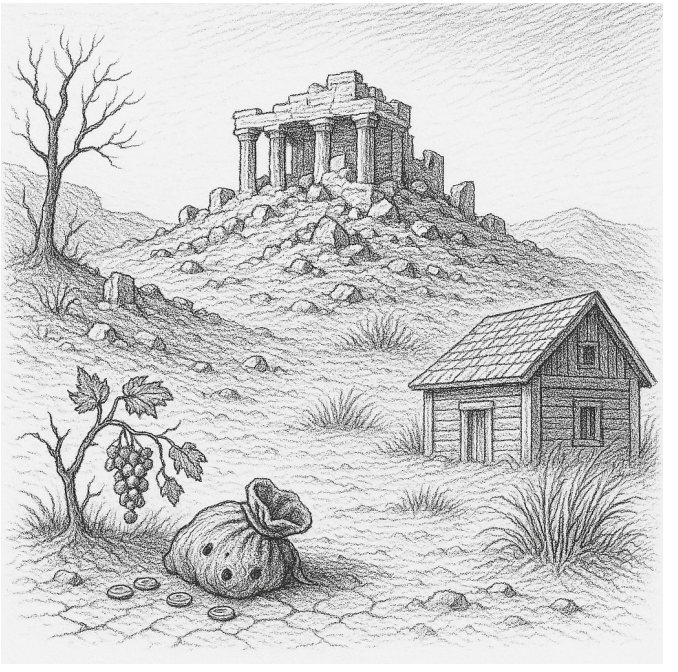
Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 12, 2025



This Sunday

8:30am Isaiah Study
(Fellowship Hall)

9am Sunday Discussion Group: Large Catechism
(Bethlehem Resource Center)

9:30am Fellowship
(Fellowship Hall)

10:10am Worship
(Sanctuary)

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David H. Brooks, Pastor

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

TODAY'S VERSE:

"Now, therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways."
-Haggai 1:5

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 14.
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 TODAY'S READINGS

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. "Go and show yourselves to the priests," for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is "at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks" (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you "find rest, each of you in the house of her husband" (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has "visited his people and given them food" (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead" (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely "the word of God is not bound" (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted "to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you "may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus" (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

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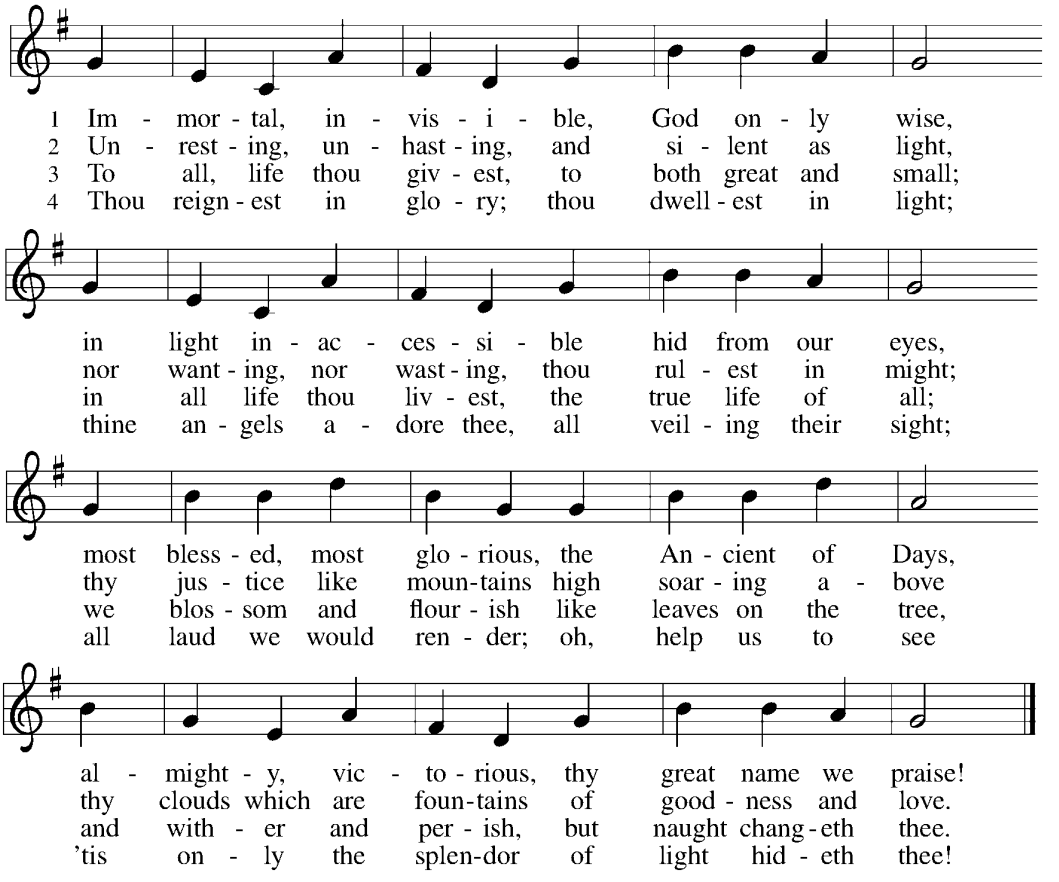
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

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)*

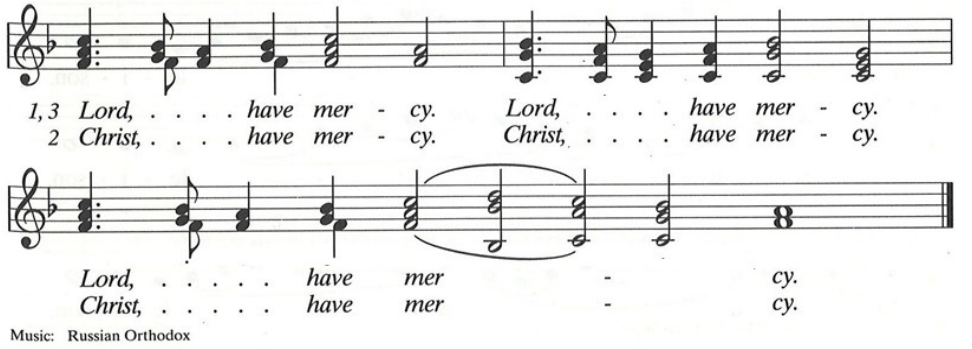
C **Amen.**

Opening Hymn — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (LBW 526)



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Kyrie — (WOV 602)



Music: Russian Orthodox

Salutation and Collect for the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Let us pray . . .
Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles.
Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion,
and praise Your holy name; 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

Haggai 1:1-11 (pg. 791)

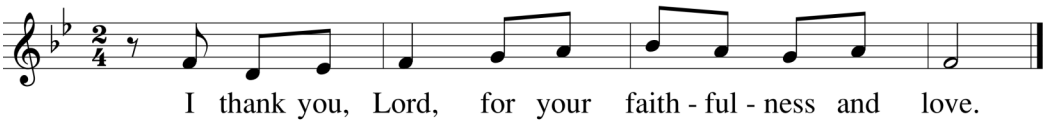
The Old Testament Lesson is from the 1st Chapter of Haggai.

[1]In the second year of Darius the king,
in the sixth month, on the first day of
the month, the word of the LORD came
by the hand of Haggai the prophet
to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah, and to Joshua the
son of Jehozadak, the high priest:
[2] "Thus says the LORD of hosts: These
people say the time has not yet come
to rebuild the house of the LORD."
[3] Then the word of the LORD came by
the hand of Haggai the prophet,
[4] "Is it a time for you yourselves to
dwell in your paneled houses, while
this house lies in ruins? [5] Now,
therefore, thus says the LORD of
hosts: Consider your ways. [6] You have
sown much, and harvested little.
You eat, but you never have
enough; you drink, but you never
have your fill. You clothe yourselves,
but no one is warm. And he who earns
wages does so to put them into a bag
with holes. [7] "Thus says the LORD of hosts:
Consider your ways. [8] Go up to the hills
and bring wood and build the house,
that I may take pleasure in it and that I
may be glorified, says the LORD.
[9] You looked for much, and behold, it
came to little. And when you brought it
home, I blew it away. Why? declares
the LORD of hosts. Because of My house
that lies in ruins, while each of you
busies himself with his own house.
[10] Therefore the heavens above you
have withheld the dew, and the earth
has withheld its produce.
[11] And I have called for a drought on
the land and the hills, on the grain,
the new wine, the oil, on what the
ground brings forth, on man and beast,
and on all their labors."

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111 - *I Thank You, Lord*

Congregation sings refrain:



1 I will praise the Lord with all my heart,
in the meeting of the just and the
assembly. Great are the works
of the Lord, to be pondered by all
who delight in them.
Refrain

2 Majestic and glorious His word:
His justice stands firm forever.
He has given us a memorial of
His wonders. The Lord is gracious
and merciful.
Refrain

3 He gives food to those who fear Him;
keeps His covenant ever in mind.
His mighty works He has down to
His people by giving them the
heritage of nations.
Refrain

4 His handiwork is justice and truth;
His precepts are all of them sure,
standing firm forever and ever,
wrought in uprightness and truth.
Refrain

5 He has sent redemption to His people,
and established His covenant forever.
Holy His name, to be feared.
Refrain

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THE EPISTLE LESSON 2 Timothy 2:1–13 (Pew Bible, pg. 995)

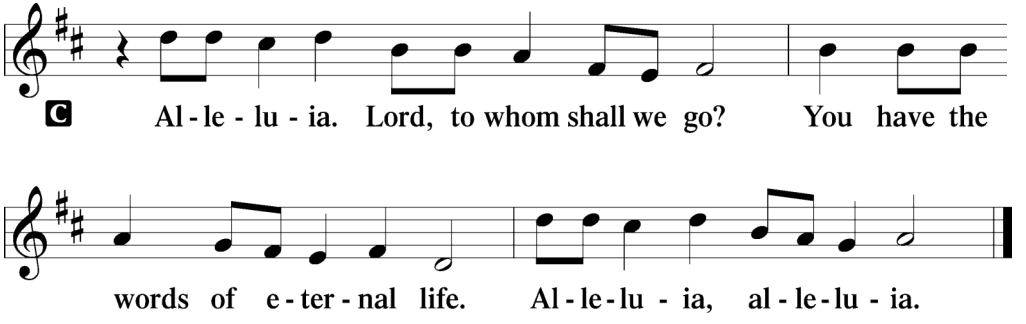
The Epistle Lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of 2 Timothy.

[1]You then, my child, be strengthened
by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,
[2]and what you have heard from me in the
presence of many witnesses entrust to
faithful men who will be able to teach
others also. [3]Share in suffering as a good
soldier of Christ Jesus. [4]No soldier gets
entangled in civilian pursuits, since his
aim is to please the one who enlisted him.
[5]An athlete is not crowned unless he
competes according to the rules.
[6]It is the hard-working farmer who
ought to have the first share of the crops.
[7]Think over what I say, for the Lord will
give you understanding in everything.
[8]Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the
dead, the offspring of David, as preached
in my gospel, [9]for which I am suffering,
bound with chains as a criminal.
But the word of God is not bound!
[10]Therefore I endure everything for the
sake of the elect, that they also may
obtain the salvation that is in Christ
Jesus with eternal glory.
[11]The saying is trustworthy, for:
If we have died with Him, we will also
live with Him; [12]if we endure, we will
also reign with Him; If we deny Him,
He also will deny us;
[13]if we are faithless, He remains faithful—
for He cannot deny himself.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19 (Pew Bible, pg. 876)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**
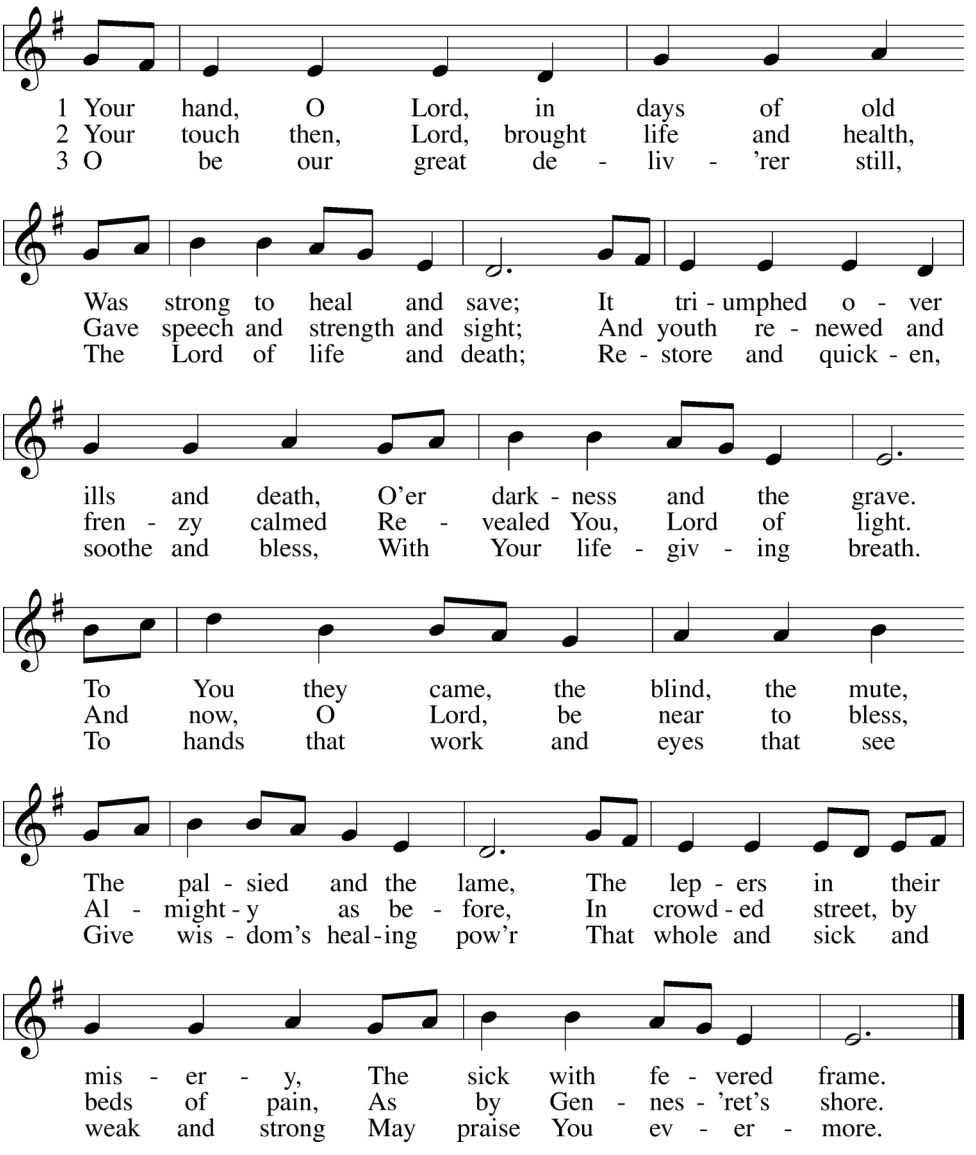
[11]On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus]
was passing along between Samaria and
Galilee. [12]And as He entered a village,
He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a
distance [13]and lifted up their voices,
saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."
[14]When He saw them He said to them,
"Go and show yourselves to the priests."
And as they went they were cleansed.
[15]Then one of them, when he saw that
he was healed, turned back, praising God
with a loud voice; [16]and he fell on his face
at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he
was a Samaritan. [17]Then Jesus answered,
"Were not ten cleansed? Where are the
nine? [18]Was no one found to return and
give praise to God except this foreigner?"
[19]And He said to him, "Rise and go your
way; your faith has made you well."

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 — *Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old* (LSB 846)



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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

℗ 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:

℗ Lord in Your mercy,
℃ **Hear our prayer.**
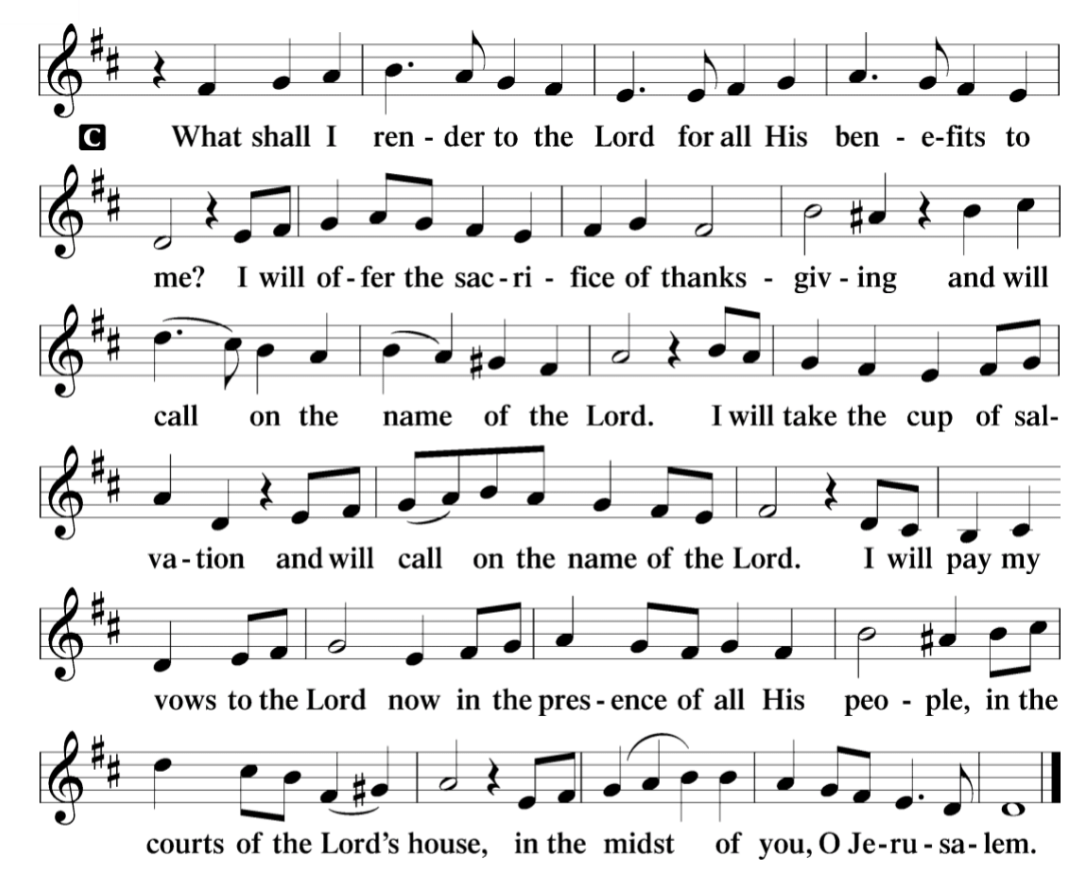
℗ Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
℃ **Amen.**

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).

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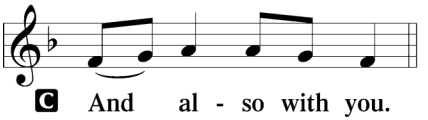
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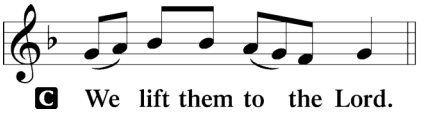


Service of the Sacrament

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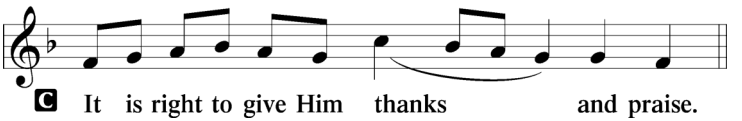
P The Lord be with you.



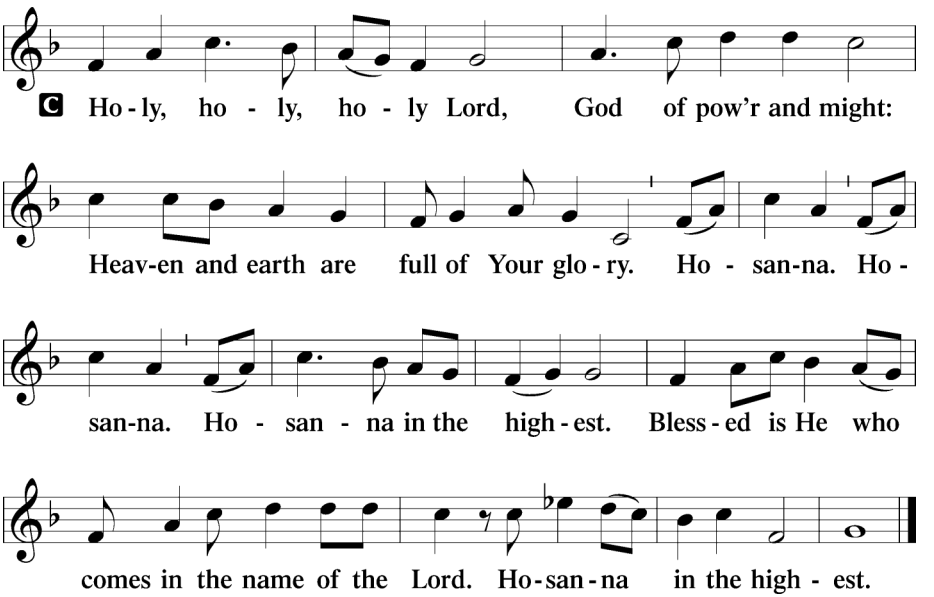
P Lift up your hearts.



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…

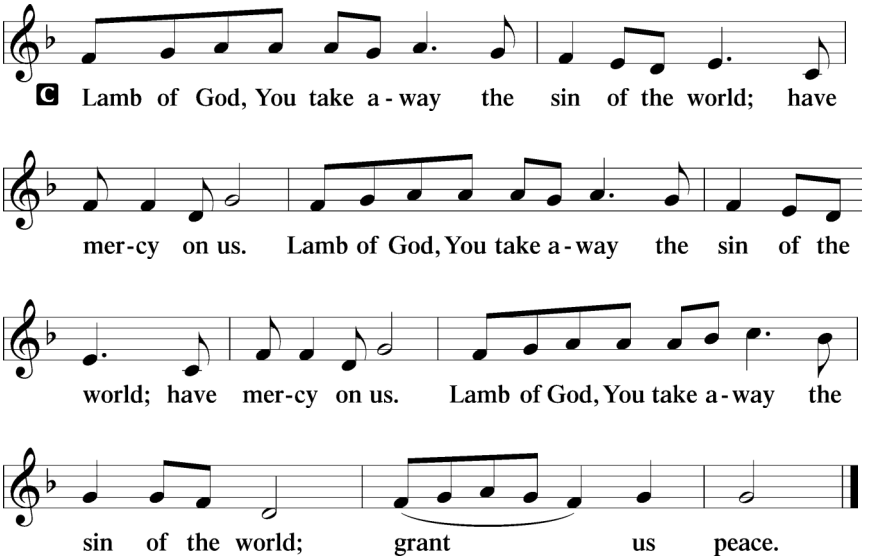
P Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and ascension, we await His coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor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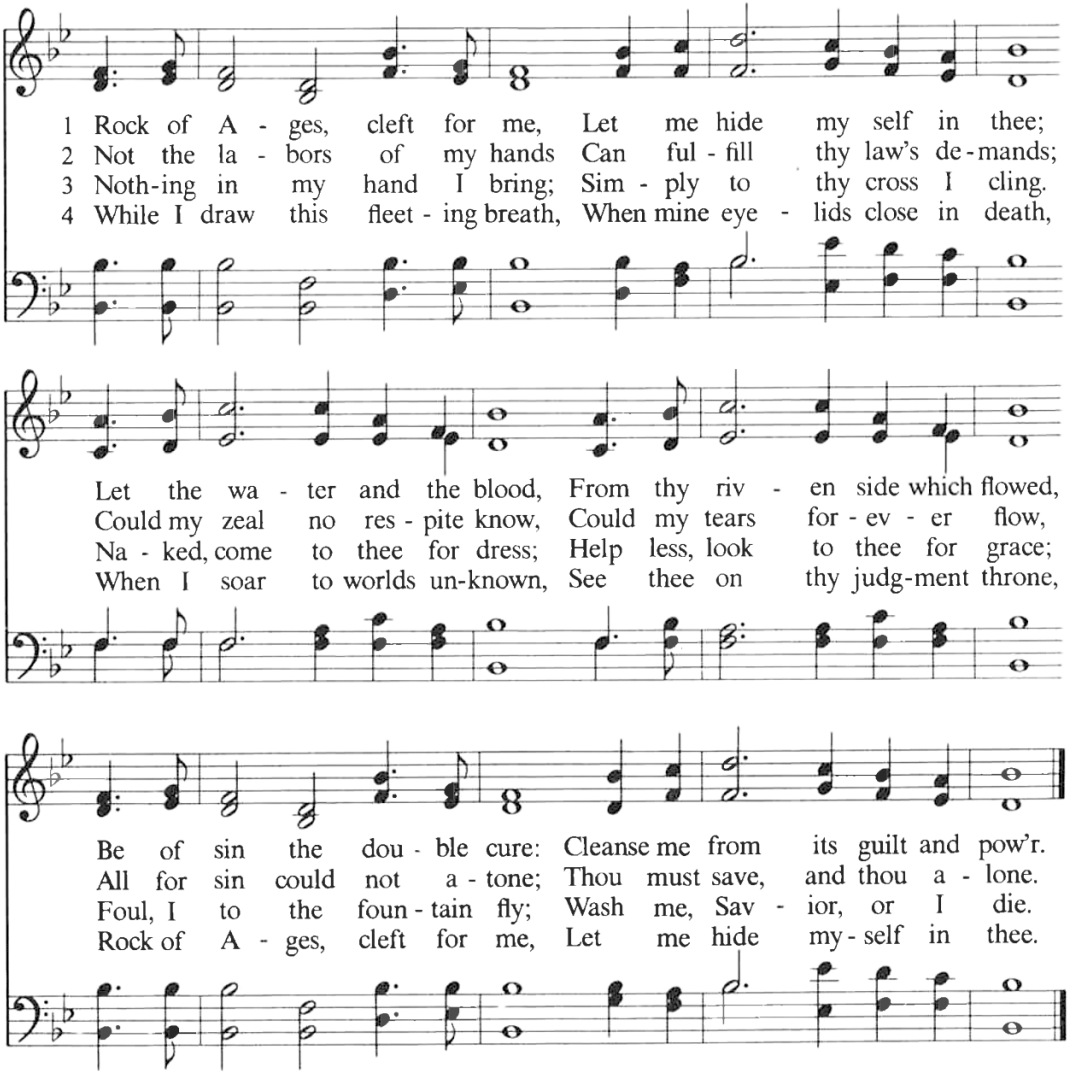
Receiving Holy Communion

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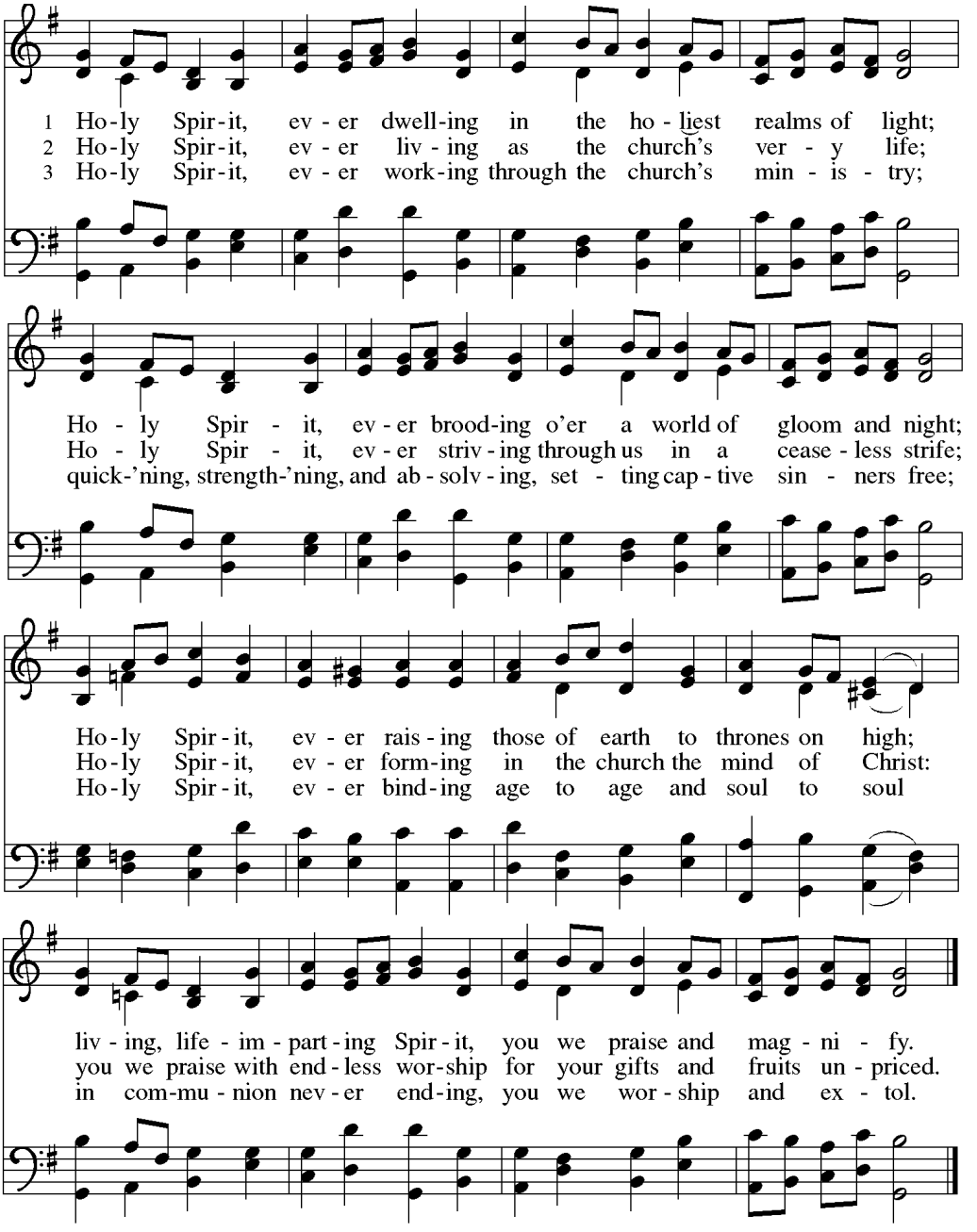
[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]
Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having With my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy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

Distribution Hymn — *Rock of Ages* (LBW 327)



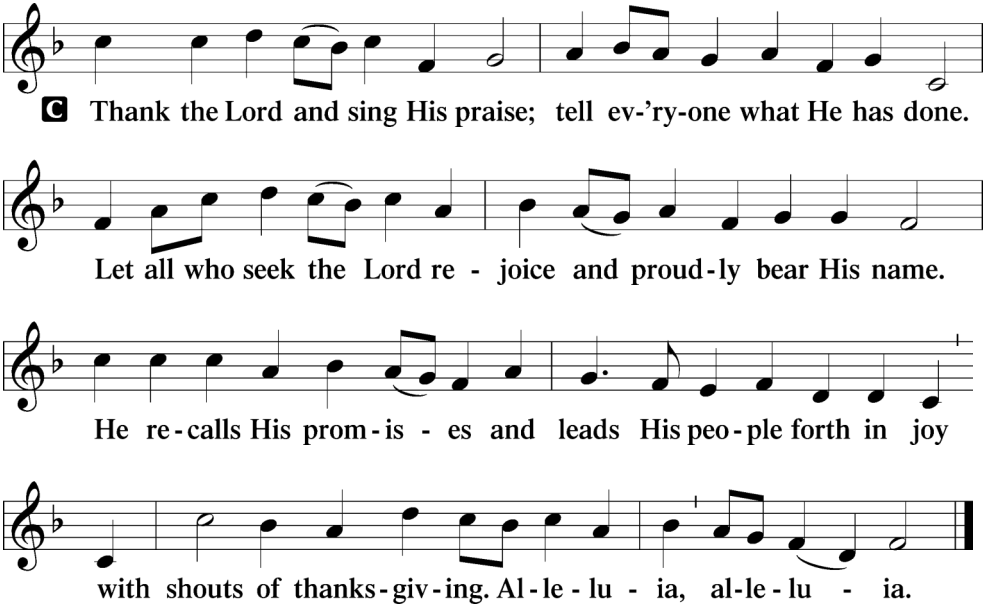
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN — *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* (LBW 523)



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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.

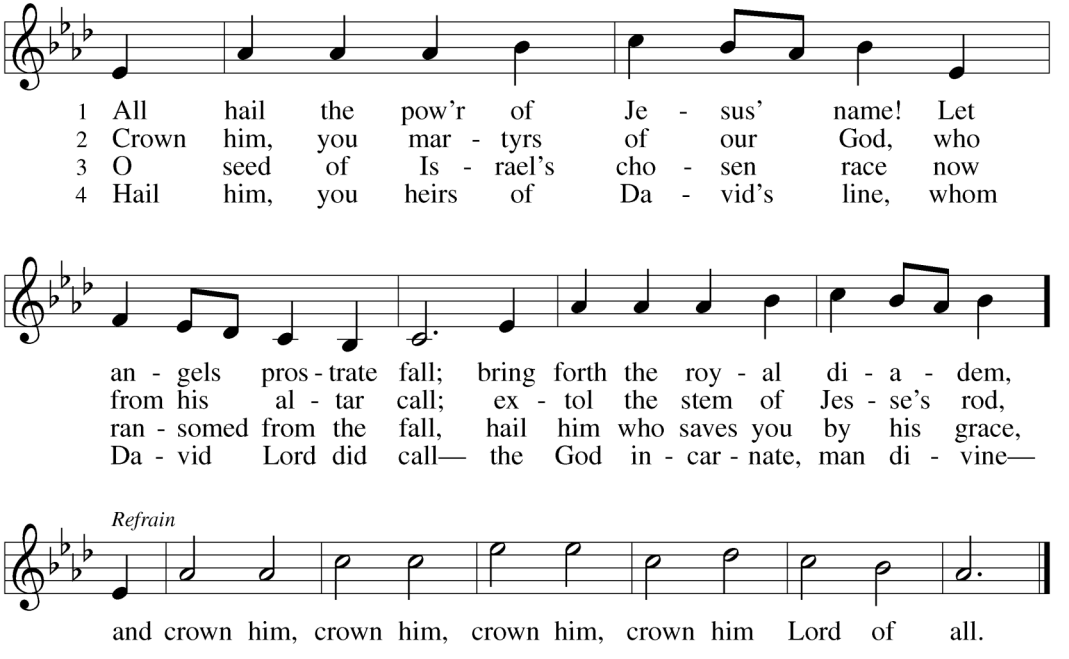
C **Amen.**

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 — *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (LBW 329)



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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

SERVING YOU TODAY

Musician
Erin Hodge, organist

Ushers
Dave Pittman
Tom McGill, Acolyte

Reader
Joe Milko

Communion Assistant
Marie Snyder

Greeter
Kathy Pittman

Altar Guild
Donna Gesell, setup & clean up

A/V Operator
John Kolba

UPCOMING AT GRACE

Sunday, October 19 - Ignition: Welcome to Grace (11:30am)

Wednesday, October 29 - Wednesdays at One: Computer and Technology Q&A (12:30 lunch, 1pm Q&A)

Sunday, October 26 - Reformation Sunday

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

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