For the
PILLARS
of the
EARTH
are the
LORD's.

1 Samuel 2:8 ESV

Last Sunday of the Church Year † November 22, 2026

# THE OPENING

*Today's service follows Setting 2 from the Worship Supplement 2000 p.12ff.*

*Note: We thank Mr. Eli Wales for conducting our service today!*
*Pastor Naumann is out of town this weekend but will return Tuesday.*

## Greeting and Prayer

## Hymn LSB 793 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

## The Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

**C** **Amen!**

## The Confession and Absolution of Sins

*We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children**.** But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy

*We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy on us.***
***Christ, have mercy on us.***
***Lord, have mercy on us.***

## Glory to God in the Highest

*A hymn glorifying and praising our God.*

♪ C ***Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;***
***Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.***
***We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,***
***Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,***
***You bore for us the load of this world's sin.***
***O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,***
***Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.***

***Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,***
***At God's right hand in majesty most high:***
***Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,***
***With all the heav'nly host we glorify.***

## The Prayer for the Day

*The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.*

P Let us pray… through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



# The Scripture

**Epistle Reading:** *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27] For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. [28] When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

**Responsive Reading:** *Psalm 90 Selected Verses*

**P** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C** **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

**P** You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**C** **For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

**P** The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

**C** **Yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

**P** So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**C** **Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

**P** Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,

**C** **And establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!**



## **Gospel Reading:** *Luke 21:25-28*

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, [26] people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [27] And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. [28] Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

[P] Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

♪ [C] ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***
***These words are written that we may believe***
***that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.***
***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*We boldly confess what we believe.*

[C] **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Hymn LSB 549** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

# The Sermon

**Sermon Reading:** *1 Samuel 2:1-10*

And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. [2] "There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. [3] Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. [4] The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. [5] Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. [6] The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. [7] The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. [8] He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. [9] "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. [10] The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed."

## Theme: THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH ARE THE LORD'S

I. The LORD is exclusive and unique.
II. The LORD brings low and lifts up.
III. The LORD protects and provides for His saints.

*Sermon written by Professor Paul Naumann (lutheransermons.org)*

# The Response

## The Offertory

*Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

♪ C ***Create in me a clean heart,***
***O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***
***Cast me not away from Your presence.***
***Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.***
***Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.***
***Uphold with Your Spirit free.***

**Hymn LSB 855:1,6,3-4** *For All the Faithful Women*

## The Offering of Thankful Hearts

*In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.*

## Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

*We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.*

C **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.**

## The Benediction

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto yo
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ C ***Amen, Amen, Amen!***

**Closing Hymn LSB 692** *Praise to You and Adoration*

# WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- **If you are looking for a church home,** ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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# The Announcements

**Thank you** to Mr. Eli Wales for conducting today's worship service and to Mr. Kevin Hulke for leading this morning's Bible Class. Pastor Naumann is deer hunting with family in Wisconsin. He will return on Tuesday, God willing.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service:** This Wednesday Nov. 25 at 7:00 pm, we will hold our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to thank our gracious God for all that He has given us! *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so! Psalm 107:1-2*

**Sanctuary Committee Rendering:** A new rendering from the sanctuary committee is displayed on the table in the narthex. The new design depicts the committee's recommendation for the update to the front of the sanctuary. This week, the committee will begin soliciting comments from the congregation about the design. Please keep this in your prayers as we seek a God-pleasing plan for the interior of His house at Grace!

**Consider Donating a Field Trip:** BRIDGE is gathering a list of possible field trips for the remainder of the school year. More funding is needed. Please consider donating! You can "gift a field trip" by covering the entire cost of one trip (~$200-$250) or simply donate any amount. If you feel so moved, please write a check to "Grace Lutheran School" with the memo: BRIDGE Field Trip. Checks (or cash) can be given directly to Principal Hein. Thank you!

**CLC Midwest Women's Retreat:** Grace Lutheran Church is pleased to host the 2027 Midwest Women's Retreat, April 23–25, at Banquets of Minnesota in Fridley. Annette Kuehne is serving as one of this year's planners. Register at: www.womensretreat.clclutheran.net/midwest-womens-retreat. Theme: "Planted in the House of the Lord" (Psalm 92:12-14). Cost: $100 before February 15. If cost is a concern, please contact Annette. Financial assistance is available through the Dorcas Guild and the Midwest Women's Retreat. We hope all the ladies of Grace will join us for a wonderful time of growing in God's Word and enjoying fellowship with our sisters in Christ!

**CLC Call News:** Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane, Spokane, WA, has **received** the call to Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI, has **received** the call to St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Chad Seybt of the Western Wisconsin Quad-Parish, has **received** the call to Trinity, Watertown, SD, & Zion, Hidewood Township, SD

## Serving Us † Today

*A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10*

| *Organist:* Sue Nelson | *Church Cleaners*: Volunteer? |
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| *Usher Team 1*: Gary Gunther, Daniel Hein, Bob Maki, Bill Rust, David Stifter, Jeff Stifter, Joel Stifter | *Counting Team 2*: Dan Degnan, Rick Nelson, Bill Rust, Bob Vandeveer |

## Serving Us † Thanksgiving Eve

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| *Organist:* Steve Kuehne | *Church Cleaners*: Volunteer? |
| *Usher Team 5*: Larry Nelson, Dave Rust, Larry Nelson, Benno Sydow | *Counting Team 2*: Dan Degnan, Rick Nelson, Bill Rust, Bob Vandeveer |

## Serving Us † Next Sunday

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| *Organist:* Jan Davis | *Church Cleaners*: Volunteer? |
| *Usher Team 1*: Gary Gunther, Daniel Hein, Bob Maki, Bill Rust, David Stifter, Jeff Stifter, Joel Stifter | *Counting Team 3*: Gary Gunther, Roger Ochsner, Al Rosendahl, Benno Sydow |

## Upcoming † Calendar

*If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15*

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| **Wed. 11/25** | 12:00pm | Grace School Thanksgiving Break Begins |
| | 7:00pm | Thanksgiving Eve Service |
| **Sun. 11/29** | 8:30am | Choir Practice |
| | 9:00am | Bible Class / Sunday School |
| | 10:00am | Sunday Worship Service (1st Sunday in Advent) |
| | 11:00am | Outreach Committee Meeting |
| **Wed. 12/2** | 7:00pm | 1st Midweek Advent Service |
| **Sun. 12/6** | 11:15am | Christmas Eve Practice |
| **Fri. 12/18** | 2:00pm | Grace School Christmas Concert at Northtown Mall |

## In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

*Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18*

**Dawn Flesner's** husband, **Todd**, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Severity of the diagnosis is still unknown. **Benno Sydow** has been in and out of the hospital with severe urology issues. **Barb Sydow** is home recovering from a heart infection. **Cindy Bruckbauer** remains mostly homebound due to a chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to a chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Max Milbrandt and Julianna Hein** are engaged to be married in May 2027. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

## Our Response † to the Gospel

*God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

***Attendance 11/15:*** Worship = 100 <> Bible Class = 45 <> Sunday School = 19

**Offering numbers below are from 11/15/26**

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| Weekly Offering: | Grace: | 4,591 | CLC: | 1,245 | QR Code for Online Giving: | | |
| Weekly Need (est) | Grace: | 5,400 | CLC | 1,440 | | | |
| -Under/+Over | Grace: | -809 | CLC | -195 | | | |
| Year-to-date Offering | Grace: | 239,103 | CLC: | 71,686 | | | |
| Year-to-date Need | Grace: | 243,000 | CLC: | 64,800 | | | |
| Difference from Budget (+/-) | Grace: | -3897 | CLC: | 6886 | | | |
| GLC Other: | - | Living Faith: | - | Tuition Aid: | 25 | Sanctury: | 125 |
| SAF Endowment: | - | MDF: | - | Kinship: | 287 | EduK8: | 200 |
| ILC Student Aid: | - | ILC Bldg.: | - | IIF: | - | CEF: | - |
| CLC Nepal | - | | | | | | |
| Current Balances: | | Tuition Aid: | 1,285 | Sanctuary: | 23,434 | | |