TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



November 15, 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
Pacibells Now Thank We All Our God *arr Douglas E Wagner*

Welcome

Opening Hymn O God, Our Help in Ages Past *#632*

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.

Prayer of the Day
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Word

Children's Message

The First Reading is from Psalm 90.
1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 in the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

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

The Second Reading is from 1 Thessalonians , Chapter 5.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of
faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us
not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who
died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are
doing.

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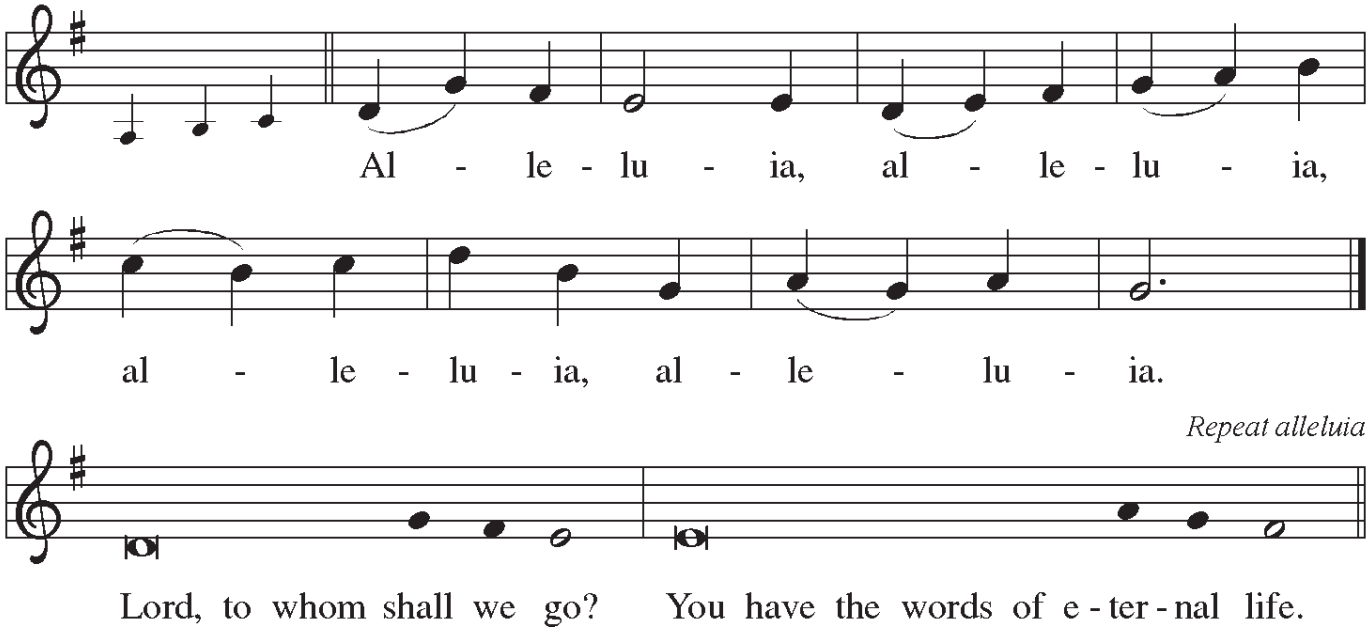
Anthem Fight the Good Fight *David Williams*

Gospel Acclamation



The Holy Gospel for today is from Matthew, Chapter 25.
Glory to you, O Lord.

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted
his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who
had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more
talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more
talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in
the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those
slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received
the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you
handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21 His master
said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy
in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of
your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into
the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also
came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where
you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I
went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his
master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where
I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received
what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to
the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more will be given, and
they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they
have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending *#678*

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

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

. . . God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

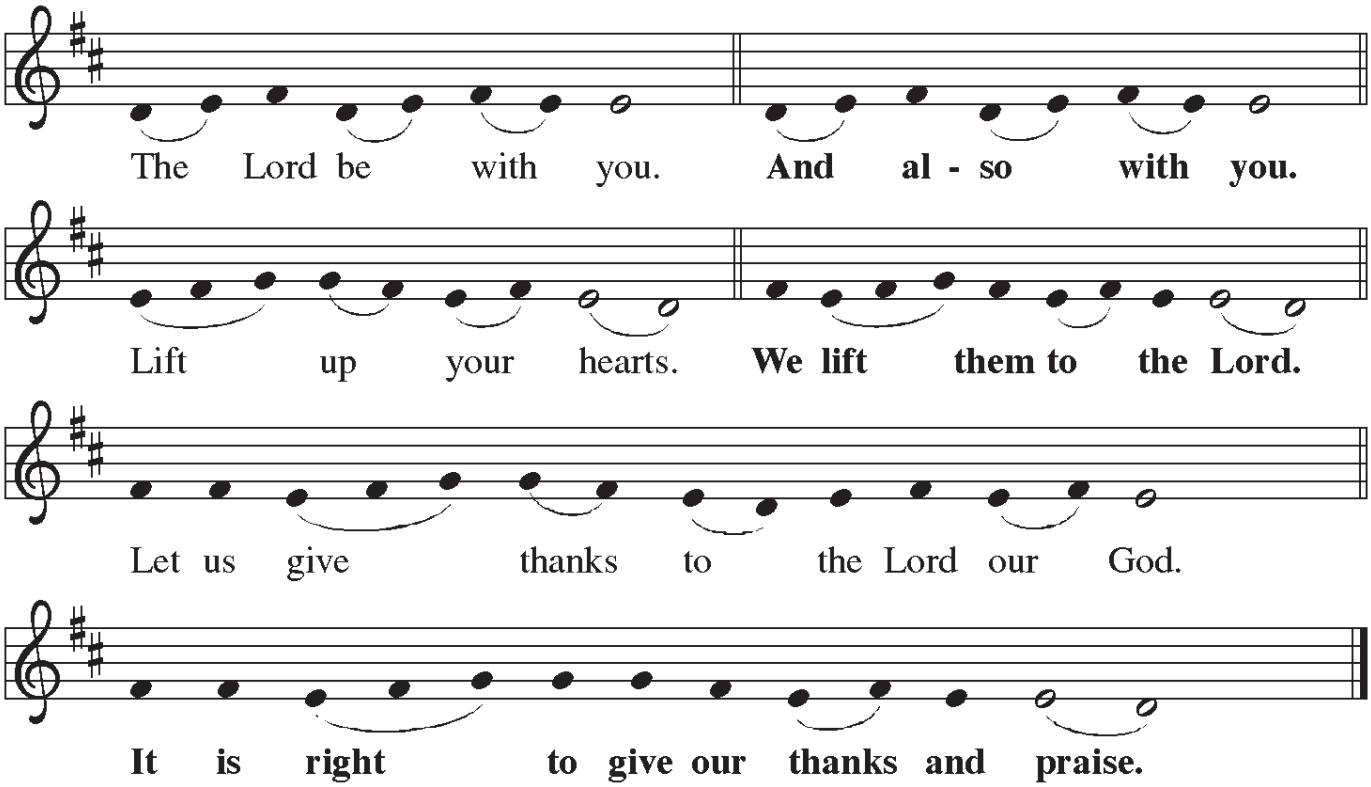
Peace

Meal

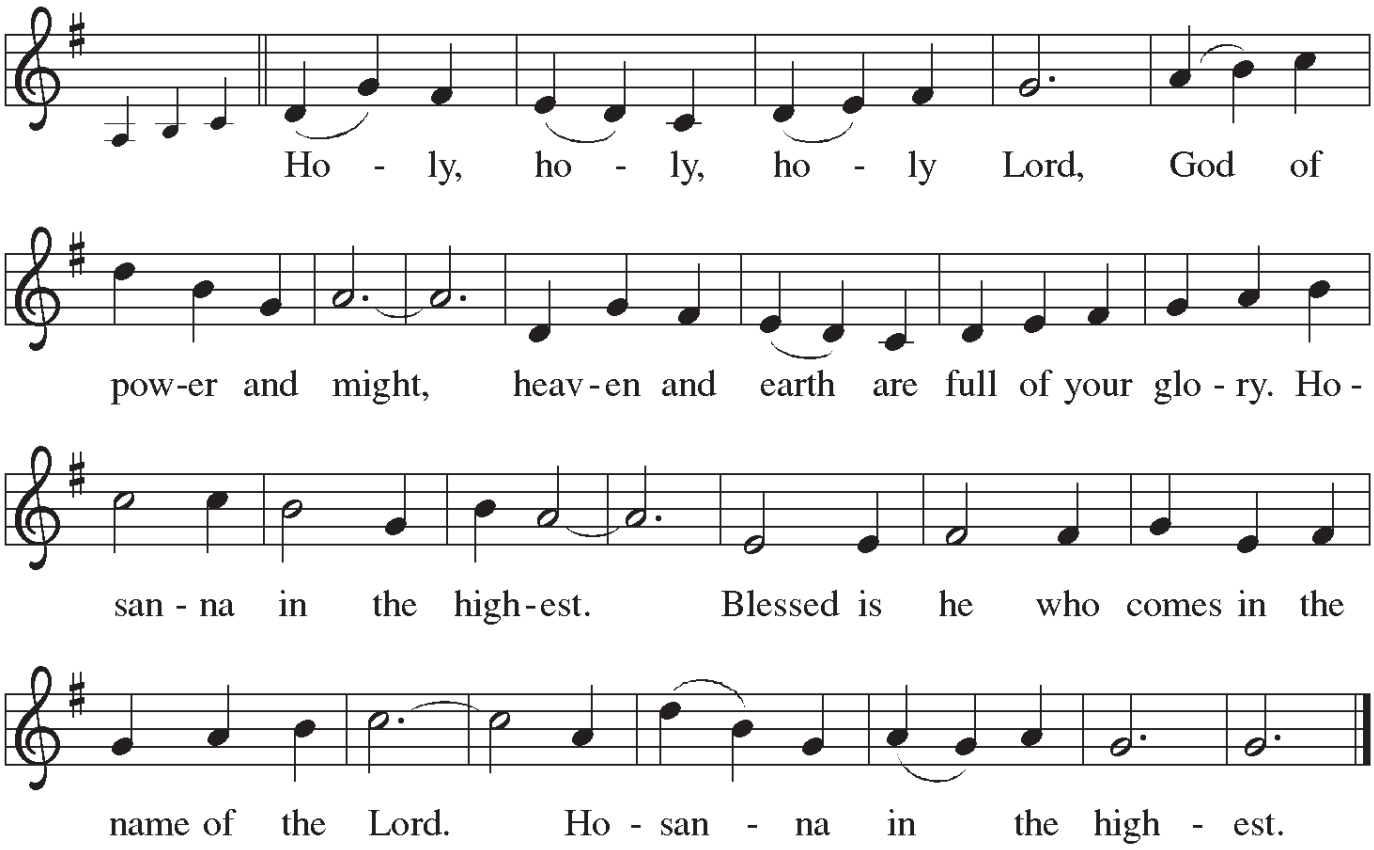
Offering
Pacibells A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Cathy Moklebust*

Offering Prayer
Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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



Eucharistic Prayer

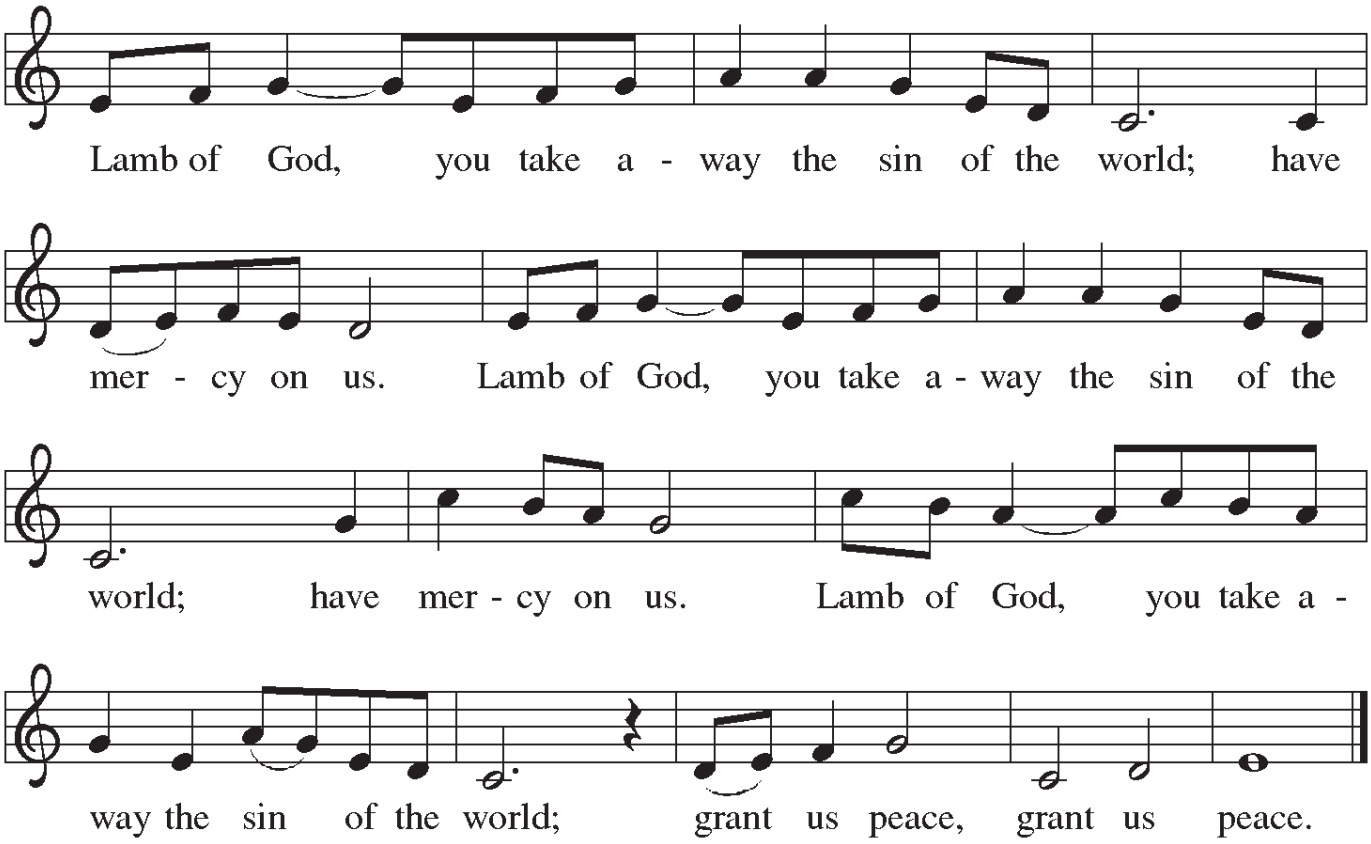
Words of Institution

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.



Prayer After Communion
Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn We Praise You, O God *#870*

Dismissal
Go out in joy. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude O God Our Help in Ages Past: Theme Paul Manz

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2026–11–15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Assisting Minister: Mitch Piper
Reader: Roger Pomplun

Organist: Elaine Mann
Choir Director: Dr. Ryan Rogers
Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Weekly Calendar

Sunday (15th)
The Continental Congress adopts the Articles of Confederation – 1777
Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am
Foundation Meeting – 11am

Monday
Scouts – 6pm

Tuesday
Prayer Group – 11am
ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm
Church Council – 7pm

Wednesday
Susan B. Anthony arrested for voting in the presidential election – 1872
Crafters – 9am
Text Study – 12noon
AA meeting – 7pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

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

Friday
JFK ceases the naval quarantine of Cuba, ending the Cuban Missile Crisis – 1962

Sunday (22nd)
Coffee Hour – 9:30am
Worship – 10am
ECCO Concert – 2:30pm

Other groups using the building this week: Brighter than Sunshine, ECWiT, Theater Guild, Randall Park Neighborhood Association, Alcoholics Anonymous

Photographs after Worship

One of our beloved college students, Kayla Boe, is a gifted photographer. After hearing a month of stewardship messages, she is offering the service of taking photos before and after the service on November 22. Need a Christmas card photo or a family keepsake? A headshot? Come dressed and ready either before or after the service.

Lutheran Social Services

On Sunday, November 22nd a representative from Lutheran Social Services will preach, sharing stories from their ministry. A more in-depth presentation will follow the service in the chapel.



Sunday, November 22
2:00pm, pre-concert talk
2:30pm, concert
at Grace Lutheran Church

Tickets available at the door
Adults: $30, Under 21: Free

GRACE LUTHERAN let's gather

Join Us!

Come and join your church family and listen to classical music performed in our sanctuary.

Spiritual Care

Grace Lutheran Communities is offering an accompaniment opportunity.

The Spiritual Care department provides spiritual, emotional and social support residents and family members within Grace Lutheran Communities. Volunteers are a crucial part of our program, so we are looking for individuals who might be interested in visiting with residents on a regular basis: weekly, bi–weekly or monthly.

Spiritual care volunteers are assigned to individuals after an assessment of needs/interests by the department. Some examples of volunteer support include: life review, discussion about faith/support systems, activities/cards/games, walks, devotionals/readings, prayer, emotional and social support.

Volunteers are supported individually and as a group with quarterly lunch meetings (food provided), ongoing education, and regular check–ins with the director.

If you have any questions or are interested in signing up to be a spiritual care volunteer, please contact Jordan.

Jordan Berg, Director of Spiritual Care
(715) 598–7815
Jordan.berg@graceluthfound.com

Beacon House Cleaning Supplies

Beacon House is looking to increase its cleaning supplies: Bleach, Lysol, multiple surface cleaners, window cleaner, dish and laundry soap. Pick something up at your next trip to the store and drop it off in box in the Narthex of the church or in the office between now and Thanksgiving. Thank you.

Lutheran Cemetery Donation

There are envelopes in the Narthex if you would like to donate to the maintenance of the Lutheran Church Cemetery on Omaha Street. Please make any checks out Grace Lutheran Church and put "Lutheran Church Cemetery" in the memo line so we can get the donation to the right place. Thank You.



JOYS OF CHRISTMAS Sponsor

Grace Lutheran Communities is pleased to offer employees of our owned and managed programs the opportunity to participate in our “Joys of Christmas” program.

This program is designed to support families in need by providing Christmas gifts for their children ages 0–18 years old. If you wish to sponsor a child or family, please complete the information below, and you will be matched with a child or family in need. Sponsors should anticipate spending approximately $50 per child sponsored.

If you prefer to support the program financially, monetary donations may be dropped off or mailed to the address below by **Sunday, December 6th**: Grace Lutheran Communities Corporate Office 256 N. Willson Drive Altoona, WI 54720

The gift requests for your assigned child(ren) will be sent to you via email by **Wednesday, November 25th**.

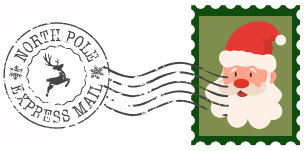
All gifts will need to be dropped off at our Corporate Office by **Wednesday, December 9th** to allow for time for gift distribution. Thank you for helping bring joy to families in our communities this Christmas season!

Name:

Email:

Telephone:

How Many Children Would You Like To Sponsor:



SCAN ME

For more information, please contact Stephanie Faherty at: stephanie.faherty@graceluthfound.com



Please submit your completed form by
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026
if you chose to be a Sponsor.
Thank you!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR COMMUNITIES







THE RESIDENTS OF GRACE WILLOBROOK ENJOYED A DELICIOUS FALL CARAMEL APPLE BAR, ADDING A LITTLE EXTRA SWEETNESS TO THE SEASON.





HALLOWEEN FUN WAS HAPPENING ACROSS ALL OF OUR GRACE LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES. FROM CREATIVE COSTUMES AND FESTIVE DECORATIONS TO SWEET TREATS, SMILES, AND PLENTY OF SPOOKY FUN, EACH CAMPUS FOUND ITS OWN SPECIAL WAY TO CELEBRATE.







Beacon House Thanksgiving

Grace members are needed to provide dinners for 2 dates — Nov. 27 and Nov. 28. We are responsible for the Thanksgiving Meal on Nov. 26 also but Friday and Saturday are the only two meals requiring volunteers. The Deacon Fund will be providing the funds for the catered meal on Thanksgiving Day.

Thank You to all the Grace members for your support of the family shelter.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM
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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 or by calling the office at 715–832–9713