

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*October 19, 2025*  
*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**

By Quiet Waters

**Gwyneth Walker**

**Welcome**

## **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 have not dedicated ourselves  
sufficiently to understand your Word.**

**We have listened to slander,  
instead of insisting on truth.**

**We have accepted the world as it is rather than  
pursuing the way you desire it to be.**

**We have not been shrewd in doing your will.**

**Forgive us, renew us, lead us.**

**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.

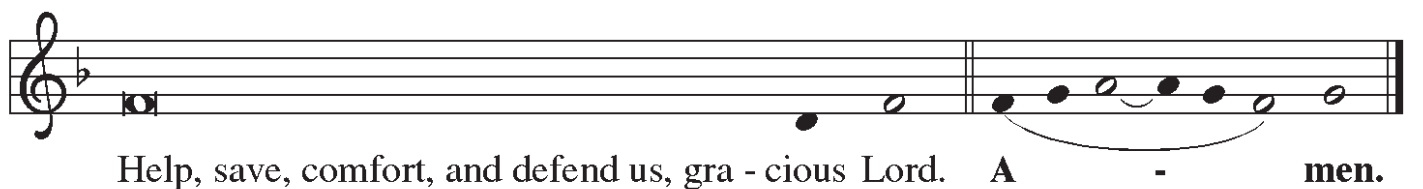
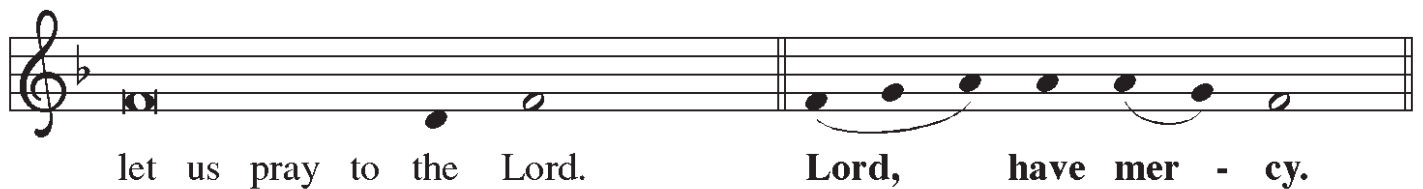
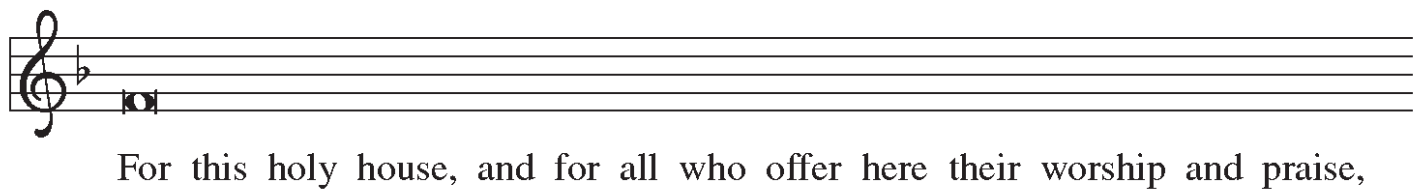
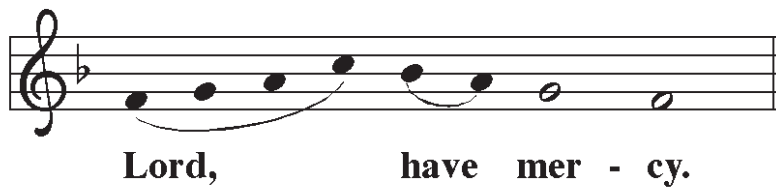
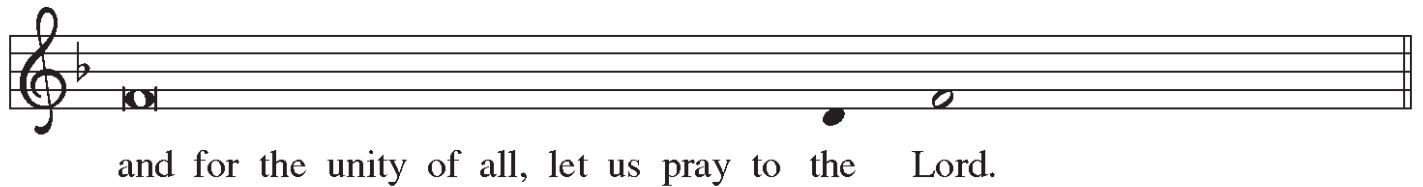
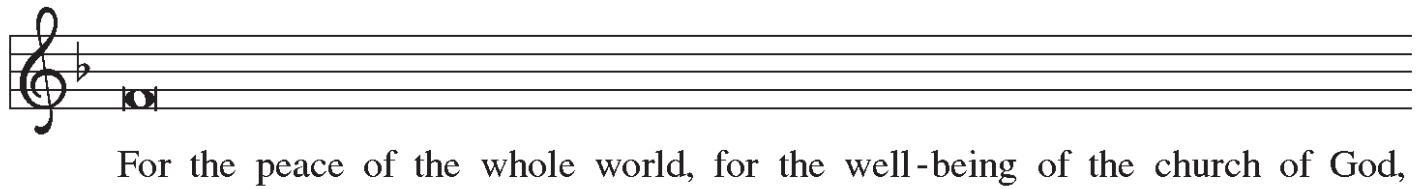
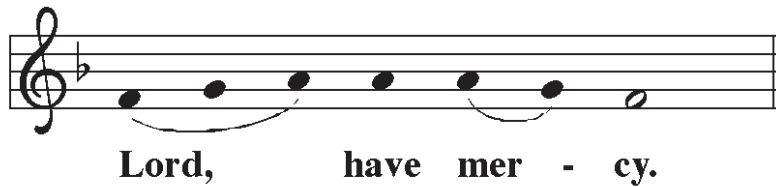
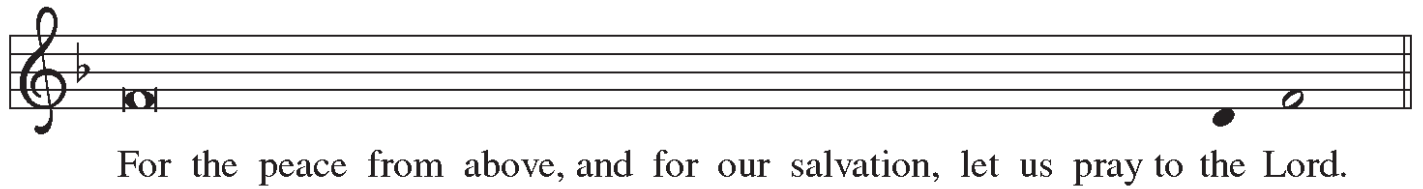
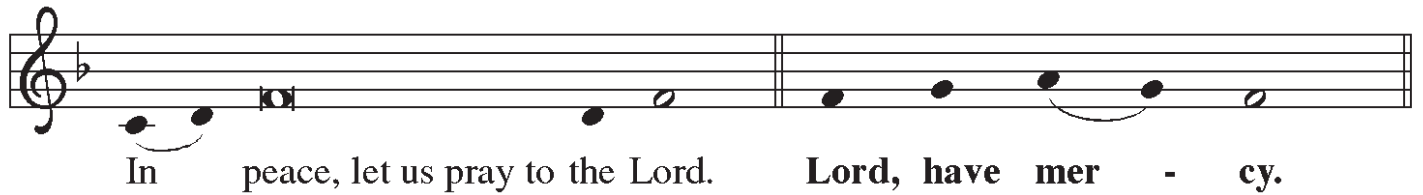
**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn** Day by Day

**#790**

**Apostolic Greeting**

# Kyrie





Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

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## WORD

### Children's Message

#### The First Reading is from Genesis, chapter 32

<sup>23</sup> The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

<sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

<sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

<sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking."

But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

<sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?"

And he said, "Jacob."

<sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed."

<sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?"

And there he blessed him.

<sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Anthem

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, movin' in my heart, Jordan river chilly and cold, chills the body  
I will pray. (4x) but not the soul.

There ain't but one train runs this track, runs  
to heaven and runs right back.

Up on the mountain my Lord spoke,  
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, looked so fine,  
Till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, movin' in my heart,  
I will pray. (4x)

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit, movin' in my heart, Up on the mountain, Jordan river, Ev'ry time  
I will pray. (4x) I feel the spirit, movin' in my heart, I will pray.

## The Second Reading is from 2 Timothy, chapter 3

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup> All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

<sup>4:1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup> proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching.

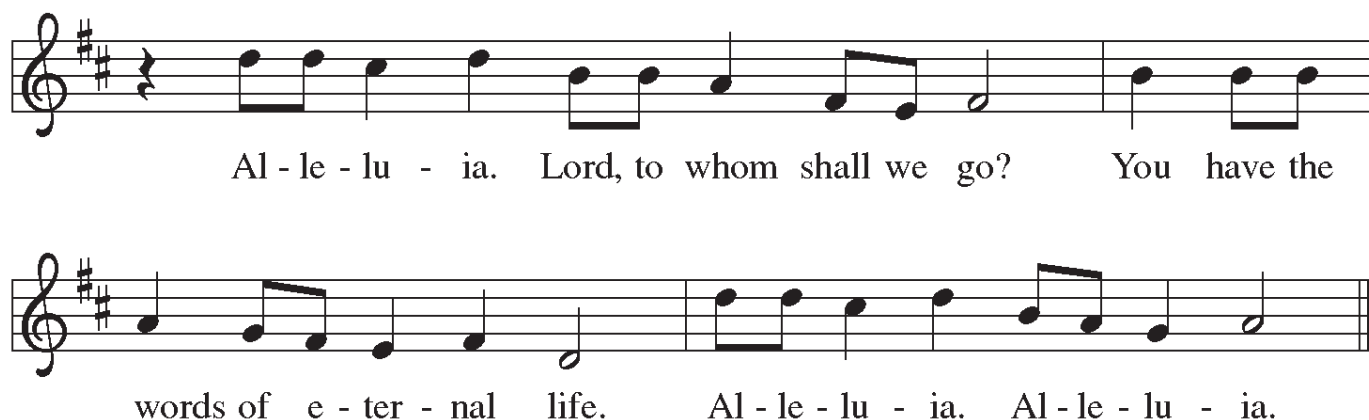
<sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

<sup>5</sup> As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation



## The gospel for today comes from Luke, chapter 18

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you,

he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

**Hymn of the Day** There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

*Refrain — All*



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

*Leader or All*



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:

*Refrain*



be near; hear our prayer, O God.

## **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**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

... God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

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## MEAL

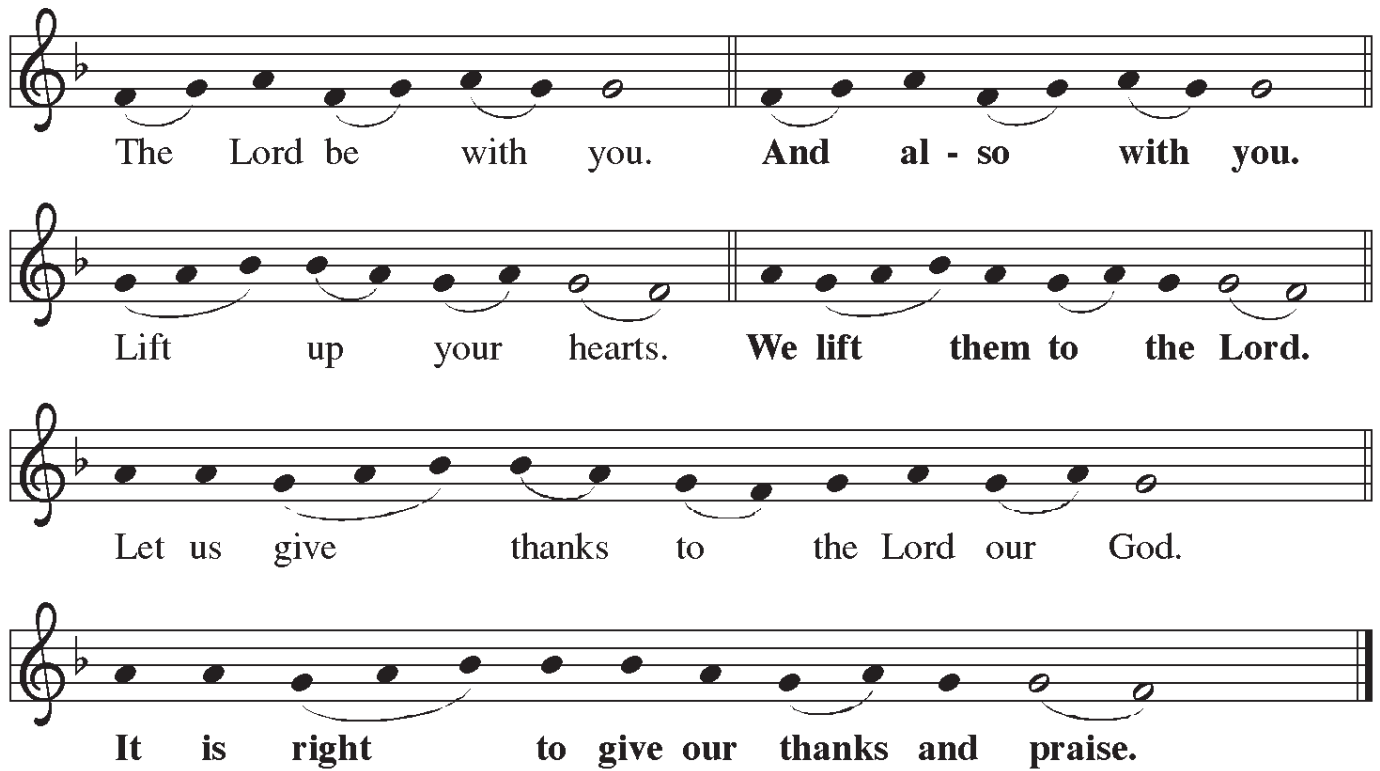
## **Offering**

### **Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving



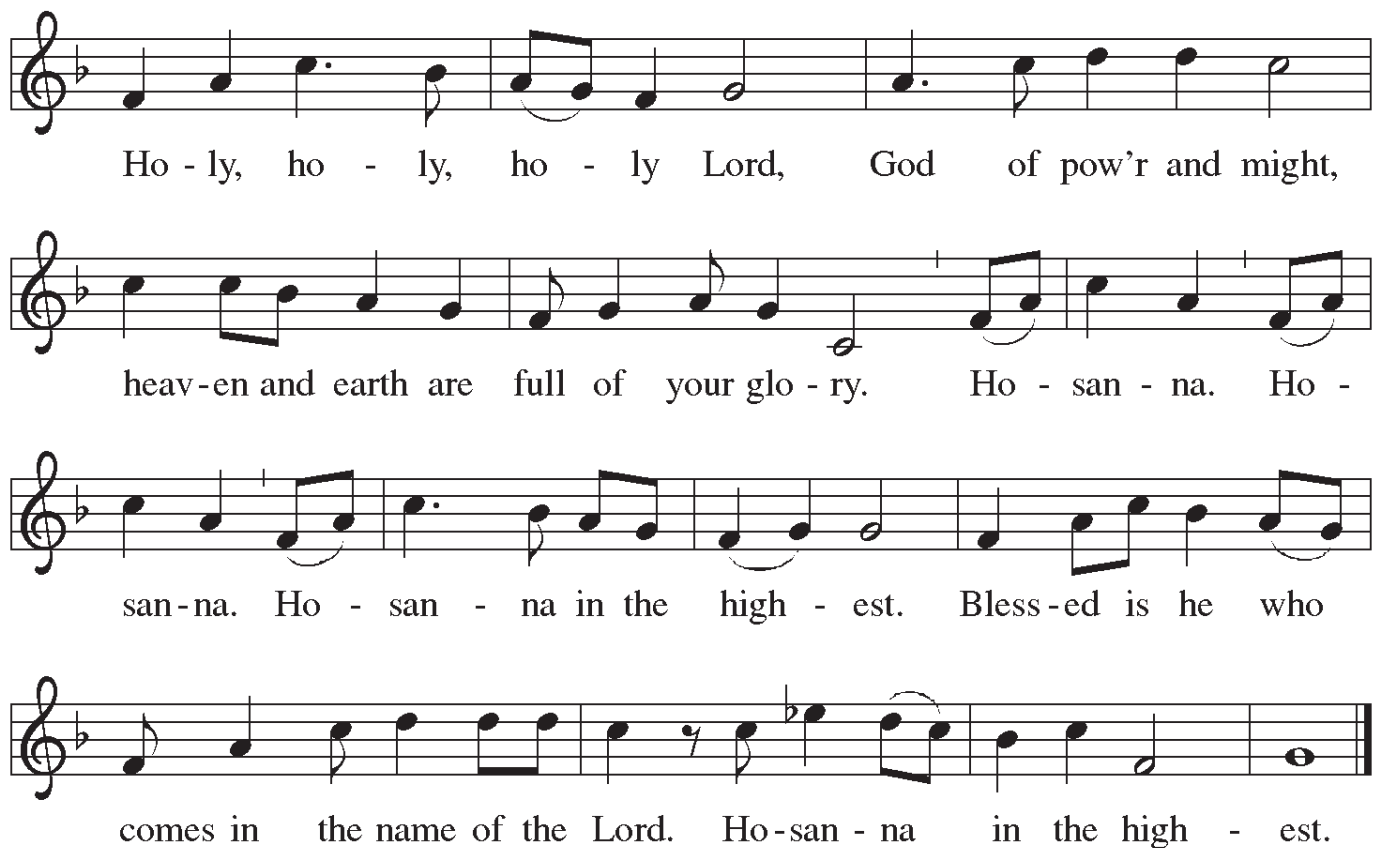
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

## 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

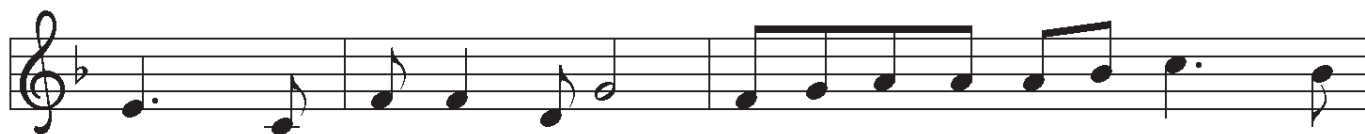
*Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.*



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.

## Prayer After Communion

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

### Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**    *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

**#769**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**    *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

**J. S. Bach**

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**Assisting Minister:** Paul Lokken

**Reader:** Quinn Ram

**Organist:** Elaine Mann

**Choir Director:** Diana Cataldi



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## Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY (19<sup>th</sup>)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am  
Worship – 10am

### MONDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am  
Scouts – 6pm

### TUESDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am  
Prayer Group – 11am  
Church Council – 7pm

### WEDNESDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am  
Crafters – 10am  
Text Study – 12 noon  
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

### THURSDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am  
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

### FRIDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am

### SUNDAY (19<sup>th</sup>)

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Other groups using the building this week: UVEC Continuing Education Dept, Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, Theater Guild

## Pastor Phil's Sabbatical

No, Pastor Phil is not going on another sabbatical. He's talking about how he spent his summer and what he learned while he was away.

This talk is part of Grace's Adult Education Event and will take place on November 16th, after the worship service. Please join us if you are interested.

## Blessing Box

Our endless summer is finally coming to an end and before we know it winter and everything that comes with it will be here. Our Blessing Box is open all year and we would like to keep it stocked especially in the cold winter months. Here are some of the items we need:

- cereal
- crackers
- soap
- hats
- packaged soup
- packaged noodles
- toothpaste
- hand warmers
- tuna pouches
- packaged potatoes
- scarves
- socks
- granola bars
- peanut butter
- gloves

As the weather turns colder, we will not be collecting any canned goods or liquid items that may freeze and explode.

You can drop off any donations outside the church office or at the Friendship Door. You are also always welcome to put any donations directly into the Blessing Box at any time.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Crafters' Corner

The Crafters are getting ready for their Unique Boutique sale on November 1st from 8:30am to 2:00pm. It is time to bring in your Old Treasures, including books, games & puzzles, which all sell well. Please price them and drop them off on the church parlors' stage.

Also, please think about donating something for our bake sale. Maybe some of your family's favorites, like lefse. Please mark and bring them to the church on Friday, October 31st after 10:00am. Thank you.



## New ELCA Nation Bishop

The ELCA installed our new national bishop in a service last week in Minneapolis. Rev. Yehiel (pronounce ye [like yes minus the s] + HEAL) Curry was visibly moved by the call, support, and challenges before him. "With all my heart, I thank you for your welcome. I hope to serve among you in Christ's name. And in the joy of the Spirit, may the peace of God be upon this house and this assembly." Please uphold our new bishop with your prayers.

## Music Stewardship

Our organ is well into its seventh decade of supporting our praise to God. With this comes the need for maintenance and repairs. A longtime member of the congregation and the choir, Bob Nelson, gave his time, his voice, and his consistent offering to Grace for many decades. But he also left a legacy that allows his giving to continue into the future. With his bequest of over \$50,000 we will be able to address the organ's most urgent needs. We remember Bob and his foresight and generosity, his love of God and the beauty that Grace's tradition of quality music provides!



## Reminder

There are extra pledge cards and time & talent sheets available in the narthex if you need to fill one out. Just drop it off in the offering plate. Thank you.

# Unique Boutique

## Craft & Old Treasures Sale to benefit Grace Communities

November 1st, 2025: 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

### Hand Crafted Items — Bake Sale

Wreaths — Jewelry — Holiday Decor

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
202 West Grand Ave  
Please Use 2nd Avenue Entrance

### 2025 *FREE* Foot and Nail Care Clinics

CLINIC DATES AND TIME		REGISTRATION BEGINS
MON   Apr. 21	1:30-5:30 p.m.	MON   Apr. 7   8:30 a.m.
TUE   WED   THURS   Apr. 22-24	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	
FRI   Apr. 25	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	
MON   Oct. 20	1:30-5:30 p.m.	MON   Oct. 6   8:30 a.m.
TUE   WED   THURS   Oct. 21-23	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	
FRI   Oct. 24	7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.	

**APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED: 715-836-3636** – *the services are free.*

**LOCATION:** Grace Lutheran Church | 202 W. Grand Ave. | Eau Claire

*Diabetic clients and individuals with difficult foot and nail care issues are encouraged to attend.* Registered nurses will perform foot and nail care services as part of a certification program. The clinic will be supervised by a nurse practitioner certified in foot and nail care.

University of Wisconsin  
**Eau Claire**

**Continuing Education**

For more information please visit: [uwec.ly/footnail1](https://uwec.ly/footnail1)

# **4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Fall Arts Celebration**

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**

## **ART EXHIBIT**

**NOON – 4 P.M.**

## **CONCERT**

**2:00 P.M. – 3 P.M.**

**At Hope Lutheran Church  
2226 Eddy Ln, EC**

**Admission is free**

Free Will Offering to support the Imani English Speaking  
Elementary School in the Karagwe District of Tanzania

**Massed Choir  
Handbell Choir  
Special Music  
Art Exhibit**



**No booth fees, but an exhibit reservation is required.**

**Artists interested in displaying/selling their art in this exhibit OR who need to reserve  
a space and set up time, please contact Mary Spryer by OCT. 1<sup>ST</sup> at:  
[maryspryer@gmail.com](mailto:maryspryer@gmail.com)**

**Participating Churches: Good Shepherd, Immanuel, Grace,  
St. John's, Spirit, Trinity, and Hope Lutheran Churches**

***Hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church-EC***

**On Nov. 2 we will  
celebrate All Saints.**

**If you have entrusted  
a loved one into God's  
arms since Nov. 1, 2024, you  
may ask that their names  
be included in prayers.  
(sign up sheets in back of  
church or call the office.)**

**For those from previous years you will have an  
opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.**



### Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: [info@grace-church.org](mailto:info@grace-church.org)

Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: [pastorphil@grace-church.org](mailto: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 — <http://grace-church.org/our-ministry>

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](mailto:info@grace-church.org) or by calling the office at 715-832-9713