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**November 9, 2025**

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**



### **Introduction to the day**

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

**Food pantry need: cereal and peanut butter**

**Attendance for November 2, 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 437)

### On Jordan's Stormy Bank I Stand

Text: Samuel Stennett, 1727–1795

Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; adapt. Rigdon  
M. McIntosh, 1836–1899

## 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.*

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew  
and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things  
and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to  
the joy of the resurrection, 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: Job 19:23-27a**

A reading from Job.

- <sup>23</sup> “O that my words were written down!  
O that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;  
<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 17:1-9**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed <sup>1</sup> to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from <sup>1</sup> lying lips.  
<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth <sup>1</sup> from your presence;  
let your eyes be <sup>1</sup> fixed on justice.**  
<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit <sup>1</sup> me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.  
<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what <sup>1</sup> others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways <sup>1</sup> of the  
violent. R**  
<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your <sup>1</sup> well-worn path;  
and my feet <sup>1</sup> do not slip.  
<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will <sup>1</sup> answer me;  
incline your ear to me and <sup>1</sup> hear my words.**  
<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous <sup>1</sup> lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those  
who <sup>1</sup> rise against them.  
<sup>8</sup> **Keep me as the apple <sup>1</sup> of your eye;  
hide me under the shadow <sup>1</sup> of your wings,**  
<sup>9</sup> from the wicked <sup>1</sup> who assault me,  
from my deadly enemies <sup>1</sup> who surround me.

## SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

<sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

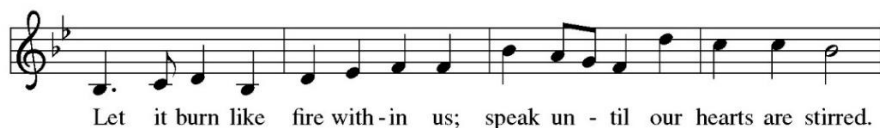
<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*please stand if you are able.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*please stand if you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**(ELW 619)**

**. I Know that My Redeemer Lives!**

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## **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 our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. 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.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

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 musical score is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases ending in a half note or a whole note. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## 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

### Don't Be Afraid



Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your



fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron-ger and



I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al-ways near.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

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## **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 439)**

. **Soon and Very Soon**

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: Andraé Crouch

## **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

## **Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church**

### **Monday November 10, 2025**

Helping hands 12:30 pm

Finance team 5:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 B/G 6:30 pm

Church Council 6:30 pm

AA 7:30 pm

### **Tuesday November 11, 2025**

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

Sigma Eta 6:30 pm

Cubscouts 6:30 pm

### **Wednesday November 12, 2025**

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Food Vouchers 4 pm

### **Thursday November 13, 2025**

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

### **Friday November 14, 2025**

#### **Pastor's Day Off**

Food Pantry 12 pm

### **Saturday November 15, 2025**

### **Sunday November 16, 2025**

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10:00 am

Fellowship 11:15 am

Girl scouts 2 pm

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