GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
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Worship services: Sundays at 9am,
Tuesdays at 12:10pm

Online Giving

CHURCH STAFF

Bill Beyer – Pastor (C**:** 262-674-4714)
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Fred Lynk - Custodian
Brian Dearing - Organist/Music Director
Shonda Schaff - Nursery Attendant
Kathryn Koppa - Sunday School Coordinator

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

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

Welcome to Worship: 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.

Communion Instruction: 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.

Offering: 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.

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

Nursery Available: 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.

PRELUDE (Organ): Jacob B. Weeber (), *Lord of Glory: Organ Hymn Preludes* (2015)

1. Come, Join the Dance of Trinity – Tune: Kingsfold
2. If You But Trust in God to Guide You – Tune: Wer nur den lieben Gott
3. Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us – Tune: Hyfrydol
4. Rise Up, O Saints of God! – Tune: Festal Song

WELCOME

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Chancel Choir): Dougles E. Wagner (b. 1952), "A Time for All Things" (1982, 1986)

Vs. 1) To everything there is a season, there is a time for all good things;
A time to plant and a time to reap, a time to lose, a time to keep;
A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, a time to dance.
To everything there is a season, there is a time for all good things.

Vs. 2) A time to follow, a time to lead, a time to speak and a time to heed;
A time to sleep and a time to wake, a time to give, and a time to take.
For all the blessings of our God, are given us that we might have
A time to live and a time to share, a time to love and a time to care.
A time for all good things.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
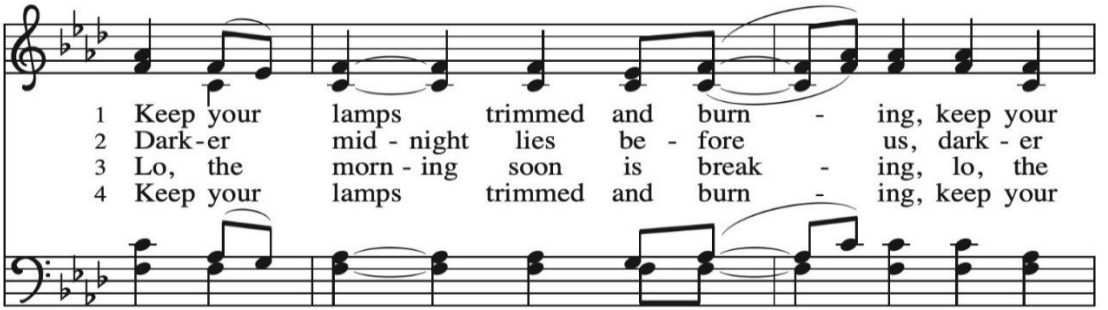
P In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**
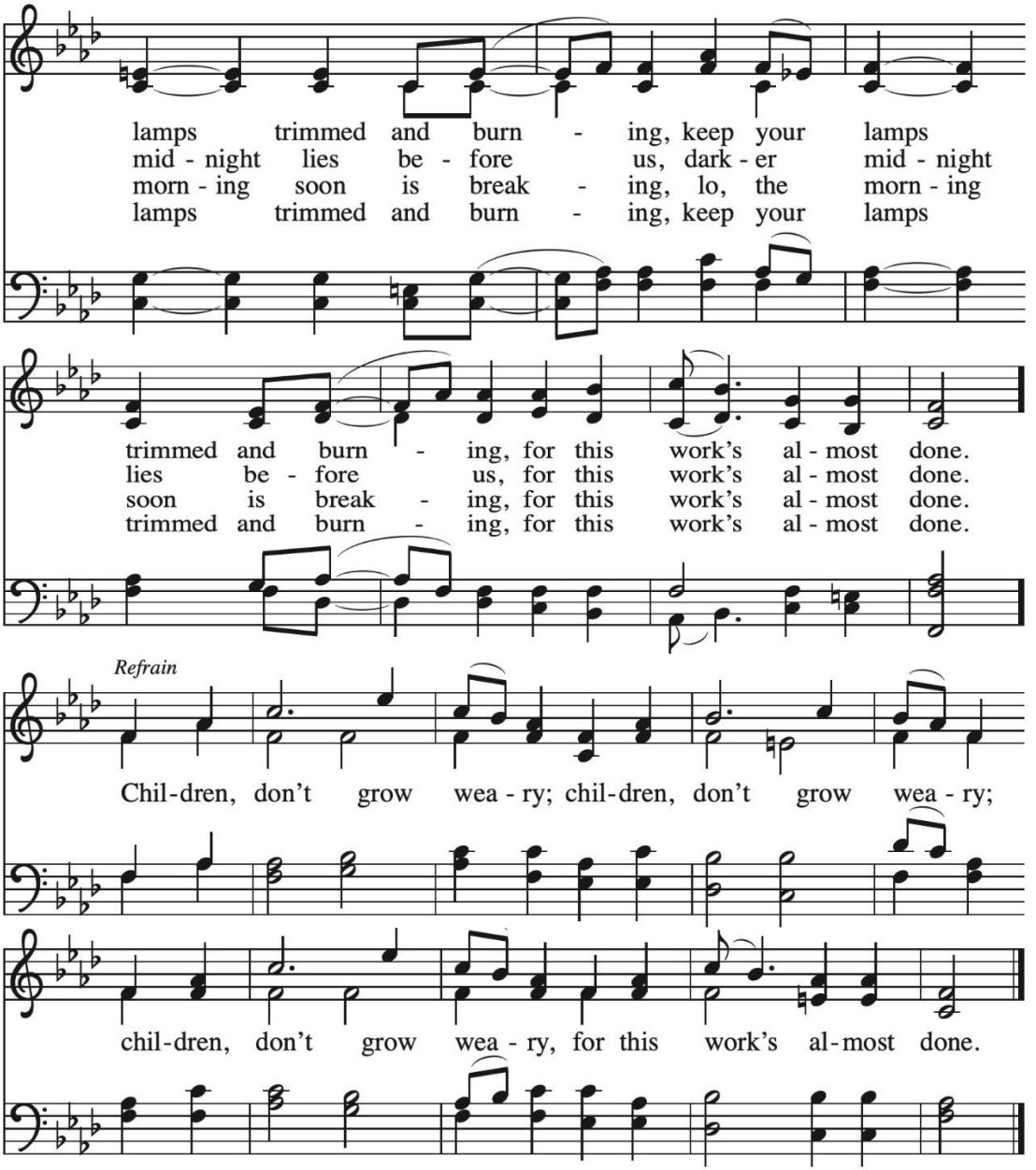
P: Let us confess our sin….Most merciful God,

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.**

GATHERING SONG ***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*** **(ACS 949)**





GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) O God of justice and love….through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

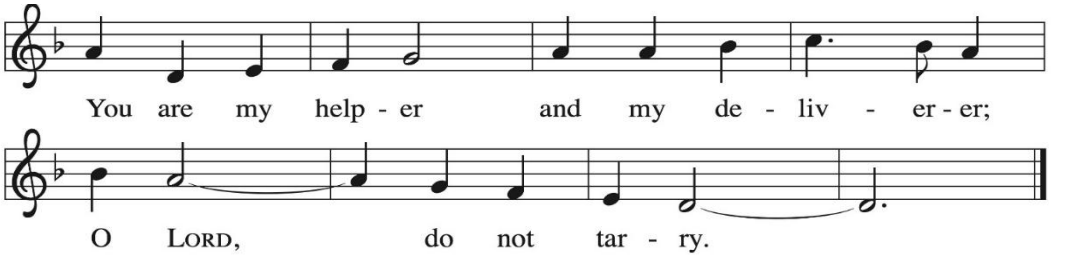
FIRST READING Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is
darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the house
and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD
darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even
though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the
offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of
your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and
righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

PSALM: Psalm 70

Refrain



L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

P: Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced. R

L: Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

P: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"

L: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry. **R**

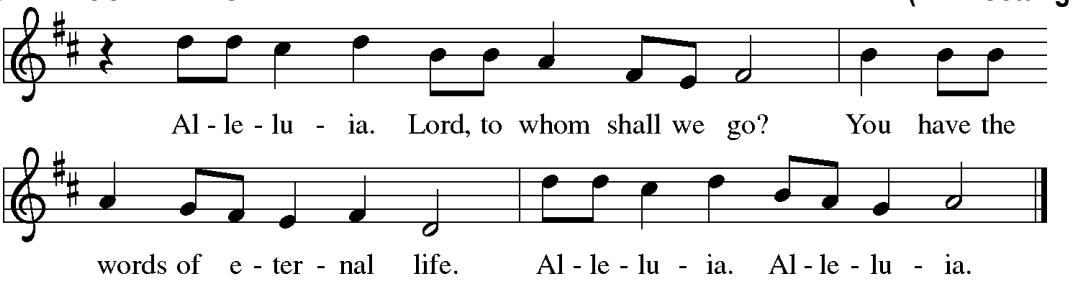
SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so
that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died
and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this
we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of
the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of
command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught
up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord
forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **(ELW Setting 3)**



GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

P: The holy gospel, according to Mattew, chapter 25.
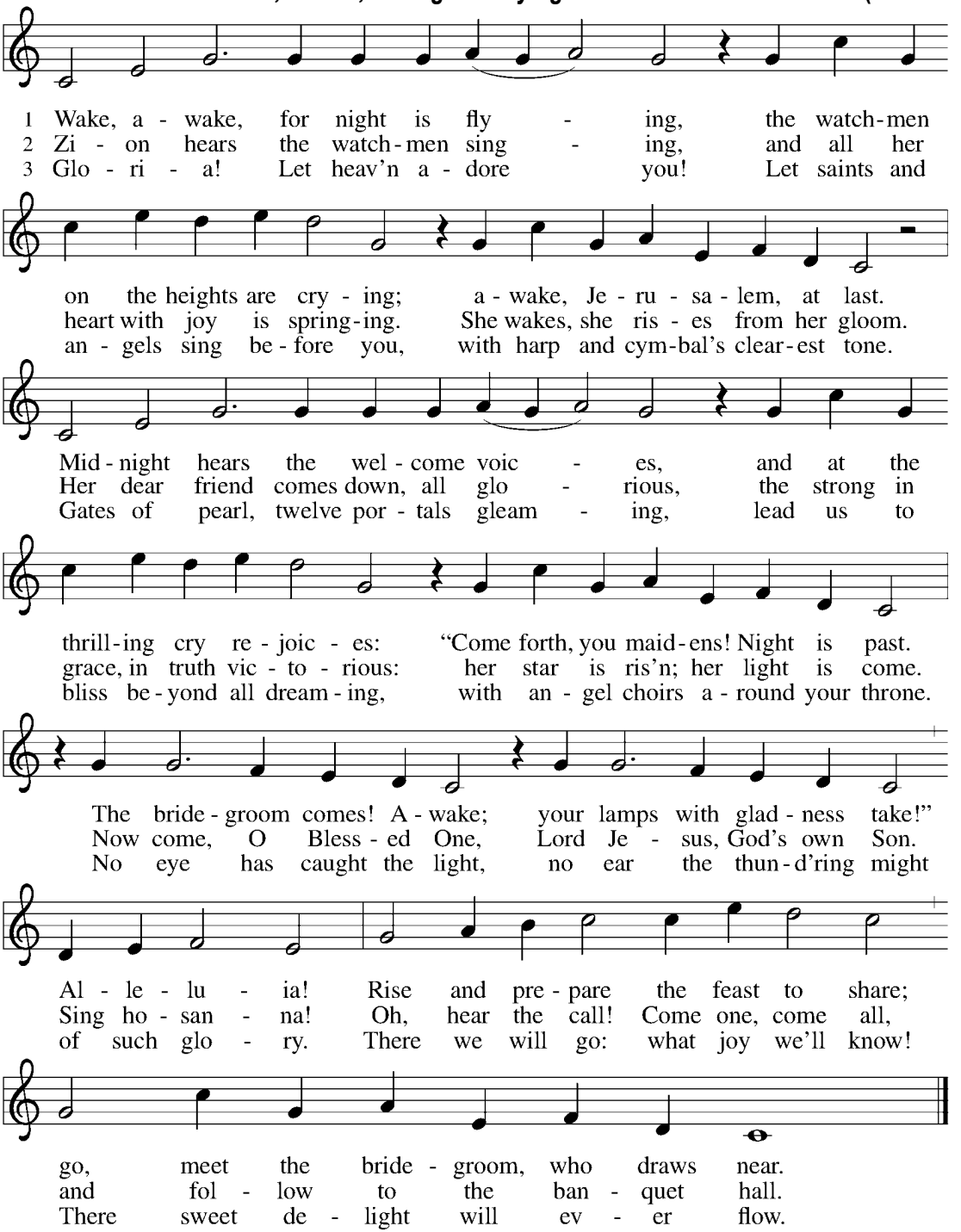
C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*The gospel is announced*)

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*** **(ELW 436)**



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

P: Into your steadfast love…..Jesus, your beloved. **C: Amen.**

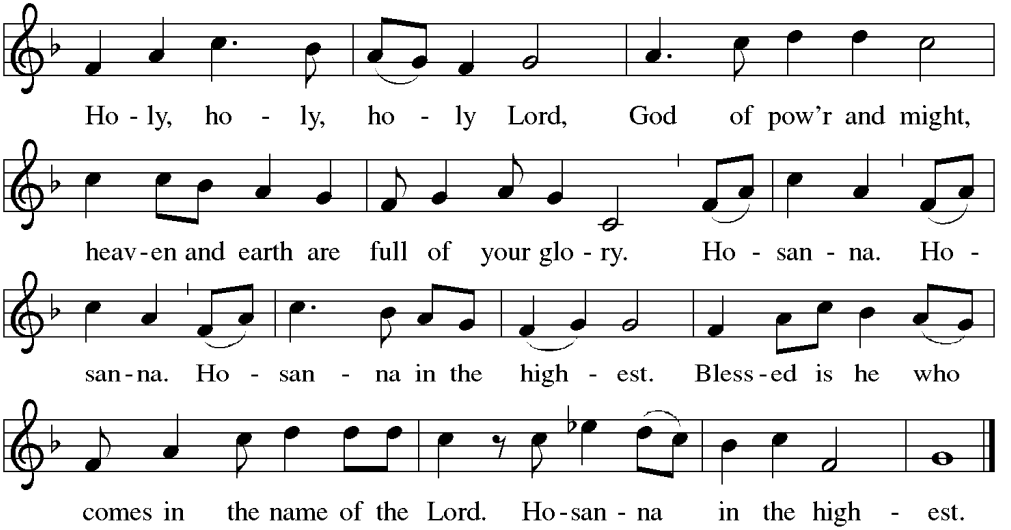
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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: **(ELW Setting 3)**



P: You are indeed holy….we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

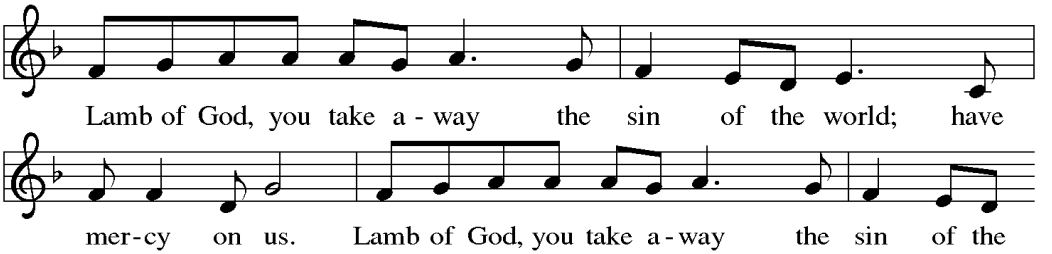
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

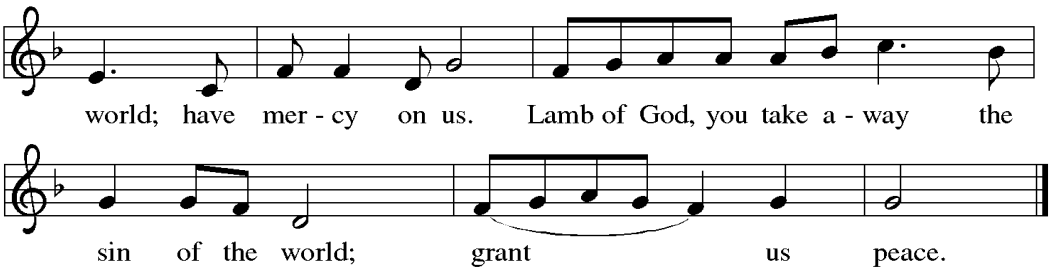
P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command….now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER
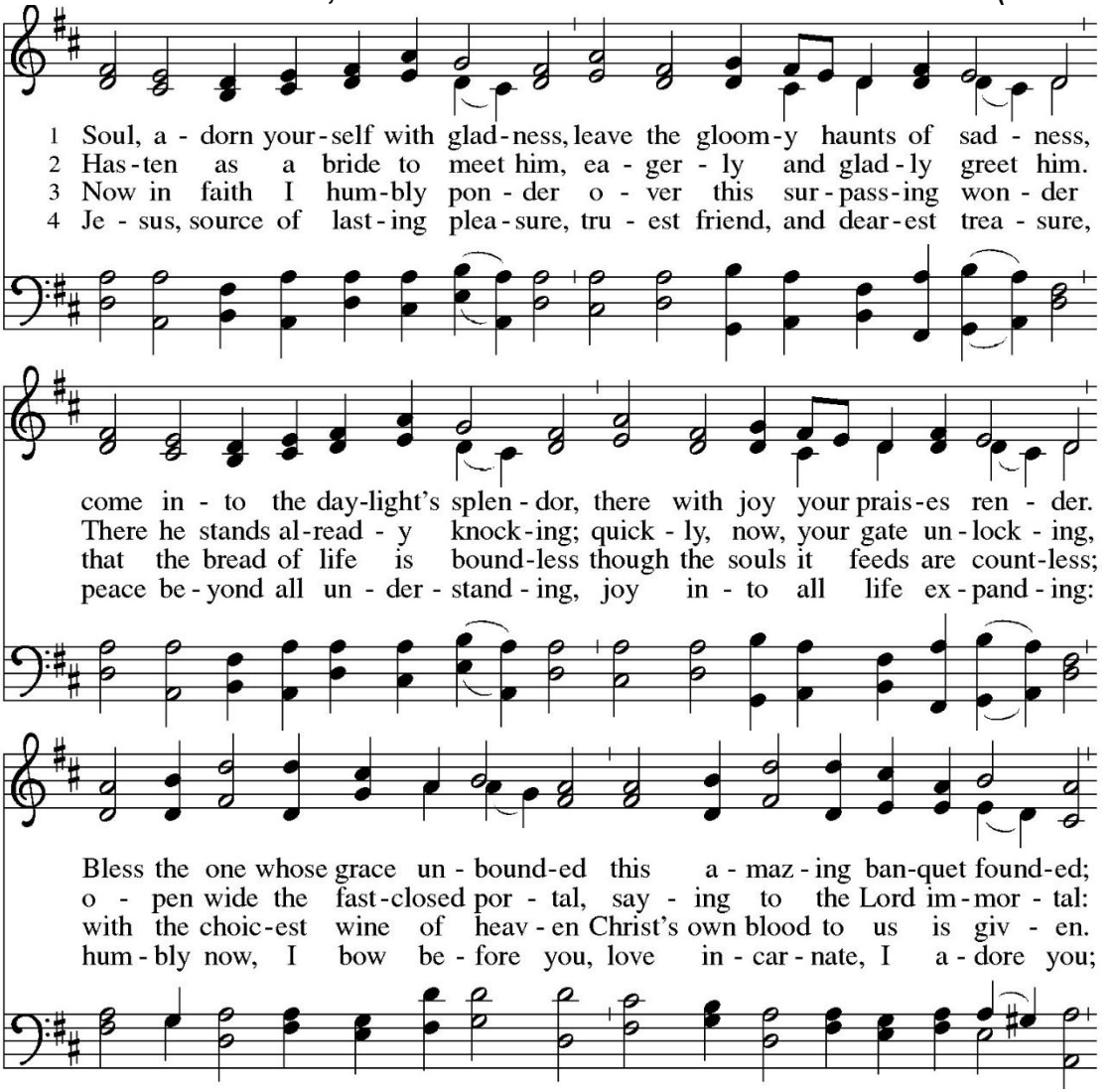
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.
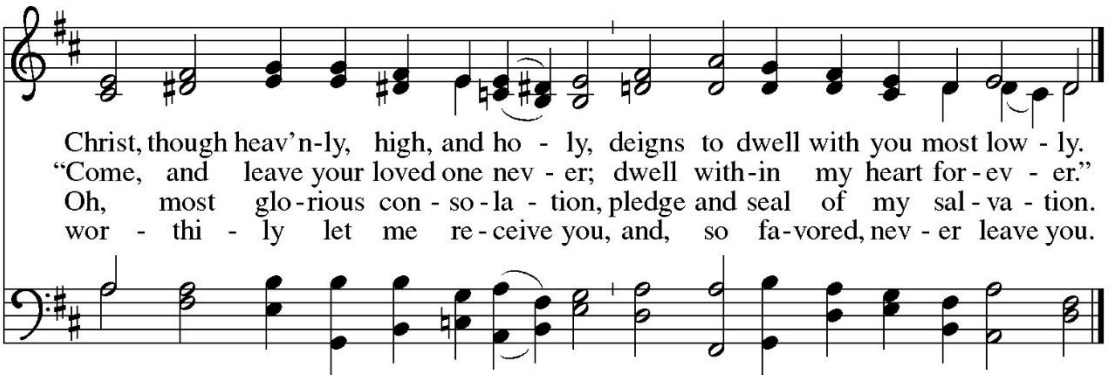
COMMUNION SONG **(ELW Setting 3)**
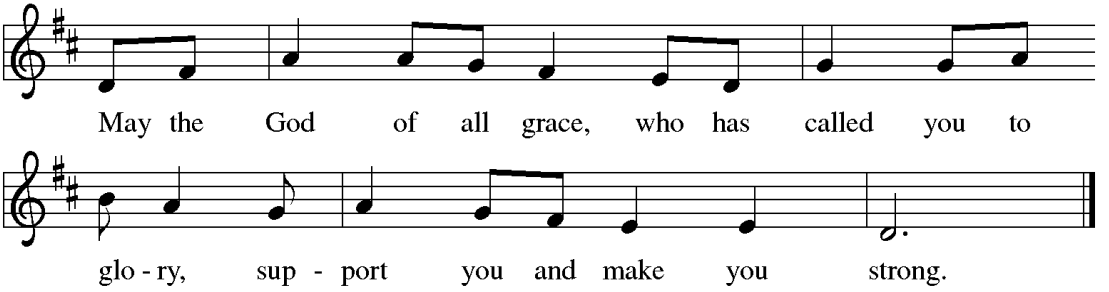




COMMUNION SONG ***Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*** **(ELW 488)**





SONG AFTER COMMUNION ***May the God of All Grace*** **(ELW 217)**



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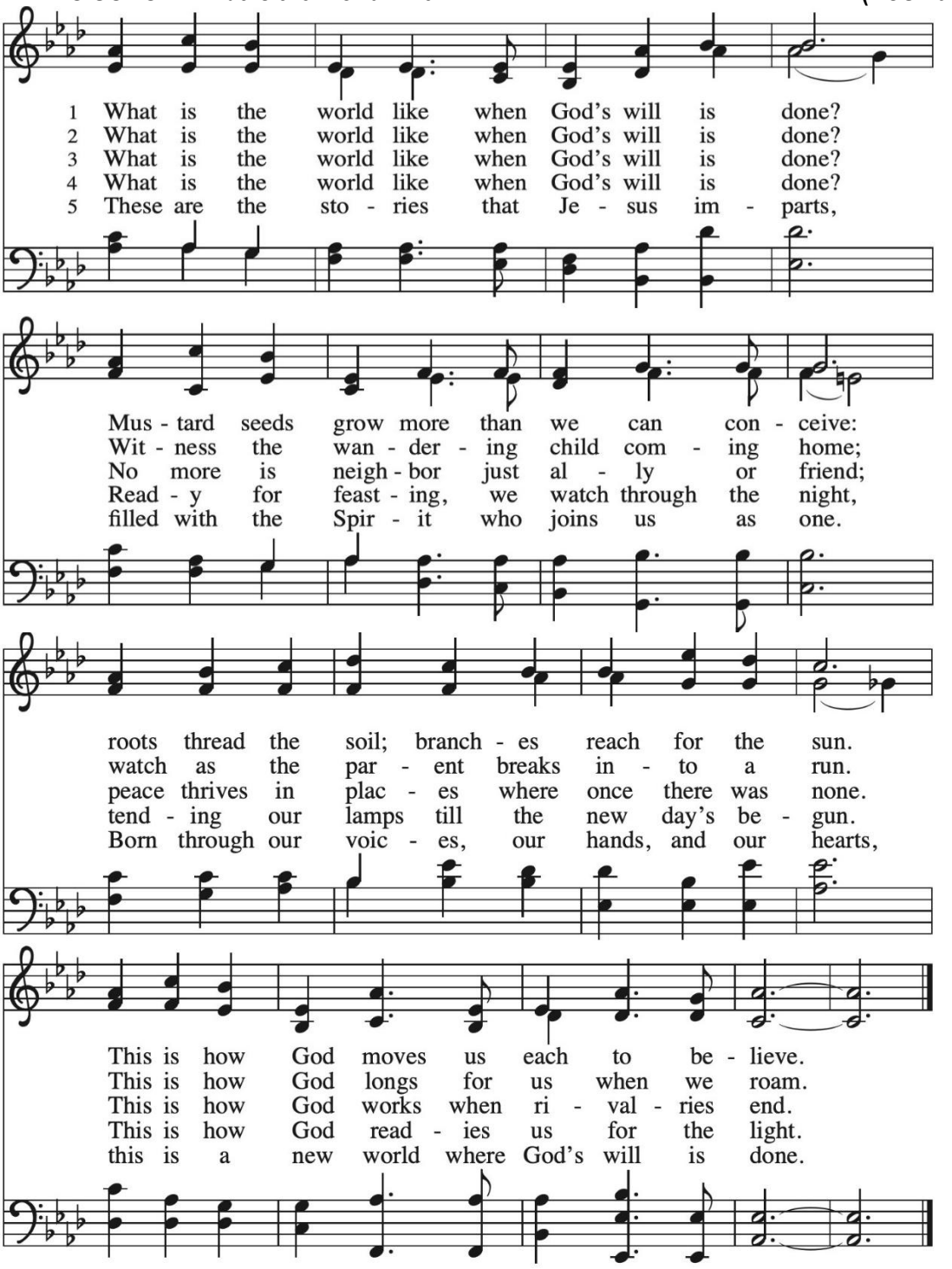
P: We give you thanks, almighty God …for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

SENDING SONG ***What Is the World Like*** **(ACS 1047)**



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (Drum Cover by Dawn-Mark Bacon-Johnson) [Note words below]: Bill Withers (1938-2020), "Lean on Me" (1972; arr. 1986 by Club Nouveau)

Vs. 1) Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Chorus) Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
Till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

Vs. 2) Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you don't let show

Break) If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me

Vs. 3) So just call on me brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'd understand
We all need somebody to lean on
Lean on me when you're not strong

C O P Y R I G H T S

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Music Notes:

The **Last Prelude** is a setting of words adapted from the book of Ecclesiastes to a Scottish folk tune by Douglas E. Wagner. Wagner, a native of Chicago, Illinois, is an ASCAP award-winning composer, having published more than 2,500 music titles since 1973, including works for choir (sacred and secular), concert band, orchestra, handbell ensemble, organ, piano, instrumental solo and voice.

As a special **Postlude** in recognition of Intersex Day of Remembrance (Intersex Solidarity Day), Dawn-Mark Bacon-Johnson offers a drum cover by of a song by Bill Withers about supporting one another – an excellent theme for the church as our year begins in Advent: "We all need somebody to lean on." The arrangement is by the R&B group Club Nouveau, which won a Grammy award for it in 1987. Today marks the birthday of Herculine Barbin (born November 8, 1838), a 19th-century French intersex person whose memoirs were later published by Michel Foucault. Please take a moment after worship to thank Dawn-Mark for sharing with us this morning.

The **Organ Music** is by Jacob Weber, who is the associate editor of music/worship at Concordia Publishing House. Before that he was the kantor at Emmanuel Lutheran church and School (LCMS) in Dearborn, MIC. He holds a master of church music degree from Concordia University Wisconsin, where he studied with Dr. John Behnke.

Known as the "King of Chorales," both the text and the tune of the **Hymn of the Day** were written by Philipp Nicoli (1556-1608). Its partner, the "Queen of Chorales," or "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright," is also by him. Both Chorales look like a chalice when centered line by line – in either German or English. Nicolai was a pastor like his father and was serving at Unna in Westphalia when the plague struck in 1597-98. His house overlooked the cemetery, where he did as many as 30 funerals per day. Both the Queen and the King of chorales were written at this time of intense pain and suffering.

Next week: Saved by Grace Band warms up at 8:15am and leads music for 9:00am worship. Steve Karthauser leads the group while Mr. Dearing is on vacation this weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Worship Leaders	**Next Sunday Worship Leaders**
Reader: Sherry Siebers	**Reader:** Pam Johnson
Wine: Pam Johnson, Nancy Perez	**Wine:** TBD, TBD
Usher: TBD	**Usher**: Kevin Sibley
Comm. Set Up: JoAnn Holdmann	**Comm. Set Up**: TBD
Greeter: TBD	**Greeter:** Kevin Sibley
Coffee Fellowship: TBD	**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD

This week at Grace

Sun 11/8 8:15am – Chancel Choir Warm-up
9:00am Worship ~ Chancel Choir sings
10:15am Youth Education
10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Mon 11/9 10am Crafting Group
5:30pm Scouts

Tue 11/10 5:30pm Scouts
6:30om Council Meeting
7pm Messiah Orchestra Rehearsal

Wed 11/11 3:30 Violin Lessons
6:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thu 11/12 12pm Bible Study

Sat 11/14 9am Craft Fair

Sun 11/15 8:15am – Saved by Grace Band Warm-up
9:00am Worship ~ Saved by Grace Band leads worship music
10:15am Stewardship Video Viewing
10:15am Grateful Giving Team Meeting

Grace's Welcome Statement: 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.

Grace in Action Stewardship Campaign: Most of you received an email this past week about the 2027 Stewardship campaign. The email included links to two videos Grace members are being asked to view. You will have the opportunity to watch those videos following worship on **November 15 and 22**. The first public video is linked on our website and YouTube so others can learn more about Grace. The second video is for Grace members only. It reviews our current finances and future financial needs and highlights ways members can become more involved in church operations.

The Church Council is asking each member to take these steps:

1. Watch both videos. Each one is about 8 minutes long.
2. Complete the Grace in Action Questionnaire / Feedback Form available on the communication desk and turn it in to the church office by November 29.

We know that everyone is busy, but it is very important that each member creates some time to complete these two action items. Thank you!

Intersex Day of Solidarity: Intersex Day of Solidarity is observed annually on November 8th. It serves to show support for the intersex community and advocate for an end to discrimination, stigma, and harmful medical practices.

We are blessed in our faith community to have DawnMark who has helped to educate on the struggles and challenges of intersexuality. Without this personal perspective our congregation would not have challenged itself to understand and grow. DawnMark is available to discuss and answer any questions one may have about intersexuality.

Handel's Messiah: Handel's Messiah is presented by the Milwaukee Area Messiah Community Chorus and Orchestra (www.mamcco.org). Now, in its 17th season, MAMCCO will present the great majority of Handel's Messiah on the first weekend in December. There is no charge to attend and there will be a free will offering for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission (https://milmission.org/), one of the oldest homeless shelters in the nation. The chorus, soloists and orchestra are all under the direction of Brian Dearing, Grace Lutheran's Director of Music. The two dates and venues are:

- Friday evening, December 4 at St. Robert Catholic Church, 4019 N. Farwell Ave., Shorewood, WI 53211. Doors open at 6:30pm, presentation begins at 7:00pm.
- Sunday afternoon, December 6 at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, 6031 W Chapel Hill Rd, Mequon, WI 53097. Doors open at 2:30pm, presentation begins at 3:00pm.

Scholarships Available: Grace's Endowment Fund is pleased to offer scholarship opportunities to members who are pursuing a college, post-graduate, or technical school education. Typical scholarships awarded are between $500 and $1000 per year. Eligibility requirements are found in the scholarship application form. Application forms can be found on the communication desk. Completed applications should be turned into the church office before November 30.

Annual Craft Fair: Mark your calendars for the annual Grace Craft Fair on Saturday, November 14 from 9am - 2pm! If you or anyone you know is interested in reserving a booth, please visit https://bit.ly/GLCTcraftfair26 for information and to register.



Wine Donations for the Craft Fair: There will be a wine raffle again this year at the craft fair. If you would like to donate a bottle or two, please drop off any kind of wine (valued at $10/bottle or more) in the narthex.

Craft Fair Crafters: Fall is in the air and it's time to make all those gifts you want to sew, knit, or crochet. We have the perfect place for your extra gifts at our annual craft fair Church Table. As in years past, we want to sell those lovely things as a gift to the church. If you don't have a sewing machine and want to sew, we have all you need in the church basement, including 2 machines and all the supplies for crafts, including fabrics.
Any questions please call Anna Martin at 414-750-2477.

Attention Crafters! The craft group meets every Monday from 10am - 2pm, breaking for lunch at 11:30 for an hour. This is a great opportunity to work on your latest project(s) while being inspired by other crafters. Please gather your projects, supplies and needed drop cloths and enjoy a day of creativity here at Grace Lutheran Church.

You may order a hot lunch through ADRC ~ Cafe 60 (suggested $5 donation). Reservation must be made by the prior Thursday at noon. Feel free to bring your own lunch. Any questions, or to make luncheon reservations, please contact Alice Laukert at 262-242-1546.

Guest House Sandwiches: 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 18.**

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Information: 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 at the communication desk, online with SignupGenius using the link in the Grace Notes or the QR code here, call the office, or reach out to Jen Bartz (414-550-5231) or Theresa Umhoefer (262-227-8840)

SignUpGenius

Worship Volunteers: 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!

SignUpGenius

Food/Item Donations: Please note that at this time we are now collecting items for Family Promise, the All Peoples Church Pantry, and Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. Below are the items needed for these organizations.

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge: If you have any new or gently used coats, boots, or other cold weather clothing you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church in a box outside the Luther room.

Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge
SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Family Promise Needs: The Ozaukee County shelter is currently in need of items listed below. If you would like to contribute, donations can be placed in the bin by the Luther room in the narthex.
Current needs: gas gift cards, full size mattress pads, toothpaste, 13-gallon garbage bags, Lysol disinfectant spray, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels, toilet paper.

All Peoples Church

Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church): You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins by Luther room. Items needed include: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Canned Pasta (Spaghetti-O's, Ravioli), Tuna, Tuna Helper, Spam, Canned Beef Stew, Baked Beans, Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce, White rice (1lb bags or instant), Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam, Hamburger Helper, Canned Greens (Collard, Mixed, Turnip, Mustard), Toothpaste, Deodorant.

Prayers: Jerry Karthauser, **David** Rauth, **Tucker** Kucharski, **Judy** Hogan (Ken Hogan's mother), **Wendy** (friend of Geri Schesel), **Ron** (friend of Diane Omdahl), **Joyce** Winghart, **Sandy** Smith, **Bill** Luebke, **Karen** Krogstad (Courtney Krogstad's mother-in-law), **Madalynne** Baum, **DawnMark** Bacon-Johnson, **Caroline** Lindberg (Niece of Holly Tischer), **Dieter** Bruhnke, **Mark** Thompson, **David** Moskol, **Ian** Roberts (brother of Alice Laukert), **Marilyn** DeMore, **John** Gieschen (Paul Gieschen's father).

Celebrations this week:
Birthdays: Luke Kamarainen - 11/9, Denise Morris - 11/11, John Stockbridge - 11/11, Kevin Kihslinger - 11/14
Anniversaries: Steve & Kevin Mussatti – 11/11, Bob & Carol Raymond – 11/11, Robert & Colleen Lohr – 11/12