Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 9, 2025

22nd Sunday after Pentecost



We go with Good News, teaching, serving, and sharing Christ with our neighbors.

VERSE OF THE DAY:

"For they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection." -Luke 20:36

This Sunday

8:30am Isaiah Study
(Fellowship Hall)

9am Sunday Discussion Group
(Bethlehem Res. Center)

9:30am Fellowship Time

10:10am Worship

11:30am Ignition: Welcome to Grace (Fellowship Hall)

5:30pm Duke Lutherans Prayer Service & Dinner
(Duke Lutheran Center)

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." -John 10:10

Worshiping with us for the first time?

If you are a first time visitor, welcome! We're glad you're here!
We encourage you to review our Statement of Communion on page 15.
If you have any questions, please take a moment to speak with Pastor Brooks or one of our ushers.

Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself.
If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see.

We welcome children in worship services.
Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

INSIGHT INTO THE READINGS

The Triune God Curbs Evil and Overcomes Death with Resurrection

Christians live as "sons of God, being sons of the resurrection" (Luke 20:36), for the Lord our God "is not God of the dead, but of the living" (Luke 20:38). "Those who deny that there is a resurrection" (Luke 20:27) neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God, but the baptized faithful know "that the dead are raised" (Luke 20:37). For the Lord, who was and is and is to come, knows Israel's sufferings and has "come down to deliver them" (Ex. 3:8). Moses reveals the name of Yahweh to God's chosen people, by which He is "remembered throughout all generations" (Ex. 3:15). In contrast to that sacred remembrance of His name, St. Paul warns against the antichrist, who "takes his seat in the temple of God" (2 Thess. 2:4). That lawless man preaches and practices the activity of Satan. Christians, however, are comforted by the coming of the Lord Jesus, Who slays the antichrist and refutes his false doctrine "with the breath of his mouth" (2 Thess. 2:8). By His preaching, "stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught" (2 Thess. 2:15). Hear, receive and believe God's promise of love, comfort and good hope.

The congregation is asked to join in with the bold-faced text.

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8)*

Silence is provided for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. In this time, you may present to God any particular issue that is weighing on your heart or stealing your peace. If you are particularly troubled, you are welcome to seek private confession with the Pastor.

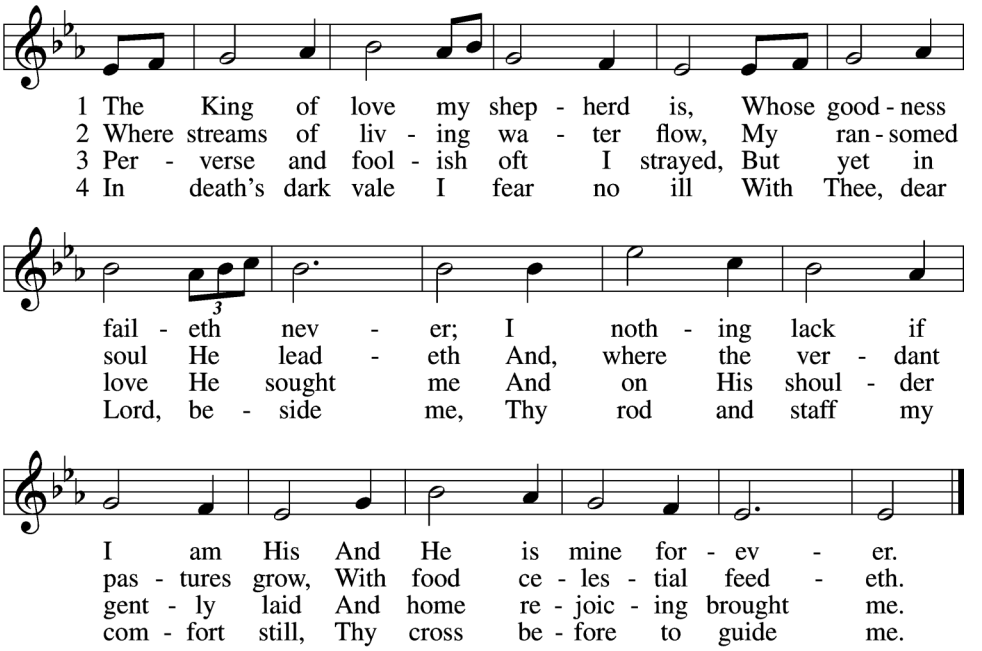
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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 Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *(John 20:19-23)*

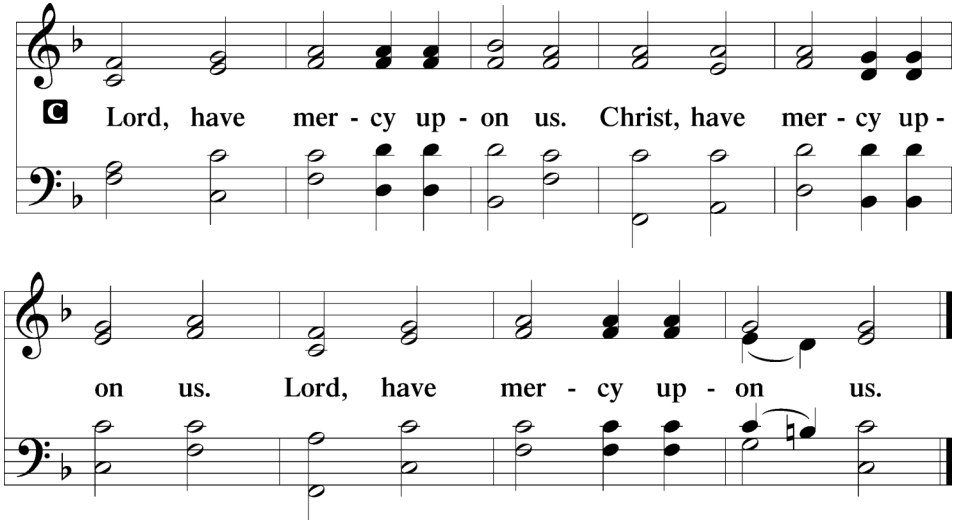
C **Amen.**

Opening Hymn — *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* (LSB 709)
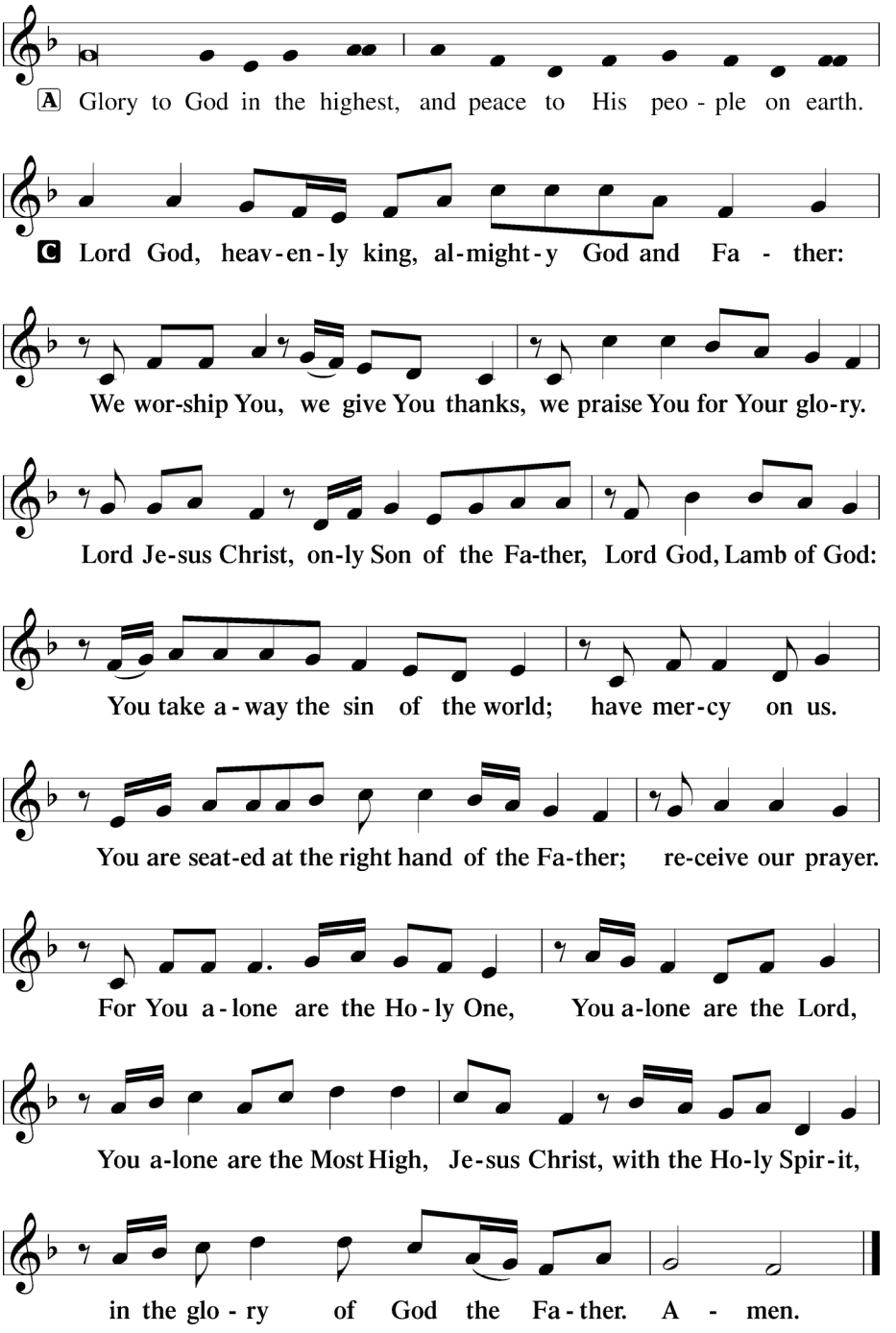


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Kyrie



Gloria in Excelsis



Salutation and Collect for the Day

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

P Let us pray . . .
Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 3:1–15 (pg. 46)

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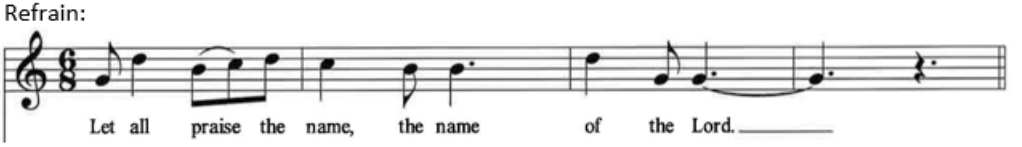
[1]Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. [2]And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. [3]And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." [4]When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." [5]Then He said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." [6]And He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. [7]Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, [8]and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [9]And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. [10]Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people

the children of Israel, out of Egypt."
[11]But Moses said to God, "Who am I
that I should go to Pharaoh and bring
the children of Israel out of Egypt?"
[12]He said, "But I will be with you, and
this shall be the sign for you, that I
have sent you: when you have brought
the people out of Egypt, you shall serve
God on this mountain."
[13]Then Moses said to God, "If I come to
the people of Israel and say to them,
'The God of your fathers has sent me to
you,' and they ask me, 'What is His name?'
what shall I say to them?" [14]God said to
Moses, "I Am Who I Am." And He said,
"Say this to the people of Israel, 'I Am has
sent me to you.'" [15]God also said to
Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel,
'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the
God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is
My name forever, and thus I am to be
remembered throughout all generations."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148 - *Let All Praise the Name of the Lord*



1 Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise Him, praise Him in the heights.
Praise Him all you His angels.
Praise Him, praise Him all you His hosts.
Refrain.

2 Praise Him sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you shining stars.
Praise Him, praise Him you highest heavens,
And you waters above the heavens. **Refrain.**

3 Mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars;
Beasts both wild and tame,
Creeping things and birds on the wing.
Refrain.

4 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all judges of the earth,
Young men and maidens as well,
The old and the young together.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
For His name alone is exalted. **Refrain.**

5 His splendor above earth and heaven.
He exalts the strength of His people.
Refrain.

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THE EPISTLE LESSON 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17 (Pew Bible, pg. 989)

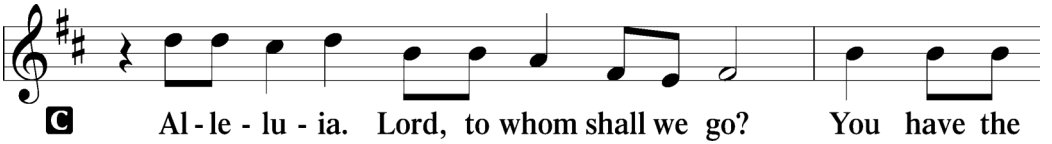
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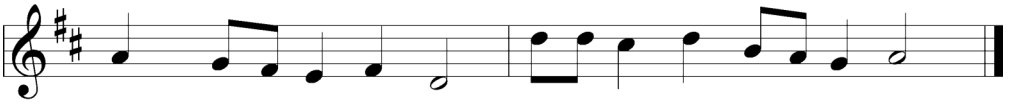
[1]Now concerning the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ and our being gathered
together to Him, we ask you, brothers,
[2]not to be quickly shaken in mind or
alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken
word, or a letter seeming to be from us,
to the effect that the day of the Lord has
come. [3]Let no one deceive you in any way.
For that day will not come, unless the
rebellion comes first, and the man of
lawlessness is revealed, the son of
destruction, [4]who opposes and exalts
himself against every so-called god or
object of worship, so that he takes his
seat in the temple of God, proclaiming
himself to be God. [5]Do you not remember
that when I was still with you I told you
these things? [6]And you know what is
restraining him now so that he may be
revealed in his time. [7]For the mystery
of lawlessness is already at work.
Only He who now restrains it will do
so until he is out of the way.
[8]And then the lawless one will be
revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill
with the breath of His mouth and bring to
nothing by the appearance of His coming.
[13]But we ought always to give thanks to
God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord,
because God chose you as the firstfruits
to be saved, through sanctification by
the Spirit and belief in the truth.
[14]To this He called you through our gospel,
so that you may obtain the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ. [15]So then, brothers,
stand firm and hold to the traditions that
you were taught by us, either by our
spoken word or by our letter.
[16]Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself,
and God our Father, Who loved us and
gave us eternal comfort and good hope
through grace, [17]comfort your hearts
and establish them in every good work
and word.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:27–40 (Pew Bible, pg. 880)
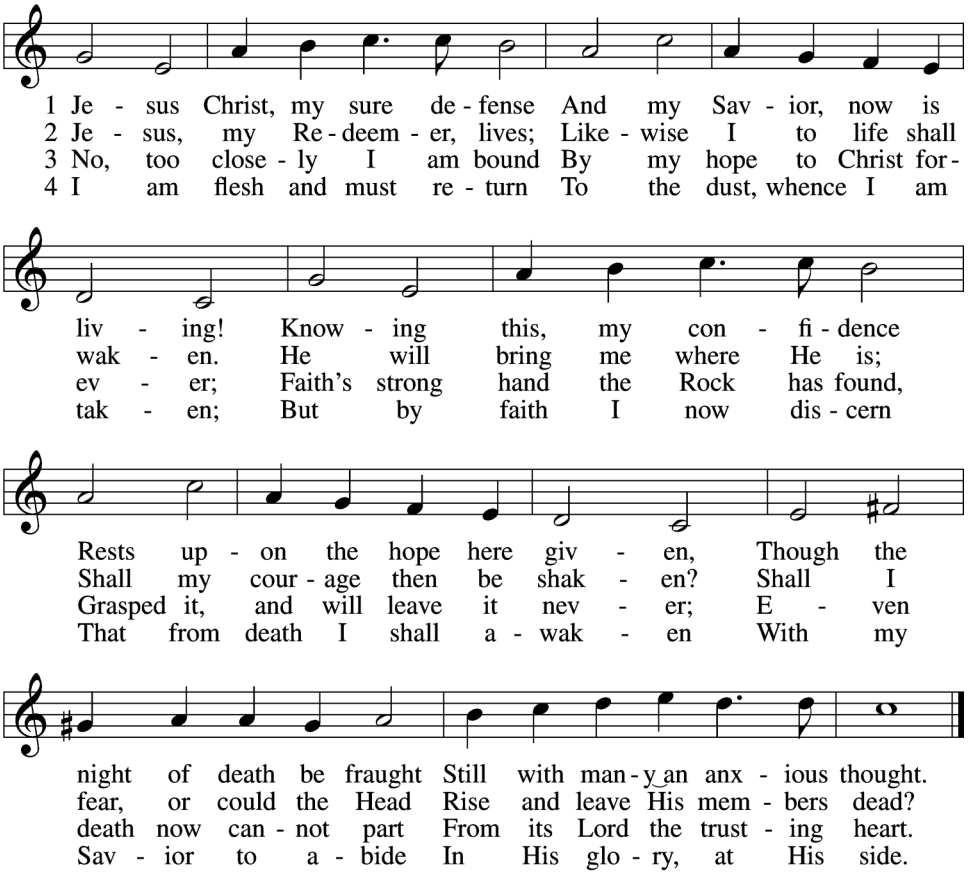
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th Chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[27]There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees,
those who deny that there is a
resurrection, [28]and they asked Him a
question, saying, "Teacher, Moses
wrote for us that if a man's brother
dies, having a wife but no children,
the man must take the widow and
raise up offspring for his brother.
[29]Now there were seven brothers.
The first took a wife, and died without
children. [30]And the second
[31]and the third took her, and likewise
all seven left no children and died.
[32]Afterward the woman also died.
[33]In the resurrection, therefore,
whose wife will the woman be?
For the seven had her as wife."
[34]And Jesus said to them, "The sons of
this age marry and are given in marriage,
[35]but those who are considered worthy to
attain to that age and to the resurrection
from the dead neither marry nor are given
in marriage, [36]for they cannot die
anymore, because they are equal to
angels and are sons of God, being sons
of the resurrection.
[37]But that the dead are raised, even Moses
showed, in the passage about the bush,
where he calls the Lord the God of
Abraham and the God of Isaac and the
God of Jacob. [38]Now He is not God of the
dead, but of the living, for all live to Him."
[39]Then some of the scribes answered,
"Teacher, you have spoken well."
[40]For they no longer dared to ask Him
any question.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON—*The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks*

Hymn of the Day — *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense* (LSB 741)



5 Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.

6 Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they will never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

7 Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.

8 O, then, draw away your hearts
From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts
While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!

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Apostles' Creed *(spoken in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church†, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

† *meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine*

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people
according to their needs. . .

After each prayer, the congregation responds:

P Lord in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

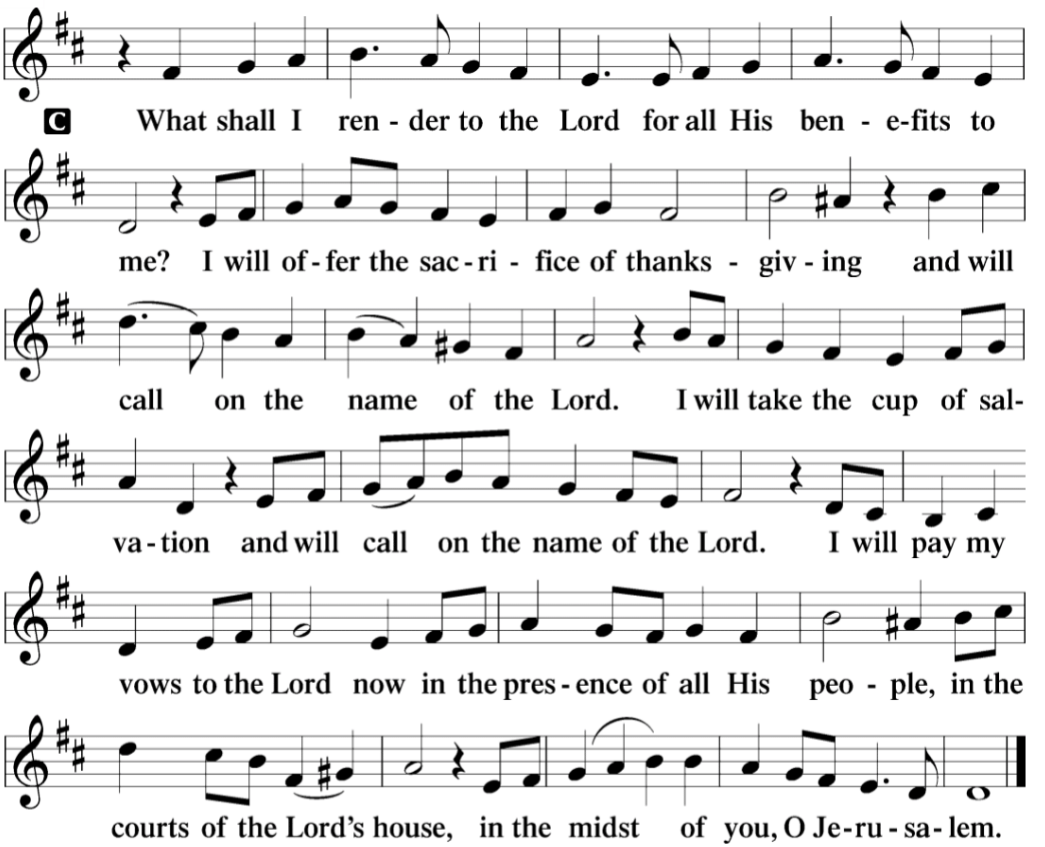
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

Offertory Music
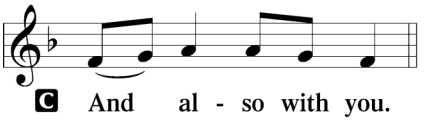
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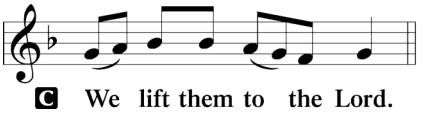


Service of the Sacrament

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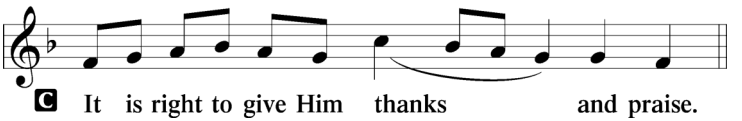
P The Lord be with you.



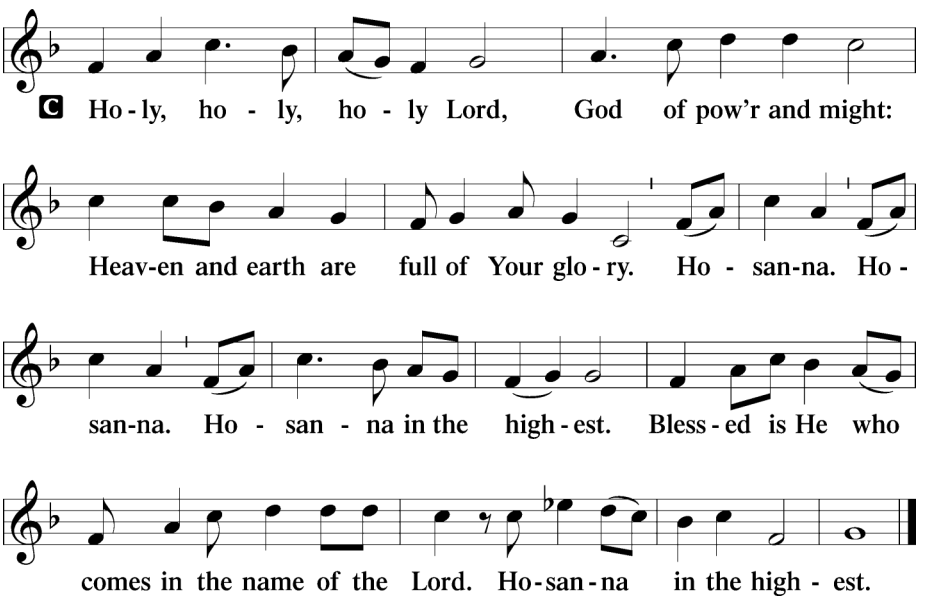
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P It is truly good, right, and salutary … and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Through Abraham You promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, Your chosen people. Through the prophets You renewed Your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, You sent Your Son, Who in words and deeds proclaimed Your kingdom and was obedient to Your will, even to giving His life.

C **Amen**.

The Words of Institution

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed…

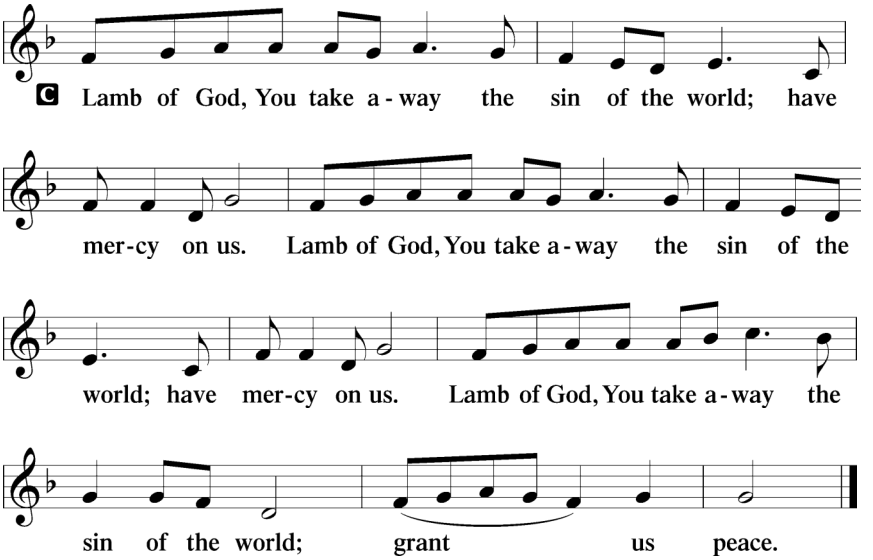
P Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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.

Agnus Dei



Holy Communion

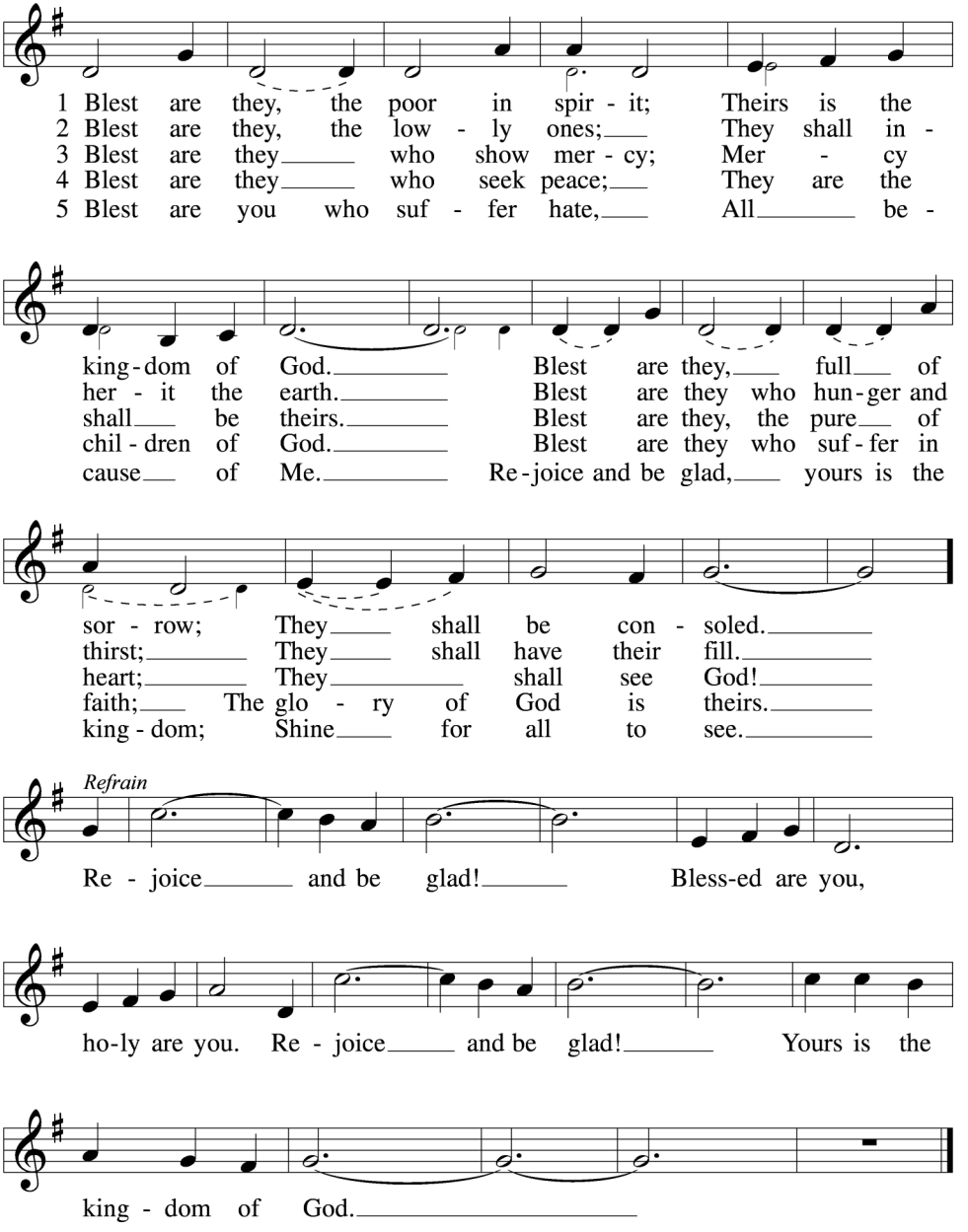
Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16).
We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]
Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

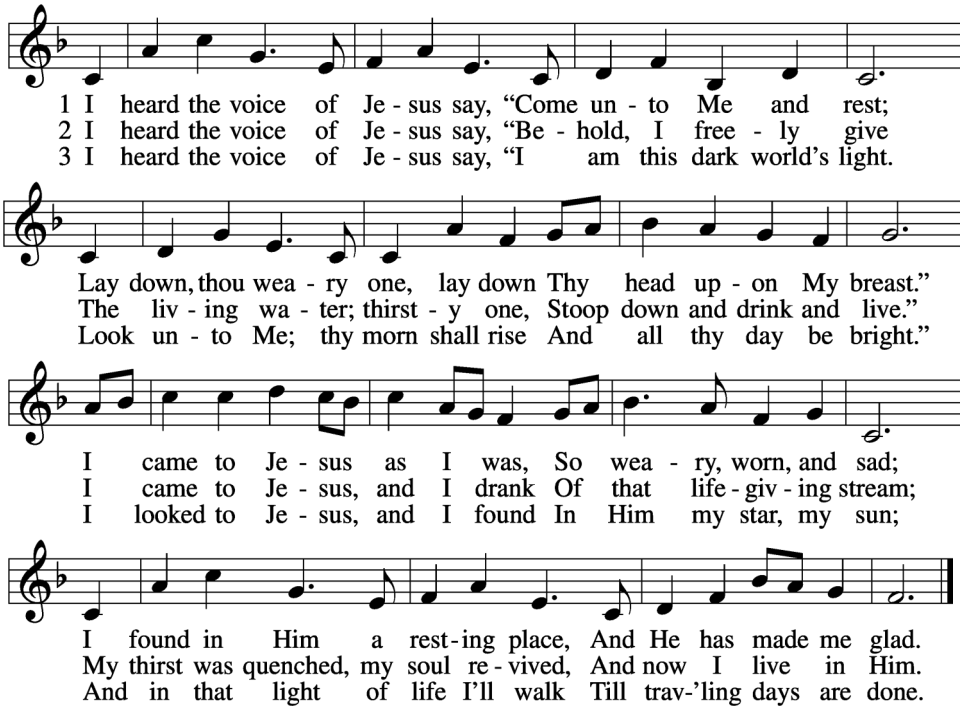
[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having With my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Distribution Hymn — *Blest Are They* (LSB 982)



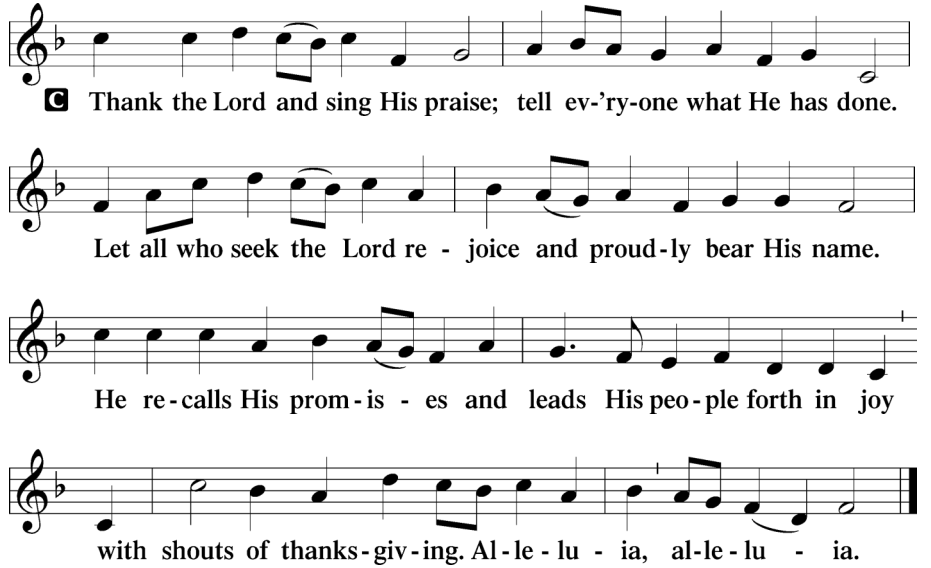
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Distribution Hymn — *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (LSB 699)



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Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the promised feast in the Holy Supper. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout the days of our pilgrimage that, on the day of the Lord's approach, we may, with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom that has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**
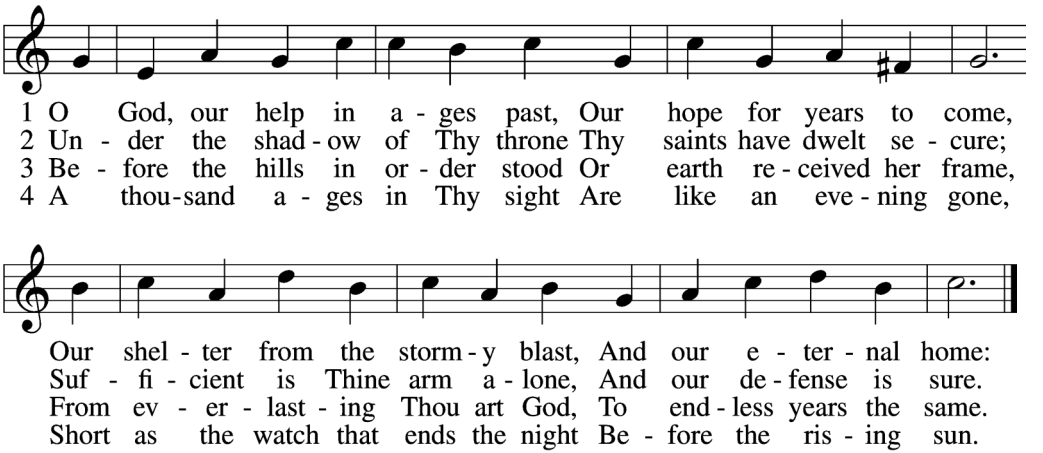
GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn — *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (LSB 733)



(Verses 5 & 6 next page)

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5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

Dismissal

P Where do you go?
C **Into the world! Christ sends us that we may tell the Good News of the Kingdom of God.**
P Then go in peace; rejoice in God; love one another.
C **In the name of Christ! Amen.**

Postlude

UPCOMING AT GRACE

Mondays
11:30am - Pastor's Brown Bag Bible Study

Tuesdays
4pm - Growing Thru Grief (St. Paul's)
7pm - Young Adult PALS

Wednesdays
10am - Lutheran Women in Mission Quilting Group
12pm - Noon Prayer Service
6:30pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, November 15 - Chili Cookoff & Food Packing (5:30pm)
Sunday, November 16 - Voters' Meeting (11:30am)
Wednesday, November 19 - Wednesdays at One: Surviving the Holidays (Lunch: 12:30pm, Session: 1pm)
Sunday, November 23 - Servant Appreciation Sunday

Visit our website at gracedurham.org/news for the full calendar of events and small group (PALS) meetings.

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