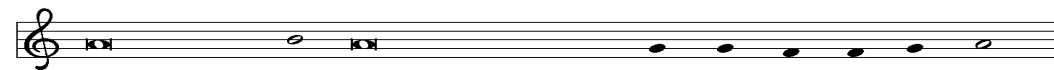
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

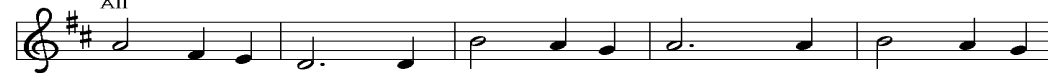
Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

After the prayer the congregation responds:

Amen.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Word

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi:

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from Second Thessalonians:

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation **stands** to welcome the gospel.*

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Children's Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-9 are invited to attend Children's Church, which is held on the same floor as this worship space in the Library, and Chapel. Here the children will learn more about the same Bible readings as were heard in worship, and will be taught songs and about the way we worship. Children's Church will return to worship around the time of the Sharing of the Peace, in order to take part in Holy Communion.

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 not attending Children's Church will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.) Children 10 and over will join in regular Worship.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Canticle of the Turning"

Hymn #723, Page 11

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.**

Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional
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Prayers of Intercession

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Meal

Offering

(The offering is gathered by the ushers. Please place visitor cards in the offering plate)

Anthem: "Come to the Table"

Althouse

*The congregation **stands***

(The Ushers bring the offering to the Altar, as we sing)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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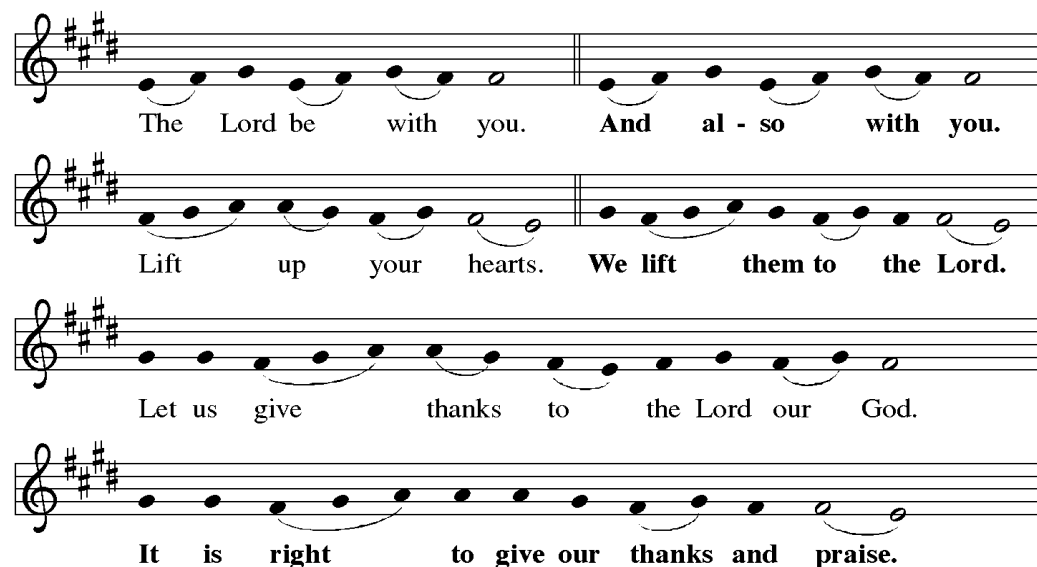
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

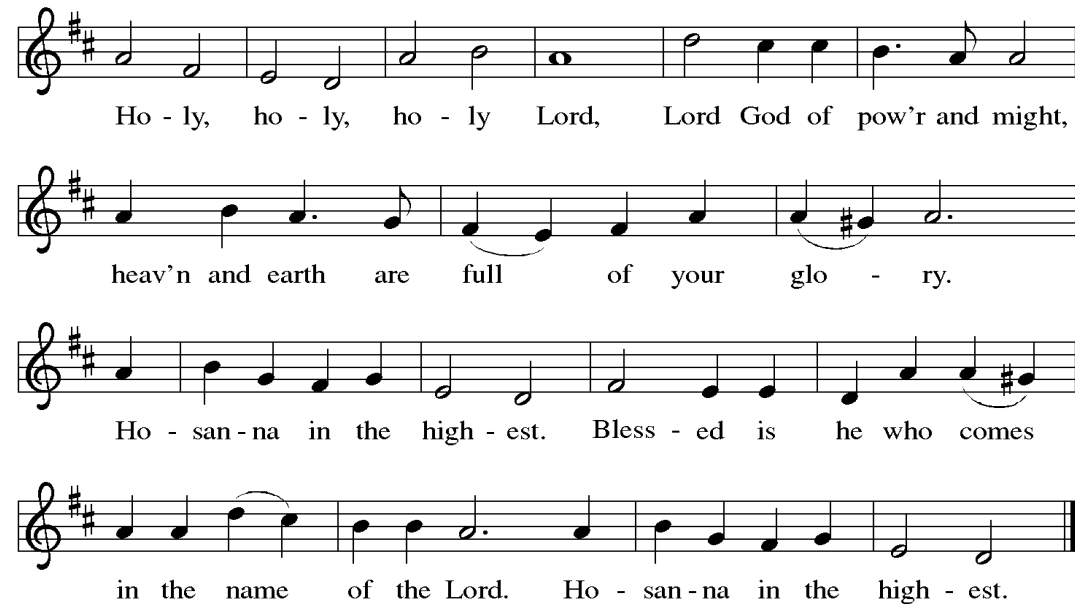
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Hunger no more. Thirst no more. Come to the banquet of life.
Thanks be to God.

*The congregation may be **seated**.*

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this Sacrament, the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

***Communion Distribution:** One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, the following is announced:*

As the ministers commune the congregation may sing the following:

There will be a time of silence as the choir comes down for Holy Communion. Please use this time for prayer and preparation, then join in the singing of the hymns....

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

Hymn #553, Page 18

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

Hymn #686, Page 19

“Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil”

Hymn #721, Page 20

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation **stands**.*

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

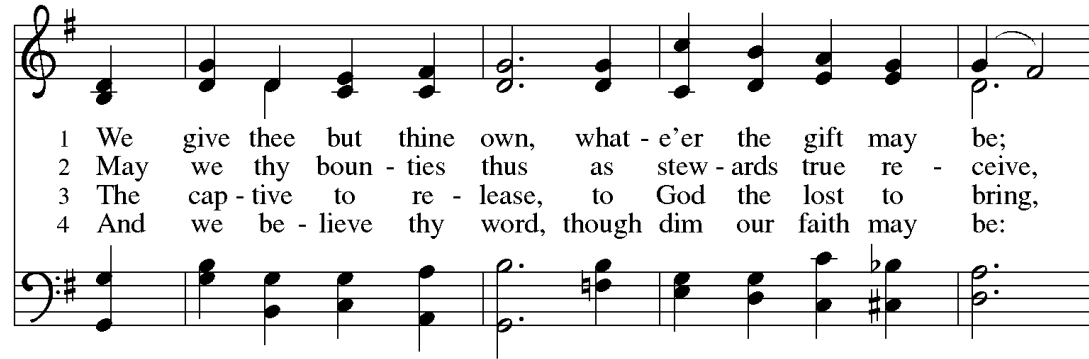
Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is
Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931
 Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949
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The Communion Blessing

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

Amen

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The love of God surround you; the grace of +I Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

Amen.

Sending Song: *“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”*

Hymn #452, Page 22

Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

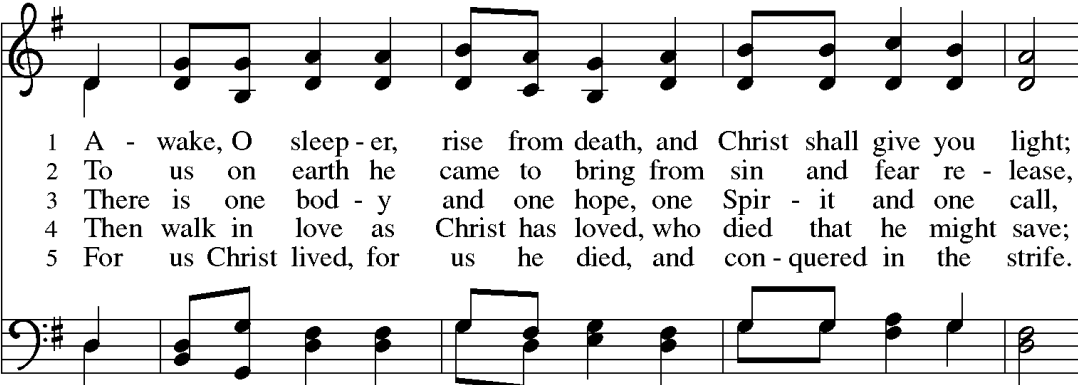
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“Postlude In E Minor”*


Hesse

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Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Robin Crowder</i>
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	<i>E. G. Rankin and Carrie Jones</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Ron Almarode, Rick Bump, Lee Lynch</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Ernestine Moomaw and Eleanor Sampson</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Karley Hull</i>
<i>Cup Gatherer:</i>	<i>Donna Marshall</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Lisa and Glen Gray</i>
<i>Nursery Caregivers:</i>	<i>Sarah Kite and Deloris Wertman</i>
<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Peggy Marks</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Linda Meyer</i>

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to
to the glory of God*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

November 24, 2019

Christ the King

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Announcements



Thanksgiving Service of Healing and Thanksgiving on November 26th: Tuesday, November 26th, 7pm, we will have a Service of Healing and Thanksgiving, in which we give thanks to God for the ways we have been blessed, and also offer a time of anointing and prayer for healing in mind, body and Spirit as we approach the Advent and Christmas Season. Our brothers and sisters at St. James, Bethlehem and Zion will be joining us, and we'll join them on Wednesdays during Advent in December.



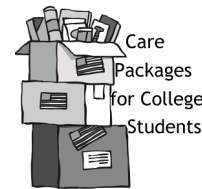
Offering Envelopes for the Year Available: Please pick up your set of envelopes for 2020 from the back of the church, they are in alphabetical order.



Making Family Time a Priority Celebrating Advent and Christmas - Two resources are available to families, grandparents, and those who would like to prioritize the journey of Advent to the Birth of Jesus and what it means for us and for the world - through an Advent Calendar and Nativity Scene OR Advent and Christmas Cards (daily "flash cards") that offer suggestions for making time within busy schedules to see the month of December and early January (Advent, Christmas and Epiphany) in a different way. See the samples on the narthex table, and sign-up if you'd like to order. **Last Sunday to order!**



ELCA Good Gifts- There are a couple catalogs on the table in the back of the church that have gift ideas for Christmas (or anytime) that can make a difference in someone's life. ELCA Good Gifts is a way we can share God's love in Jesus with others. ELCA.org/goodgifts is their website that also offers gift suggestions.



College Care Packages: Once again we are planning on sending "care packages" to our college students in undergraduate programs in time for their first semester exams. This year we have three students in college: Zach Perkins (Virginia Tech), Lily Pingel (Roanoke College), and Tyler Wertman (Roanoke College). If you would like to contribute homemade (or other) goodies or a note of encouragement to each of these students, please bring your contribution to the History Room by worship time on Sunday, Dec. 1. Our packing team will be packing up the boxes that afternoon. If you have any questions, please contact Caroline Biggers or Linda Meyer. Thank you for your support of our students!!

Announcements Continued



Meals on Wheels in November is in full swing. This is our **fourth decade** of providing meals to the homebound in the Waynesboro area!! Thanks to all who have volunteered to help from Grace! It's one more way God gives us to *be* A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus.



Book Study Group Continues - After completing the reading of the book White Fragility, Grace's book study group elected to continue the study of racism as something we're called to in the Church. The group has selected a book by ELCA Lutheran pastor Lenny Duncan entitled Dear Church: a love letter from a black preacher to the whitest denomination in the U.S. We are studying the book on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. during November. Though the group has found its book study challenging, it is also an important step in moving forward as Christ's Church, and understanding the power of Jesus' Gospel to act on the real challenges of being Christ's Church in today's world. Come and be a part!



Thanksgiving Break - The Church Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day (November 28) and "Black Friday" (November 29).

No Weekday Bible Study Thanksgiving week—there will be no Bible Class Wednesday November 27, or Thursday, November 28.



Advent Worship Shared with Local Congregations Again this Year - We begin Advent Worship together with Zion Lutheran, St. James Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Come and Prepare the Way of the Lord this Advent Season!



Grace Lutheran will again have the Giving Tree for needy families at Christmas. We have received names of families from the Salvation Army. The Tree is in the back of the Nave. Please take one or more tags, sign your name and the gift tag taken in the book, and purchase gift. **Return wrapped gift with original tag attached to the Church by Sunday, December 15th.** If you have any questions regarding your gift ornament, please contact Jane Stein 943-3327 or Sharon Lynch 943-4294. Thanks for your support in helping these families to have a Happier & Blessed Christmas.

Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet on the podium located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office(*), and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Barb Susen

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Amy Vaus, Cousin of Brad Hull

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns
Nancy Fitzgerald
Bob and Carol Knemoller
Glenn and Flossie Myers

Fred Brower
Sandra R. Hoy
Peggy Lucas

Jean Brower
Sandy Johnson
Janet Lunger

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Marie Brown, Mother of Janet Parmer and Jane McGehee

Delmar Carlson, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Barbara and Jeff Eagle, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Bobby Haywood, Friend of Trauschts

Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trausch's Brother-In-Law

Katherine Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trausch

Joshua Scott, Friend of the Jones Family

Krista Traynor and Her Children, Daughter of the Proctors

Keith Weller, Son of Wellers

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Morris Elliott, Grace Member

Family of Lee Honeycutt, Friend of the Pingels

Family Shirley Krizovsky, Grace Member

Family of Valla Myers, Mother of Mike Myers

The Needs of the World

Racial Reconciliation in the Church

California Fire Victims

The work of Lutheran World Relief around the world (see <https://lwr.org/news>)

Victims of super-typhoon Hagibis in Japan, India

Victims of Greenville, Texas Shooting

The deaths of nine family members due to drug violence

The crisis of drug abuse in the U.S. that leads to such violence

The Church

Our Virginia Synod, ELCA, Bishop Bob

Humphrey, and our sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ

Our Jewish brothers and sisters remembering the anniversary at the Tree of Life Synagogue shooting

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Robert Moyer

Logan Miller

**Life of Grace Church
November 17-24, 2019**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	11/17	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	 Sunday School Worship Choir Practice 23rd Sunday After Pentecost Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding
Monday	11/18	6:30 p.m.	 Book Study (Conference Room)
Tuesday	11/19	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	 Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) Congregational Council (Conference Room)
Wednesday	11/20	8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Backpacks  Bible Study (Conference Room)  Handbell Choir Practice Worship Choir Practice
Thursday	11/21	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	 Grace Walkers Newcomers (Fellowship Hall) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)  Bible Study (Conference Room)
Sunday	11/24	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	 Sunday School Worship Choir Practice Christ the King Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Daily Lectionary

Monday

Psalm 24
Jeremiah 46:18-28
Revelation 21:5-27

Tuesday

Psalm 24
Isaiah 33:17-22
Revelation 22:8-21

Wednesday

Psalm 24
Isaiah 60:8-16
Luke 1:1-4

Thursday

Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:1-22
James 4:1-7

Friday

Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:23-34
Romans 11:1-10

Saturday

Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:35-43
Luke 5:17-26



Members of Grace, Ministers

Linda Meyer, President
Gordon Putnam, Vice President
Zach Bandy, Holly Carper, Pete Giesen,
Kim Hull, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson,
Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, and Rudolph Yobs
Deloris Wertman, Secretary
Ron Almarode, Treasurer
Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor
Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music
Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday;
8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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