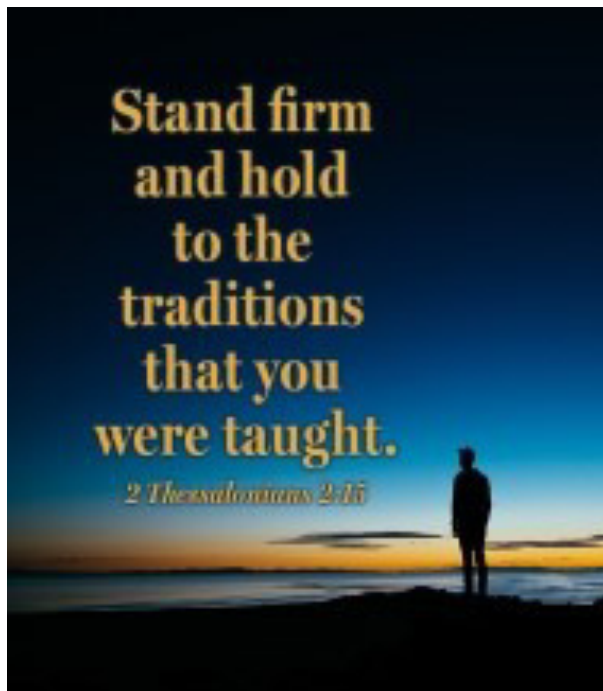




The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 9, 2025
9:30 a.m. Worship with Thank Offering Service



"Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Please take a moment to fill out the “Attendance & Communion” Registration Cards (located in the pew racks). Pass your card to the end of your pew.

P - Presiding Minister

A - Assisting minister

C - Congregation

* - PLEASE STAND

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK—Video from Operation Christmas Child

***BRIEF ORDER FOR 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:

C 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. 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.

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

P Most merciful God,

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.**

***SHARING OF GOD’S PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (LBW 543)**

***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.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 100**

P Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;
C **Serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

P Know this: The LORD himself is God:
C **He himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

P Enter his courts with thanksgiving;
C **Go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.**

P For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;
C **And his faithfulness endures from age to age. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Everlasting God, our Alpha and Omega, stir in your church a renewed sense of joy in the promise of the resurrection that we might live lives of humble service and overflowing grace as we wait for the coming of your Son.

C **We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15

A A reading from Exodus:

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."
⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

A ¹¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

C **²Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.**
A ³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars.
C **⁴Praise him, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**
A ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD; for he commanded, and they were created.
C **⁶He made them stand fast forever and ever; he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
A ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;
C **⁸Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
A ⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
C **¹⁰Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;**
A ¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
C **¹²Young men and maidens, old and young together.**
A ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
C **¹⁴He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

A A Reading from 2 Thessalonians:

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

A The Word of the Lord.

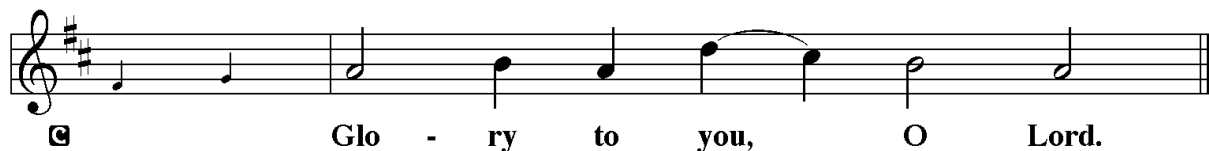
C **Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL VERSE:**



***GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-40**

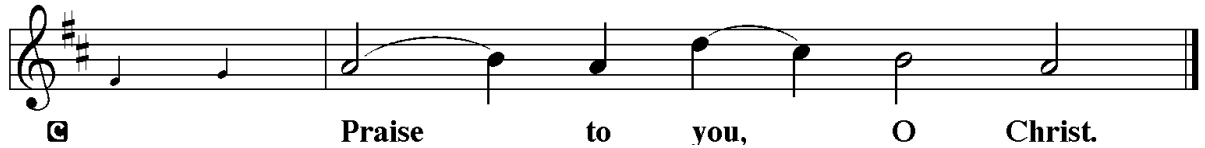
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



²⁷There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife." ³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who

are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson: Tradition

22nd Sunday after Pentecost; 11/9/2025; Grace Lutheran Church; Pastor Dwight Hanson
(Call to worship: Psalm 100); Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 148; 2 Thess. 2:1-8, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40

Children's message: We're going to talk about thankfulness—(conversation with the kids...)—and then we're going to put it into practice. Let's pray...

Tradition

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
In an age of innovation, *tradition* is often seen as a bad word, representing all that's stuffy, old, and binding. To the extent that it seems to be holding things back, tradition may even seem downright un-American! Or to quote auto-maker Henry Ford: "I wouldn't give a nickel for all the history in the world." "It is tradition. We want to live in the present..." (Quoted in The Great Thoughts; George Seldes). To him, tradition was like a stop sign, slowing down progress. Or it was like gazing in the rear-view-mirror, dwelling on where we've been. He saw a windshield—forward.

On the other hand, in a more positive light, tradition may function like a map generated by brave souls who already traveled much of the rough terrain before us. They were so thoughtful that they left warnings, encouragements, and practices to help us find a good path in a world of dead-ends and dangers. In other words, if we may mix our metaphors, we don't want to throw out the baby with the bathwater. Healthy, faithful discernment of the ways of life, passed down through the centuries, calls for thoughtfulness born of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Which brings us to a clarification: The word "tradition" is not even the ultimate topic under consideration. It's about whether what the tradition has conveyed is true to the heart of the matter. An error, passed along just because it's always been that way, is more like the transmission of an infection. So, it makes a difference what kind of tradition we're talking about, the wisdom of it. I recall a quote by a theologian who distinguished between "tradition" as a living thing, and "traditionalism" as a dead thing (Jaroslav Pelikan).

What does it mean for Christians to be "traditionally-grounded" in the best sense of the word? St. Paul in our second lesson: "*So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter*" (2 Thess. 2:15). A close examination of the whole passage reveals that the apostle was seeking to reassure fellow Christians who were unnecessarily "*shaken in mind*," as verse 2 put it. Paul was reminding them that when he was with them, he had given very clear teaching about the return of the Lord. They were to go

about their lives, productively, faithfully, in confidence that Jesus will return at a time of his own choosing, and therefore they were simply to serve him with the time they'd been given. Though God's adversary will attempt to grab sovereignty, full of "lawlessness," this rebellion will be ultimately thwarted (2 Thess. 2:3). Christ is Lord! Praise the Lord (Psalm 148)!

Is that not clear, Paul was saying. But along came some spiritual agitators, who wouldn't leave it alone. They unsettled the hearts and minds of God's people. So, in this case, what was on the line was a battle over the truth of the end of all things, and how we are to live in the light of it. Yet, the matter had already been addressed—faithful tradition.

St. Paul had to do something similar for the Corinthian Christians, *remind* them of clearly-stated truths that rose to the level of "first importance."

1 Corinthians 15: ¹ *Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand,* ² *and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.* ³ *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,* ⁴ *that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures....* (1 Cor. 15:1-4).

These were truths "delivered" and "received" from redeemed person to redeemed person, faithful, living tradition. Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. "Hold fast" to the deep truths. Live in the light of them. Don't get lost in the fallen pursuits of worldliness.

And yet, at the same time, understand that faithfulness on earth is to be lived out in the real world, according to this created order, without looking for some false, premature, escape hatch. Paul had already laid this out for them in chapter four of his *first* letter to them, encouraging them to continue to do their earthly work, diligently, and for the young to get married, and be faithful in it. He also told them that they need not worry about those who died before the return of Jesus, that there would be a great reunion one day, and that the victory of Christ will encompass the living and the dead (1 Thess. 4:17). "*Therefore comfort one another with these words*" (1 Thess. 4:18; RSV). It's part of the authentic Christian tradition that we fully invest in our various vocations on earth, seeking to make life better in love for others, while at the same time being fully aware of our heavenly citizenship, even as we await the arrival of our Savior (Philippians 3:20).

Jesus will return when Jesus will return. Look for it, and know that it's coming. But leave the rest of it to him. Our concern is to pass along the matters of "first importance," and to carry ourselves with the honor of our sacred callings.

It's important that we underline the fact that St. Paul really did understand the distinction we've been making regarding "tradition." The course of his life had turned on this very point! Ironically, he who affirmed the value of tradition was often accused by some of being too much of an innovator. Paul had to defend himself, and clarify.

Listen to what he wrote to the Galatians: ¹³ *For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.* ¹⁴ *And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers* (Galatians 1:13-14; ESV). Do you think the man who made that mistake, and confessed it before the whole world, didn't distinguish between the traditions of ultimate truth and mere traditionalism handed down?

The Law and the Prophets do bear witness to Christ (Rom. 3:21). There's a centuries-old legacy of a beautiful plan of God-given continuity. We must be students of the whole Bible. There's no legitimate shortcut. That said, there's also New Testament wine that cannot be poured into Old Testament wineskins (Luke 5:37). This distinction must be carefully discerned, a sacred task that's chronicled throughout the pages of the New Testament. And what are the creeds but gatherings of the most critical affirmations of God-given truth?

When Paul called fellow Christians to be firmly rooted, it had to do with the fact that wherever he went, always following close behind were false teachers. In one way or another, restless people were messing with Gospel truth. We should expect this during the time of the spread of the Gospel. There is an adversary.

We need the living tradition of Christian faith to be passed down. We need to pray for the Holy Spirit, so that we have the wisdom to discern what stands the test of time. There's temptation in both ditches, the agitated innovator whose only allegiance is to the spirit of the times, and the spiritual equivalent of a dusty old museum curator who insists that you must not touch anything, ever. Caricatures, to be sure, but perhaps helpful ones. At the heart of the living tradition is a living faith in the living God, passed down from generation to generation. Once we understand this matter, the rest of today's Scriptures simply pop open.

How did God finally get through to Moses in Exodus 3? What would really catch the attention of the Israelites in their bondage would be verse 6: “*And he said, ‘I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’*” God, himself, pointed to their own past, in other words, the living tradition of the intervention of the great “I Am.” The people would not have existed if not for the grace and active presence of the Lord. There was a track-record in time. Remembering this truth, holding it close to the heart, was essential. It would give them strength to face their struggles, as God had strengthened their ancestors, even calling them into being. Like the burning bush, the living tradition of God’s mighty deeds keeps on burning, but never gets burned up (Exodus 3:2). As two of the disciples said after encountering the risen Lord Jesus, “*Did not our hearts burn within us while he opened to us the scriptures?*” (Luke 24:32).

In the Gospel, the attempt by the Sadducees to trap Jesus represented bad tradition at its worst. Because they only really honored the first five books of the Old Testament, they assumed that there was no teaching on the resurrection of the dead, and therefore no resurrection at all. And didn’t they have their positions verified within the history of Israel, going all the way back to Zadok, the faithful priest who stuck by King David during Absalom’s rebellion? It was easy for such a position of historic honor to degrade into mere formalism. How shocked they must have been when Jesus out-traditioned them! Since God is Lord of the living, and yet He’s Lord of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, how could there not be a resurrection (See Luke 20:38)?

Oh, how important it is to gather for refreshment in the living truth passed down by the active presence of the Holy Spirit, in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, who is the Alpha and the Omega. Good traditions assist faithfulness, bringing encouragement and wisdom to Christians. We can even use the calendar of the church year to keep certain rhythms and traditions to help us live our lives. These things can be helpful, as long as we remember their limitations.

And when the culture has seemingly gone mad, and some bewildered soul asks you what to do, what do you say? How about this: *Well, I can’t answer all your questions on the spot, but this I know: Jesus is the risen Lord, who died for our sins. Not only that, but there’s a tradition of people gathering, those who want to hear about this, seeking to honor the Lord, and they meet at 9:30 AM each Sunday morning. Furthermore, you are most welcome to join us. And thankful hearts recognize blessings for what they are. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” vs. 1-4 (LBW 352)**

***APOSTLES’ CREED:**

**C 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 into hell.
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 FOR GLCW THANK OFFERING:

***Please join in the responsive prayers offered by the women of
Grace Lutheran Church.***

**A Let us pray: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
C for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**A O give thanks to the God of all generations,
C for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**A O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
C for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**A Heavenly Father, from the abundance of your grace,
C You provide us with all we need for life.**

**A You created our bodies and souls,
C our eyes and ears and all our senses.**

- A You give us food and clothing, home and family
C **and all we need from day to day.**
- A You provide government and wisdom for the civic realm,
C **And Veterans who have served on our behalf.**
- A You protect us from danger
C **and guard us from every evil.**
- A You Lord, do all this out of your fatherly and divine goodness and mercy,
C **even though we do not deserve it.**
- A Now give us thankful hearts and lives
C **as we dedicate these Thank Offerings to you and your mission.**
- A Please bless the ministries that we support through these gifts.
C **May the Light of Christ shine throughout the world.**
- A Continue to bless the work of the Grace Lutheran Church Women.
C **Fill them with the Holy Spirit so that blessings abound.**
- A Inspire all of us with gratitude and praise in this season of Thanksgiving.
C **May our hearts turn to you in grateful acknowledgment of all you provide — our homes and families, our church, our community and nation.**
- A We pray in the quiet of our hearts for all who need healing in any way (silent prayer). We give thanks to you Lord, for you are good,
C **and your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.**

As the congregation sings, “Now Thank We All Our God,” (LBW 534) all who have their GLCW Thank Offerings with them are invited to come up and offer them before the altar. The regular offering, using the plates, will be taken later, in the usual way.

***“Now Thank We All Our God”
(LBW 534)***

- 1 Now thank we all our God
 with hearts and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things has done,
 in whom his world rejoices;
 who, from our mothers’ arms,
 has blest us on our way
 with countless gifts of love,
 and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us,
 and keep us in his grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all harm
 in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
 the Father now be given,
 the Son, and him who reigns
 with them in highest heaven,
 the one eternal God,
 whom earth and heav’n adore;
 for thus it was, is now,
 and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878

REGULAR OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE: “Take My Life, That I May Be”
vs. 1,6 (LBW 406)**

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
 consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 take my moments and my days;
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P Let us pray.

P Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

C **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

***THE BLESSING:**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

***SENDING HYMN:** *“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” (LBW 412)*

***DISMISSAL:**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Announcements



The Flowers on the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by: The Shetters in honor of Dean's birthday on the 12th and in honor and memory of all November family birthdays.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

TODAY **November 9, 2025—Thank Offering Sunday**
9:30 a.m. Worship with Thank Offering Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time & Adult Education—Lessons of the day
10:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School—Pageant Practice

Monday **November 10**
Pastor's Day Off
9:45 a.m. "Choose to Lose" (formerly TOPS)
7:00 p.m. Phoebe Women's Bible Study

Tuesday **November 11—Veterans Day**
5:30 p.m. Moms Bible Study—"Mom Set Free"
6:00 p.m. Wine & the Word (Carol Perry's)
7:00 p.m. Lakeside Fellowship (Schultz's)

Wednesday **November 12**
9:00 a.m. Bible Study - Studying the minor prophets
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday **November 13**
7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting & Executive Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH/Shelter)

Friday **November 14**
12:30 p.m. Bulletin Production

Saturday **November 15 — GRACE HERALD DEADLINE**
9:00 a.m. Making Christmas Cards (FH)

NEXT WEEK'S EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

Sunday, Nov. 16—Pentecost 23—Worship w/Holy Communion
10:30—Fellowship & Adult Education
10:30—Youth Sunday School/Pageant Practice

Tues. Nov. 18—Homeless Shelter Meal—Marti Good-Ernst

Wed. Nov. 19—5:30 Confirmation

Thurs. Nov. 20—1:00 p. PERI Meeting
2:00 p. Graceful Fiber Guild

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild for November: Wanda Winter, Carol Perry

Offering Counter for November: Karen Schaeff

Sunday, November 9—Pentecost 22

	9:30 a.m. Worship	Acolyte
Greeter:	Jeff & Lisa Kiracofe	Jessa Barnes
Usher:	Clayton Kiracofe	
Lector:	Jane Coggin	

Sunday, November 16—Pentecost 23

	9:30 a.m. Worship	Acolyte
Greeter:	Dean & Mary Shetter	Sophia Steiner
Usher:	Gary Pemberton	
Lector:	Patty Barnes	
Communion:	John Kiracofe, Debbie McKinney	

Sunday, November 23—Christ the King Sunday

	9:30 a.m. Worship	Acolyte
Greeter:	Rex & Kelly Mt. Castle	Jessa Barnes
Usher:	Rex Mt. Castle	
Lector:	Barb Myers	
Communion:	Carol Matevia, Jane Coggin	

Sunday, November 30—Advent 1

	9:30 a.m. Worship	Acolyte
Greeter:	Darryl Leyes	Sophia Steiner
Usher:	Darryl Leyes	
Lector:	Nancy Childs	
Communion:	Barb Myers, Elaine Fudge, Wanda Winter	

Attendance & Stewardship — (\$4,187 needed wkly)

11/2/2025	107	\$4,726.58
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Great Commission Outreach Partners:

World Mission Prayer League—Chris & Emily and family, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Abundant Grace, West Chester

Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund: The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact the church office and we'll give your question to the appropriate person.



Sunday School
Program Rehearsals

IMPORTANT YOUTH EDUCATION/SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Christmas pageant practices have begun during the regular Sunday school time after worship (10:30) for the Pageant on December 14 (9:30). All kids are welcome! If anyone has questions, please talk to Tina Ebright, Kelly Hanson, or Kelly Coffman. There will be **no Sunday school** on **November 30th** due to Thanksgiving wknd.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY:

Fellowship & Education

Following Worship—Refreshments for all are served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sundays.

- **Youth Sunday School classes** meet @ **10:30 a.m.** — in the Sunday School music room (Education wing) and start with songs and prayer, then go to the adjacent classroom for our lesson. Bring a friend! Parents are always welcome.
- **Adult Education**— Following 9:30 a.m. worship the adults meet to discuss the lessons of the day. Coffee and snacks provided.
- **Every other Sunday— Sunday S'mores @ 6:00 p.m.** —a Middle School- & High School-aged Youth Sunday Evening Ministry. Friends are welcome. Tina Ebright is the moderator and she can be reached at 937-472-5663.

Adult Bible Studies (during the week)

- **The 2nd Monday of each Month — 7:00 p.m.—The Phoebe Women's Bible Study.** They are studying— *“Living with Defiant JOY”* a six-session study. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com).
- **The 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the Month:**
 - * **6:00 p.m. — Wine & The Word** — this group shares a light meal (at the home of Carol Perry). They are viewing *The Chosen* and discussing it afterwards. If you would like to join them, please contact Carol at 937-456-6683 or cbperry122@embarqmail.com
 - * **7:00 p.m. — Lakeside Fellowship is held** at the Lakengren home of Dan & Karen Schultz. If you would like to join this group, please contact Karen/ Dan at 419-890-7965 or dkschultz52@yahoo.com.
- **The 2nd Tues. of each month — 5:30 p.m. — FOR MOMS . . .** 6-session Bible Study for MOMS — **Mom Set Free by: Jeannie Cunnion** has begun.
- **The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study — 9:00 a.m.** — meets in the Meeting Room off of the Fellowship Hall. They are studying the *minor prophets*.
- **The 3rd Thursday of each month — 2:00-4:00 p.m. — “Graceful Fiber Guild”** — meets in the Fellowship Hall or the adjacent meeting room. Bring a craft you've been working on or just come to learn a new craft. Everyone is welcome to join us! Our next meeting is *Thurs., Nov. 20th*.

These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.

IN OUR PRAYERS

After 4 weeks we will remove names from this list. If you would like to keep someone on the list, please note their name on the back of the “Attendance & Communion Registration” form.

URGENT PRAYER LIST:

HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)

Almanie Alderson: (baby undergoing cancer treatments)

Jerry Brown: (Father of Renee Kerr—Awaiting diagnosis and care plan)

Alexis Chapman: (Friend of Kelly Coffman—on bedrest for remainder of pregnancy)

Beverly Childers: (rehabbing at home)

Connie Coffman: (rehabbing at Vancrest)

Richard Coggin: (Recovering from heart attack and procedures)

Travis Deck: (Friend of Coffman’s—Prayers for his safety while on a 6-month deployment -and for family at home)

Jerry Durbin: (Long-time friend of the Jackson’s—recovering from a fall from a ladder)

Mark Emrick: (recovering from back surgery)

Randy Foust: (Son-in-law of Janice Pearce—recovering from back surgery)

Cary Giordano: (Sister of Kelly Coffman—prayers for complete healing)

Barb Goebel: (dealing with health issues)

Ellen Hazel: (Mother of Renee Kerr’s friend—having health issues.)

Corky Ingram: (Tiffany’s father-in-law—dealing with respiratory issues)

Connie Martin: (Friend of several folks at Grace—Dealing with cancer)

Devin Mays: (Great-nephew of Karen & Darren Marshall-having medical issues)

Mindy Ramsey: (Recovering from wrist surgery)

Brenda Renner: (Recovering from cancer treatments)

Maggie Risko: (Lisa Kiracofe’s mother—recovering from a broken hip)

Fred Sander: (Cousin of Patty Barnes’ - He’s been moved into a Hospice care facility)

Tom Schamel: (Health issues)

Dean Shetter: (Continued prayers for health issues)

Amy Steele-Arth: (Niece of Shetter’s—prayers for safe pregnancy)

Wayne Williams: (Relative of Karen & Adam Schaeff —Diagnosed with cancer)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LISTSherri Howard, Shane Seidenstricker, Heather Cooper, Greg Atkinson, Tom Schamel, Lisa Kiracofe, Mark Gillespie, Linda Lambert, Tom & Patty Barnes, Mark & Debbie Emrick, Gordon Self, Jackie Steiner, Rhonda Paige Atkinson, Amy Jackson, Judy Newkirk, Mike & Judy Schamel, Suzan Pauley, Barb Goebel, Connie Coffman, Carmen Hasdorff, Martha Grimme, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Teddi & Mike Watkins, Ruth Hardin, Jenifer Combs, Doug Davis, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Judy Jay, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry: and those **serving in the military:** Maj. Love Hartman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Airman, Alex Pollitt, U.S. Air Force.



**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED
for Sunday, November 23, 2025 following 9:30 a.m. worship.
We'll meet in the Sanctuary.**

The Agenda will include:

- Approval of May, 2025 Congregational Minutes
- Election of new council members for 2026
- Approval of 2026 Budget
- Vote on ratification of three amendments to the NALC Constitution that were voted on last summer at the Convocation
- Renewed in Grace Update
- As Well as Other Items for Consideration/Authorization



Grace's Homestyle Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday November 27th

This year we will be hosting a Homestyle Dinner
in the
Fellowship Hall

We want to extend a Special Invitation to those who may not have family to share a meal with or cannot prepare an entire meal. We will cook the Turkey and we ask everyone to bring a Special side dish or dessert that reminds them of Thanksgiving's past.

This year we are asking for help in the kitchen . . . set-up/clean-up, etc. Cooking will start early in the morning and we will plan for dinner to be served at 1:00 p.m. Ask Rob or Suzie Dell for help details.

Friends and Family are welcome to join us as this is *truly* a Family Celebration as we are all Family in Grace!

A Sign-up Sheet is available in the Narthex.
Come early as we will have activities planned and the
Thanksgiving Day Parades to watch on TV.

What better way to Celebrate than with your Grace Family!



LET'S DECK THE HALLS, etc.!!!!

On Saturday, November 29th

Let's meet to decorate the sanctuary and around the church

We'll get together at **10:00 a.m.!**

Many hands make light work!

So come, and bring your family and friends!

Looking for a way to help people this holiday season?
Collect the items listed below to provide a Holiday Meal to a family in need.

We anticipate helping 180 families

Let our Days be full of Thanks & Giving

**Help provide items to support a Holiday Meal for a family in need.
The Common Good Food Pantry is collecting the below items in
November to be given out to families in December.**

**Items should be dropped off to the Once Around Shop by
December 1, 2025**

Shopping List

Monetary donations for large meats

Instant Potatoes	Coffee, tea, cocoa, juice	Flour
2 cans of corn	2 Cans of green beans	Vegatable Oil
Stuffing Mix	Boxed cakes/Brownie	Sugar/Brown Sugar
Cream of Mushroom Soup		Chicken Broth

**Breakfast items (Pancake mix, Syrup, Oatmeal)
Spices (chili powder, allspice, garlic salt, salt, pepper, etc)**



**Feeding the
Community**



On **Saturday, November 15, 2025** we will be making Christmas cards for our homebound, military personnel and anyone struggling and needing a 'pick-me-up'

If you would like to help out, we'll meet from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

We have many supplies to work with, but if you'd like to bring your own, feel free to do so!

Also, bring a snack to share and we'll munch while we work!

(Check out the sample cards and sign the card inserts in the fellowship hall!)

The God of the Living

*Find the 27 **bold** words from Luke 20:34–38 (ESV)*

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

The **sons** of this **age marry** and are **given** in **marriage**, but those who are **considered worthy** to **attain** to that age and to the **resurrection** from the **dead** neither marry nor are given in marriage, for they **cannot die anymore**, because they are **equal** to **angels** and are sons of **God**, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are **raised**, even **Moses showed**, in the passage about the **bush**, where he calls the **Lord** the God of **Abraham** and the God of **Isaac** and the God of **Jacob**. Now he is not God of the dead, but of the **living**, for **all live** to him.