

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
November 15, 2015

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Dearest Lord Jesus, You will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and as You have promised You will give me and all who believe in You eternal life. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, grant me to live my life in the confident hope of the resurrection even as I seek to serve You in this time by giving witness of my faith in You to my neighbor. In Your name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! It is a blessing to have you here today, members and visitors alike. It is our prayer that in this time of the Lord's Service to us your faith will be strengthened through the living and active Word of God. As we hear the Good News of eternal life in Christ Jesus we respond to God's grace and mercy with our hymns and prayers. As You leave this place today it is our prayer that you will be refreshed by the Gospel for a week of service to the Lord and your neighbor. **We are glad you are here and we invite you to come and worship with us again.**

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. We have a staffed nursery facility for infants and toddlers located downstairs in this building for anyone who has need. Restroom facilities are located downstairs as well as on this floor level across the bridge before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher or greeter.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our 10:45 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

The Church Year is rapidly coming to an end. Today is the next to last Sunday of our current year and we hear the great promise we confess confidently every Sunday: "the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting." Our greatest fear is death, but in our Baptisms we are given forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation. The prophet Daniel describes the great hope that after this time of trial and tribulation that is a part and parcel of our lives in this world, God will fulfill His promise of resurrection and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. In His creating action, God made man, male and female, in His image. They were created holy and thereby reflected that attribute to their Creator. Man who was formed from the dust of the ground received the breath of life as it was breathed into him by God. But man lost that holiness and as a result of the Fall we all return to the dust from which we were taken. Nevertheless Jesus took that dusty death into Himself for our salvation and then rose from the dead so that all who believe in Him will have eternal life.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of his House by Lucia Jones in loving memory of her father, Albert Hursey whose birth date is today, and in thanksgiving for blessings received.

THOSE WHO SERVE

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Pastor: | | Rev. James C. Walter |
| Director of Parish Music: | | Nathan Beethe |
| Secretary: | | Pat Funk |
| Early Childhood Center Director: | | Colleen Moorman |
| Acolyte: | (8:15) | Ginger Litwa |
| Cantor: | (8:15) | Joel Junkans |
| Ushers: | (8:15) | Tommy Borchert, Sam Cate Chuck Fandrei, Paul Nichols |
| Greeters: | (8:15) | Robert and Carole Nichols |
| Altar Guild: | (8:15) | Pat Funk |
| Acolyte: | (10:45) | Sydney Manchester |
| Cantor: | (10:45) | Suzanne Lambert |
| Communion Assistant: | (10:45) | Jeff Ralston |
| Ushers: | (10:45) | David Faulkner, Cole Hill Wes Mainard, Chris Pils |
| Greeter: | (10:45) | Dawn Cline |
| Altar Guild: | (10:45) | Ken and Becky Ross |
| Choirs: | | Adult Choir, Handbell Choir |
| Piano: | | Carly Golladay |
| Coffee Hosts: | | Debbie Craig and Mildred Wilkins |
| Altar Guild: | (Wed. evening) | Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter |
| Nursery Attendant: | | Mary Ann Dyer |

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, November 22nd, the Last Sunday of the Church Year, are: The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:4-6 , The Epistle Reading: Jude 20-25, and The Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Pre-Service Music

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near - Stephen P. Johnson

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near [BWV 755] - J.S. Bach

Ringling of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508

Service Note: *The Choir will sing Stanza 4.*

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- 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

Absolution

John 20:19–23

- 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.
- C** Amen

Service of the Word

Introit

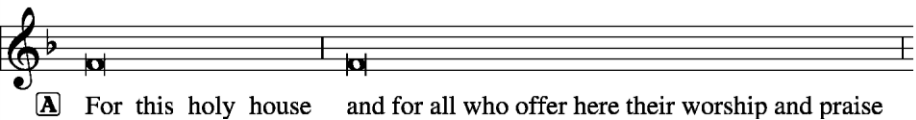
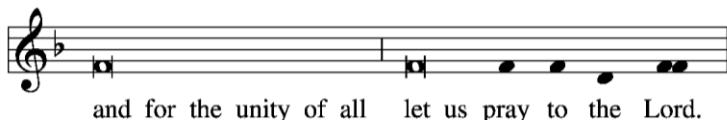
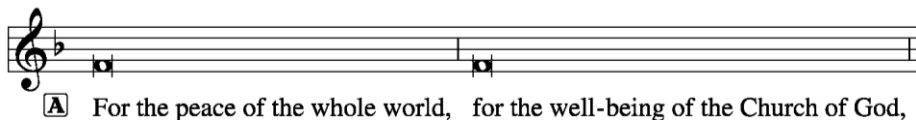
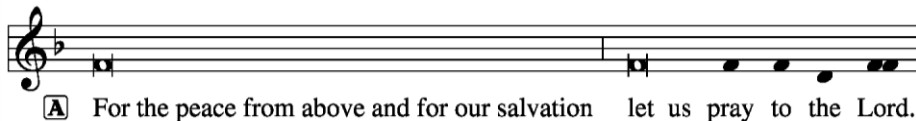
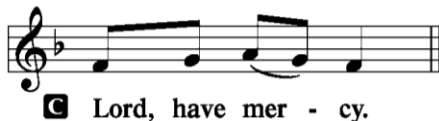
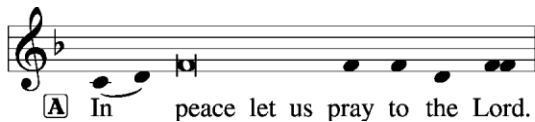
Ps. 48:11–14; antiphon: Mark 13:13b

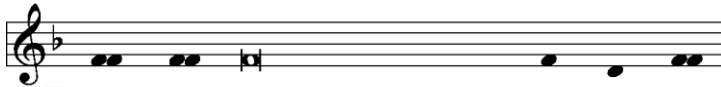


- A** The one who endures | to the end*
will | be saved.
- C** Let Mount Zion | be glad!*
- Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!
- A** Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
- C** that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and | ever.*
He will guide us for- | ever.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
- C** as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen
- A** The one who endures | to the end*
will | be saved.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47





A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



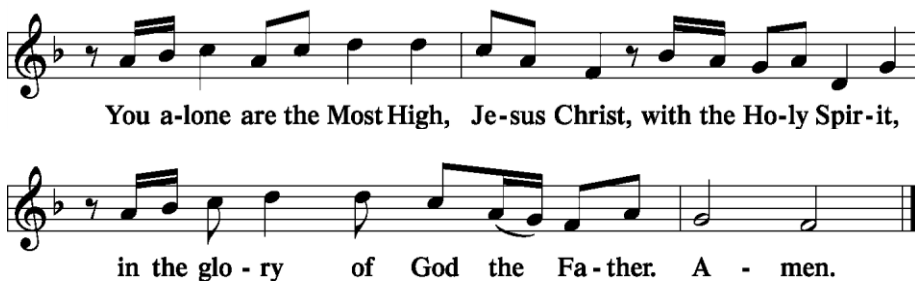
You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Anthem

Creator of the Stars of Night - Jacob Weber (LSB 351)

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

Hebrews 10:11–25

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5

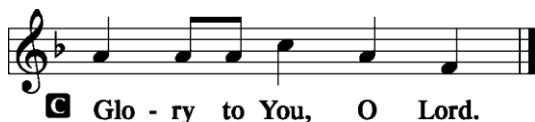
P Alleluia. The one who endures to the end will be saved. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Mark 13:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: Baptismal Waters Cover Me

LSB 616

Sermon

Daniel 12:1–3

“Buried With Christ”

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen**

Prayer of the Church

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

Each petition ends with the following:

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

The prayers conclude with the following:

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**

Blessing of Communion Vessels

Address

P Beloved in the Lord, in perfect love for us Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His body and blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is therefore fitting and right that the vessels used to convey to us His body and blood should be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

Psalm

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19 (antiphon Ps 34:8)

- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**
- P** What shall I render to the LORD
C **for all his benefits to me?**
- P** I will lift up the cup of salvation
C **and call on the name of the LORD.**
- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
C **and call on the name of the LORD.**
- P** I will pay my vows to the Lord
C **in the presence of all his people,**
- P** in the courts of the house of the LORD,
C **in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen**
- P** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
C **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Versicles

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

Salutation

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

Collect

- P** Let us pray.
Most gracious God and Father, whose only-begotten Son instituted the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood, bless these vessels for use at the altar of Your Church. Grant that all who eat and drink the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from these vessels may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to them in this Sacrament; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

Blessing of the Communion Vessels

P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless these communion vessels and all who receive the life-giving Sacrament.

C Amen

Sit

Offering

Baptismal Waters Cover Me - Jeffrey Blersch

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

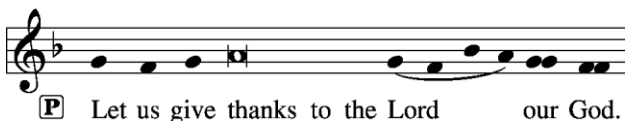


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

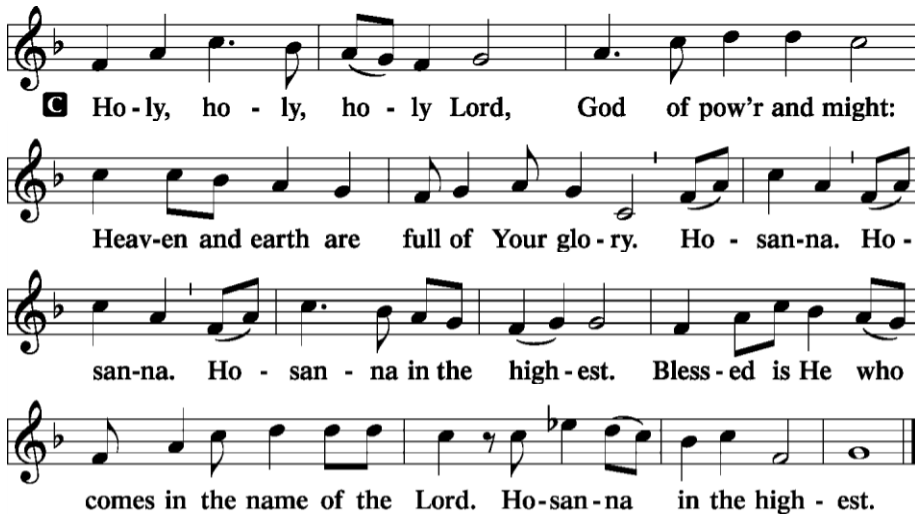


Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

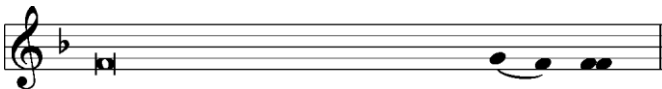
Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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

Pax Domini

John 20:19



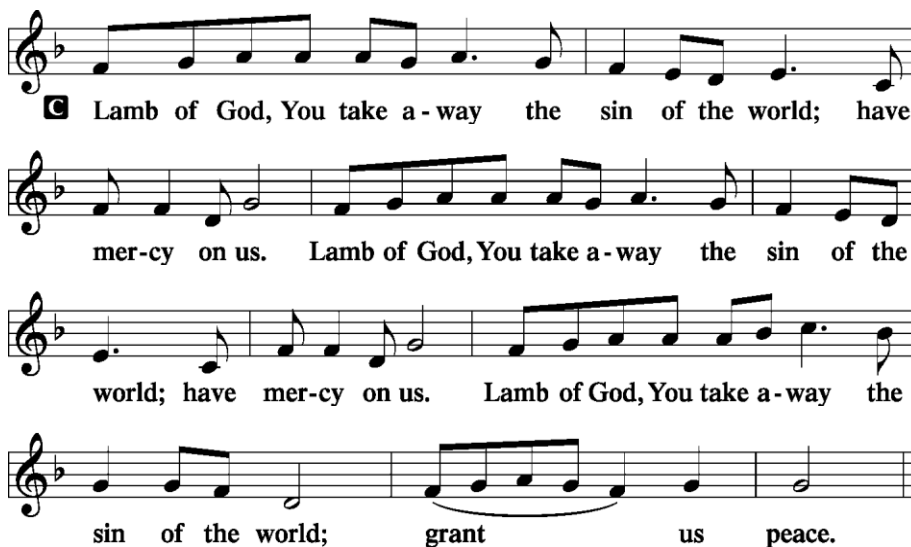
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

LSB 627

Service Note: There will be an interlude between Stanzas 5 & 6.

Hymn: Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

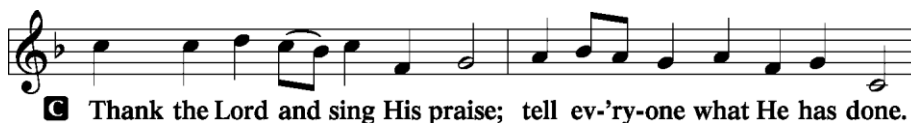
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Hymn: Not What These Hands Have Done

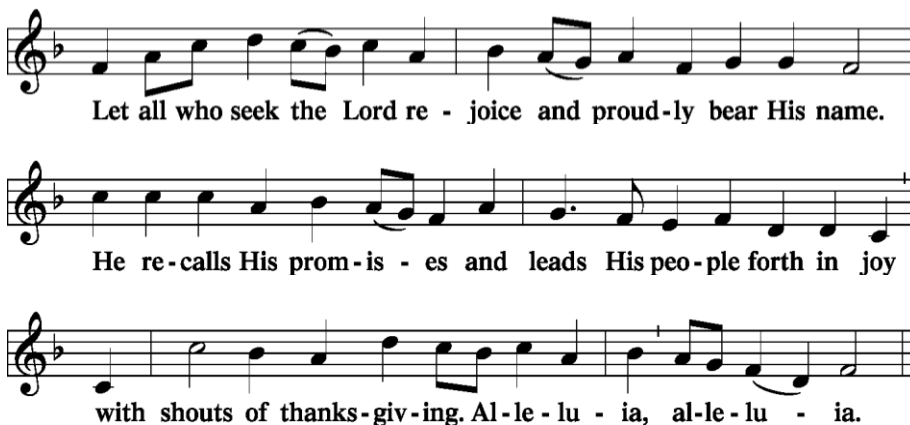
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Stand

Thank the Lord



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

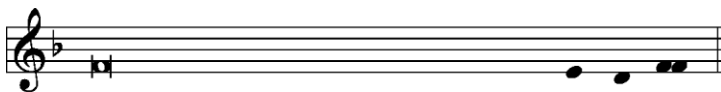
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which 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 A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26



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 A - men.

Postlude

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - Richard Hillert



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Matins
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School in the lower level of Parker Hall
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- MONDAY:** 7:00 p.m. – Parish Planning Council
7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Class
- TUESDAY:** 12:00 noon – Fellowship Club
5:30 p.m. – 7th Grade Confirmation
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service
- THURSDAY:** **NO** 8th Grade Confirmation
6:00 p.m. – Women of Grace ***Giving Thanks Dinner***
at Izzy’s Restaurant on Highway 10

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - The account of God giving “The Ten Commandments” to Moses is today’s Sunday School lesson. The children will learn that the law was given through Moses but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Talk about God’s laws and how they guide us and show us our sin when we cannot keep them. *Ask your children, “Who kept the Law perfectly for us?”* Though we sin much, daily we have God’s forgiveness because of Christ, His Son.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of Parker Hall. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in classrooms downstairs in the church.

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter is leading a series entitled ***A Man Named Martin***, which examines the life and times of Martin Luther. This is a Bible study series from the Men’s Network of the Lutheran Hour Ministries.

DEDICATION OF COMMUNION WARE –Today we dedicate a new set of communion ware here at Grace. Our sincere thanks to Dorris and Allen Deislinger for this gift given to Grace Lutheran Church to the glory of God and for His many blessings.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 17 – Danielle and Keylon Wilbert

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 15 – Evan Beethe

Nov. 17 – Emily Junkans, Robert Guy Middaugh

Nov. 19 – Diane Bruce

Nov. 20 – Debbie Penny

Nov. 21 – Pam Welling Smith

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Carol Rosteck is hospitalized at St. Vincent Medical Center.

Penny Kalinowsky is recovering following cataract surgery on Wednesday.

Irvin Clawitter is at Good Shepherd Nursing and Rehab, 3001 Aldersgate Road #106

Linda Bradshaw is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Bob Grant is recovering following back surgery.

Dennis Fastenau is at home and continuing his treatments.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 11/8: 175 (8:15 – 92 and 10:45 – 83). Mid-Week Service 11/11: 4. **Offerings:** Sunday 11/8: \$5,093.50. Mid-Week 11/4: \$560.00. Memorials: \$1,000.00. Building Fund: \$140.00. Youth Fund: \$115.00.

7th GRADE CONFIRMATION meets on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION will NOT MEET on Thursday.

PARISH PLANNING COUNCIL will meet on **Monday, November 16th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. **VOTERS' MEETING** is **Monday, November 23rd**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Jon Lindemann is the executive director.

FELLOWSHIP CLUB will meet on Tuesday, **November 17th**, at 12:00 noon in **Parker Hall**. Join us for a delicious lunch provided by our ACTS friends and a great time of fun and fellowship. Call the church office if you need a ride or for more information.

WOMEN OF GRACE will meet on **November 19th**, 6:00 p.m., at *Izzy's Restaurant* for our *"Giving Thanks Dinner"*. Families and friends are invited. There is a sign-up sheet on the bridge or call Pat at 663-3631 by tomorrow, to make your reservation.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY meets Monday, November 16th, at 7:00 p.m. They are currently doing a study on our liturgy. Contact Chaplain David Witte at drwitte@gmail.com for their meeting location or other details.

FOOD PANTRY – Thank you for your help in continuing to restock our Food Pantry. We are still in need of the following items for our Food Pantry: variety of canned chunky soups (NO creamy soups), canned fruits, canned vegetables and a variety of pasta. A great place to shop this week for these items is at Kroger (with your Kroger card) while they are having their sale on these items: **Campbell's Chunky soups are 99 cents when you buy any 10; Green Giant vegetables are 49 cents when you buy any 10;** Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry. We appreciate your donations.

FIRST LUTHERAN ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER - First Lutheran – Little Rock LWML will serve their annual Turkey Dinner in their fellowship hall TODAY following their 10:00 a.m. Service. A freewill offering will be collected and the proceeds will benefit Arkansas Rice Depot.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. LOTTIE PULLIAM – Mother of Janet Pulliam
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND
By Janet Pulliam



You are cordially invited to join with the ECDC kids
for our traditional
Thanksgiving Feast of Stone Soup
complete with kid made Pumpkin Pies and Cornbread

Friday, November 20, 2015

11:30 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

ECDC Common Area