ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2025



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Worship services: Sundays at 9am, Tuesdays at 12:10pm



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<u>Our Mission</u>: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

<u>Vision Statement</u>: At Grace, we strive to <u>G</u>uide and nurture all individuals to be <u>R</u>esilient, <u>A</u>ccepting <u>C</u>hildren of God rooted in the <u>E</u>nrichment of God's word.

<u>Welcome to Worship</u>: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

<u>Communion Instruction</u>: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. *Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free*. If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

<u>Offering</u>: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

<u>Hearing Assistance Available</u>: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

<u>Nursery Available</u>: We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

(♦ = The congregation is invited to stand)

PRELUDE (Organ) Robert Hobby (arr.), from For All the Saints, Vol. 3 (2014)

- 1. Be Still, My Soul Tune: Finlandia
- 2. Blessed Assurance Tune: Assurance
- 3. Deep River Deep River
- 4. Just a Closer Walk With Thee Tune: Closer Walk

WELCOME

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Chancel Choir) Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), "Jesu, Joy - My

Joy Forever" ("Jesus bleibet meine Freude" from Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben, BWV 147)

Jesu, Joy, my joy forever Strong and righteous, Jesus shining, Cordial, comfort of my soul, Brightness, pleasure, good defining,

Jesus turns away all sorrows So I ever am aware,

That would light and life control. Heart and soul of Jesus there!

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Please stand)

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin....Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

◆ **GREETING** (*Please stand*)

P: The grace of our Lord... be with you all.
C: And also with you.

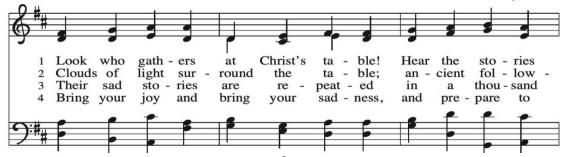
◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY (Please stand)

P: Let us pray. (Silence is kept for reflection) Almighty God.... and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

(ACS 977)





FIRST READING Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

L: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 149

Refrain:



- L: Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- C: Let Israel rejoice in their maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
- L: Let them praise their maker's name with dancing; let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- C: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and adorns the poor with victory. R
- L: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- C: Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand
- L: to wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples
- C: to bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron
- L: to inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:11-23

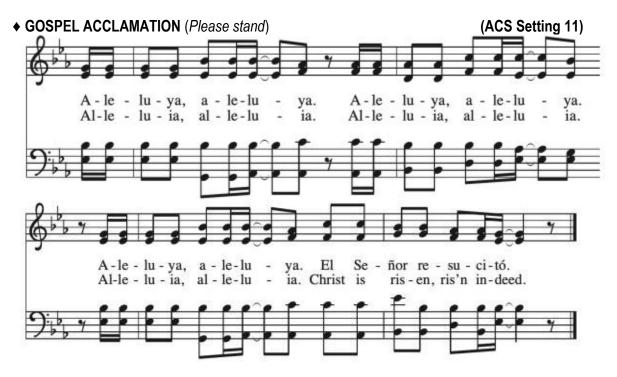
¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the

hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME



♦ GOSPEL Luke 6:20-31

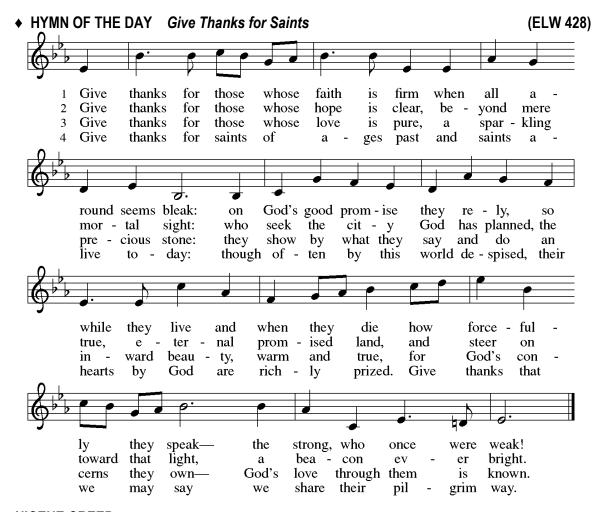
P: The holy gospel, according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (The gospel is announced)

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and

weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. ²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you."

SERMON



NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We offer these and all our prayers.... through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

♦ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Please stand)

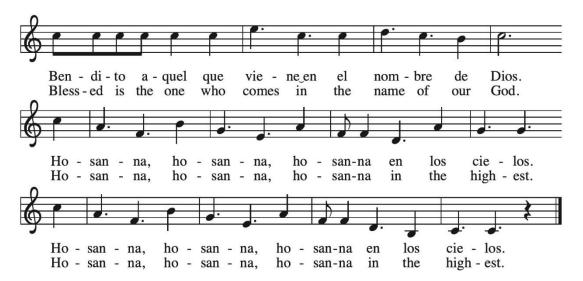
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (ACS Setting 11)





P: Holy God, you alone are holywith every breath. C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness.....into the future. C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son....with us now. C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

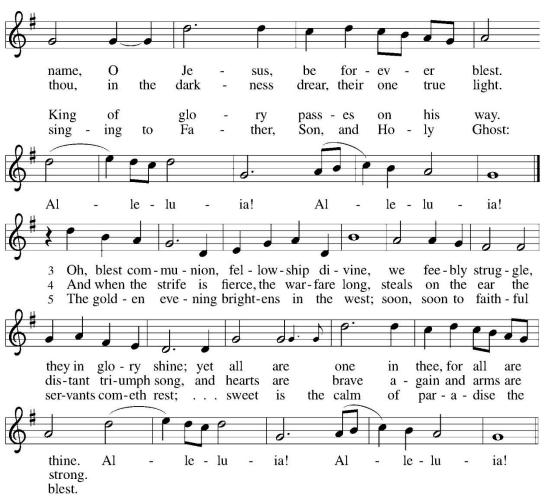
P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit.... without end. C: Amen.

♦ THE LORD'S PRAYER

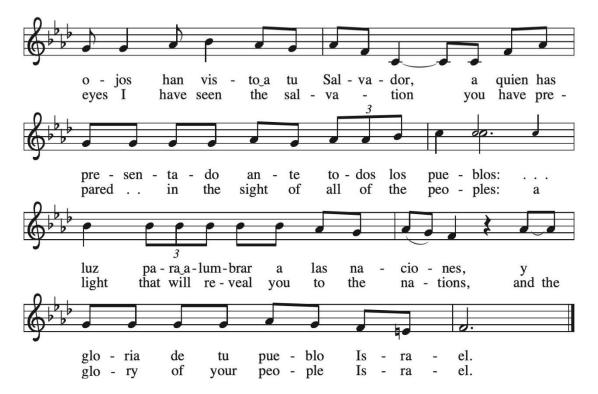
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.











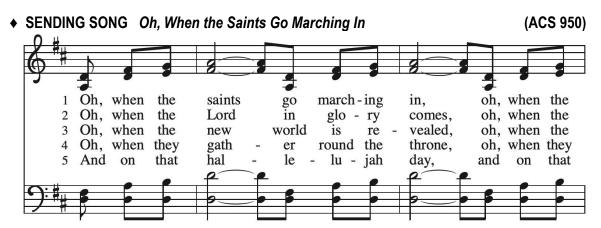
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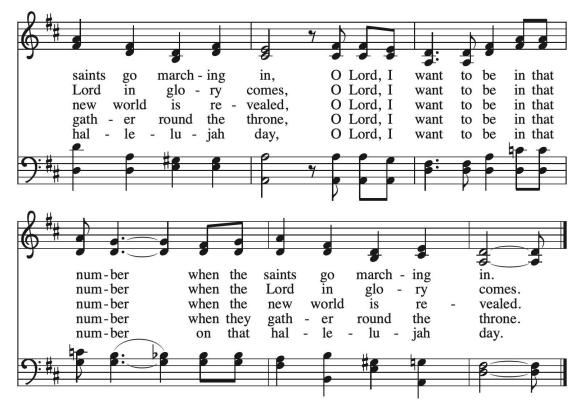
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, almighty God ... for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

♦ BLESSING

P: 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. **C: Amen.**





◆ **DISMISSAL** (Please stand)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Bell Choir, Organ, Trumpet): Richard Strauss (1864-1949), "Festival Procession" (arr. 1989 by Doug E. Wagner)

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See Blue Sheet for Music Notes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday Worship Leaders Next Sunday Worship Leaders

Greeter: TBD

Reader: JoAnn Holdmann

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Wine Michelle Hogan, Nathan Campbell Wine JoAnn Holdmann, TBD

Usher: TBD Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: JoAnn Holdmann
Coffee Fellowship: Janie Robbins & Kim Nagel
Coffee Fellowship: TBD

This week at Grace

Sun 11/2 All Saints Sunday

8:15am Chancel Choir Warmup

9:00am Worship ~ Chancel Choir Sings 10:15am ~ Community Life Team Meeting

10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Mon 11/3 2pm Violin Lessons

Tue 11/4 12:10pm Devotional Worship

3:30pm Violin Lessons

5:30pm Scouts

7pm MAMCCO Soloists Rehearsal

Wed 11/5 9am Guest House Sandwiches

3:30pm Violin Lessons

6:30pm SBG Vocalists Only Rehearsal

Thu 11/6 12pm Bible Study

6:30pm Women's Choir Rehearsal *** NOTE CHANGE TO THUSDAY *** 7:30pm Men's choir Rehearsal *** NOTE CHANGE TO THUSDAY ***

Sun 11/9 8:15am Chancel Choir Warmup

9:00am Worship ~ Chancel Choir Sings

10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:15am Christian Education

<u>Grace's Welcome Statement</u>: Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

<u>All Saints Sunday</u>: Next Sunday, November 2, you will have the opportunity to have loved ones mentioned in worship that have passed away **since the last All Saints Day (November 1, 2024)** by filling out a slip of paper with those names.

<u>Help Needed</u>: The Memorial Team has purchased a TV and portable TV stand for various uses around the church. Completing the assembly will require a few people. If anyone is willing to help with this following worship today, please let Pastor Bill know.

<u>Newsletter</u>: If you do not have an email, or have requested a hard copy of the newsletter, please pick up your copy from the communication desk. Thank you!

<u>Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church)</u>: Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need continues to increase. You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.



<u>All Peoples Thanksgiving Baskets</u>: The Grateful Giving team is once again collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets for All Peoples. Please consider taking one of the cream-colored bags from the communication desk, along with a list of items to purchase, and filling the bag. The bags should be returned no later than Friday, November 14, so they can be delivered to All Peoples on November 15. The GG team will supply the meat for the baskets.

Sermon Definitions:

October 19:

Ford: To cross as in a river **Rebuke:** To reprimand

Prevail: To be greater in strength and influence.

October 25:

Tumult: A great noise or a disorderly

commotion

Desolations: A state of being abandoned

or forsaken

Questions from Sermon Notes:

- 1. Where is Jabok? The Jabok River is an offshoot of the Jordan River in Israel
- **2. What does it mean when you say "we are the people of the book?"** The "book" refers to the Bible. Being people of the book means that your faith stories and many of our traditions rise from the book...the Bible.

Endowment Scholarship Applications: The Grace Endowment Board is now accepting applications for 2025 from college students for a scholarship to help fund their college expenses. The program's requirements and directions about how to apply are set forth in the application, which is located on the communication desk, and can also be found on our website. We encourage all members who are enrolled in college to apply for this years' awards by December 1, 2025. Applications may be delivered to the church office or sent to Sandy by email.

Growing in Grace: Families involved in our children's education ministry, don't forget to check our ministry website for updates on events, Education classes, and volunteer opportunities! You can also email Katy Koppa for updates at kathrynkoppa@gmail.com.



Call 877-232-2376 or use the QR code here.

Save the Date! Saturday, November 15, 9am-2pm is Grace's Second Annual Winter Craft Fair! Crafts, Food, Wine Pull, Raffle, and a great opportunity to support the church! Flyers can be found on the welcome desk to post or share with friends. Don't forget to bring in your wine pull donations by November 9!



<u>Guest House Sandwiches</u>: We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays at 9am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on **November 5 and 19.**

<u>Mutual Ministry Team Members</u>: Below are the current Mutual Ministry Team members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

Dan Umhoefer Theresa Umhoefer Matt Junker Pam Stockbridge

<u>2025 Council</u>: Below are the 2025 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Ryan Bernard (President): 920-418-5235 Janie Robbins (VP): 262-646-4628 Kevin Sibley (Treasurer): 262-302-8182 JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary): 262-290-1609 Diana Koppa: 414-254-9983 David Rockwood: 262-389-4045 Geri Schesel: 262-227-9251

<u>Sunday Coffee Fellowship Information</u>: We're looking for friendly faces to help with coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings. It's an easy but important ministry towards hospitality. There is a great guideline to follow and support is provided!! Just set up coffee, bring a few treats, one always gluten free, and help create a warm, welcoming space for connection after worship.

If interested, please sign up using one of the following options:

- · Communication desk signup sheet
- Online with SignupGenius using the link in the Grace Notes or the QR code here
- · Call the office and let Sandy know
- · Theresa and Jen will also be reaching out by phone as well
- · You can also reach out to: Jen Bartz ~ 414-550-5231. Theresa Umhoefer ~ 262-227-8840



<u>Worship Volunteers</u>: Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers! There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the communication desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the Signup Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!



Celebrations last week and this week:

Birthdays: Gretchen Karthauser – 11/2, Natalie Knuth - 11/2, Hayley Kucharski - 11/4,

Jim Button – 11/7

Anniversaries: Brian & Karen Karthauser – 11/7

<u>Prayers</u>: Chevelle Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), Lana (Janie Robbins's cousin), Andy Roehrborn (cousin of Matt Junker), Debbie (friend of Dawn Omernik), Rick Chu (Veronica Junker's uncle), Jerry Karthauser, Judy Schwartz (friend of Delaine Jacobs), David Rauth, Janie Robbins, Hayley Kucharski, Tucker Kucharski.

Music Notes:

As the **Last Prelude**, the Chancel Choir presents a familiar chorale arrangement by J.S. Bach. As with certain other arrangements, the familiar melody is actually the counter-melody (the main melody is a hymn from our former hymnals, the LBW). One small point is whether or not Bach meant for there to be 3-against-2 as a rhythmic device or whether – like modern jazz music meant to be "swung" – the even eighth notes are mean to be triplets. It is Mr. Dearing's opinion that it was a notational convenience rather than a deliberate device, so that is how we will hear it this morning.

The **Hymn of the Day** is by Martin E. Leckebusch (b. 1962). Born in Leicester, England, his education is in mathematics and information technology and has written more than 100 hymns in his "spare time." The tune, "Repton," is by C. Hubert H. Parry, the redoubtable Victorian musician and polymath who helped restore music to a place of importance in English life.

The **Prelude** and **Postlude** comprise selection from a collection of music for funerals arranged by Robert Hobby (b. 1962), currently Director of Music for Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, IA. He holds a bachelor's degree in Church Music from Wittenberg University in 1985 and a master's degree in Organ Performance from the University of Notre Dame in 1987. He has more than 150 compositions in print.

<u>Next week</u>: Chancel Choir warms up at 8:15am, sings for 9:00am worship, and rehearses after worship at 10:15am.