

# Welcome to Worship

Grace Lutheran Church  
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To glorify God, to grow in faith,  
to give in service, together in Christ



**October 29, 2023**  
**Reformation**  
**Sunday**  
**8 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor**  
**Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music**  
**Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator**  
**Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director**

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace: Jesus Christ sets us free to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

**Prelude: Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring**  
*(Trumpet & Organ)*

**J. S. Bach**

*Please stand and face the font.*

**GATHERING**

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

**C. To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. 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.**



Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection*

Most merciful God,

**C. 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.**

P. 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.**

# GATHERING HYMN: A Mighty Fortress (Bells, Youth Chimes, and Trumpet)

ELW 504

## Greeting

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

## Hymn of Praise

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| 1 | Glory be to God in heaven;<br>peace, goodwill to all the earth.<br>Mighty God of all creation,<br>Father of surpassing worth:<br>we exalt you, we adore you,<br>we lift high our thanks and praise.<br>Saints and angels bow before you;<br>here on earth our songs we raise. |   | on the cross you died to save us;<br>now you reign at God's right hand.<br>Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;<br>in your promise firm we stand.   |
| 2 | Glory be to Christ forever,<br>Lamb of God and Lord of love.<br>Son of God and gracious Savior,<br>you have come from heav'n above;   | 3 | Holy One we now acclaim you;<br>Lord alone, to you we call;<br>Holy One in faith we name you,<br>throned on high, yet near to all:<br>Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,<br>in the Father's splendor bright.<br>For the peace that we inherit,<br>glory be to God on high! |

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo"

## Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18



<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be

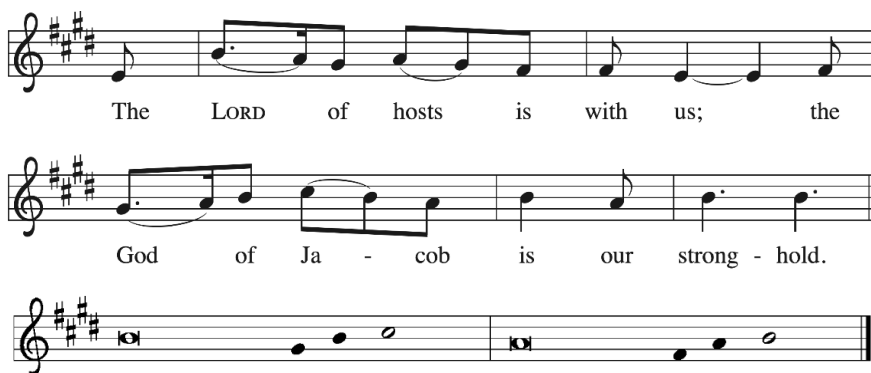
holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 46



<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
a very present | help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,**  
**what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**  
<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;  
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the | shields with fire.  
<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that | I am God;**  
**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth.”**  
<sup>11</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
 the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. **R**

## SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-46**

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew, the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup>“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”

<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON: Faith Comes First, then Love Follows**

**Pastor Nancy Raabe**

**HYMN of the DAY: The Church of Christ, in Every Age**

**ELW 729**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

P. Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

**C. 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

To the petition “God of grace,” please respond “hear our prayer.”

## GREETING OF THE PEACE

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

*We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. Please be generous – all that we do is possible only because of you. Thank you!*

## Music at the Offering: (10:30 Choir) Psalm 139

*Lord, You have searched me and known me,  
You know everything I do.  
When I rise up, when I lie down,  
You are with me, through and through.  
Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say,  
Your presence follows me day by day.  
Where can I flee from Your spirit? Where can I go to run away?  
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, You are there.  
Search me, O God, and know me; Try me and know my heart.  
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen*



Allen Pote

*Please stand.*

## OFFERTORY



## OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to you, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

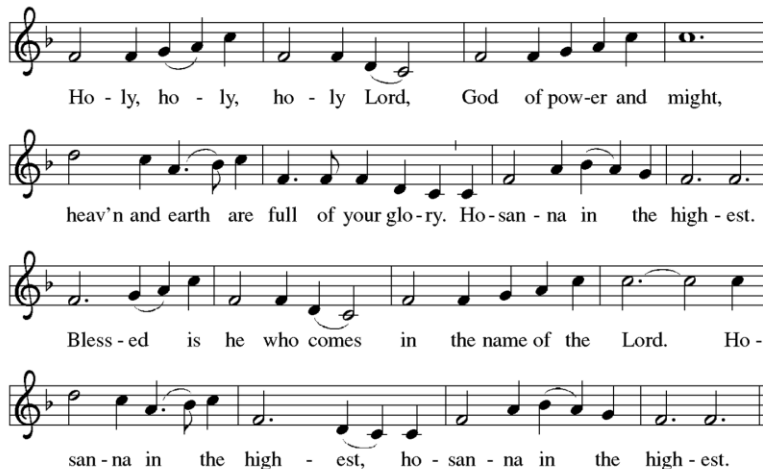
P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...





P. Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father....

In the night in which he was betrayed....

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C. Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C. Our Father, who art in heaven....**

## **COMMUNION HYMN:**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P. Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

*Please be seated.*

*Our communion bread is gluten-free. Cups in the outer circles of the communion tray contain red wine, and those in the center contain white grape juice. Please follow the usher's directions.*

## **LAMB OF GOD**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C. Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray.

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet. In Jesus' name we pray. **C. Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand.*

## BLESSING

P. The blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **C. Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN: Rejoice the Lord is King      Tune: Darwall's 148th



1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king-dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

## DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.    **C. Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Voluntary in D**  
*(Will Shaffer, Trumpet)*

**John Stanley**

**Virtual Pipe Organ:** Romsey Abbey. JW Walker organ, located in the town of Romsey in Hampshire, UK. This virtual organ was recently recorded and produced by Richard McVeigh for Beauty in Sound Co.

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## Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe  
Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney  
Lector: 8:00am, P. Schmidt; 10:30am, K. Stawasz  
Ushers: 8:00am, P. Schmidt & D. Capanear;  
10:30am, J. Snyder & C. Tula  
Communion Asst: 8:00am, B. Schmidt;  
10:30am, K. Stawasz  
Altar Guild: 8:00am, J. Detweiler;  
10:30 am, B. Hess & S. Weiland  
Acolyte: 8:00am, Usher; 10:30am, K. Stawasz  
Coffee Hour: Bruce Schmidt  
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00am, TBD;  
10:30am, Sue Wieland  
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### **Micah 3:5-12**

*Judgment upon corrupt rulers*

### **Psalms 43**

*Send out your light and truth, that they may lead me*

### **1 Thessalonians 2:9-13**

*The apostle's teaching accepted as God's word*

### **Matthew 23:1-12**

*All who humble themselves will be exalted*

**COFFEE HOUR** is served in **FELLOWSHIP HALL** each Sunday following our services. Please join us for coffee, tasty snacks and conversation. Also, the nursery is available for parents and children; please make use of the "Busy Bags" for young children.



**Pastoral Care** If you are ill, seeking pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe through the office. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses, hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the joys in your life.

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