

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



October 11, 2026

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

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Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Opening Hymn Now We Join in Celebration

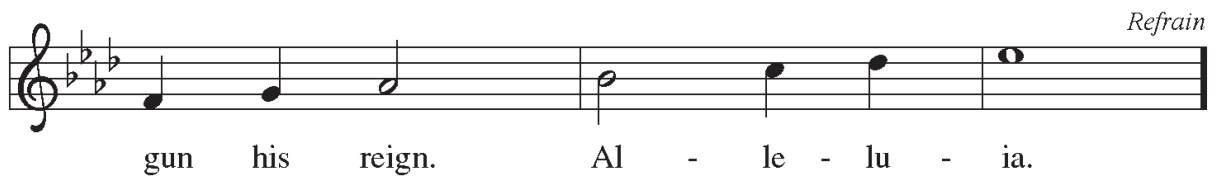
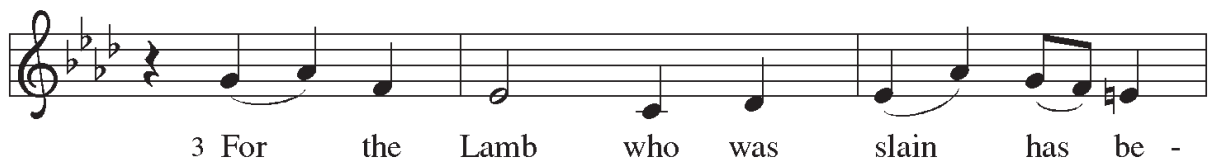
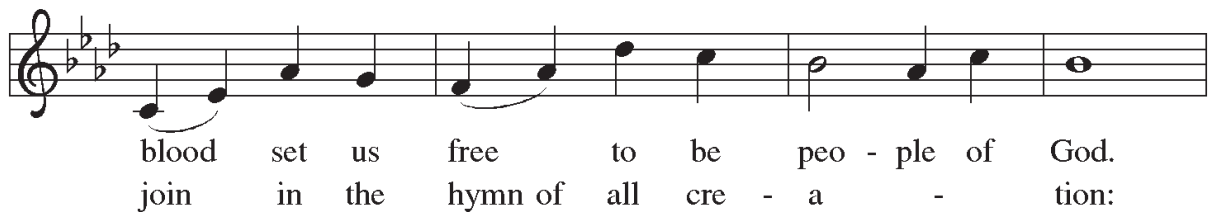
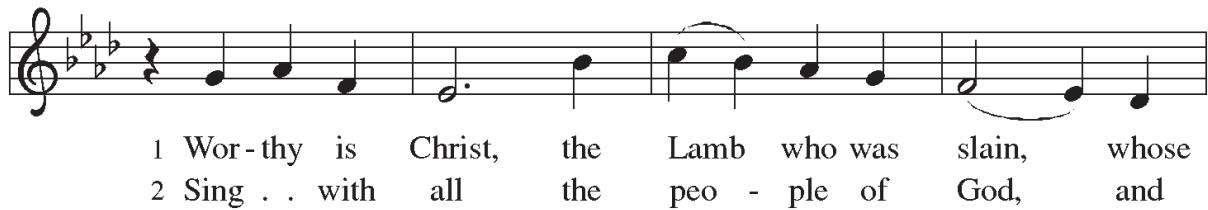
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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Isaiah, Chapter 25.

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading is from Philippians, Chapter 4.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

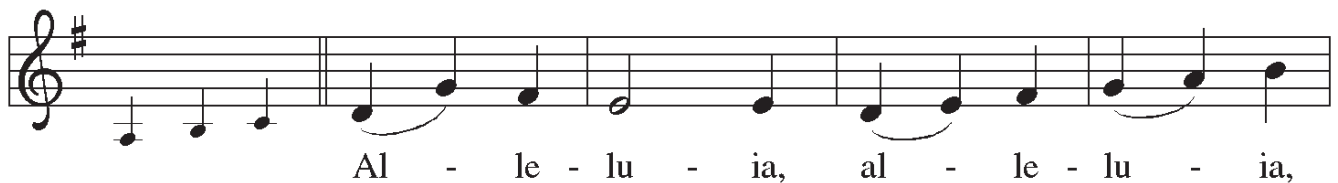
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Anthem Verleih uns Frieden (Grant unto us thy Peace) **Felix Mendelssohn**

Grant unto us thy peace. O Lord, grant us thy peace enduring for there is none, none with the strength, who could so firmly defend us. For thou are our hope and safety.

Gospel Acclamation



Repeat alleluia



The Holy Gospel for today is from Matthew, Chapter 22.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:

² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.

⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Come, Let Us Eat

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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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

MEAL

Offering

Now We Join in Celebration

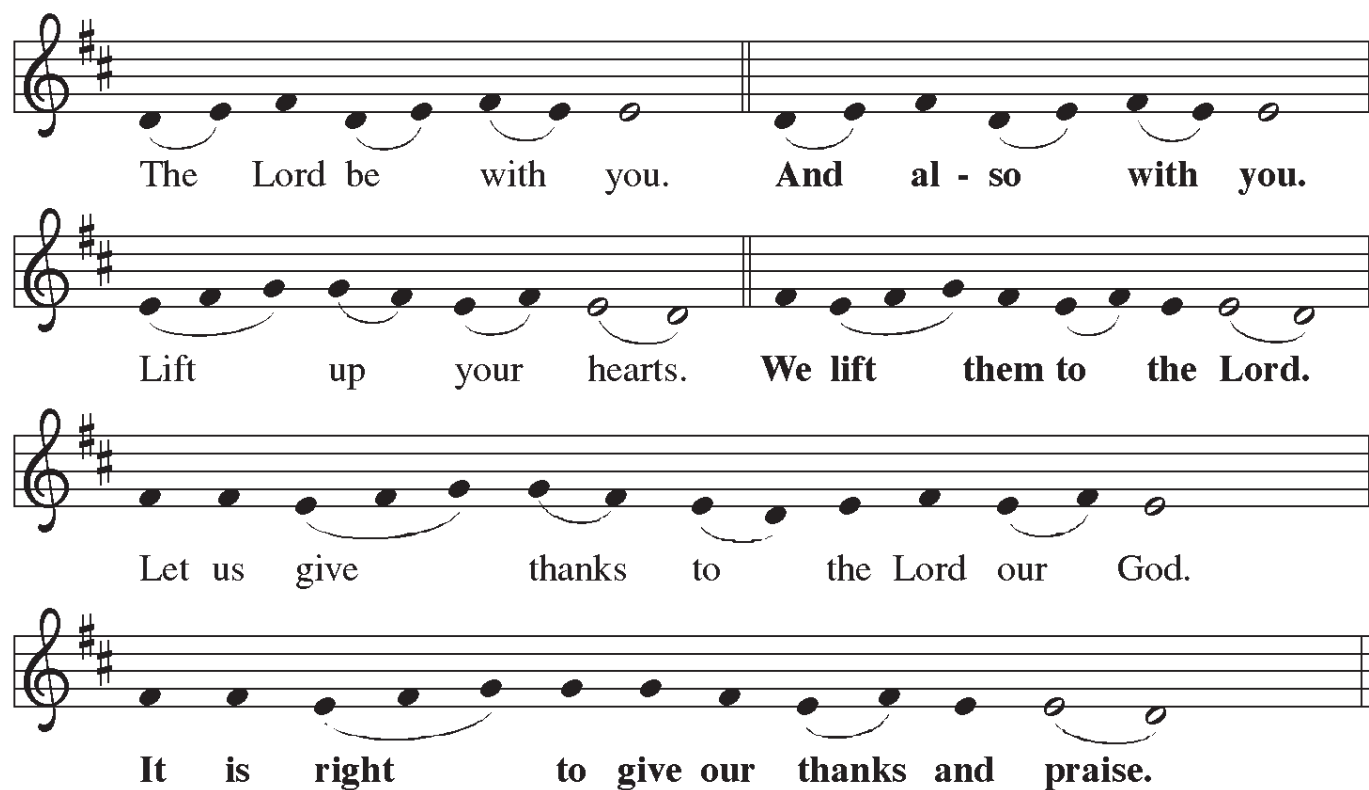
Johannes Brahms

Offering Prayer

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



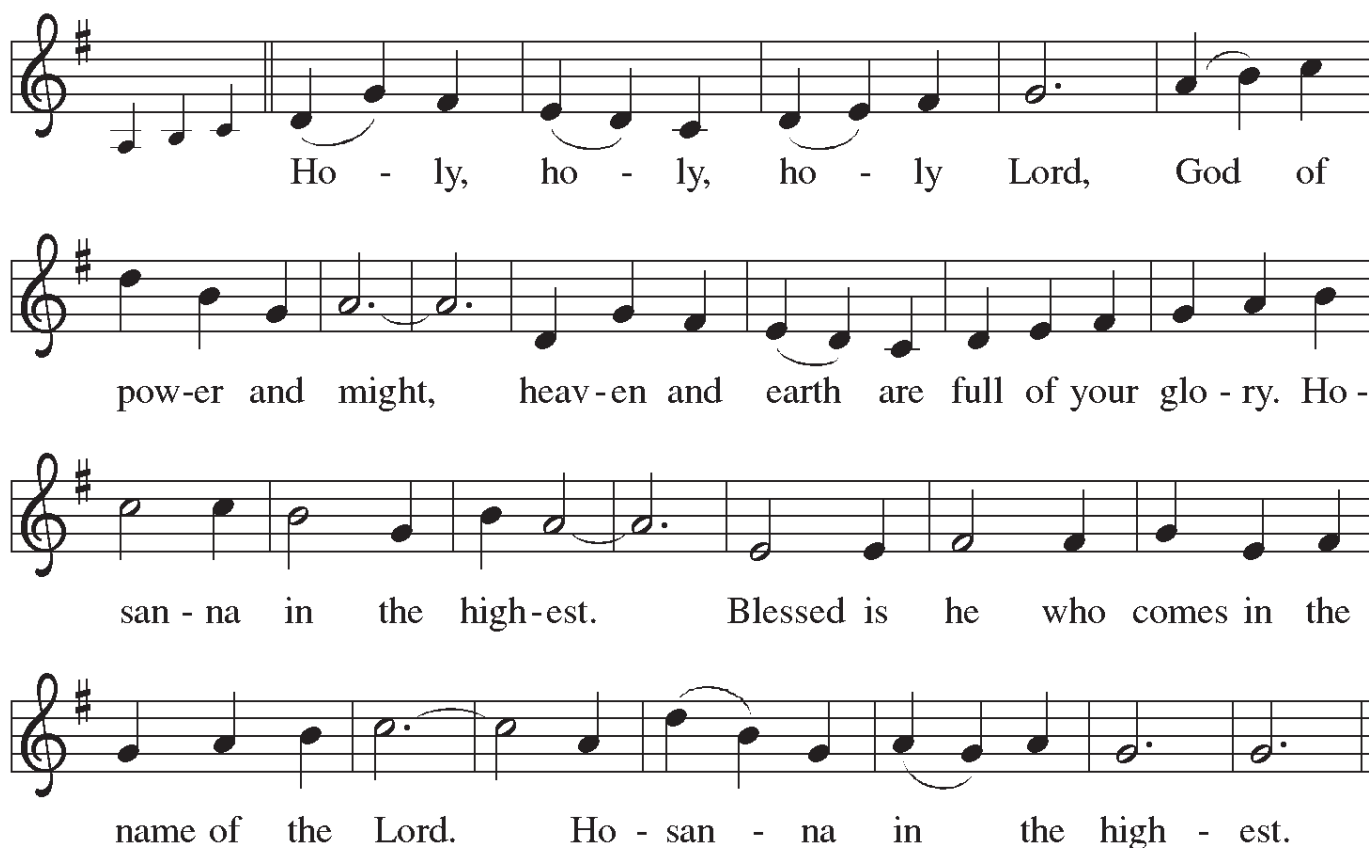
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

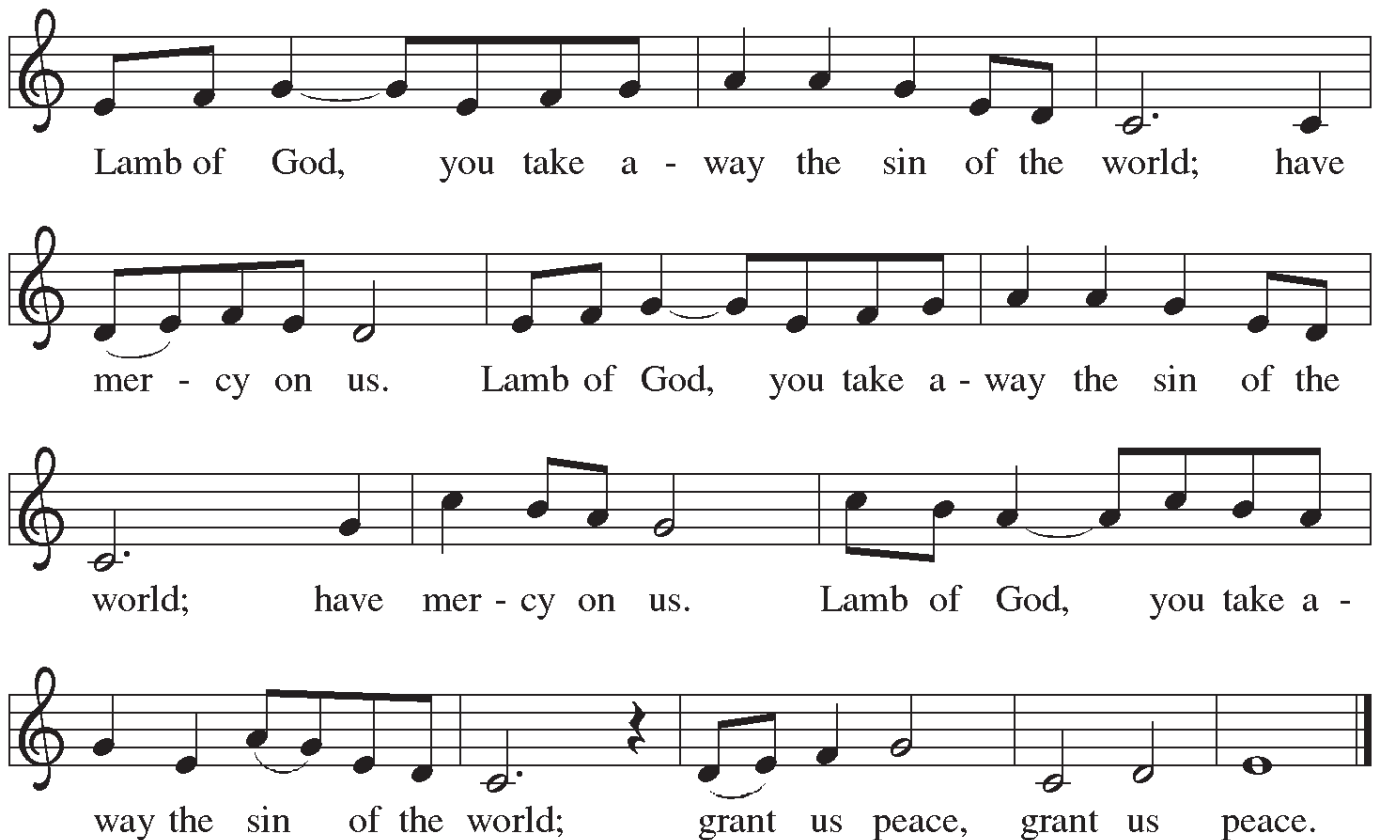
Words of Institution

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.



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *The Lord's My Shepherd*

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Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Poco Vivace

Hermann Schroeder

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Assisting Minister: Mitch Piper

Reader: Molly Wilson

Organist: Elaine Mann

Choir Director: Dr. Ryan Rogers

Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (11th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am
Synod Talk – 11am

MONDAY

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Elizabeth Circle – 10am
Foot & Nail Clinic – 3pm
Scouts – 6pm

TUESDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am
Grace Pacers – 9:30am
Prayer Group – 11am

WEDNESDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am
Crafters – 9am
Text Study – 12noon
AA meeting – 7pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Foot & Nail Clinic – 7am

SUNDAY (18th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am
Synod Talk – 11am

Other groups using the building this week: Grace Lutheran Foundation, Brighter than Sunshine, Grace Rising Wellness, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park Neighborhood Association



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Elizabeth Circle

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 10 AM on Monday, October 12, 2026, in the Lounge at Grace. It is a morning filled with fun, fellowship, food and our Bible Study. We invite all women to join. No prep is needed, as we read, study and discuss together this month's bible study from the Gather magazine.

Synod Ministries Talk

This Sunday, October 11 immediately after the service Linda Hedding from our Synod Council will present a talk to us about the important work of Synodical Ministries around our region. These things happen with the support of our congregation as we share your good stewardship with the larger church. Linda will also listen to anything you feel the synod offices should know from those living out faithfulness in our own congregation.

Romans Text Study

Pastor Phil is presenting an 8 week study on Romans. This 8 week study begins Wednesday September 23rd. Wednesday October 14th there will NOT be a study. The study will be in the chapel, from 5:45 to 6:45. Study materials will be provided. There will be a soup dinner after. Each week's study will be repeated on Zoom on the corresponding Wednesday at 7:00. Please let the church office know if you will be participating. A "head count" is needed for materials.

Stewardship Reminder

Please fill out your pledges and time and talent sheets and turn them into the office by November 15. Extra forms are available in the back of the Narthex. Thank you.

And, congratulations, to Elaine Berg, for winning the stewardship word contest.



Unique Boutique

The crafters's Unique Boutique craft sale is coming up on October 24. In addition to all the items the crafters have made themselves, they are also looking for donations of any treasures members are looking to part with. If you have something you would like to donate to the sale, please price it and leave it on the parlors stage beginning October 19.

The crafters are also looking for baked goods from our members. If you would like to donate baked goods for the Unique Boutique, you can drop them off on Friday, October 23 between 10am and 2pm, or on Saturday, October 24, between 8 and 8:30am. Please price any items you bring in. Thank you for your generosity.



Reading to see the world more justly!

Zoom Book Club

3rd Monday at 2pm

August 17 - A Paradise Built in Hell by Rebecca Solnit
September 21 - The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
October 19 - Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea
November 16 - Indian Horse by Richard Wagamese
December 21 - Theo of Golden by Allen Levi
January 18 - Our Sister Killjoy by Ama Ata Aidoo
February 15 - Family Lore by Elizabeth Acevedo
March 15 - Kindred by Octavia Butler

Contact Pastor Phil to request Zoom link.



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FINE ARTS EXHIBITION, TREATS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026
ART EXHIBIT 12-4PM
CONCERT 2-3PM

Hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church



LUTHERAN CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 1:00 P.M.

LUTHERAN CEMETERY ON OMAHA ST.

(MEET BY THE MAINTENANCE SHED; FOLLOW THE SIGNS)

BRING ALONG GLOVES AND A RAKE—WE'LL PROVIDE THE BAGS

IT'S A WONDERFUL WAY TO CARE FOR OUR GROUNDS TOGETHER!

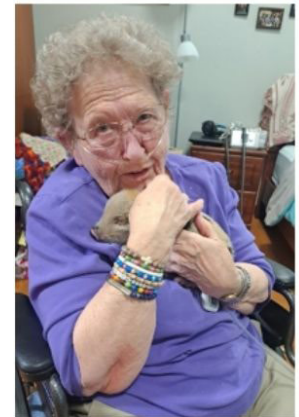
QUESTIONS? CALL BONNIE AT 715-829-2291

THANK YOU FOR LENDING A HAND!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Petunia the piglet really hammed it up! She trotted her way into the hearts of residents at Grace River Pines and Prairie Pointe, bringing smiles, snuggles, and plenty of squeals of delight. We think it's safe to say she made quite the pig impression!



We're so grateful for Hy-Vee for coming to Grace Barstow Apartments and hosting a flu shot clinic for our residents. Thank you for helping our community stay healthy and protected this flu season!

What a beautiful morning it was to walk for a cause that touches so many lives. We were excited to spot some of our Grace Lutheran Communities employees out supporting the Walk to End Alzheimer's and helping raise awareness for this important cause.



2026 *FREE* Foot and Nail Care Clinics

CLINIC DATES AND TIME		REGISTRATION BEGINS
MON April 13	3-4 p.m.	▶ MONDAY March 30 8:30 a.m.
TUE WED THURS April 14-16	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	
FRI April 17	7:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	
MON Oct. 12	3-4 p.m.	▶ MONDAY Sept. 28 8:30 a.m.
TUE WED THURS Oct. 13-15	7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	
FRI Oct. 16	7:30 a.m.-1 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.

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For more information please visit: uwec.ly/footnail1

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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- 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 or by calling the office at 715-832-9713