

CHRIST THE KING



*November 24, 2024,
10:00am*

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude

Sonata II: First Movement

Paul Hindemith

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.

Amen

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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

In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Amen.

Opening Hymn *We Praise You, O God*

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Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



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

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Psalm 93

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can not be moved.

² Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from Revelation, chapter 1

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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Thanks be to God!

Anthem And Now Thanksgiving Begins by Gene Frier and Lowell Everson

All you who gather with your love, come join and sing of nature's pride;
All has been granted from above, and now Thanksgiving begins!

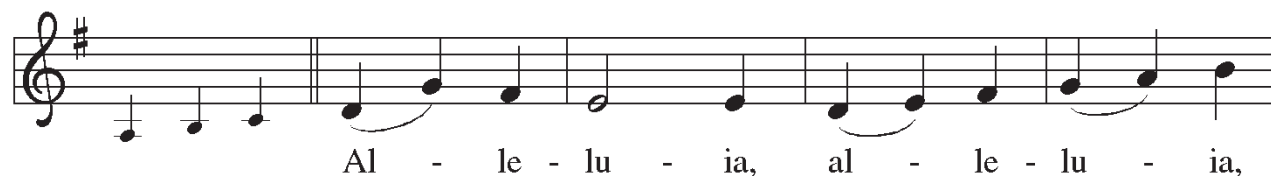
All you who planted seeds to sow, our God and Maker did provide;
All of God's gifts again will grow, and now Thanksgiving begins!

Sing we praises to our God on high for blessing sent from heaven'n;
As we raise our voices to the sky, give thanks and sing "Amen, Amen!"

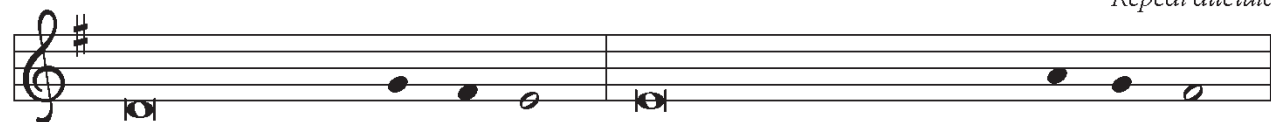
Thank you, dear Lord, for all you give: the sun, the earth, and soft falling rain;
Bounty from heav'n that we might live, and now Thanksgiving begins!

All you who gather, come sing together, for now Thanksgiving begins! Amen!

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



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

**The Gospel for today comes from Mark, chapter 15
Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶The soldiers led Jesus away inside the courtyard, which is a praetorium, and they call together the entire cohort, 480 soldiers, ¹⁷And they put a purple cloak on him, and weaving thorn branches into a crown, they stick it on him. ¹⁸And they began to greet him, "Hail! King of the Judeans!" ¹⁹And they were beating him over the head with a reed staff and spitting on him, and getting on their knees, they were bowing down to him. ²⁰And when they had taunted him, they took the purple cloak off him and put his own clothes back on him and haul him out to crucify him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day

What Is the World Like



1 What is the world like when God's will is
2 What is the world like when God's will is
3 What is the world like when God's will is
4 What is the world like when God's will is
5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im -



done? Mus - tard seeds grow more than
done? Wit - ness the wan - der - ing
done? No more is neigh - bor just
done? Read - y for feast - ing, we
parts, filled with the Spir - it who



we can con - ceive: roots thread the
child com - ing home; watch as the
al - ly or friend; peace thrives in
watch through the night, tend - ing our
joins us as one. Born through our



soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
par - ent breaks in - to a run.
plac - es where once there was none.
lamps till the new day's be - gun.
voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.
This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
This is how God read - ies us for the light.
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 the Church

As we approach Thanksgiving today we will use the Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address that comes out of the Mohawk people. It recognizes that God our Creator has placed us in a web of creation and it is good to acknowledge all those whom God has given us to sustain life by thanking them for their unique gifts. We will offer the words of thanks and the congregation will respond:

Now our minds are one.

[We discovered this prayer in our book club reading of Braiding Sweetgrass, by Robin Wall Kimmerer.]

MEAL

Offering

Now Thank We All Our God

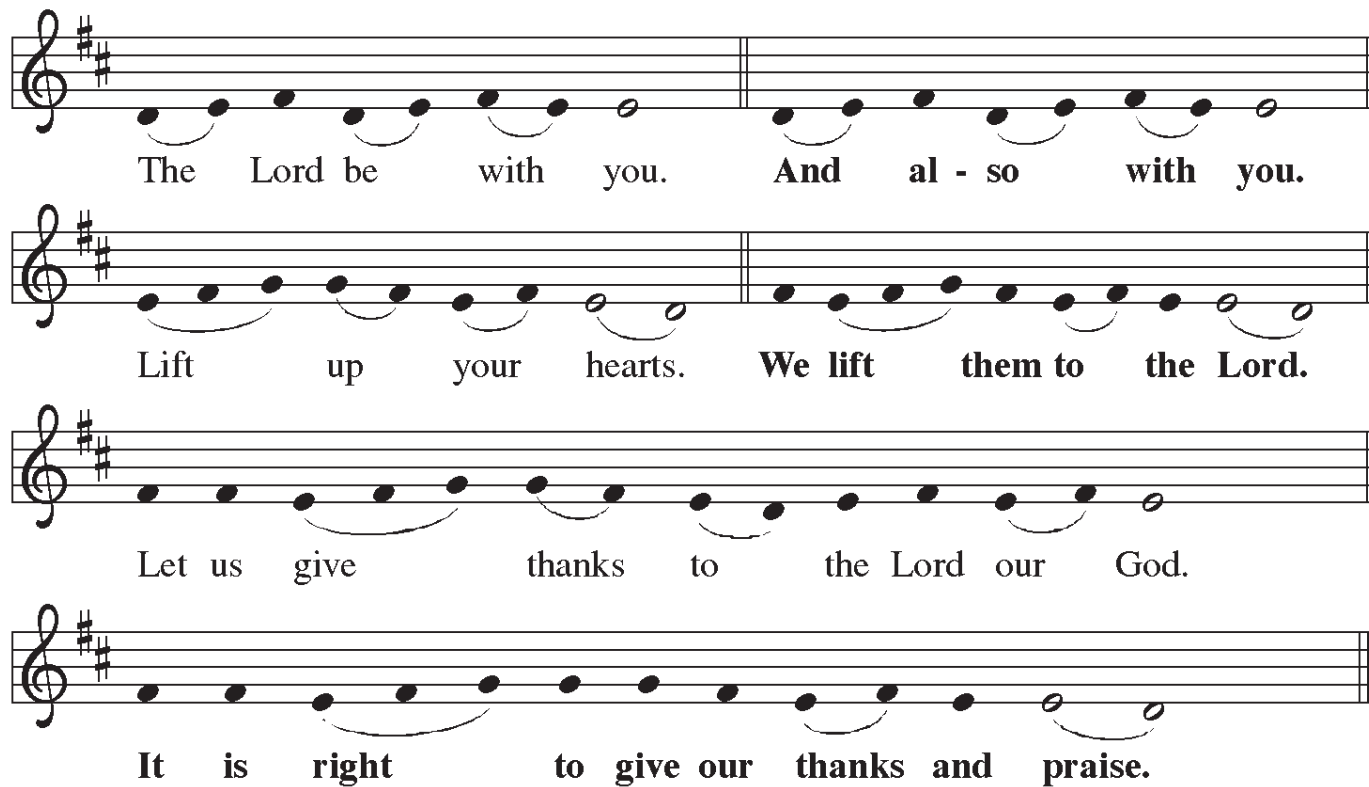
J. S. Bach

Offering Prayer

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



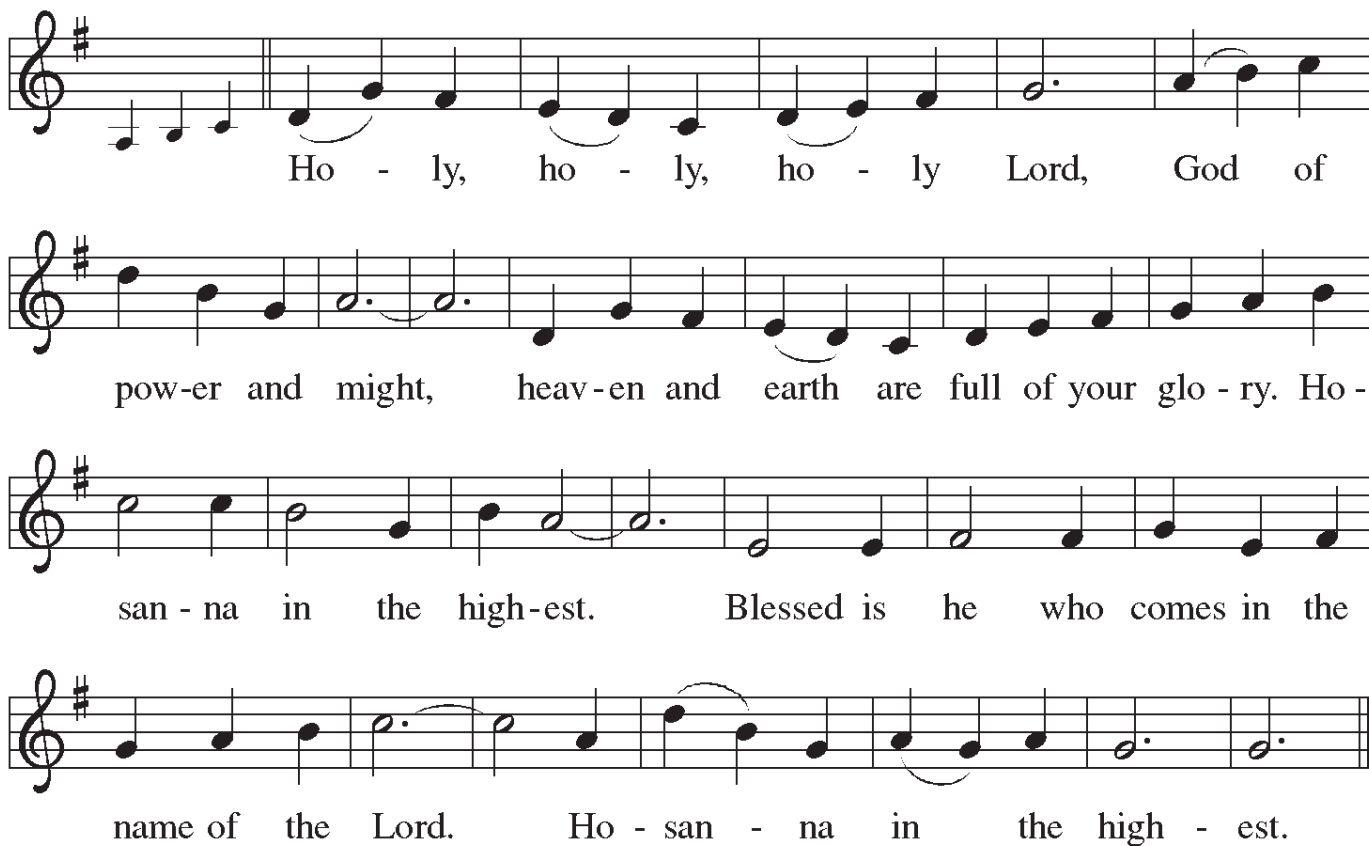
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

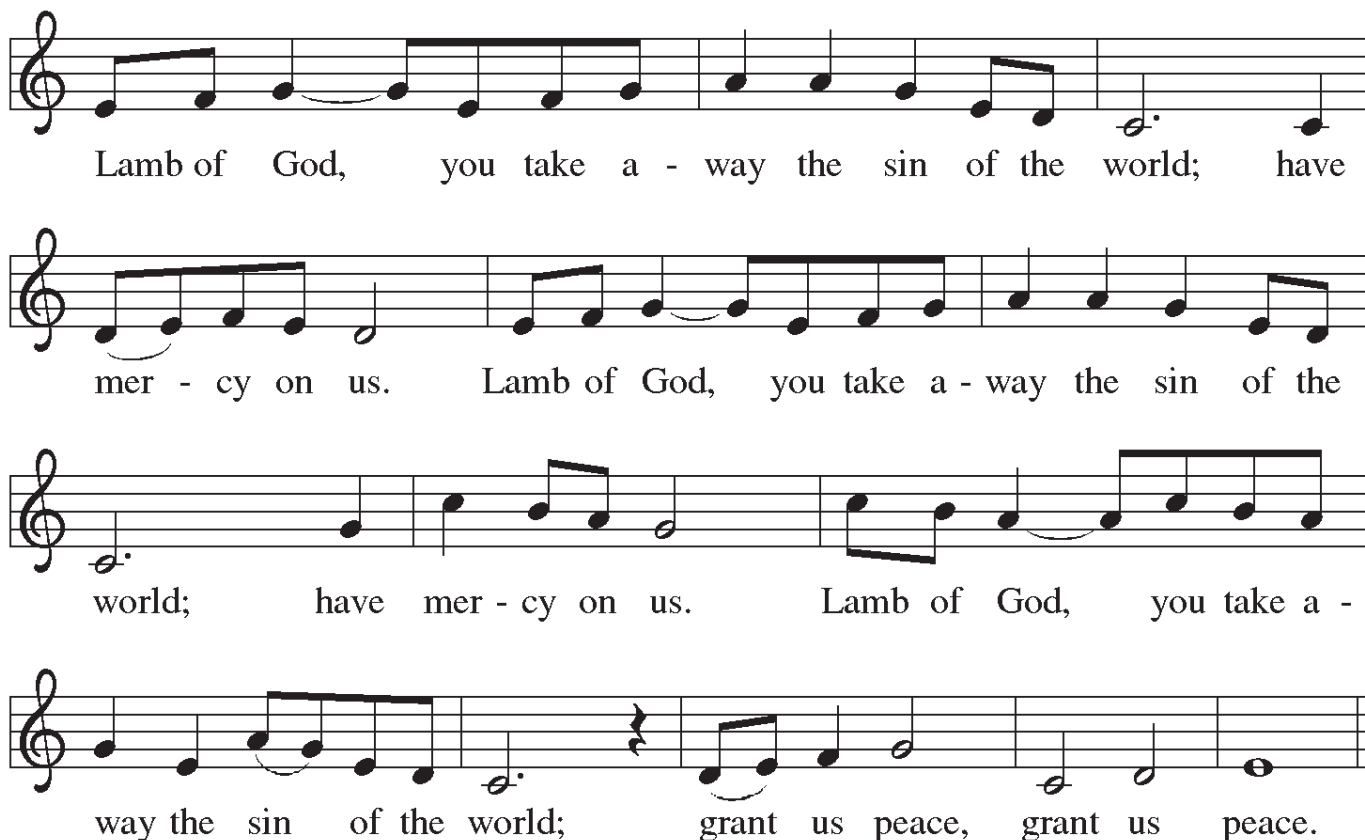
Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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

Prayer After Communion

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Wilbur Held

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Minister: Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Assisting Minister: Paul Lokken

Reader: Anita Reid

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (24th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

TUESDAY

Prayer Group – 11am
ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 10am
Text Study – 12pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

Thanksgiving

Church Closed

SUNDAY (1st)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: ADRC, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, EC Theater Guild



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Warming House

Once more this year we will host the warming house for the Holiday Parade that goes right by Grace on Grand Ave. We join our scouts to serve warm and sugary treats. It is great fun to work alongside of these friends who use our buildings on Monday nights as together we serve our neighborhood and city. Friday, December 6 in late afternoon and early evening. Talk to Pastor Phil if you are interested.

Beacon House

Thank you to the grace members who provided food to beacon house residents. The main meals of casseroles and hot sandwiches were made by Barb Piper, Barb Radke, Deb Heath, Tammy Hurlburt and Connie Beck. All the extra “fixings” were brought in by Elaine Berg, Bev Page, Dale Reid and Connie Felton. Donations to the Deacon Fund paid for the milk, juice and much fruit all of which brought good nutrition and happy faces to parents and children alike.

Roland Krause

With sorrow at our loss, but with trust in God’s gracious resurrecting, we announce that Roland Krause died on Monday evening. Details of the service to entrust him into God’s hands are still pending. Our prayers for comfort go out to Kathi Sue, Roland’s family, and friends.

Crafters’ Corner

The Crafters will be taking a break until January 8th, 2025. Thank you all again for your support the past year.

Children’s Communion Class

Whether your child already receives communion or is waiting to learn more, Pastor Phil will include teachings about the Lord’s Supper in each children sermon left this year

and on Sunday, Dec 8 from 11:20 a one hour class including pizza will allow for Pastor, parents, and kids to go over the basics. Let pastor know you are coming so that enough pizza is available.

Sunday School

Sunday School continues this fall. Check out the following schedule for the rest of the year.

- December 1
- December 15

Sunday school takes place right after the Children's Time during the service. See you there!

Small Catechism

Pastor Phil will conclude his series on Martin Luther's Catechism: Getting to the Heart of Faith. The final session will be on Nov 24 on the Sacraments and Daily Life. Come right after worship. It should last 45 minutes. Copies of the Small Catechism are available in the narthex.

Thanksgiving Services in Eau Claire

Want to go to a Thanksgiving worship service? Since Grace does not do one, support one of these neighboring churches:

- Hope Lutheran with St. Olaf Catholic Church, Thurs, Nov. 21 at 6:30pm
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd with St James Catholic, Tues, Nov 26 at 6:30pm, pie to follow
- Spirit Lutheran Wed Nov 27 at 6pm, pie to follow
- St. John's, Wed Nov 27 at 7pm, pie to follow

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: info@grace-church.org

Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: pastorphil@grace-church.org

Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> *Bulletins may also be found on the same page.*

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at "Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin" YouTube page — <https://bit.ly/49WLWPj>



Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713