REIGN OF CHRIST



November 22, 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

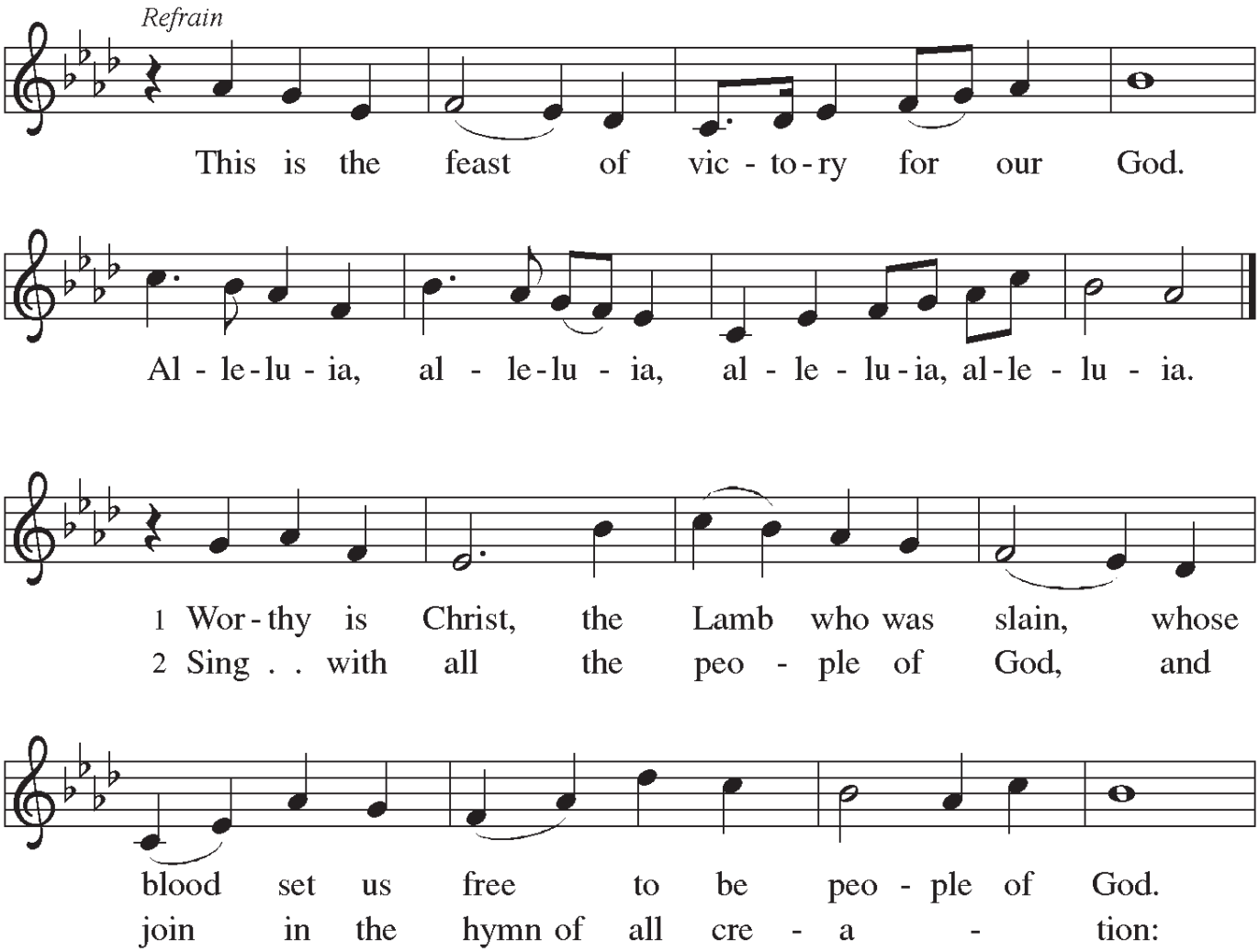
Prelude Partita on "Coronation" *Wayne L. Wold*

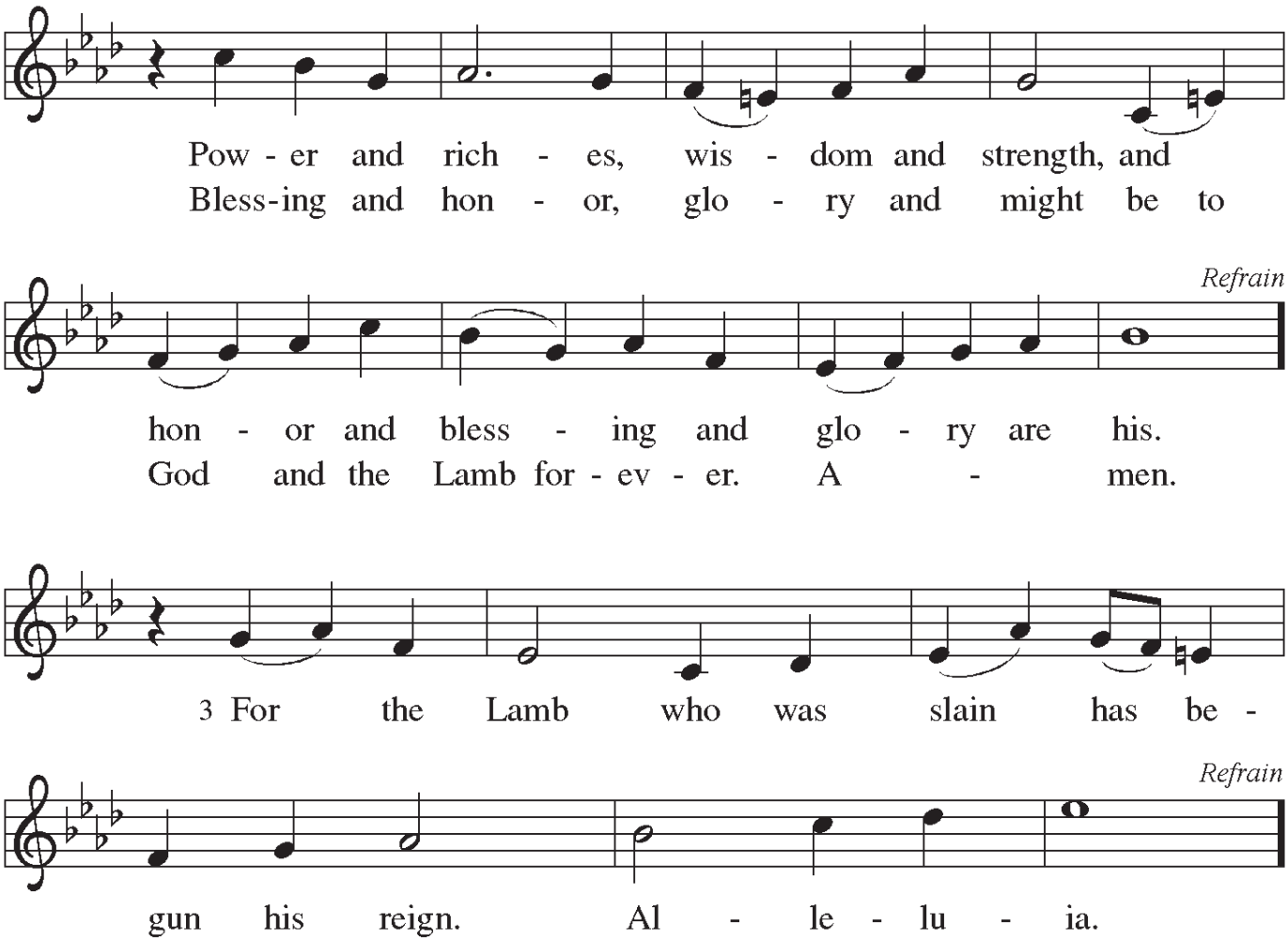
Welcome

Opening Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! *#634*

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

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through 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 Ezekiel 34.

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort
them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered
sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to
which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will
bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring
them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the
watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land.

14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they
shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel.
15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down,
says the Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and
I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the
strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the
fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and
butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and
wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge
between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant
David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I
the LORD will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I
the LORD have spoken.

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

Anthem Because the Lord Is My Shepherd *Ralph Carmichael*

The Second Reading is from Ephesians, Chapter 1.
15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the
saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember
you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,
may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so
that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope
to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among
the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who
believe, according to the working of his great power.
20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead
and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not
only in this age but also in the age to come.
22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all
things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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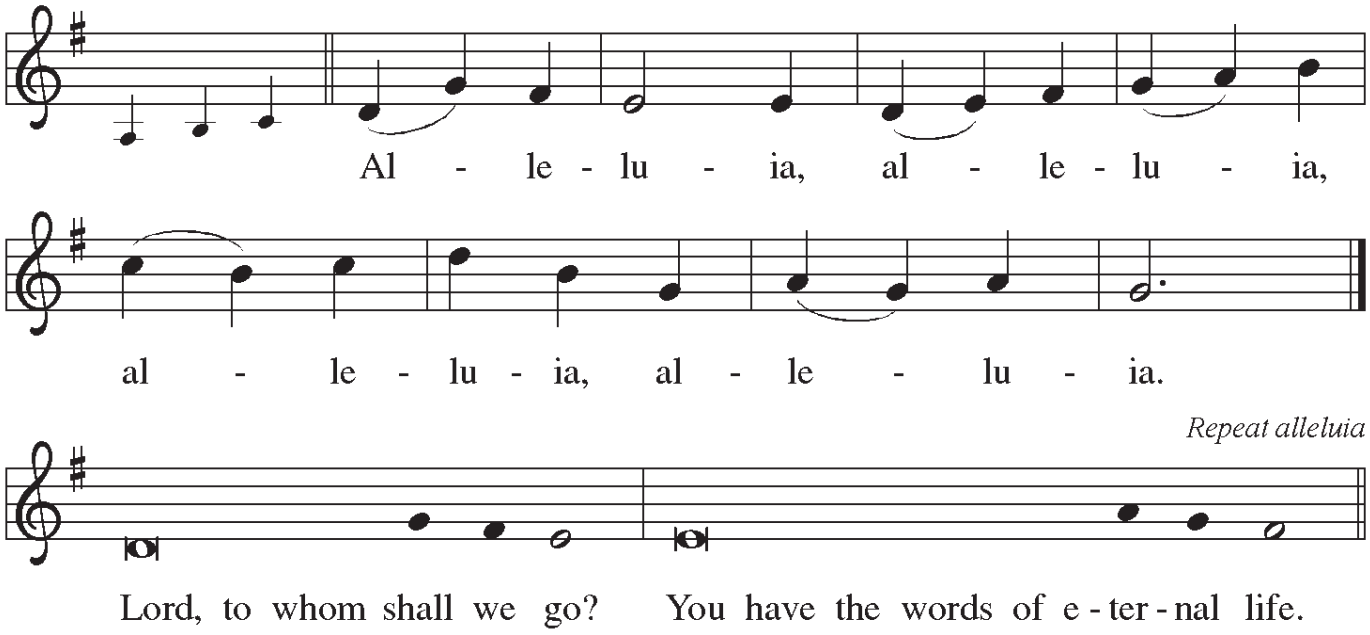
Gospel Acclamation



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

Jesus said to the disciples: 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all
the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations
will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his
right hand and the goats at the left.
34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed
by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the
world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and
you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and
you visited me.'
37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you
hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And
when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave
you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited
you?'
40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of
the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'
41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart
from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was
hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to
drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not
give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also
will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger

or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'
46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon Sarah Halstead, Manager of Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Community & Faith Partnerships

Hymn O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us #431

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.

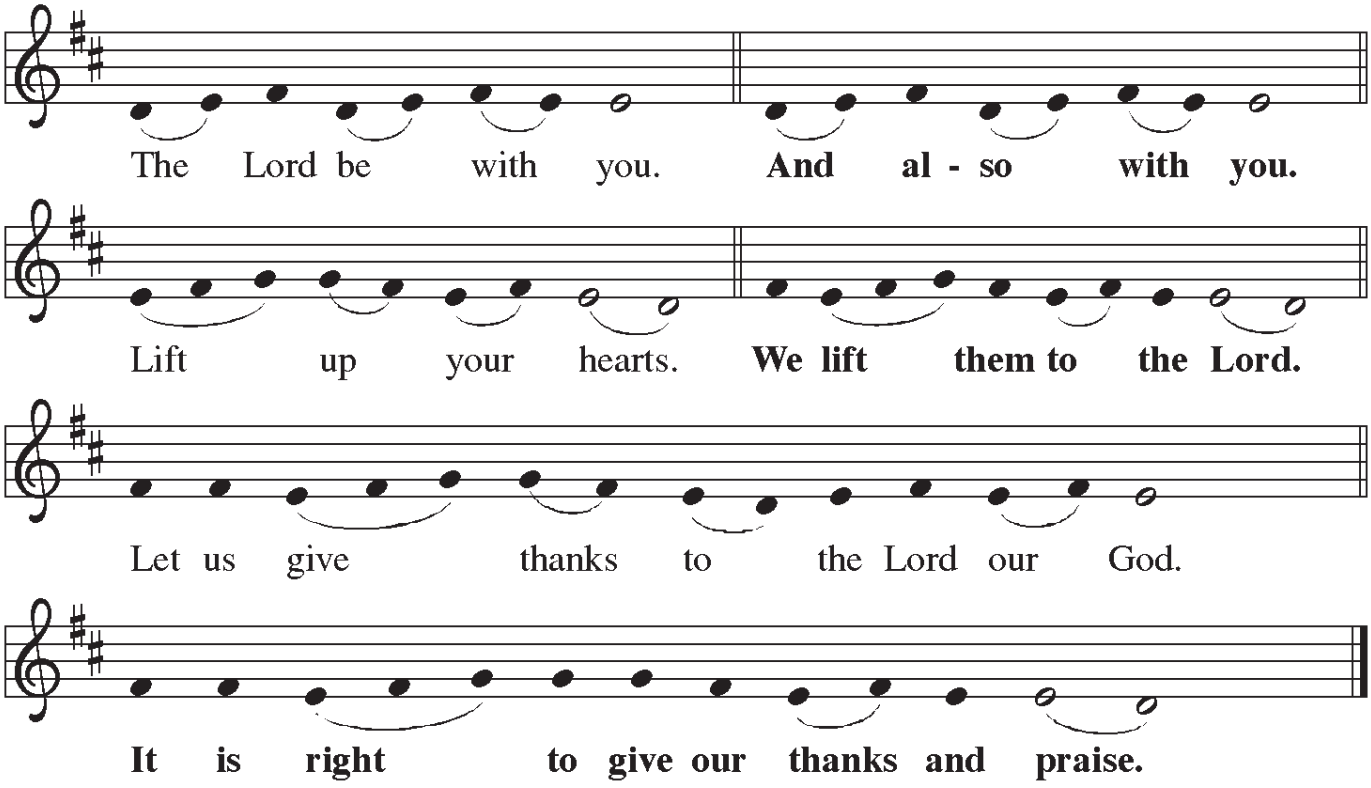
Peace

Meal

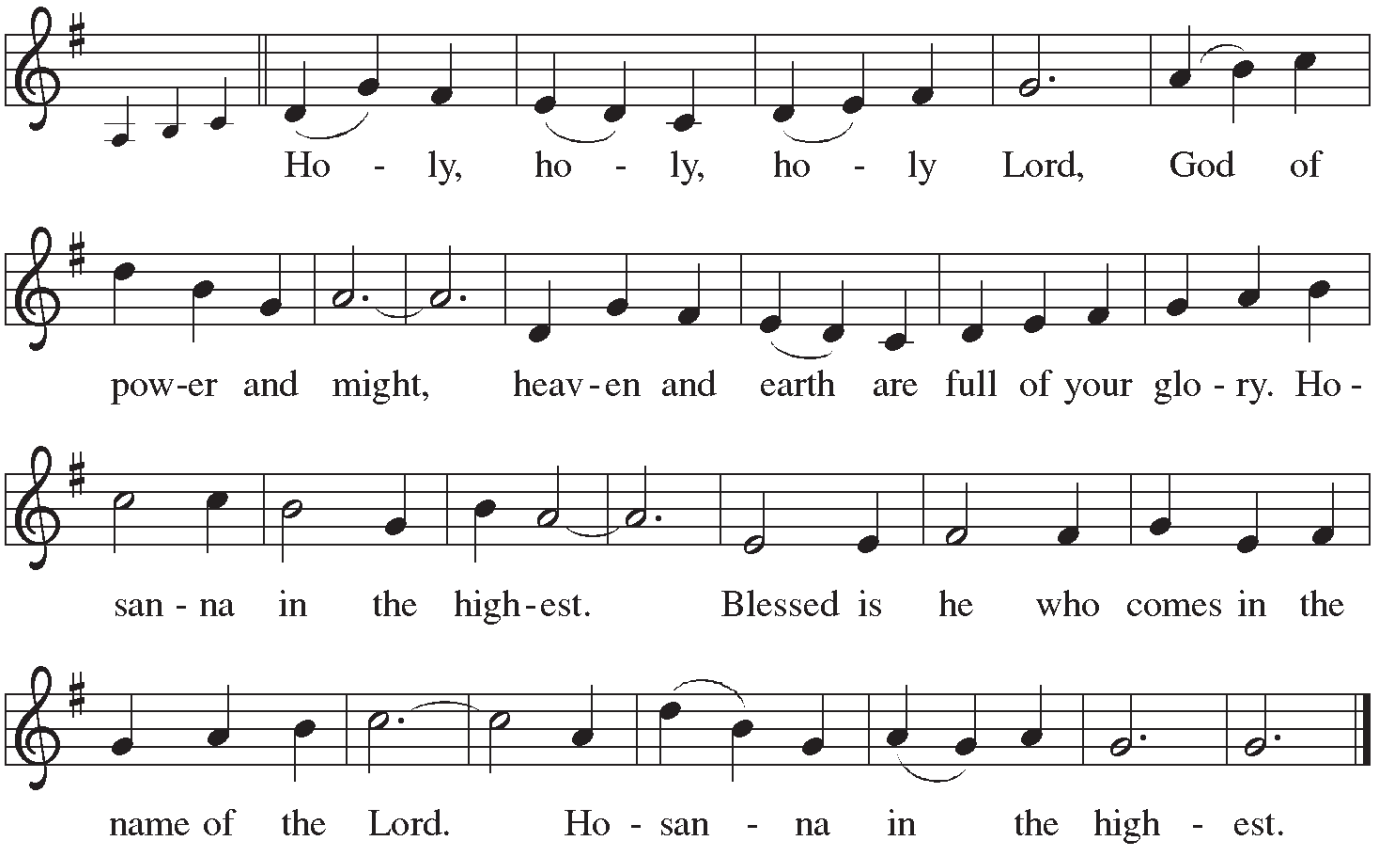
Offering Oh, Worship the King *Robert Hobby*

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

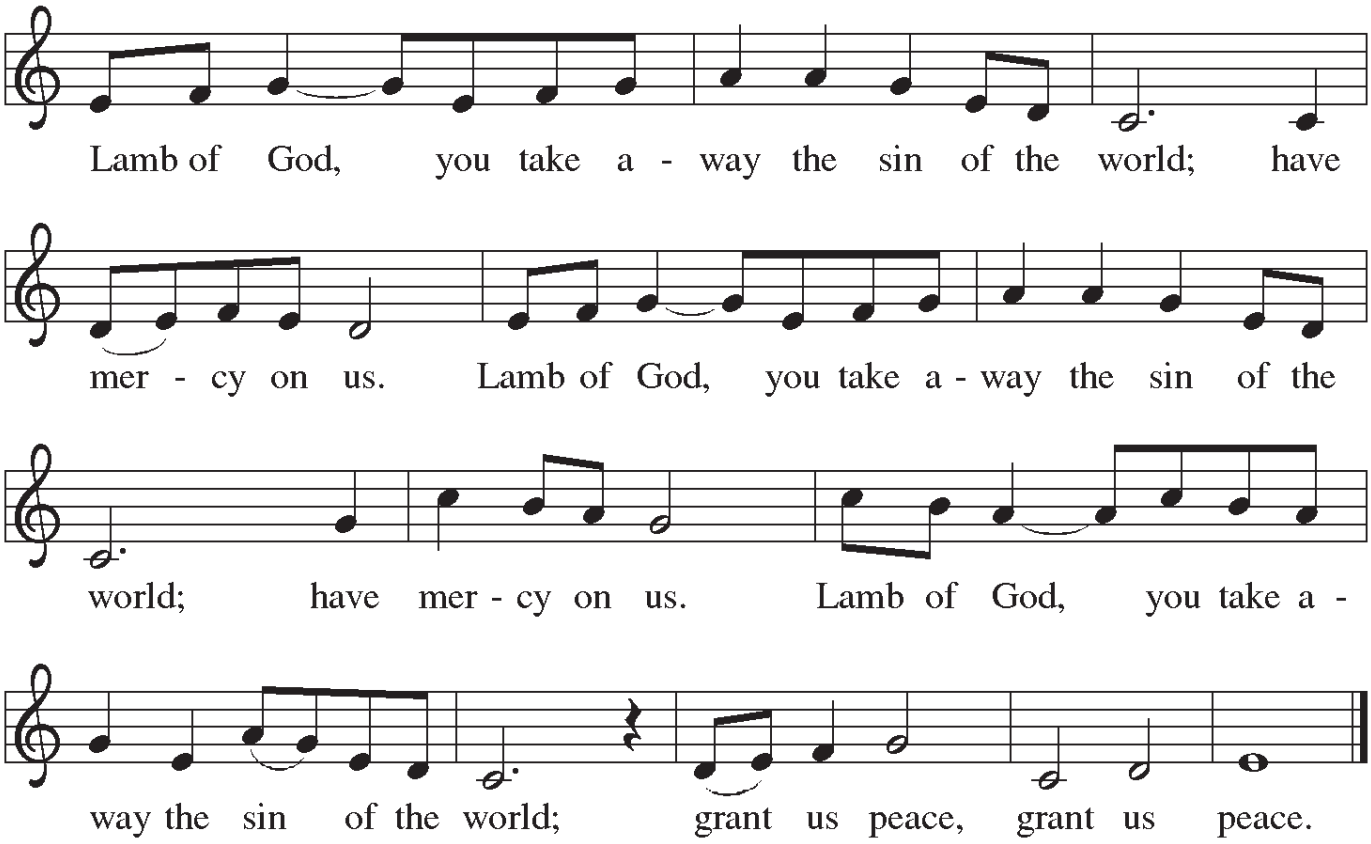
Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (sing)

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 debts
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Communion

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



Music during Distribution Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven — Robert Hobby

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 Now Thank We All Our God — #840

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

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 657 — J. S. Bach

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pacibells Director: Karen Lionberger

Weekly Calendar

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

Monday
Scouts – 6pm

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

Wednesday
Crafters – 9am
Text Study – 12noon
AA meeting – 7pm
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

Thursday
Thanksgiving
Alfred Nobel establishes the Nobel Prizes in his will – 1895
ADRC – Strong Bodies – 1pm
Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

Sunday (29th)
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

Thanksgiving Closing

The staff will be on vacation the week of Thanksgiving with the exception of Pastor Phil who will be available Monday to Wednesday, 10am to 2pm. We will return to our normal rhythms on Monday, November 30th. Thank you for understanding.

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.



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.

Lutheran Social Services

Today we welcome a special guest from Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan (LSS) to our worship. Sarah Halstead, Manager of Community & Faith Partnerships, will give the sermon this morning. Like many, her personal story includes having family members adopted through LSS, witnessing the life-changing support of LSS when mental health or substance use disorders affect families, and growing up in Lutheran congregations in Wisconsin that support LSS. Our congregation and members support the ministry of LSS through prayer and financial support. This morning we will hear the impact of that support, and how this ministry touches over 30,000 lives each year. After the service she will also present an overview of the many things that LSS does in our name.

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
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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.

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

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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