

TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST



November 9, 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

Partita on "Praise God, Ye Christians"

Johann Walther

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

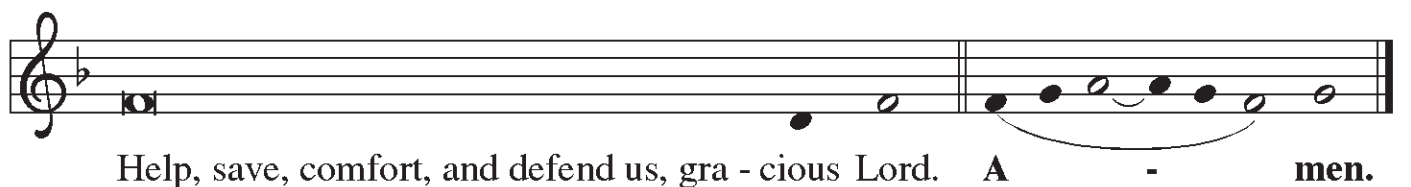
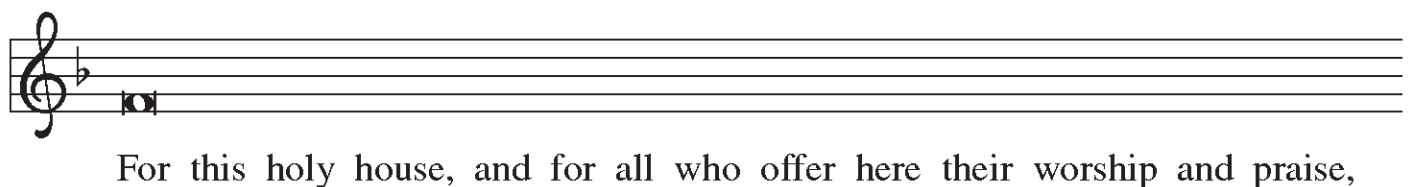
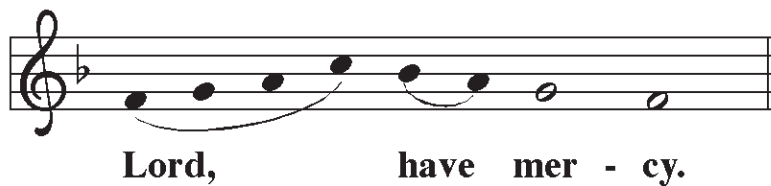
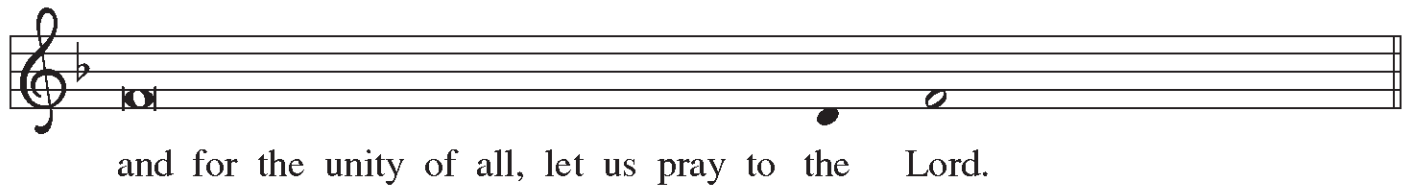
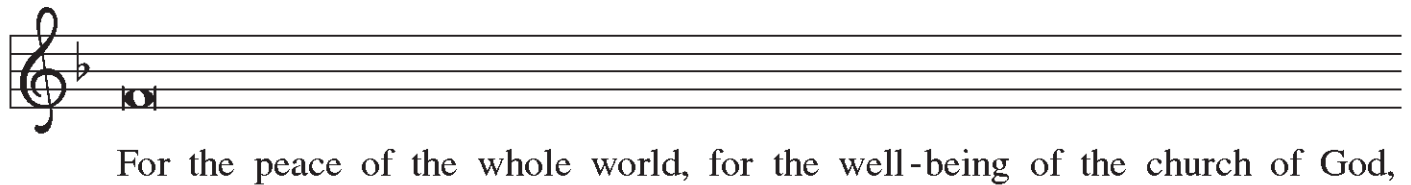
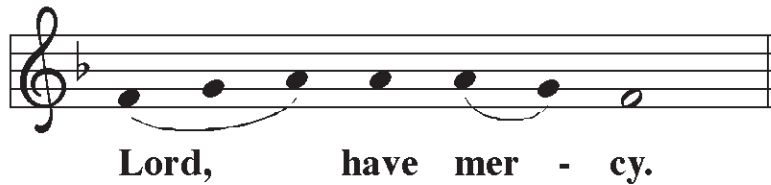
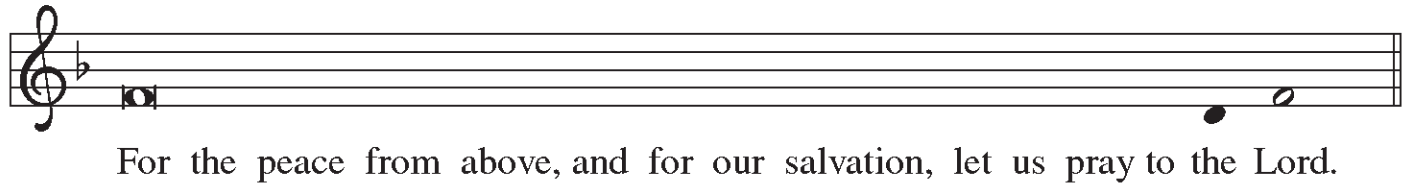
Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Apostolic Greeting

Kyrie



Assisting minister



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

All



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

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 1

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls
or of lambs or of goats.

¹² When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?
Trample my courts no more!

¹³ Bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation —
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove your evil deeds
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil;
¹⁷ learn to do good;
seek justice;

rescue the oppressed;
defend the orphan;
plead for the widow.

¹⁸ Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

Anthem *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* **Michael Cox**

I know that my Redeemer lives;
Glory, Hallelujah!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives,
Glory, Hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground,
Glory, Hallelujah!
The dead's alive, And the lost is found,
Glory, Hallelujah!

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Glory, Hallelujah!
The dead's alive, And the lost is found,
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He lives, all glory to his name!
Glory, Hallelujah!
He lives, my Jesus still the same, Glory
Hallelujah!

He lives, He lives who once was dead
He lives, my everlasting head,
Glory Hallelujah!

Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground,
Glory, Hallelujah!
The dead's alive, And the lost is found,
Glory, Hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with his love,
He lives to plead for me above,
Glory, Hallelujah!

The Second Reading is from 2nd Thessalonians, chapter 1

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

4 Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

11 To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, 12 so that the name of

our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



The gospel for today comes from Luke, chapter 19

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn of the Day There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

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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

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

A brief silence.

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

Amen.

Peace

MEAL

Offering

Andante (on Hyfrydol)

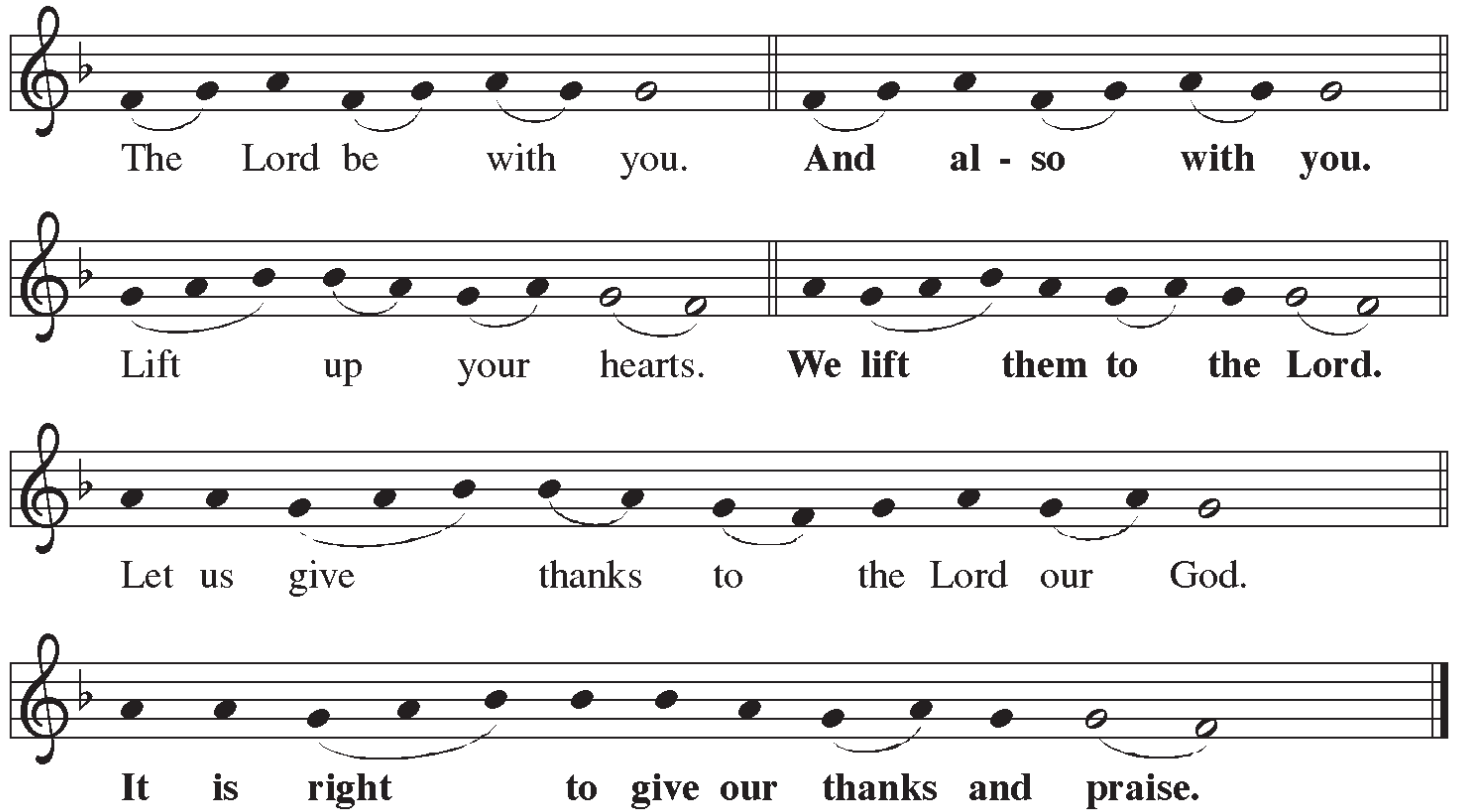
Charles Callahan

Offering Prayer

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

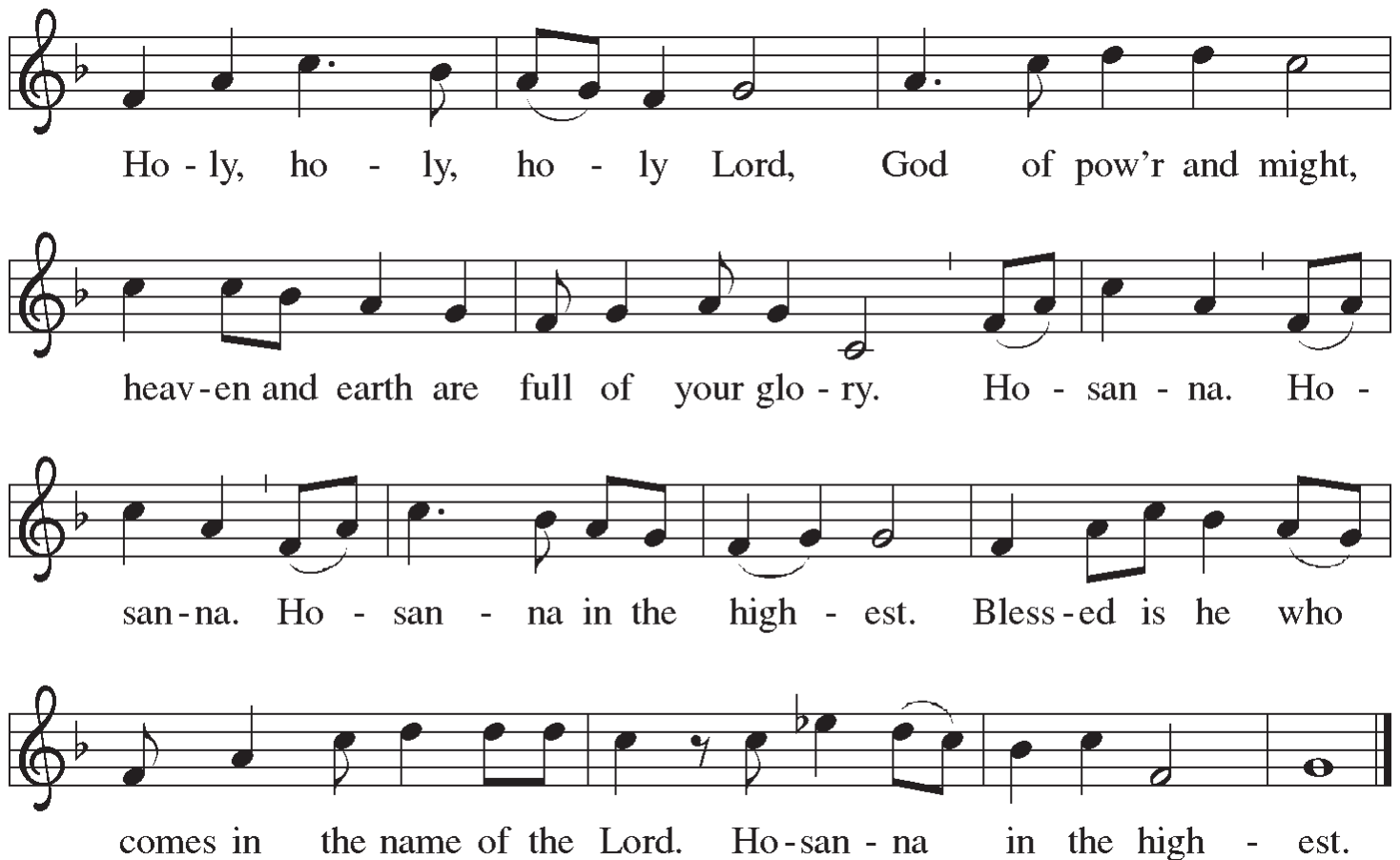
Amen

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.

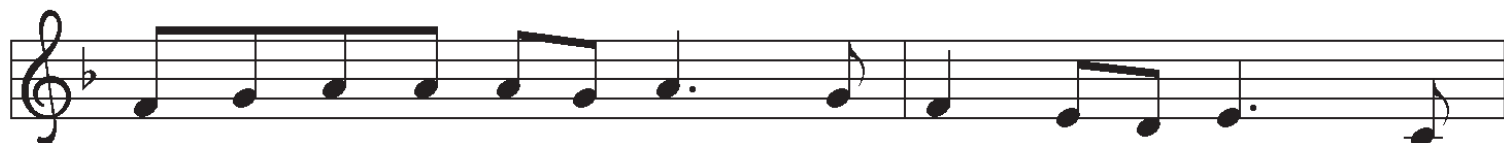
Eucharistic Prayer

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

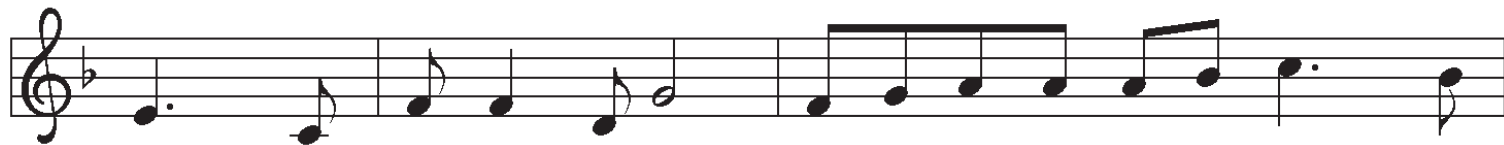
Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

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

Amen.

Sending Hymn *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

#631

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Toccata*

Richard Keys Biggs

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Assisting Minister: Bev Page

Reader: Anita Reid

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Diana Cataldi



2025-11-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (9th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am

MONDAY

Elizabeth Circle – 10am
Scouts – 6pm

TUESDAY

Veterans' Day

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

FRIDAY

Organ Tuning

SUNDAY (16th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am
Pastor Phil's Sabbatical
Talk – 11am

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

Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 10 AM on Monday, November 10, 2025, in the Lounge at Grace. It is a morning filled with fun, fellowship, food and Bible Study. All women are invited. No prep needed, as we read, study and discuss together this month's bible study from the Gather magazine.

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.

Feed My People Food Bank

Right now, many of our Wisconsin neighbors are facing an unprecedented delay in FoodShare benefits, leaving parents unsure how they'll feed their families in the days ahead.

Feed My People is doing everything possible to respond. We've stocked up our warehouse and are preparing for a surge in visits from families who suddenly find themselves without the support they count on. We have already seen a 50% increase overnight to our Friday and Monday pop-up pantries, and many of our partners are reporting sharp increases in visits as well.

We can't sustain this effort without you. Your gift today will make sure nutritious food is ready and available for anyone right when it's needed most.

To donate, please visit: <https://give.fmpfoodbank.org/campaign/739652/donate>

To volunteer, please visit: https://www.fmpfoodbank.org/get_involved/volunteer.phtml

Thank you

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

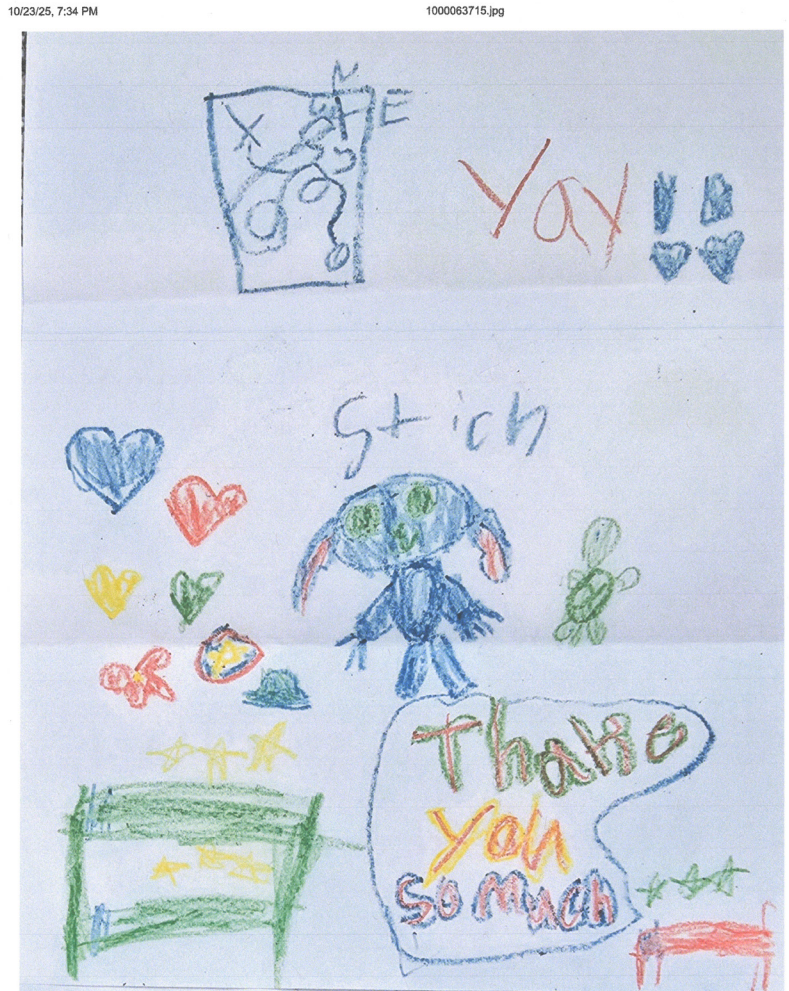
We received a thank you note and this drawing in thanks for our nearly \$400 donation to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Thank you for your very generous gift to Sleep in Heavenly Peace! Through your donation, we can continue to ensure No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town.
Scott Eisold
Chapter President

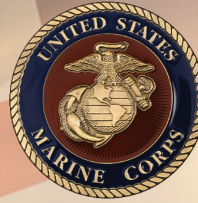
Altar Flowers and Memorial

Altar flowers were given in honor of Barbara Radke.

Wilma Hovland, Kathi Sue Krause, Bev & Jim Page, Roger & Diane Pomplun, Paul & Carla Reppert-Lokken, Roger & Shirley Shepler, Tom Tealey, and Ken & Lynne Ziehr gave in memory of LeRoy Schultz. Thank you.



Sleep In Heavenly Peace



CHIPPEWA VALLEY CONCERT BAND

HONORING OUR VETERANS

Sunday, November 9, 2025

DeLong Middle School Auditorium

2:00 PM

*Featuring patriotic selections as well as the music of Glenn Miller, Paul Hindemith,
Blues Brothers, How to Train Your Dragon and more!*

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Organ Recital

Sunday, Nov 23
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