

# Grace Lutheran Church Sunday, November 9, 2025 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Prelude** People, Look East

**Glory Ringers** 

#### **Announcements**

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

#### Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

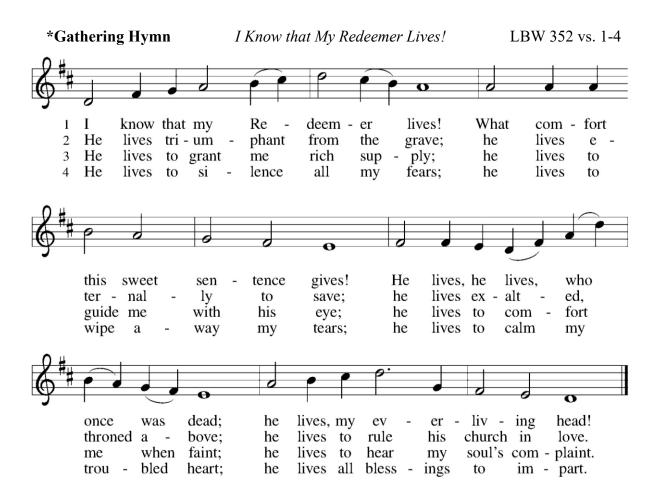
Silence is kept for reflection.

and bring us to new life.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths.
We get stuck in sinful systems and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises.
We ignore our neighbors.
We exploit the earth.
We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts,

Amen.



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# Greeting

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





# \*Prayer of the Day

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

**Special Music** 

We Gather Together

**Glory Ringers** 

First Lesson Job 19: 23-27a

# A reading from Job:

- <sup>23</sup> "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
- <sup>24</sup>O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
- <sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
- <sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
- <sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 17: 1-9** (read responsively)

- <sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- <sup>2</sup> Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- <sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- <sup>4</sup> I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- <sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
- <sup>6</sup>I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- <sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- <sup>8</sup> Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- <sup>9</sup> from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Lesson 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

# A reading from Second Thessalonians:

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He

opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

<sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

<sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# \*Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Luke 20:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, <sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. <sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. <sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,

and the God of Jacob. <sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Priscilla Hymn of the Day How Small Our Span of Life **ELW 636** How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death: And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty; Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty O to plunge in time's swift stream, thank you, God, for kind-ling faith We that lights our tran - sient years, sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath. a tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter ni - ty. our share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem. lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears; grain up - on the shore, drop with-in the o-cean's deep, a While suns and stars spin end - less - ly through depths of cos-mic space, filled your cross-closed years with love; you loved us to the end for hope that sees life be - vond the swift - ly pass-ing days; a light be - fore we sleep to flash of see the sun no more. while ae - ons roll and ag - es pass, you hold us in your grace. touch us life and with your ris - en that ours may time trans-cend. for love, both hu - man and di - vine, that lifts our hearts to praise.

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# \*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

## \*Prayers of Intercession

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

## Your mercy is great.

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Bless the work of those who labor in fields and barns. Hear us, O God.

### Your mercy is great.

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world, fill us with your peace that we might be peacemakers. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

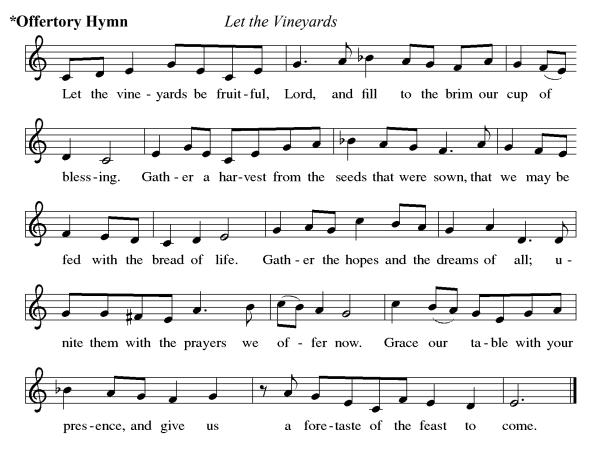
# Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

## \*Peace

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." The peace of the Lord be with you, always. And also with you.

## **Offering**



# **Offering Prayer**

God of healing and hope,

you bless those who are hungry,

promising to fill them with good things.

Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts.

Nourish us with the abundance of your feast

and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior,

now and forever. Amen.

# \*The Great Thanksgiving

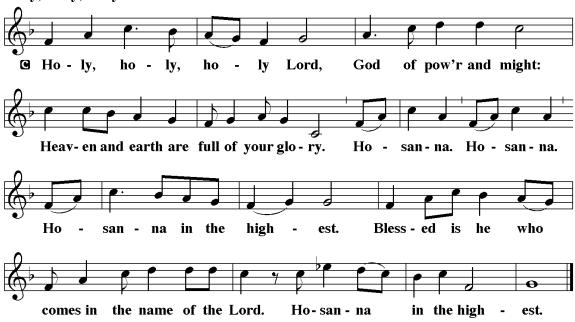
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so we sing with all the saints in glory...

\*Holy, Holy, Holy



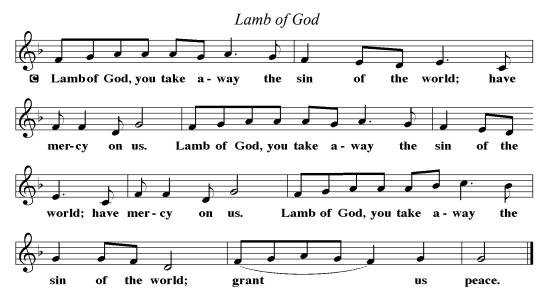
#### \*Words of Institution

# \*The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.





- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



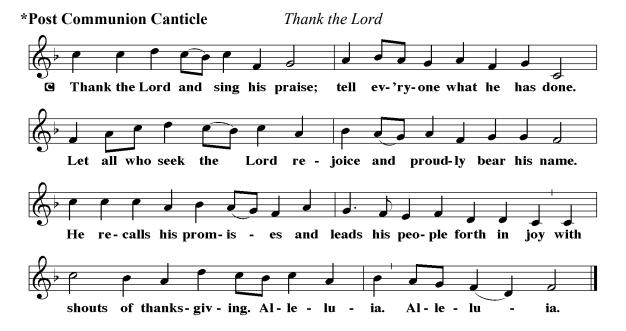
This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

# **Blessing after Communion**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace, from now unto everlasting life. **Amen**.



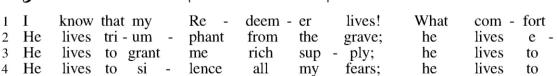
# \*Prayer after Communion

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

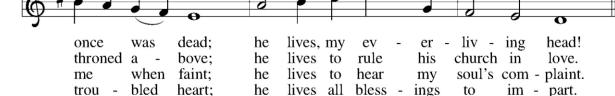
## **Blessing**

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ± and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.** 





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- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

## Thanks be to God.

# Postlude

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