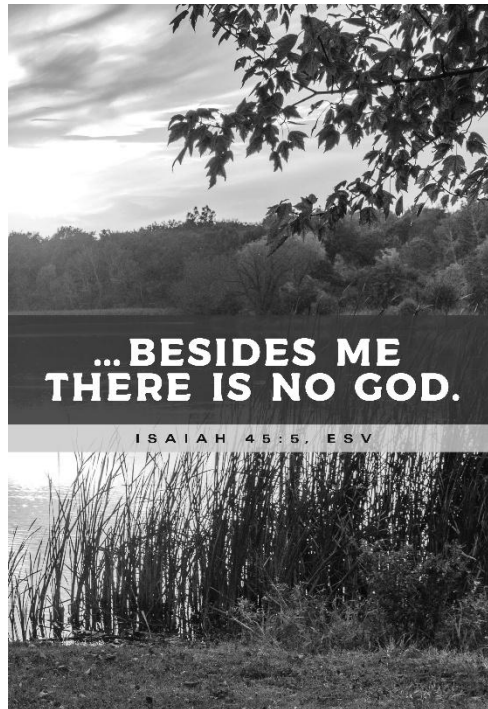


The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 18, 2026
9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Hymn-based Liturgy



"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

LBW - Green Hymnal

WOV - Blue Hymnal

Please silence electronic devices.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK: “Operation Christmas Child”

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

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

C Amen.

P Brothers and Sisters in Christ, let us confess our sins before God, in the promise that the truth will set us free (*silence for reflection, kneeling or sitting*).

P Merciful Lord,

C We confess that we have strayed from the path in thought, word, and deed, often without knowing it or admitting it. We have not fully trusted you above all else. We have not fully loved each other as you have loved us. We have not fully placed our hope in you when worries and troubles have overtaken us. We stand in need of your grace and strength every moment of every day. O Lord, hear our confession and our plea for pardon and renewal.

P In the name of Jesus Christ, by his authority, through the power of his redeeming work, I declare to you the freedom of the forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

***GATHERING HYMN: “*Praise to the Father*” (LBW 517)**

***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.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: “*Give to our God Immortal Praise*” vs. 1 (LBW 520)**

Give to our God immortal praise!
mercy and truth are all his ways;
wonders of grace to God belong;
repeat his mercies in your song.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Let us pray: Sovereign Lord, your reign extends across time and space. You have created us in your own image and redeemed us by your grace through your Son. Grant that we may return to you what is yours, our entire selves given to your mission in the world;

C **through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

A A Reading from Isaiah:

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none

besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. 7I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9

A ¹sing to the lord a new song; sing to the lord, all the whole earth.

C ²**sing to the lord and bless his name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

A ³declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.

C ⁴**for great is the lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.**

A ⁵as for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but it is the lord who made the heavens.

C ⁶**oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

A ⁷ascribe to the lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the lord honor and power.

C ⁸**ascribe to the lord the honor due his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.**

A ⁹worship the lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A A Reading from First Thessalonians:

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by

God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE:** ***“Thy Strong Word vs. 1 (LBW 233)”
Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
 at thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank thee,
 while thine ordered seasons run.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise to thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!

***HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of

their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson: Start with Gratitude and End with Hope

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*” (WOV 783)**

***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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

A Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, the whole creation belongs to you, including our very own lives. Your Word, like a two-edged sword of truth, cuts through worldly dilemmas, pointing us to the power and

blessing of faith. Teach us what stewardship means, filled with praise for all that is good, understanding the source of it, and gladly using our gifts in willing service. Open our ears and hearts to the words of Jesus. Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray, O Lord, for the Church to be mission-driven. Draw us and others into the fruitful labor of your abundant harvest. Bless our congregation and Mission District, Bishop Selbo, all NALC staff and ministries, faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in other denominations, and our outreach partners: Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries; Abundant Grace of West Chester; Chris, Emily and family and the World Mission Prayer League; the Common Good of Preble County; the HIT Foundation; Birthright of Eaton; and other helpful organizations within the community. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray, O Lord, for the needs of the world. Bring just and lasting peace to the war-torn. Comfort the grieving. Strengthen all who struggle in the wake of disasters. And close to home, in this season of harvest, we pray for your blessing on the farms, fields, and orchards, and all who work in them. Keep them safe in this busy time. Inspire our civic leaders to govern with wisdom. Bless and protect all who serve with honor in harm's way, along with their families. Draw us as a nation to seek what is good, right, and true. Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A We pray to you on behalf of all who need healing: *Kelly Coffman, Josh & Jaime Cummins & family, Jim Courtney, Elizabeth & Emily McDade, Katie Morrison, Amy & Bryan Jackson, Richard Lehman, Allan Ludwick, Barbara Perry, Tom Schamel, Dean Shetter, John Woesner*, as well as those whom we name in our hearts (pause for additional names). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,

C Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERING

ANTHEM: *“Take Time to Be Holy”* (Choir)

*OFFERTORY HYMN: *“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” vs 1,3 (LBW 412)*

1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,
 sing songs of love and praise;
 with joyful hearts and voices
 your alleluias raise.
 By him the rolling seasons
 in fruitful order move;
 sing to the lord of harvest
 a joyous song of love.

3 Bring to this sacred altar
 the gifts his goodness gave,
 the golden sheaves of harvest,
 the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
 when at his feet you fall,
 and with your lives adore him
 who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given
us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your
gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

“Now we Join in Celebration” vs. 1 (LBW 203)

Now we join in celebration
at our Savior's invitation,
Dressed no more in spirit somber,
Clothed instead in joy and wonder;
for the Lord of all existence,
putting off divine transcendence,
stoops again in love to meet us,
with his very life to feed us.

HOLY COMMUNION

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION & BLESSING OF CHILDREN

In Holy Communion our Lord Jesus graciously invites those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to repent of all that separates us from God, and to receive his sacred and real presence for the forgiveness of sins. In addition to wine, grape juice is also offered. Children who do not yet receive Communion may receive a blessing.

Holy Communion will be received at the communion rail.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“O Living Bread from Heaven (LBW 197)

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” (LBW 453)

“Take My Life That I May Be” (LBW 406)

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:**

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food;

C **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING

***BLESSING:**

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

C **Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” (LBW 221)**

***DISMISSAL:**

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INQUIRY CLASSES:

Led by: Pastor Hanson

When: **After worship on October 18th.**

Where: Meeting in the church library across from the secretarial office.

Grace Lutheran Sunday School Fall Schedule

Friends or drop-ins welcome!

Regular Classes and Special Events for kids:

October 18: Pumpkin Patch Festival

November 8: Thankful Breakfast/Pageant Practice

November 29: No Sunday School (Thanksgiving weekend)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES -- FELLOWSHIP / EDUCATION

On Sundays

- **After Worship -- Refreshments** for all in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Youth Sunday School classes** meet after worship in the music room (Education wing). Bring a friend! Parents/grandparents are always welcome.
- **Adult Education** – After refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Sunday S'mores @ 6:00 p.m.** Every other week – Middle School & High School-aged Youth. Friends are welcome. Tina Ebright is the moderator, and she can be reached @ 937-472-5663

During the Week

- **Phoebe Women's Bible Study** 2nd Monday of each month – 6:30 p.m. – “Discerning the Voice of God”. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or Kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com).
- **Moms Group** the 2nd Tues. of each month – 5:30 p.m. Contact: Veronica Forney 1-910-581-8646.
- **Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study** – 9:00 a.m.
- **Graceful Fiber Guild** The 3rd Thursday of each month – 2:00-4:00 p.m. Bring a craft or just come to learn a new one

These opportunities are open to all. Bring a friend.

GRACE AT A GLANCE

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

TODAY October 18, 2026— Pentecost 21

9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 a.m. Fellowship, Sunday School for all ages (Youth-Pumpkin Patch Festival)

10:30 p.m. Inquiry Class (Library)

Monday October 19-OFFICE Carol Matevia in for Mary Shetter

Pastor's Day Off

9:45 a.m. Choose to Lose

Tuesday October 20—OFFICE Carol Matevia in for Mary S. Homeless Shelter Meal – Barbara Myers

6:00 p.m. VBS Planning Meeting

Wednesday October 21-OFFICE Carol Matevia in for Mary Shetter

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday October 22 OFFICE Carol Matevia in for Mary Shetter

7:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Friday October 23 OFFICE Carol Matevia in for Mary Shetter

12:30 p.m. Bulletin Production

Saturday October 24

UPCOMING WEEK SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun 10/25—Worship w/HC-Reformation, Fellowship & Sun. School for all ages,
Sunday S'mores (Halloween Fun)

Mon. 10/26—Pastor Off, Choose to Lose

Tues. 10/27 Wed. 10/28 Bible Study, Confirmation, Choir

Thurs. 10/29—AA Meeting

Fri. 10/30 - Bulletin Production

Sat. 10/31 – Trunk or Treat

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild for October: Debbie McKinney & Lisa Kiracofe
Offering Counter for October: Wanda Winter

Sunday, October 18—Pentecost 21

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Allen & Kelly Coffman
Usher: Allen Coffman
Lector: Kelly Coffman
Communion: John Kiracofe, Debbie McKinney
Acolyte: Bechor Bischoff

Sunday, October 25—Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Dean & Mary Shetter
Usher: Clayton Kiracofe
Lector: Tina Ebright
Communion: Wanda Winter, Tina Ebright
Acolyte: Bechor Bischoff, Sophia Steiner

Sunday, November 1—All Saints' Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Becky Lenk & Tiffany Ingram
Usher: Gary Pemberton
Lector: Nancy Childs
Communion: Elaine Fudge, Patty Barnes
Acolyte: Jessa Barnes, Sophia Steiner

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

10/11/2026	64	\$5,039.83
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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.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please help us by giving an update on the back of the “Attendance & Communion Registration” form. Names will appear for 4 weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

URGENT PRAYER LIST:

- **GRIEVING**
- **PRAISE & THANKSGIVING:**
- **HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)**
 - ***Kelly Coffman:*** (Undergoing more heart tests with an adjustment to heart medications)
 - ***Josh & Jaime Cummins & family:*** (Friends of Karen Schaeff – They ask for prayers of strength & comfort)
 - ***Jim Courtney:*** (A young father battling Stage 4 melanoma)
 - ***Elizabeth & Emily McDade:*** (Terry & Evelyn Good’s daughter & grand-daughter – prayers as they deal with many issues including grief)
 - ***Tiffany Daugherty:*** (As she undergoes testing)
 - ***Katie Morrison:*** (Niece of Mary & Dean Shetter – prayers for God’s healing as she deals with very difficult health issues)
 - ***Amy & Bryan Jackson:*** (for comfort and healing)
 - ***Richard Lehman:*** (Rehabbing at Vancrest)
 - ***Allan Ludwick:*** (From Darryl & Teresa Leyes)
 - ***Barbara Perry:*** (Carol Perry’s step-daughter – as she prepares for a stem cell transplant to help treat multiple myeloma)
 - ***Tom Schamel:*** (As he deals with repeated falls)
 - ***Dean Shetter:*** (as he prepares for a heart monitor)
 - ***John Woesner:*** (Gary Woesner’s brother – health issues)

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Linda Lambert, Becky Haws, Charlie, Tracy, Jim Carlisle, Dave O’Shea, George & Barb Suggs, Mark & Jary Tannehill, Jackie Steiner, Connie Martin, Maggie Risko, Rhonda Paige Atkinson, Amy & Bryan Jackson, Andy Proeschel, Judy Newkirk, Mike & Judy Schamel, Suzan Pauley, Tom Schamel, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Fran Kester, Teddi & Mike Watkins, Jenifer Combs, Doug Davis, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Judy Jay, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes: and those serving in the military: Maj. Love Hartman; Brad Newkirk; Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Travis Deck & family

Great Commission Outreach Partners:

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

NOTES

Hypocrites Get Their Due

*Find the 36 **bold** words from Matthew 22:15-22 (ESV)*

R I E H T E W T S E T S P Y S
J E S U S O L S D R A E H A U
T R U E R H E G O D N X A W I
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L L E T R U T H F U L L Y I X

Then the **Pharisees** went and **plotted** how to **entangle** him in his **words**. And they **sent their disciples** to him, along with the **Herodians**, saying, “**Teacher**, we **know** that you are **true** and teach the **way** of **God truthfully**, and you do not **care** about anyone’s **opinion**, for you are not **swayed** by **appearances**. **Tell** us, then, what you **think**. Is it **lawful** to **pay taxes** to **Caesar**, or not?” But **Jesus**, **aware** of their **malice**, said, “Why put me to the **test**, you **hypocrites**? Show me the **coin** for the tax.” And they brought him a **denarius**. And Jesus said to them, “Whose **likeness** and **inscription** is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore **render** to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they **heard** it, they **marveled**. And they left him and went away.

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