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

Online Giving

CHURCH STAFF

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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 (Bell Choir)

1. David Schotte (arr.), "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (2019) – Tune: Lobe den Herren
2. Frances L. Callahan (arr.; 1920-2017), "For the Beauty of the Earth" (1986) – Tune: Dix

WELCOME

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Bell Choir): Vicki L. Smith (arr.), "Lord of the Dance" (1997) – Tune: Simple Gifts

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

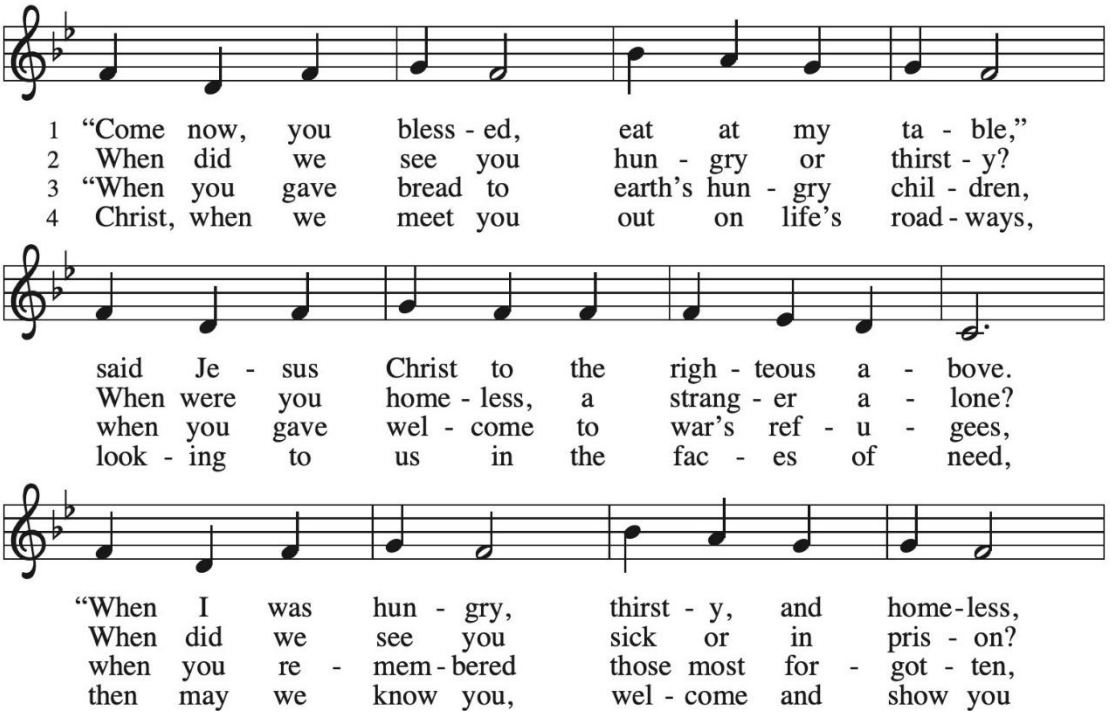
P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open….through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**.

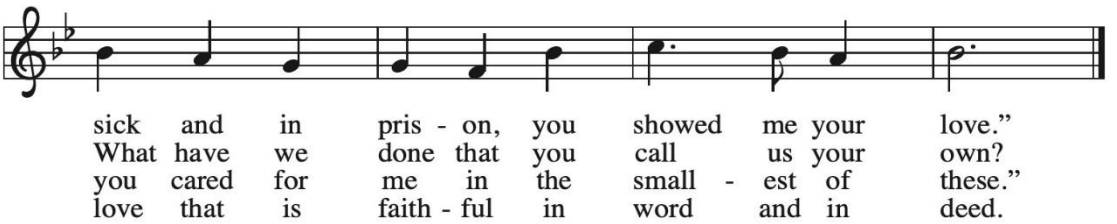
P: If we say we have no sin….cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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… bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

GATHERING SONG ***Come Now, You Blessed*** **(ACS 1059)**





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 power and might….one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I
will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick
darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring
them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and
in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights
of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed
on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will
make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I
will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will
feed them with justice.

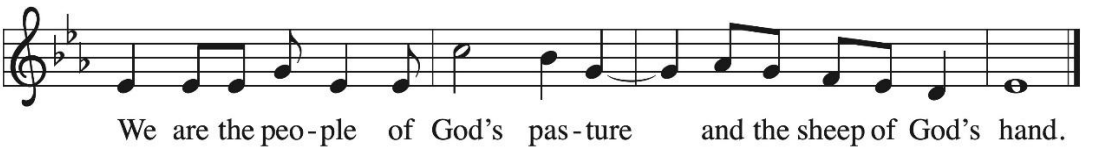
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the
lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with
your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be
ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed
them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be
prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

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

PSALM: Psalm 95:1-7a

Refrain:



L: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

L: For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. R

L: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

L: For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. **R**

SECOND READING Ephesians 1:15-23

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 ACCLAMATION **(ELW Setting 3)**





GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31-46

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, chapter 25.

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

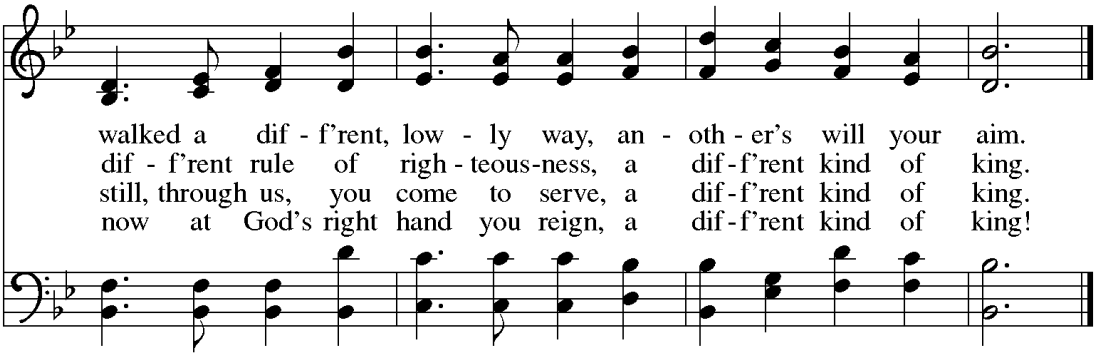
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ***O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us*** **(ELW 431)**





PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

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

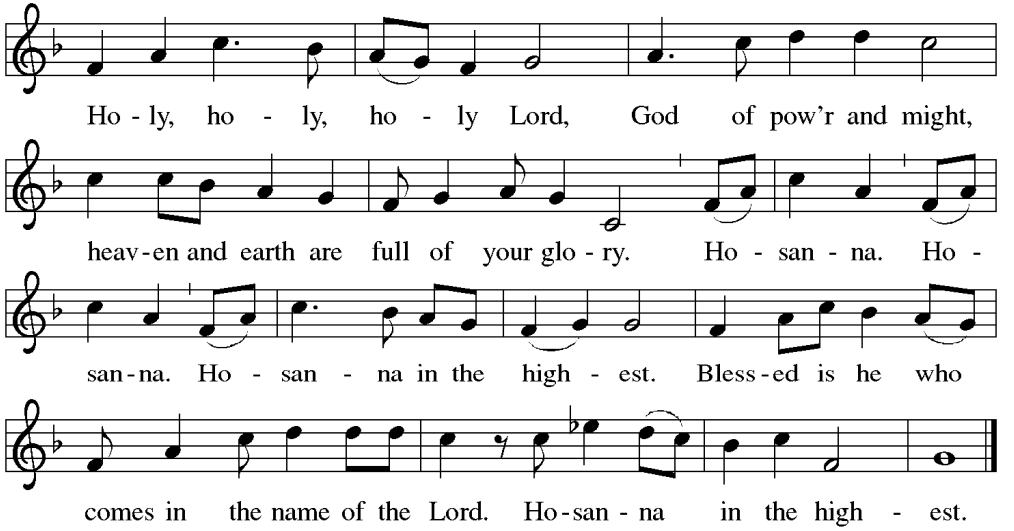
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

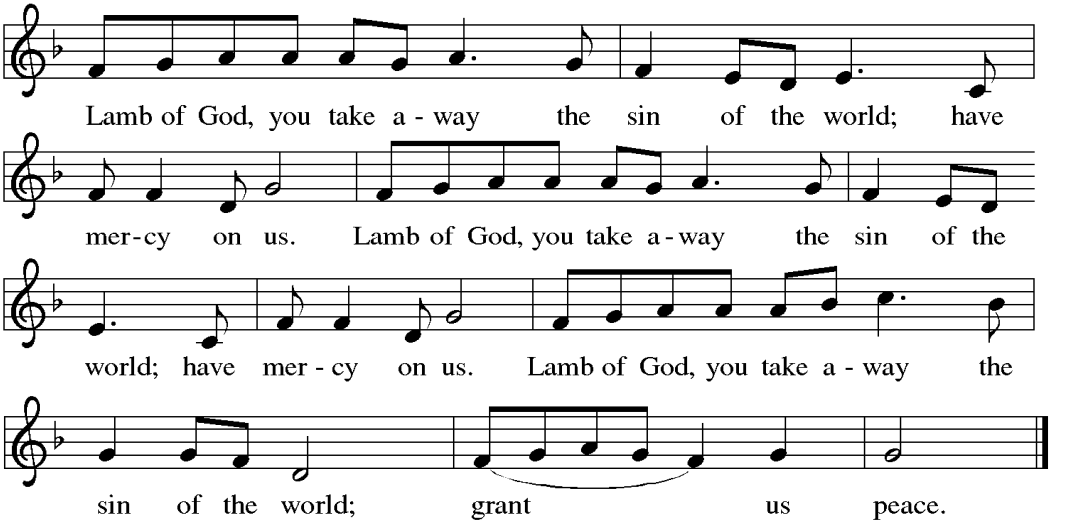
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

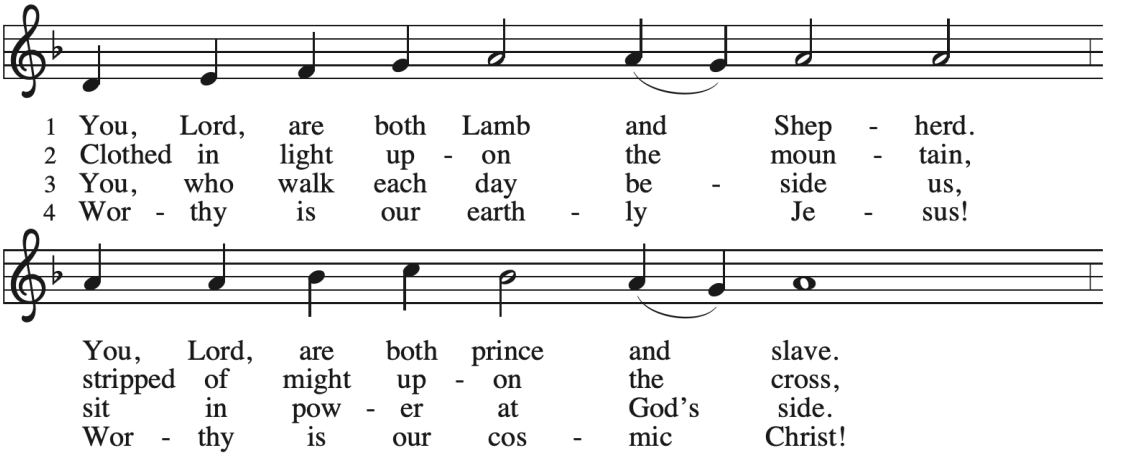
THE LORD'S PRAYER

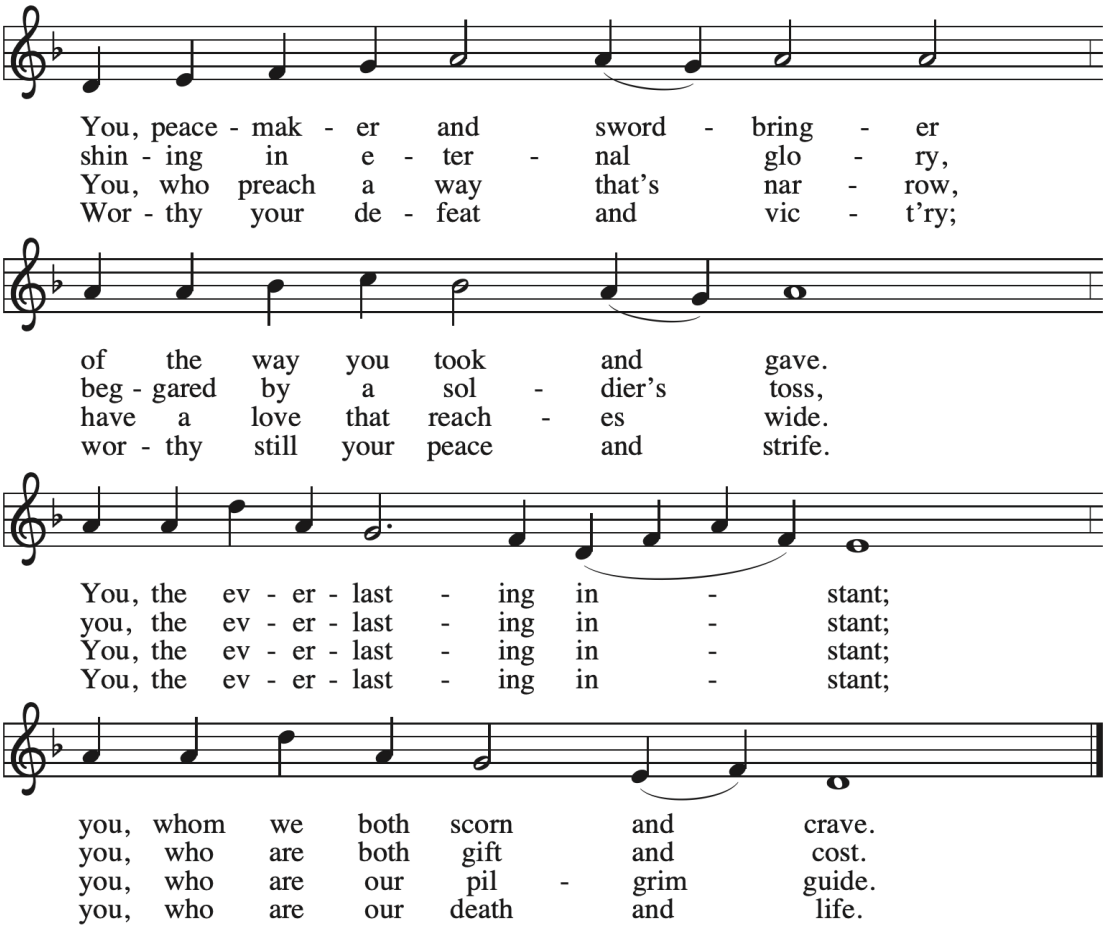
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG **(ELW Setting 3)**

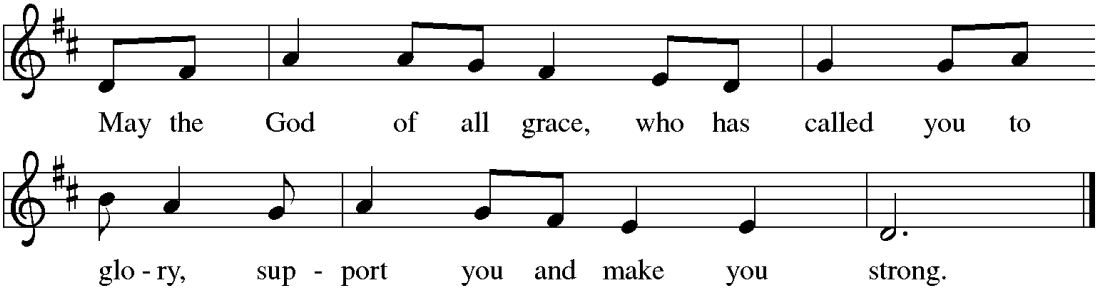


COMMUNION SONG ***You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*** **(ACS 954)**





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 ***God's Work, Our Hands*** **(ACS 1000)**



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE (Bell Choir): Brian J. Heinlein, "Joyous Jubilee" (2017)

Music Notes:

The **Instrumental Music** today is provided by the Bell Choir. The **Prelude** begins with an arrangement of the familiar "Lobe den Herren" using a variety of bell techniques as well as hand chimes. The arrangement is by David Schotte, a graduate of Concordia University Wisconsin. He now serves at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio. The Prelude continues with a setting of the hymn tune, "Dix" (Epiphany words are "As With Gladness Men of Old") by Frances Callahan. She was a member of St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock, AR, where she had a close working relationship with Martha Lynn Thompson (arranger of today's Postlude). She was a graduate of Averett College in Danvill, VA, and was on their music faculty as well. The **Last Prelude** is an arrangement of "Simple Gifts" by Vicki L. Smith. Ms. Smith holds a Bachelor of Music Education from Florida State University, has been married for more than 50 years, and now lives in Macon, GA. The **Postlude** is by Brian J. Heinlein. Mr. Heinlein is Director of Music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and instrumental music and a Master of Church Music, both from Concordia University Wisconsin. In this exuberant piece in ABA form, the syncopated, driving rhythm (1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2) dominates. After a middle B section using the echo technique, the A part melody returns, this time with a contrasting rhythm in the malleted lower bells.

The **Hymn of the Day** is by Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939), of whom critic Nathan Mitchell has written: "perhaps the greatest skill [she] brings to her work is a sensitive ear for natural, unself-conscious speech that is also memorable. Her style is a vigorous modern English whose music and rhythms never seem forced, contrived, or cute." Of this hymn she wrote: "…to claim Christ as our king… means that we may not wield power over others as the world does, letting might take precedence over right. The way of love is opposite the way of power and, as followers of Jesus, we are called to take the way of love." The tune, "All Saints New," is by Henry Stephen Cutler (1925-1902) a Boston-born organist who may have started the first vested choir in the United States, based on the English cathedral model.

Next week: First Sunday of Advent (Happy New Year)! Organ and piano duets. Chancel Choir warms up at 8:15am and sings for worship at 9:00am. No rehearsals after worship.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Worship Leaders	**Next Sunday Worship Leaders**
Reader: JoAnn Holdmann	**Reader:** Pam Johnson
Wine: Nancy Perez, Nathan Campbell & Parent	**Wine:** JoAnn Holdmann, Nancy Perez
Usher: TBD	**Usher**: TBD
Comm. Set Up: Bev Leidel	**Comm. Set Up**: JoAnn Holdmann
Greeter: TBD	**Greeter:** TBD
Coffee Fellowship: Grateful Giving Team	**Coffee Fellowship:** TBD

This week at Grace

Sun 11/22 8am Bell Choir Warm-up
9:00am Worship ~ Bell Choir Rings for Worship
10:15am Stewardship Video Viewing
10:15am Blood Pressure Clinic
10:15am *Faith Formation #2 in the Sanctuary with Mr. Dearing: "Jazz in Church: It don't mean a thing… Ellington, Shearing, Witkowski – to name a few"*
10:15am Children's Education

Mon 11/23 10am Crafting Group
1:30pm Violin Lessons
5:30pm Scouts

Tue 11/24 12:10pm Devotional Service
5:30pm Scouts

Wed 11/25 9am-11am Pastor's Collectivo Office Hours
3:30pm Violin Lessons
6:30pm *** *NO REHEARSAL* ***

Thu 11/26 Office Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving

Fri 11/27 Office Closed

Sat 11/28 9am Saved by Grace Band practice, including vocalists

Sun 11/29 8:15am Chancel Choir Warm-up
9:00am Worship ~ Chancel Choir Sings

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.

El Salvador Sunday Today: This morning we celebrate our ongoing relationship with Pastor Julio and our partner church, Mi Buen Jesús in Puerto Parada, El Salvador. Please consider donating to support our college scholarship program for members of Pastor Julio's. Cash and checks are welcome, or you may use the QR code here.

Grace in Action Stewardship Campaign: Following worship today you will have the opportunity to watch the two stewardship videos. 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. **Please note this correction**: the first one is 30m minutes long, the second 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!

Christmas Meal Bags: All Peoples Christmas meal bags (with lists) are available on the communication desk, along with a signup sheet for your contact information. Please return the bags by **December 9**.



Annual Cookie Sale: Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12 from 9am – noon for the annual Christmas Cookie Sale! We will need bakers, helpers to set up the Friday before, a clean-up crew, and helpers during the sale. Watch for signup sheets on the communication desk.

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.

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.

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 **December 2 and 16.**

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

Poinsettias: You are invited to contribute poinsettias again this year in honor or memory of important people in your life. Designations will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. There is no cost, however a donation amount of your choice is welcome. Your poinsettias can be picked up after the Christmas morning service. Forms are on the communication desk or you can use the QR code here. Please order by **December 6**.

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.

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.

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.

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

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, **Dieter** Bruhnke, **Mark** Thompson, **David** Moskol, **Ian** Roberts (brother of Alice Laukert), **Marilyn** DeMore, **John** Gieschen (Paul Gieschen's father).

Celebrations this week:
Birthdays: Neal Karthauser – 11/22, Antonio Baum – 11/23, Trina Brown – 11/23, Ahaana Dighe – 11/25, Mark Wendling – 11/26, Lila Thornton – 11/28
Anniversaries: None this week.