GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 2025 10:00AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P God loves you all the time
- C All the time God loves you

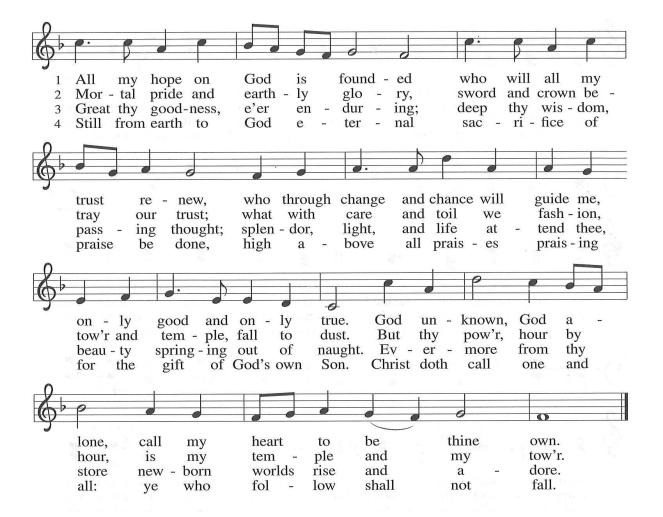
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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

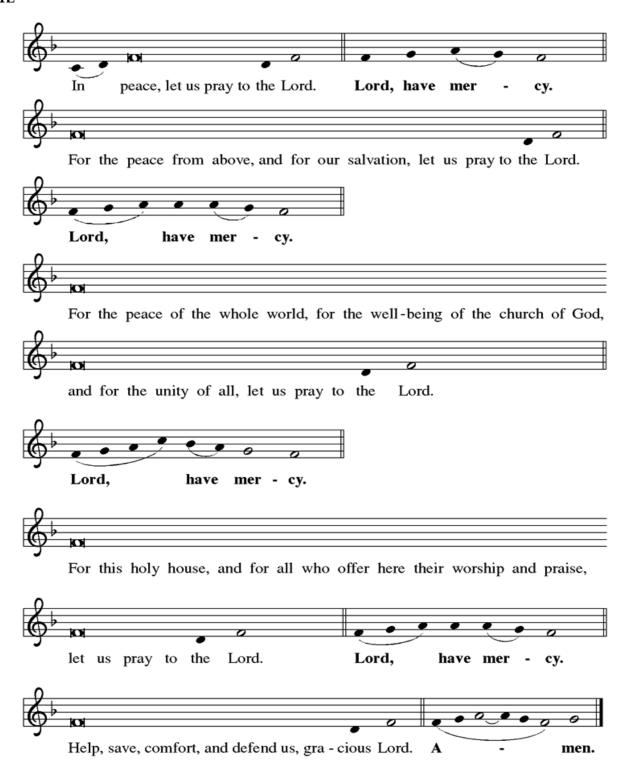
- P Merciful and loving God,
- C we are your broken people.
 We trample on the needy.
 We grumble about your grace to others.
 We turn away from the poor.
 Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
 Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.
- P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
- C Amen.



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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P 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.
- C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, 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.

PSALMODY: Psalm 98

Read responsively.

- ¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- ²O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ You 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.
- ⁵ Sing 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.
- ⁷ Let 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 Thessalonian 3:6-13

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and 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. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 21: 5-19

The holy gospel of Luke the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When 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?" ⁸ And 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." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there 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. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

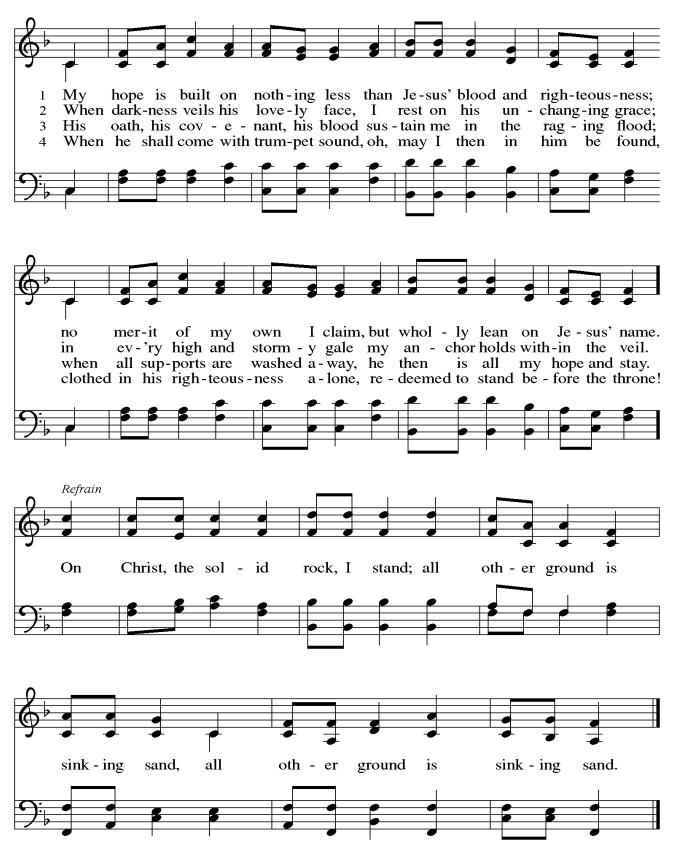
The Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor Tara Magoon

Please stand at the last verse.



APOSTLES' CREED

- A Let us profess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell.

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*.

God of roots and branches, defend the leaders of your church as they proclaim the gospel using discernment, wisdom, and brave testimony. Keep all the baptized on righteous paths in response to Christ's call. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of roaring seas, in a world of earthquake, famine, and plague, use your mighty power to nurture the land and all that lives upon it. Restore peoples and places experiencing natural disasters (*especially*). Strengthen organizations who provide aid to any in crisis. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of victory, among quests for power, guide those in government, courts, law enforcement agencies, and the military. Turn them from war and violence to actions of care that build up the common good. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, where injustice and exploitation result in populations that are marginalized or underserved, accompany those abandoned by friends, hurt by family, and harmed by violence or oppression. Care for all who are ill, anxious, or in pain of any kind. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of new songs, in a congregation of faithful believers, energize us for compassionate service and delight us through worship and inspired prayer. Encourage your people in building equitable community where all are valued. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of every generation, we remember the saints with steadfast love and faithfulness. Confident in Christ's victory over death, may we be inspired by the example of the faithful. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always
- C and also with you
- P Let us share God's peace

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word, Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.

Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own; Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life; Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.

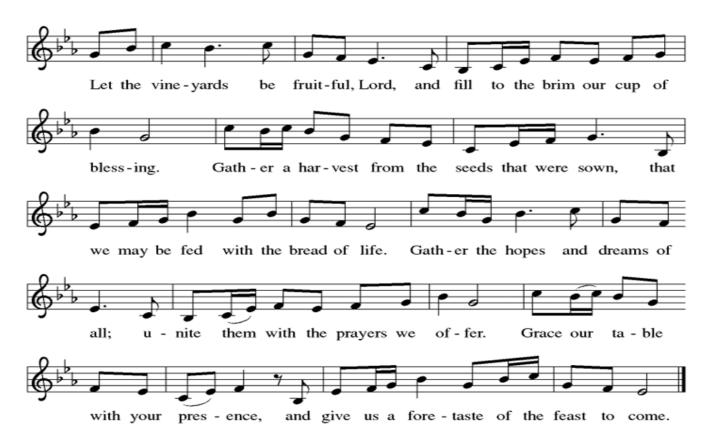
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave; May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.

There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy, As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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OFFERTORY



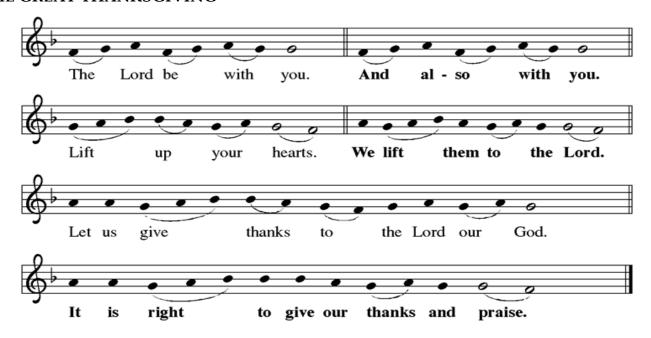
OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Lord of the harvest,
 - we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

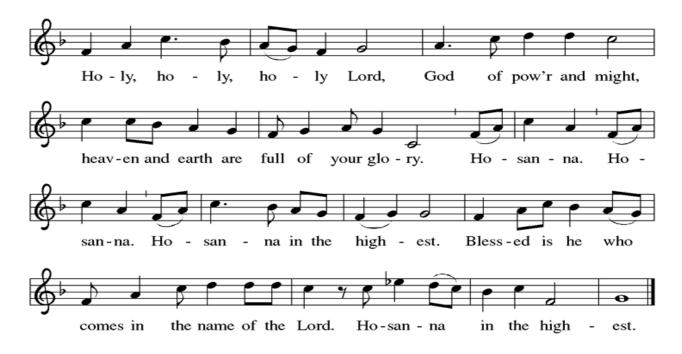
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that
we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

P 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- C Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy. All are welcome at the table of the Lord

You may be seated

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

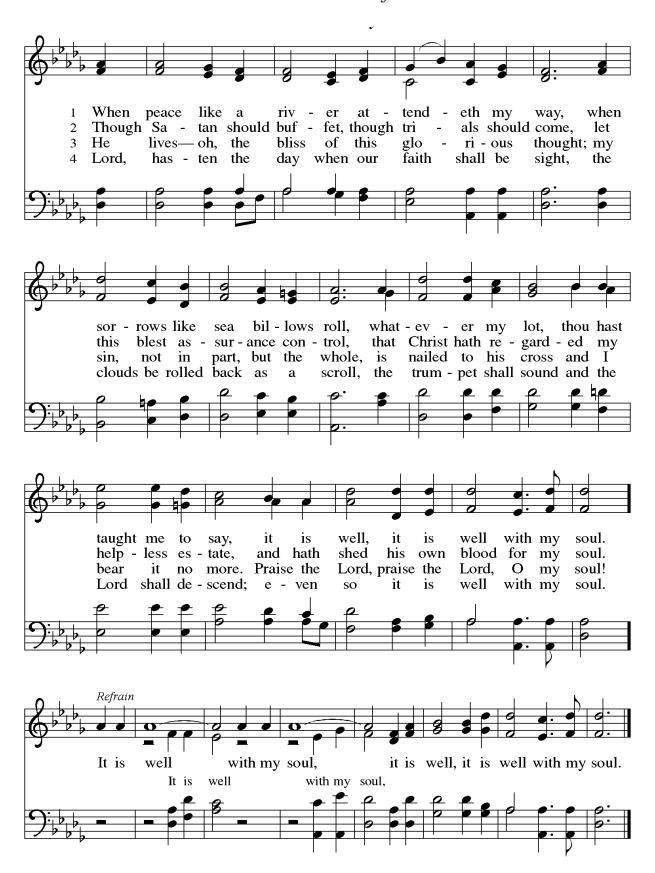
Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make way to the chancel rail and receive the communion elements. Elements at inperson worship are red wine and white grape juice. All bread is gluten-free.



HYMN DURING COMMUNION One Bread, One Body

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

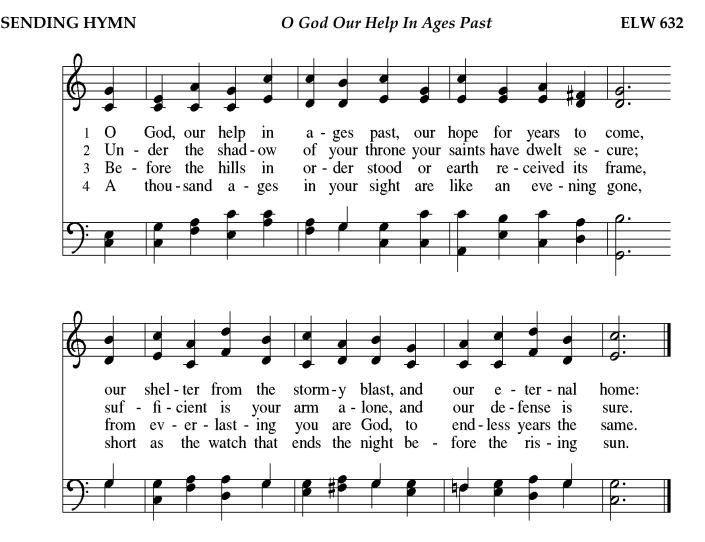
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

BLESSING

- P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever
- C Amen.



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
- C Thanks be to God.

10:00AM WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister: Sandy Betley
Greeter: Mandy Munson
Ushers: Julie Auger, John Auger
Reader: Abhi Yelampalli
Sound: Greg Munson
Streamer: Aman Yelampalli
Nursery: Laura Mackiewicz, Kevin Mackiewicz
Refreshments: Jane Foskett, Merrily Schiavone
Counters: Jim Foskett, Beth Fenner

The altar flowers are presented to the glory of God by Beth Fenner in memory of Bill Fenner.

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