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Introduction to the day

“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

Food pantry need: cereal and peanut butter
Attendance for October 26, 2025-

PRELUDE

please stand if you are able.

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.
We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance,
trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
Repair our relationships,
restore what we have broken,
renew our hearts,
and bring us to new life.
Amen.**

Hear the good news:
God the Faithful One loves you,
† in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

(ELW 772)

. **Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

GREETING

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.

Canticle of Praise



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:10-18

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls
or of lambs or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more!

¹³ Bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil;

¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice;

rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.
¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32:1-7

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions [|] are forgiven,
and whose sin is [|] put away!
² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there [|] is no guilt!**
³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning [|] all day long.
⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me [|] day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the [|] heat of summer.**
⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you
forgave me the guilt [|] of my sin.
⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in [|]
time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they [|] shall not
reach them.**
⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve [|] me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts [|] of deliverance.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:
² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.
³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters,
as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of

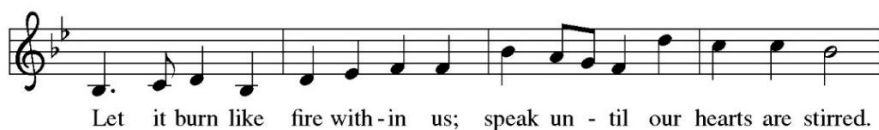
every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of

one who is a sinner.”⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.”¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”
The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

please stand if you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(ELW 588)

. **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**
Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: North American, 19th cent.

CREED

**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

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

A brief silence.

God who became human in Jesus, challenge the church to recognize Christ in all our neighbors. Give church leaders endurance in times of weakness and affliction. Grant wisdom in conflict and joy in service. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who preserves us in trouble, guide us to properly care for the earth's resources. Heal waters, land, and air to sustain future generations. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who guides our ways, give the world's leaders, voters, and those seeking election humility and respect for the dignity of all. Accompany local election workers and community volunteers. Increase and sustain your justice through all the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who brings grace and peace, we pray for those who are unhoused and in need of shelter, suffering and in need of comfort, and sick and in need of relief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God who knows us by name, bless our congregational leaders with wisdom and give them a faithful vision for your church. Bless this congregation's children and young people as they grow and are nourished. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God who welcomes us home, we remember your saints. Let us trust in the peace and promise of the resurrection. 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.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words

The assembly is seated.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING HYMN

Lift Up Your Heads

1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
3 Lift up your hearts, your great A - men;
4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,

hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -

spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the
tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning

cool. How fresh it falls up -
One, who bless - es you with
air. Oh, taste and see what
sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -

on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.
mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

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Music: WEST LEESTAD, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast

**and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,
now and forever.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.'

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,
our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.
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 life given for us
and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both 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

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION

(Everyone is welcome to come to the communion table. If you have not received instruction in the Sacraments, come to the altar for a blessing. If you would like to receive communion where you are seated in the pews, please tell the usher and at the close of communion you will be served.)

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION HYMN

(ELW 482)

I COME WITH JOY

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.
Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

(ELW 763)

. **My Life Flows On in Endless Song**

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: Robert Lowry, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

BREAD LOAF OFFERING - NOVEMBER – Giving Tree

- Our Food Pantry is in need of cereal and peanut butter.
- Hope ladies will host Adelphi Tuesday, November 18. Following the luncheon Beth Moss, our Parish Nurse will talk to the group about her work with the congregations.

- **Bread Loaf Offering**

The November Bread Loaf offering will be going to our Giving Tree. Thanks to Linda Trowbridge, we will be partnering with Mission 25 and giving gifts for 2 families and also towels and linens. The money collected in the Bread Loaf will help buy gifts for any tags left on the tree and also help pay for the towels and linens. Since the Salvation Army does not have a director for Whitley County, we had to turn to other charities that needed help. The giving tree will be going up the weekend before Thanksgiving. Thank You for your generous giving. Any questions please ask Joe Freiburger, Linda Trowbridge or Pastor Matt

- **Holiday Service Location and Time**

Last year there was concern that we did not have a late Christmas Eve Service.

We have brought that back this year.

Thanksgiving 9am Hope

Christmas Eve 7pm Grace no communion

9pm Hope no communion

11pm Grace no communion

Notes

Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church

Monday November 3, 2025

Helping hands 12:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 B/G 6:30 pm

Property team 6:30 pm

AA 7:30 pm

Tuesday November 4, 2025

Elections

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

Cubscouts 6:30 pm

Wednesday November 5, 2025

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Food Vouchers 4 pm

Thursday November 6, 2025

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

Friday November 7, 2025

Pastor's Day Off

Halloween

Food Pantry 12 pm

Saturday November 8, 2025

Sunday November 9, 2025

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10:00 am

Fellowship 11:15 am

Worship @ oaks 1pm

sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour. Coffee hour will be after church service, for anyone that would like to stay.