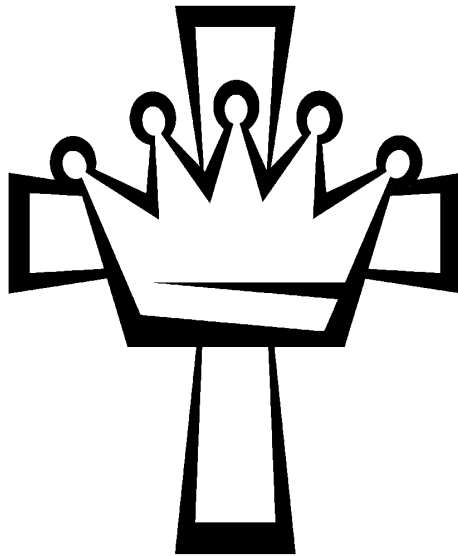


Christ the King

First Communion



November 26, 2023

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.

We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

Christ the King

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the church celebrates the identity of Christ as King of kings. This one who is the Good Shepherd of the sheep is a king who serves the outcast, infirm, forsaken, and alone and calls his followers to do the same. The reign of God comes near whenever God's people act in faith and obedience to God's holy will for the other. Jesus is unlike any other king.

PRELUDE

"Beautiful Savior" - arr. John Leavitt

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" - arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

Linda Hoch

Parish Concerns

Please stand and face the baptismal font.

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, He comes to claim the
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, He suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.
 here and now And con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 loves the more, And lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.

5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—
 He rules the world his Father made,
 Till, in the end, his love adored
 Shall be to all on earth displayed.

The Gathering

GREETING

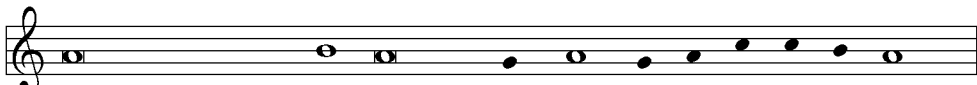
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you!**

KYRIE



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



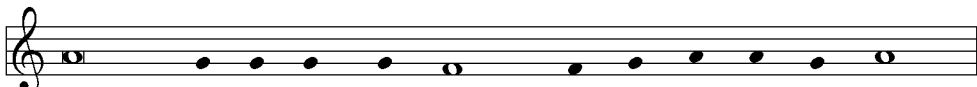
A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



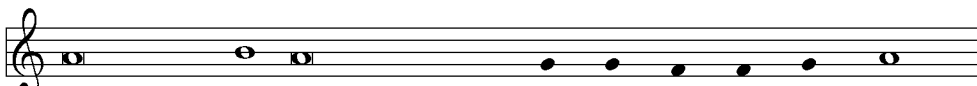
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.





Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. ㉓ A - men

WORTHY IS CHRIST



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



㉓ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

The Shepherd God of Israel would seek out his flock and bring them home, into their own land. He would seek those that are lost, gone astray, injured or weak and bring them unto himself, where they would be fed and kept safe from harm.

¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak

animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:1-7a

Refrain



We are the peo-ple of God's pas-ture and the sheep of God's hand.

Psalm Tone



L Come, let us sing ¹ to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of ¹ our salvation.
C ²**Let us come before God's presence ¹ with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the ¹ LORD with psalms.**
L ³For you, LORD, ¹ are a great God,
and a great ruler a- ¹bove all gods.
C ⁴**In your hand are the caverns ¹ of the earth;
the heights of the hills are ¹ also yours. Refrain**
L ⁵The sea is yours, ¹ for you made it,
and your hands have molded ¹ the dry land.
C ⁶**Come, let us worship ¹ and bow down,
let us kneel before the ¹ LORD our maker.**
L ^{7a}For the LORD ¹ is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep ¹ of God's hand. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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 age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus spoke to his followers about the final judgment of God, saying that whenever they serve someone who is hungry or thirsty, visit the imprisoned, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger and so forth, they serve him. When they neglect to serve others, they are also neglecting to serve him. The life of discipleship is one that puts others ahead of self. This is the defining characteristic of righteousness, to serve those who are the “least.”

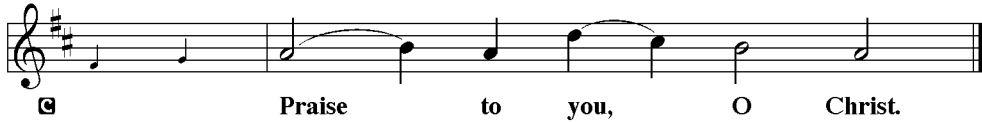
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’

⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pr. Matt Cox

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



NICENE CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C 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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

**You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.**

Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace Singers Chancel Choir

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" - arr. Pattie Drennan

Please stand.


PREFACE



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P Together we pray.

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.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



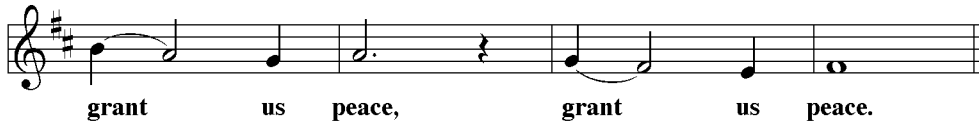
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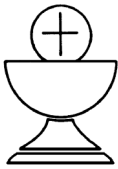
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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



11:00 **We welcome Margaret Hoch and her family as the first table to be served.**



All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.
You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray
as it is offered to you.*

As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it, everyone is also welcome to use the individual cups. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.

Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.

After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided

(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host.)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Martha Crist and Linda Hoch - Piano Duet

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - *arr. Joel Raney*

After communion is finished, please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

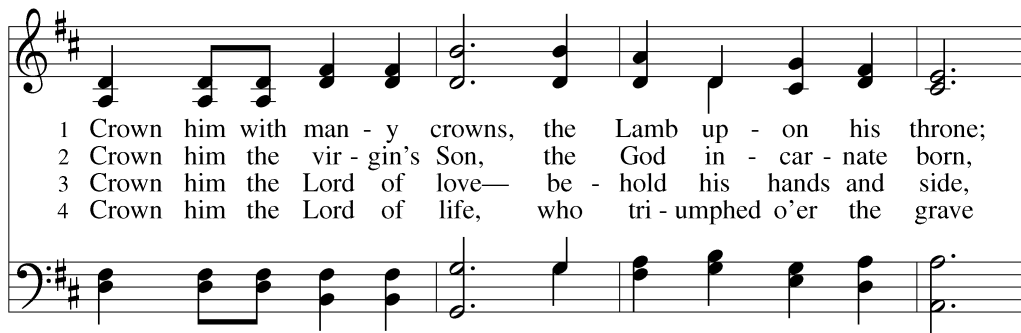
BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.

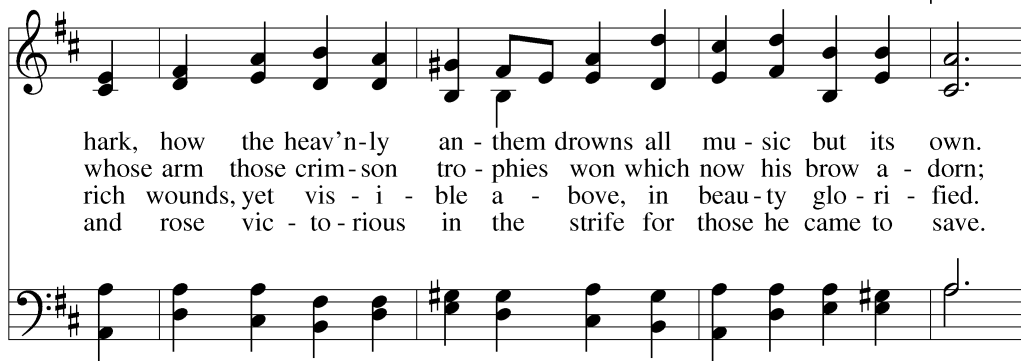
C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

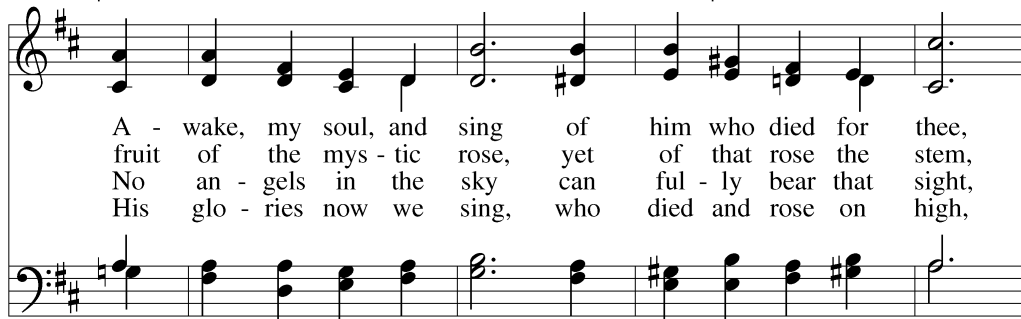
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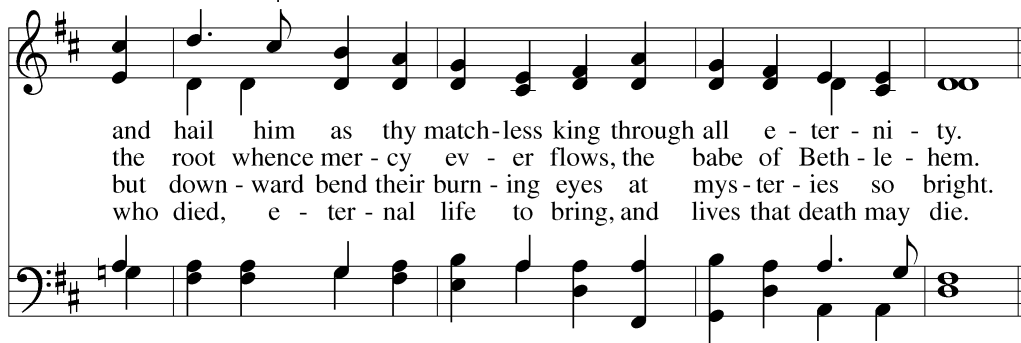
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

DISMISSAL

Children
C Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" - arr. Jonathan Reuss

Linda Hoch

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service.



Margaret Hoch completed preparation for First Communion and expressed a desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's table. Her parents are Christopher and Linda Hoch. Today we celebrate with her and her family during this special time.

Flowers are given by...

Jean and Jim Clafin in honor of our 55th Wedding Anniversary.

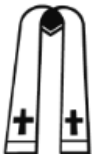
Remember in our prayers... Diane Boone, Joe Moleno, Betty Lou Miliner, Janis Boughton, Evelyn Boughton, Grace Sima, Rod Rice, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Rick Arreguin, Bob Bower, Barbara Muller, Clarence Clapham, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the **WELCOME** Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

Service Recording: The recorded 8:30am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.

Reception for Pastor Matt Cox and Debbie, Dec. 3 after both services: Pastor Matt has served Grace as the interim Senior Pastor over the last year and a half during the Call Process. All are invited to a cake reception to be held after each service on Dec. 3 in honor of Pr. Matt Cox and Debbie. A card box will be at the cake table for anyone who would like to place a card or letter in the box at the cake table in the Loaves and Fishes café on Sunday, Dec. 3 when he will be presiding over his last service at Grace.



All are invited to a reception celebrating the installation of Pr. David Wendel at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sunday, December 10 after the 10am installation service. The 10am service will be the only service on Dec. 10. The reception will be catered by Westerville Grille and include scrambles, biscuits, and fruit. A donation of \$15 per meal for this brunch is suggested. RSVP is requested to

plan for food and seating by Sunday, December 3. There are three ways to sign-up to attend through SignUp Genius, by calling the church office (614-882-3026) with your name and number attending, or at the Welcome Desk. We look forward to this time of Fellowship as we welcome Pr. David Wendel and Susan to Grace!



Poinsettia order forms are due Dec. 10. Forms are available on the church website, bulletin and welcome desk.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 26	No Youth Sunday School
Dec. 2	12-2pm: Book Fair presented by Cover 2 Cover (Loaves and Fishes café) or order online Nov. 26 through Dec. 4 https://www.covertocoverchildrensbooks.com/grace-evangelical-lutheran-church-book-sale
Dec. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception for Pr. Matt and Debbie Cox after the 8:30 and 11am service • Nativity Showcase • 3pm Christmas Caroling • Socks due for Freedom a la cart
Dec. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6pm: Supper • 7pm: Advent Service
Dec. 8	Westerville Habitat Partnership Progressive Christmas Concert and Soup for Shelter Event (Tickets on sale in the Gathering Space)
Dec. 9	9am: Decorating the church for the Christmas season (bring friends)
Dec. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-9:30am Sunday School • 10:00am Worship and Installation of Pr. David Wendel (Reception to follow, RSVP requested online or at the Welcome Desk by Dec. 3) • 3:30pm: A Joyful Noise Community Concerts presents Scioto Valley Brass and Percussion • Angel Tree toys due • Poinsettia order forms due
Dec. 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11am Youth Christmas Program during the service, cookie and hot chocolate reception after to celebrate the youth

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join Freedom a la Cart in providing socks to include in bags of restoration for survivors of human trafficking in our community! The holidays can be a difficult time, financially and emotionally, for the survivors served by Freedom a la Cart.

Donations of new socks will be collected in a bin in the Gathering Space and are due **Sunday, December 3rd. Our goal is 75 pairs of socks.**

Christmas Angel Tree is on display in the Gathering Space the annual Angel Tree to benefit the Salvation Army. Each year Grace helps disadvantaged children by buying gifts for them. This is done by selecting a tag or two for a boy or girl, purchasing a gift (suggestion on the tag), and placing it unwrapped under the tree with the tag attached to the gift. The Salvation Army will collect the gifts after our last service **Sunday, December 10.** The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to the kids. With your help, the goal is to have all 100 tags taken and returned so that a smile can be put on many faces this Christmas morning!



The Annual Progressive Christmas Concert is **FRIDAY, Dec 8, 7-9:15PM.** Our choir will be at Church of the Master this year. Tickets are \$15 (children under 14 free) and available before or after services. Tickets are also available for the Soup for Shelter (\$20) at the Otterbein Campus Center before the concert, 5:00 - 7:00. Both events benefit building projects for Habitat for Humanity. See Lois Rumph in the gathering space to purchase your tickets for this years concert. See you there!



FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*
November Shopping List: Tissues; Diapers; Sugar – granulated, brown, powdered; Coffee; Raisins; Alfredo Sauce; Soft Soap (liquid hand soap); Fruit juices (other than apple); Jello/Pudding Mixes; Toothbrushes/Toothpaste; and

Plastic shopping bags are needed. *We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.*

2024 Red Cross Blood Drives have been set! All drives at Grace are on Tuesdays.

Blood Drive You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or vschpn55@gmail.com

2024 Blood Drive Schedule: noon-6pm

1/16/24	3/12/24	5/14/24
7/9/24	9/3/24	11/12/24



Sign-up to sing with us as we go Christmas Caroling on December 3 at 3:00pm. We will be caroling for a couple of hours and giving each family a small poinsettia for the Holidays. When we are finished we will have cookies and hot chocolate in Loaves and Fishes. If you are interested, sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions see Chris Troutman.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

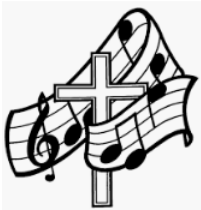
Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

Nativity Showcase:



- ◆ For those who are participating in the Nativity showcase, place your nativities in the Cry Room on the tables provided by Dec. 1.
- ◆ From December 3 through December 10 visit the display and enjoy the many ways the Christmas story is portrayed.
- ◆ On December 10th pick up your contributions. Thanks for sharing. Direct your questions to Sue Mahrt or Karen Grant.

Youth Sunday School Advent offering boxes with loose change for the alpaca are due back Saturday, December 16th at our Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas program.



Grace Chancel Choir rehearsals are 7:00-8:15 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Jeff Daubenmire with questions or interest in singing.

Grace Youth Choir rehearsals are Sundays 9:30-9:45 AM. Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.

Grace Ringers Bell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7PM. Contact Maria Laderman with questions or interest in ringing.

“That the World May Know” – Adult learning class: In volume 14, “The Mission of Jesus”, Discover how Jesus triumphantly made God’s presence known on earth, and how he asks you to do the same – bringing God’s Peace to the chaos of others.

**THAT THE
WORLD
MAY KNOW.**

Renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures.

Filmed on location in the Middle East, the “That the World May Know” film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus. This session started November 5th and is facilitated by Bill Kulju. This class meets in fellowship hall between services beginning at 9:45.

**Waiting
Here
For You**

An Advent Journey of Hope

Louie Giglio

The Women’s Bible Study started a new study Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 10:30am, “Waiting Here For You, An Advent Journey of Hope.” By Louie Giglio. Louie Giglio reminds us that it’s in the richness of Advent- a season of expectant waiting and preparation that we find our answer. It’s throughout this waiting season that we prepare our hearts to greet December 25th with joy, peace, hope, and refreshed promise in our newborn King. Contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org, if interested.

HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Transforming the church for the Christmas season will take place Saturday, December 9 beginning at 9am. Extra help is always needed and appreciated. What better way is there to get into the Christmas spirit? Questions? Contact Sue Mahrt or Karen Grant

NURSERY is open! The Nursery is open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages 6 and younger. Questions? Molly King, 614-882-3026 or m.king@grace43081.org.



Loaves and Fishes café is OPEN! Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with any questions or concerns.



Dartball's 2023-2024 season is here! Contact Robert Bassett at 419.236.4293 or rgbassettiii@gmail.com with any questions. Upcoming matches:
11/30 Christ 12/7 at Reynoldsburg 12/14 at Grace

Saturday, January 6 the puck drops at 7pm. Join Grace for an evening of fun and fellowship as we watch the Columbus Blue Jackets take on the Minnesota Wild. Tickets are \$39 and will be in the Mezzanine level. Sign-up at the welcome desk by Dec. 28. Questions? Contact Molly King.



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Financial Update: If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer's report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at melissa.hodek@gmail.com and it will be emailed to you.

25th Sunday after Pentecost: 8:30am: 91; 11:00am: 100; Total: 191

MUSIC NOTES

"Beautiful Savior" – arr. John Leavitt

Although it is known to have been written at least fifteen years earlier, the original German text ("Schönster Herr Jesu") was first published in the *Münster Gesangbuch* (1677). The anonymous English translation of this Roman Catholic hymn first appeared in Willis' *Church Chorals and Choir Studies* (New York, 1850). A fourth stanza was added by Joseph A. Seiss in 1873 and appeared as

part of his full translation in *The Sunday School Book* of the American Lutheran General Council (Philadelphia, 1873).

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” – arr. Sharon Elery Rogers

This hymn, written by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) in 1851, first appeared in his “The Passion of Jesus” (1852) under the title “Third Sorrowful Mystery, Song of the Seraphs”. The scriptural reference comes from Revelation 19:12, “His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.” The third verse was written by Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) 23 years after the verses by Bridges. The completed hymn appeared in “Hymns and Sacred Lyrics” in 1874. George Elvey (1816-1893), a noted English organist, wrote the tune DIADEMATA (Greek word for crowns) in 1868.

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” – arr. Patti Drennan

This text by Edward Perronet (1726-1792), a friend and advisor to the Wesleys who later became a Congregational minister, originally consisted of 8 stanzas, the first of which appeared in the November, 1779 issue of the *Gospel Magazine*, Toplady’s journal. The remaining 7 stanzas appeared in the April, 1780 issue. John Rippon (1751-1836) added two new stanzas and extensively rewrote the others where they first appeared in his *Selection of Hymns from the best authors* (1787). The tune CORONATION is the most often used with this text in America. It was composed by Oliver Holden in 1792 and first published in his *Union Harmony* (1793). The tune refers to the words “Crown Him”.

“Praise to the Lord the Almighty” – arr. Joel Raney

The text for this hymn is based on Psalm 103 and Psalm 150. It is one of about 60 hymns written by Joachim Neander (1650-1680) during his short life. Neander is widely regarded as the best poet of the Reformed Church in Germany and this is his best-known hymn. It was first published in his *Glaub-und Liebesübung* (1680). The tune LOBE DEN HERREN is an adaptation of an old secular air that was first published in 1665. Neander chose it for his words in their first printing.

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” – arr. Jonathan Reuss

Brian Wren (b. 1936) wrote this hymn in April 1968 for Easter after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. He “tried to express an Easter hope out of that terrible event,” rather than Easter as “long ago, far away, and high above.” The tune TRURO gets its name for a city in Cornwall, England.

Inherit the Kingdom

Find the 37 **bold** words from Matthew 25:31-36 (ESV)

P R E P A R E D U F G A V E E
M H D N D C R N O S I R P Z T
D G U R O E A U R E H T O N A
O E I N H R N M W S B M N Y R
S N R P G D H M E O A A W R A
K T E E A R O T L N T F O O P
D H R T H D Y A C I I O R L E
S E I A G T S U O I R O L G S
C O S N N E A N M P E D D V X
N L I S L G S G E J H T I S J
S K O P E D E E D F N S J D Y
A E O T E L H R T H I R S T Y
G E M K H S B F A T H E R Q Z
P N A O M E S L E G N A N E H
H N S I C K D D G O A T S O K

When the **Son of Man** comes in his **glory**, and all the **angels** with him, then he will **sit** on his **glorious throne**. Before him will be **gathered** all the **nations**, and he will **separate people one from another** as a **shepherd** separates the **sheep** from the **goats**. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are **blessed** by my **Father**, **inherit the kingdom prepared** for you from the **foundation** of the **world**. For I was **hungry** and you **gave me food**, I was **thirsty** and you gave me **drink**, I was a **stranger** and you **welcomed** me, I was **naked** and you **clothed** me, I was **sick** and you **visited** me, I was in **prison** and you **came to me**.”

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2023

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Youth Christmas Program, Sunday, December 17, during the 11am service:

“A Prophet Foretold the Messiah” is a Christmas Pageant that focuses on the biblical story of the nativity, told in poetic verse form. Join as as the youth of Grace bring the story of Jesus’ birth, foretold by prophets and angels, to life with songs and verse. We will celebrate with cookies and hot chocolate after the service in loaves and fishes cafe.



Wednesday Advent Services will follow *Holden Evening Prayer* by

Marty Haugen and include a meditation each week. Services begins at 7pm on Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

A light dinner will be served beginning at 6pm before service.

Advent IV, December 24, 10am: With Christmas Eve falling on Sunday, we will observe the Fourth Sunday in Advent with a special Advent Service of the Word with Lessons and Advent Carols! We will complete our lighting of the Advent wreath with the fourth candle and join together in a series of scriptural prophecies, related Advent hymn verses, sermon and Advent Litany of Preparation. Although we will celebrate the birth of our Savior at our evening services on Christmas Eve, we will bring Advent to a close with this meaningful service of hope and expectation!



Christmas Eve, December 24, 5 pm: The Nativity of our Lord Children’s/Family Christmas Service will be a somewhat simplified Holy Communion liturgy with candle-light and carols! We will light candles singing Silent Night, as the Christmas Gospel is read, proclaiming the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world!

Children will be led to another room to hear and see a wonderful age-appropriate Christmas book proclaiming the good news of Jesus' birth, 'Twas the Night, by William Dean, illustrated by Sarah Lowe. At the same time, Pastor Wendel will preach the Christmas sermon in the sanctuary. After sermon and story, children will return as the service continues with the liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Our worship will be heightened by special music and singing!

Christmas Eve, December 24, 8pm: The Nativity of our Lord will be celebrated with a festive service of Word and Sacrament with music, singing, carols and Holy Communion. The service will begin with a chanted Proclamation of the Birth of Christ, from an ancient martyrology and we will worship using Setting 1 of the Lutheran Book of Worship. We will light candles during the singing of Silent Night, as the Christmas Gospel is read, proclaiming the birth of Jesus, the Light of the world! Pastor Wendel will preach the Christmas sermon titled, Dark Christmas and the Light of Christ! As always, we will be blessed by special music and singing!

Christmas Day, December 25, 10am: We will gather on Christmas Day to celebrate the Word made flesh to dwell among us! As Christmas Eve finds us gathered around the stable and manger, witnessing the baby born in Bethlehem, Christmas morning focuses our attention on the meaning of the Incarnation—that God became human in Jesus Christ, for us and for our salvation! Again, we will worship using LBW Setting 1, with lots of carols and Holy Communion!



Please invite friends, family, neighbors to join us
at Grace as we
gather to celebrate Emmanuel,
God-with-us!

Serving Today

OFFICIATING/ PREACHER	Pastor Matt Cox		
ASSISTING MINISTER	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister		
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Jeff Daubenmire		
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch		
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz		
CANTOR	Steve Kile		
LECTOR	8:30	Dorothy Crain	11:00 Chris Hoch
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:30	Chris Banks	11:00 Tom Seamon
ACOLYTE	8:30	Molly Young	11:00 Benny Hoch
USHERS	8:30	Bob Andrews, Steve Young, Randy Stoll	
	11:00	Jim Claflin, Dave Fuhrman, Paul Hotchkiss	
GREETER	8:30	Vanessa Stewart	
	11:00	Kenny and Cindy Odum	
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 3</i>	Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin, Dorothea Fuhrman, Verna Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge		
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush		
NUSERY ATTENDANTS	Kailey Freeman		



This Week at Grace: November 26– December 3, 2023

Nov. 26 **CHRIST THE KING**
PR. MATT COX
8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Youth Choir
 9:45 am Adult Learning (No Youth Sunday School)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 2-4 pm Assemblée Chretienne La Parole
 (Christian Assembly of the Word) (Sanctuary)
 Nativities arrive for Nativity Showcase

MON 9:30am Stroller Fitness Group (Fellowship Hall)
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Rose Garden 1)
 Online Book Fair Kicks off

TUES 9:30am Stroller Fitness Group (Fellowship Hall)
 3:30 pm CareTeam Meeting
 6:30 pm Yarn Matters
 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED. 10:30am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15 pm Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
 7:00 pm Grace Singers (Sanctuary)

THURS 9:30am Stroller Fitness Group (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 pm Music and Worship Meeting

FRI. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT 9:00 am Art and Environment Nativity Showcase Set-up
 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 12-2pm Book Fair presented by Cover 2 Cover (Loaves and Fishes café)
 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Dec. 3 **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

PR. MATT COX

8:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Cake Reception for Pr. Matt Cox and Debbie
 9:30 am Youth Choir
 9:45 am Adult Learning (No Youth Sunday School)
 11:00 am Worship Service
 12:00 pm Cake Reception for Pr. Matt Cox and Debbie
 2-4 pm Assemblée Chretienne La Parole
 (Christian Assembly of the Word) (Sanctuary)
 3:00 pm Christmas Caroling
 Nativity Showcase in the Cry Room
 Socks are due for Freedom a la cart

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Vision Statement: We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.