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 (Downstairs Kitchen Hall)

11:30am Farewell Reception for Frank Oruwari

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Sunday of All Saints



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

TODAY'S VERSE:

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

-"For All the Saints" Verse 1

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

In Daniel 7:1–3, 15–18, the prophet receives a vision of God's ultimate triumph—a promise that "the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess it forever."
Ephesians 1:11–23 proclaims the hope that anchors the saints: in Christ we have an inheritance that can never perish, and Christ reigns over all things for the sake of His Church. The saints—both those on earth and those who have gone before us—live in the sure confidence of His resurrection power.
In Luke 6:20–31, Jesus declares blessing upon His people, even in poverty, sorrow, and persecution. These Beatitudes remind us that the saints' blessedness is not based on worldly success but on belonging to Christ, who gives His kingdom to the lowly.
On this All Saints Sunday, we rejoice that the Church on earth and the Church in heaven are united in 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 — *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* (LSB 670)



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Salutation and Collect for the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray . . .
Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people
of all times and places into one holy communion,
the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that,
together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared
for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 (pg. 744)

The Old Testament Lesson is from the 7th Chapter of Daniel.

In the first year of Belshazzar king of
Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and
visions of his head as he lay in his bed.
Then he wrote down the dream and
told the sum of the matter.
2 Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision
by night, and behold, the four winds
of heaven were stirring up the great sea.
3 And four great beasts came up out
of the sea, different from one another.

15 "As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me
was anxious, and the visions of my head
alarmed me. 16 I approached one of those
who stood there and asked him the truth
concerning all this. So he told me and
made known to me the interpretation of
the things. 17 'These four great beasts are
four kings who shall arise out of the
earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High
shall receive the kingdom and possess the
kingdom forever, forever and ever.'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149 *(Sung by the choir and congregation)*



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THE EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:11-23 (Pew Bible, pg. 976)

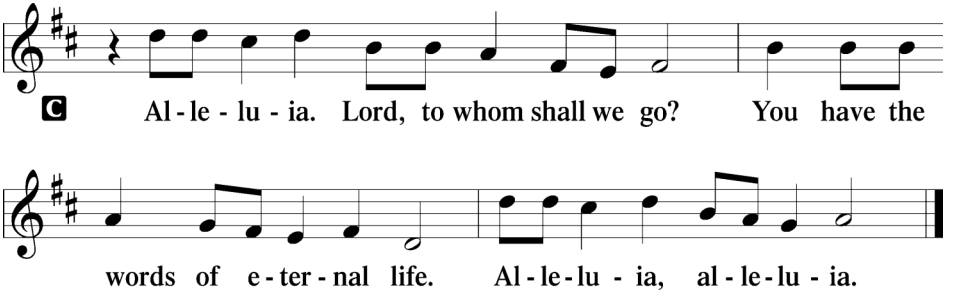
The Epistle Lesson is from the 1st Chapter of Ephesians.

11 In Him we have obtained an
inheritance, having been
predestined according to the purpose
of Him who works all things according
to the counsel of His will, 12 so that we
who were the first to hope in Christ
might be to the praise of His glory.
13 In Him you also, when you heard the
word of truth, the gospel of your
salvation, and believed in Him, were
sealed with the promised Holy
Spirit, 14 Who is the guarantee of our
inheritance until we acquire possession
of it, to the praise of His glory.
15 For this reason, because I have heard of
your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love
toward all the saints, 16 I do not cease to
give thanks for you, remembering you in
my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give
you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation
in the knowledge of Him, 18 having the
eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you
may know what is the hope to which He
has called you, what are the riches of His
glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and
what is the immeasurable greatness of His
power toward us who believe, according
to the working of His great might 20 that
He worked 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 one to come. 22 And He put all things
under His feet and gave Him as head over
all things to the church, 23 which is His
body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31 (Pew Bible, pg. 862)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th Chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

20 And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
21 "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.
"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. 22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. 24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
26 "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets. 27 "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. 29 To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either.
30 Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back.
31 And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON—*The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks*

LIGHTING OF THE TAPERS

Please come forward as you wish to light a taper in remembrance of loved ones who are among the Saints in light.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

We remember and give thanks for these Saints who have followed Christ through death and been raised to eternal life in heaven:

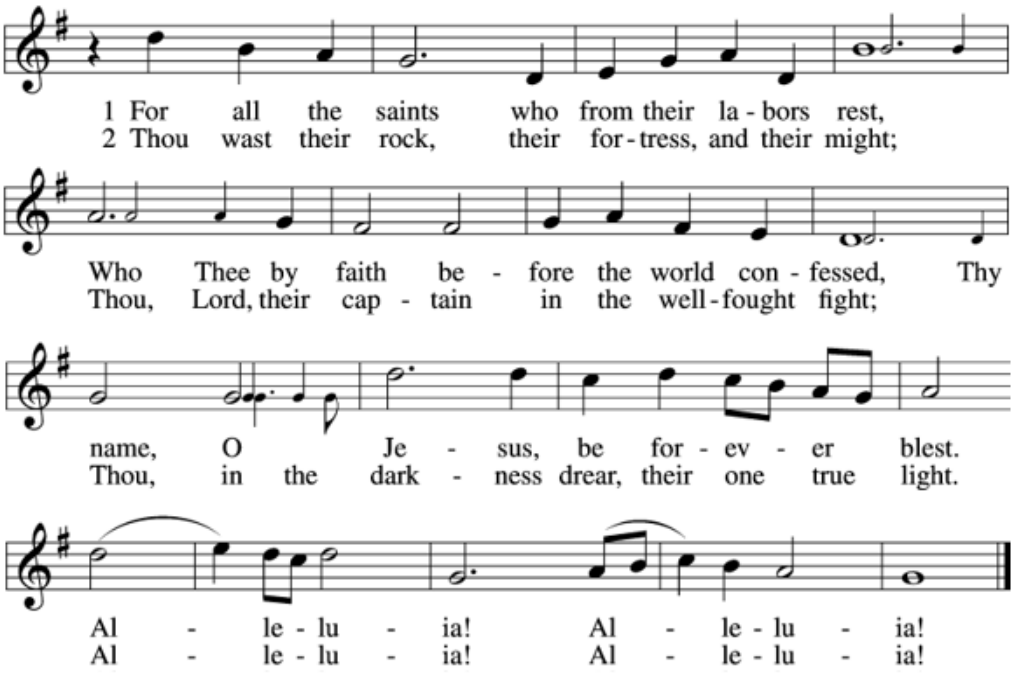
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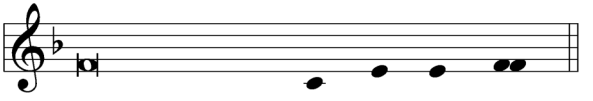
Family Members and Friends of the Family of Grace

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HYMN — *For All The Saints* (LSB 677) ***(Verses 1 & 2)***



The litany will be sung according to the following musical form. The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.



L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

Congregational response:



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**

L For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C **Alleluia.**

Hymn — *For All The Saints* ***(Verses 5 & 6)***

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

L For public servants, the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord have mercy.**

L For all called by God to renew the church, who lift up their voices to recall us to the fullness of God's message of salvation, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C **Alleluia.**

Hymn — *For All The Saints* ***(Verses 7 & 8)***

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

L For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works in this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the gospel, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

C **To you, O Lord.**

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

Offertory



Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



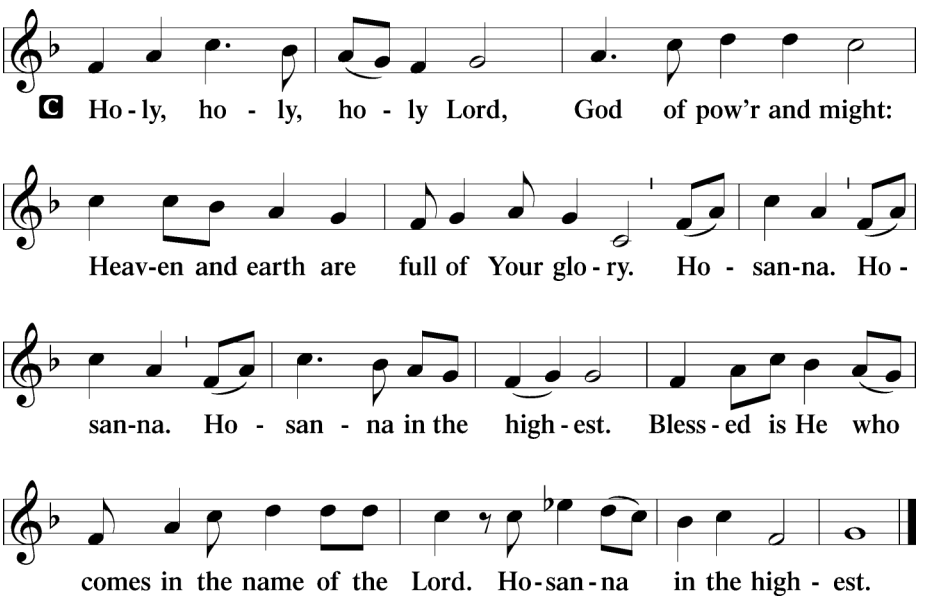
P Lift up your hearts.



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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C **Amen**. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

The Words of Institution

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

P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in fellowship, enter into the fullness of Your kingdom, and receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

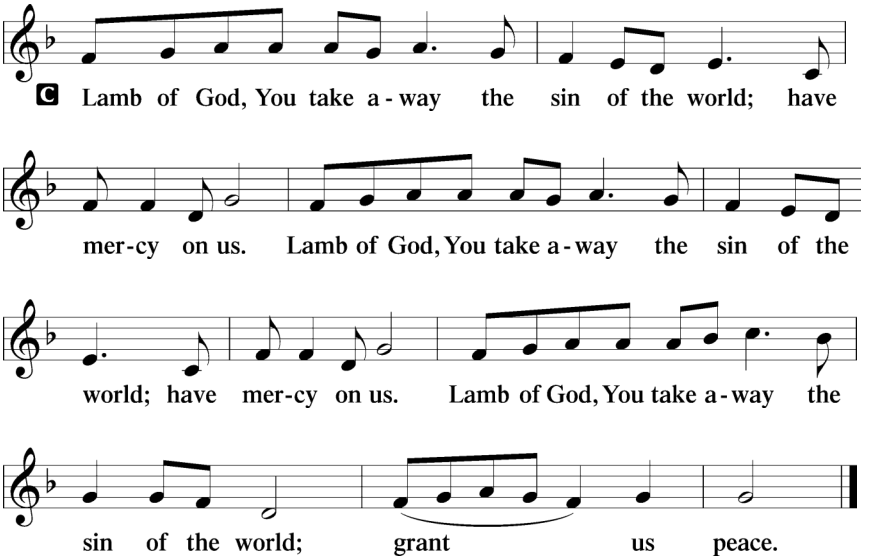
C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P All honor and glory are Yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, both now and forever.
Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

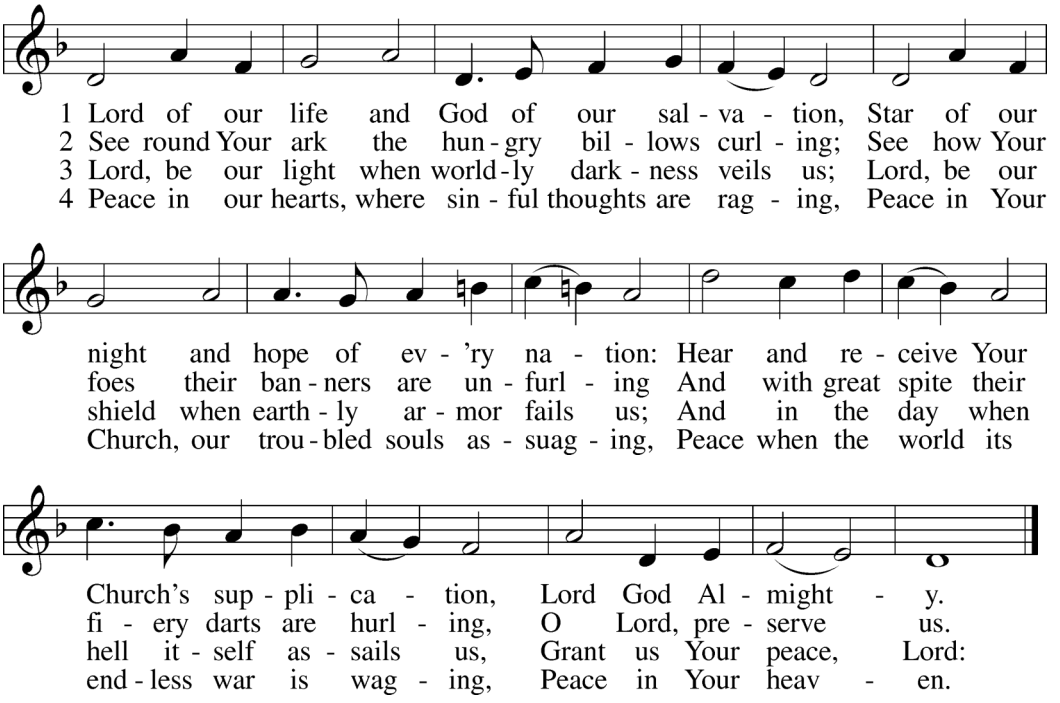
Receiving Holy Communion

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 — *Lord of Our Life* (LSB 659)



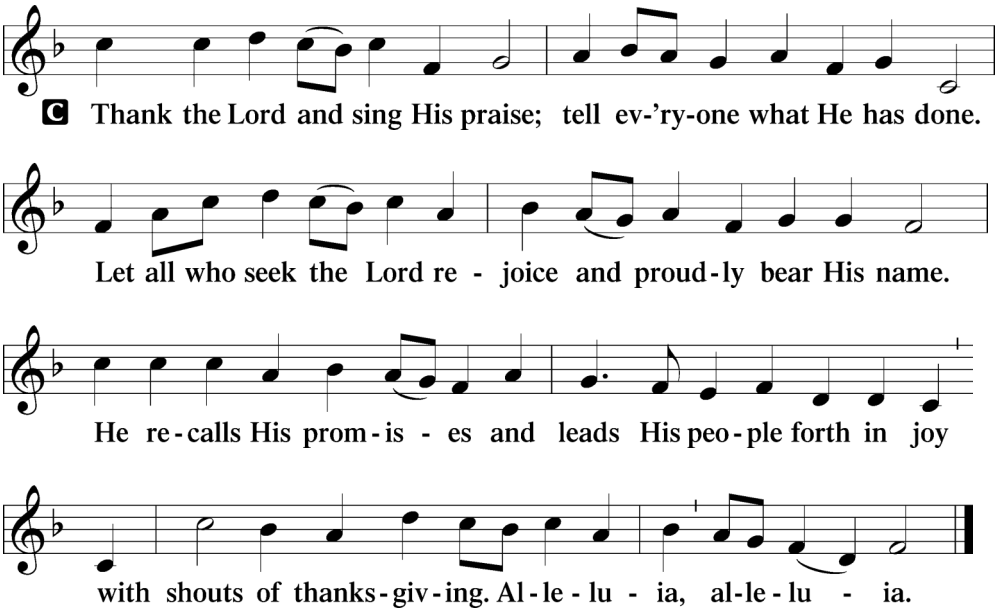
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Distribution Hymn — *One Bread* (WOV 710)



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Thank the Lord



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
Thanks and praise to You, O God, for this feast of victory that You have shared with us. We believe we have been redeemed by the breaking of Christ's body, and the pouring of His blood. Help us rely on this sacrament for strength, confident that what we now hold in hope, we will enjoy in true fulfillment in heaven; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

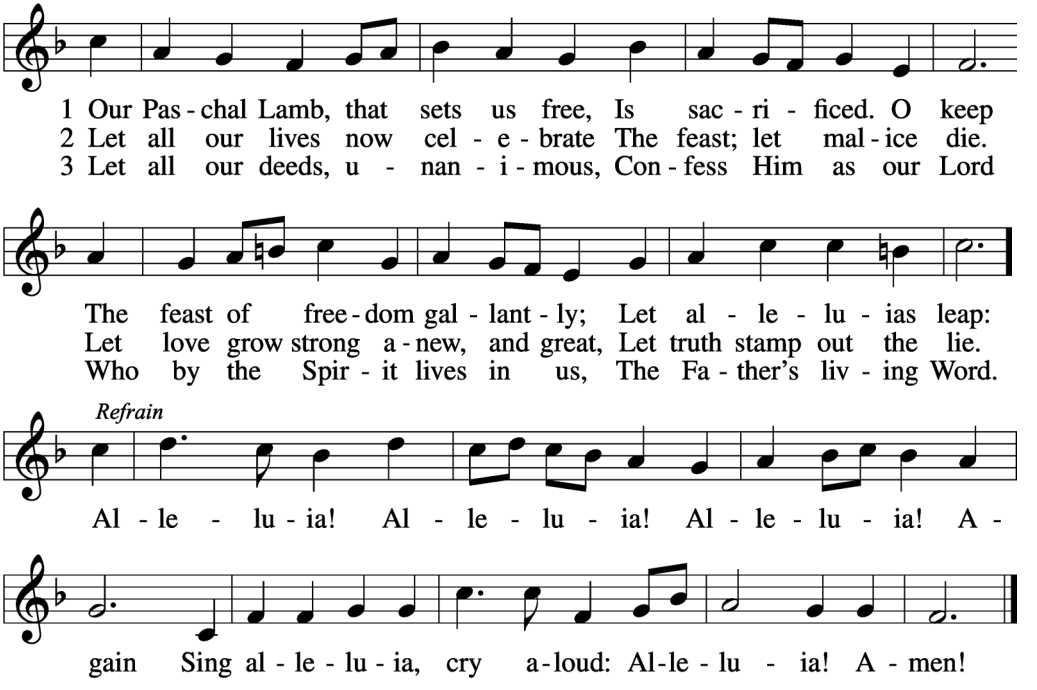
C **Amen.**

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 — *Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free* (LSB 473)



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Godspeed for Frank Oruwari

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

Sunday, November 9 - Duke Lutherans Prayer & Fellowship Dinner (5:30pm)
Saturday, November 15 - Chili Cookoff & Food Packing (5:30pm)
Sunday, November 16 - Voter's Meeting (11:30am)
Wednesday, November 19 - Wednesdays at One: Surviving the Holidays (Lunch: 12:30pm, Session: 1pm)

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

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