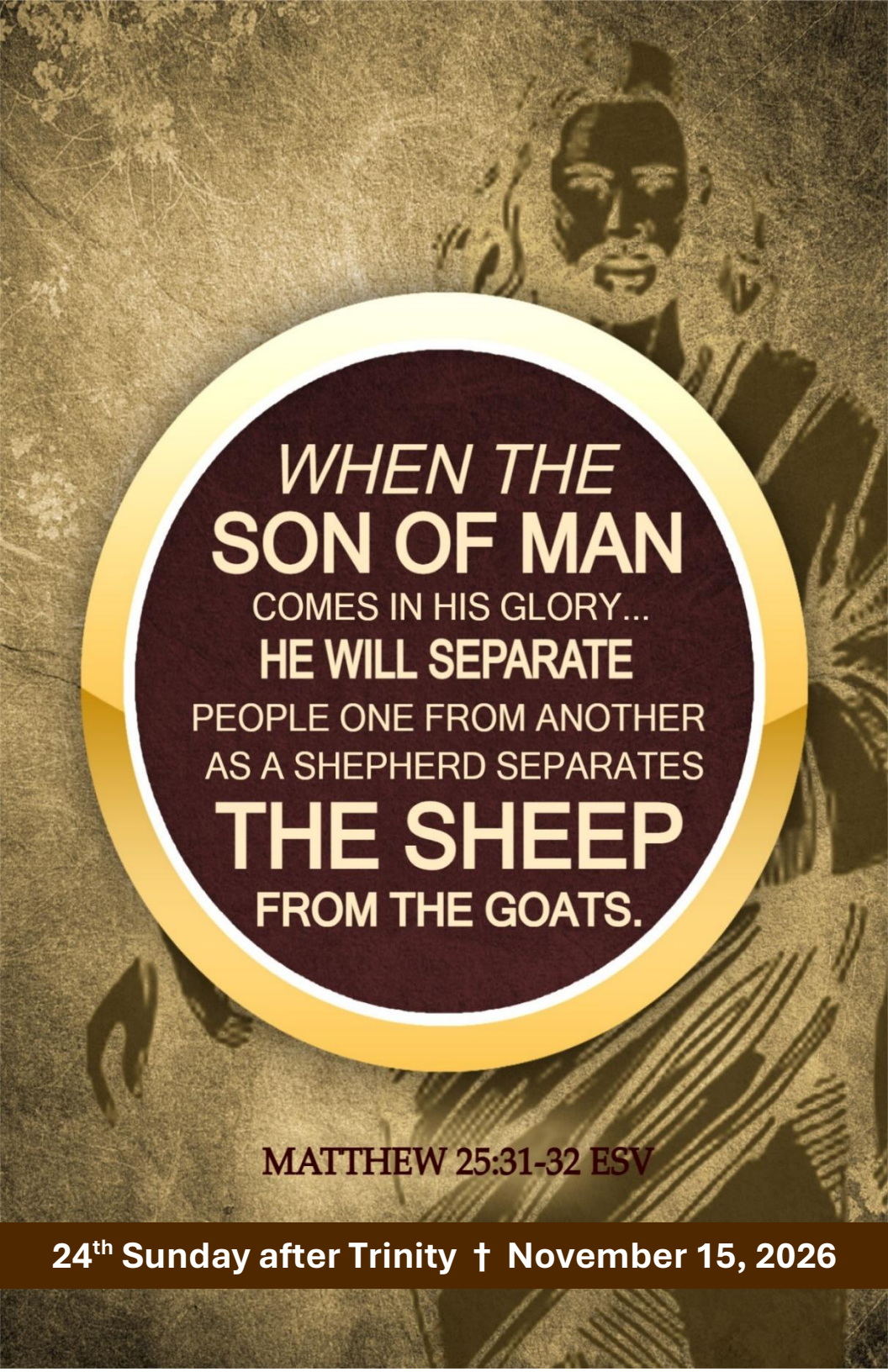


24th Sunday after Trinity † November 15, 2026

The Opening

Today's service follows Setting 1 from the Worship Supplement 2000 p.1ff.

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn LSB 509 *Christ Is Surely Coming*

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 Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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 in the highest,***
and peace to all people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

Old Testament Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. [12] As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. [13] And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . .

Antiphonal Psalm: *Psalm 121* *(Worship Supplement p.42)*

Epistle Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4] But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5] For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6] So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7] For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]

who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11] Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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.

Grace School Choir: *Moon and Sun*

1 Moon and sun, sky and wind, And flowers and children are made by God.
Heaven and earth are the LORD's. LORD, our God, we will thank You.

[Refrain]: LORD, we thank You, LORD, we praise You,
LORD, God, we sing Your holy name!

2 Jesus, God's Son, died on a cross, For all, for us, He lives today.
Yes, He is here; Yes, He is here. LORD, our God, we will thank You. [Refrain]

3 Comforter good, Bringer of life, Holy and strong, Teacher from God:
Keep us in faith, day after day, LORD, our God, we will thank You. [Refrain]

Hymn LSB 540:1,4-6 *Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*

The Sermon

Sermon Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with
him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered
all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a
shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the
sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to
those on his right, '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 drink, I was
a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I
was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37
Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you
hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we
see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And
when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will
answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these
my brothers, you did it to me.' 41 "Then he will say to those on his left,
'Depart from me, you cursed, 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 no drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and
you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when
did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in
prison, and did not minister to you?' 45 Then he will answer them, saying,
'Truly, I say to you, 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."

Theme: I JUST CAN'T WAIT FOR JUDGMENT DAY!

Summary: *Jesus gives His disciples a clear description of the Final Judgment on the Last Day. All people will be judged based on righteousness. Christians can look forward to Judgment Day because we know that the verdict of our righteousness is by faith in Christ alone. Our good works toward our neighbor are evidence of our salvation, not its cause. Judgment Day will be a day of joy because there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We will enter God's kingdom and inherit eternal life.*

(See insert for Sermon Study Questions)

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 508:1,3,5-7 *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

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 748 *I'm But a Stranger Here*

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

Hospitality today is being hosted by Team B. All are invited after service for light refreshments and fellowship! (Hospitality is held on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month; next up is Team C on November 29).

Thanksgiving Eve Service: On 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. Next 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!

Immanuel Mankato School Play: All are invited to attend Immanuel Mankato Drama Club's presentation of "Shakespeare Unbound", November 2022. Friday and Saturday shows are "Dessert Theatre" and tickets are $5. See the bulletin board in the narthex for a poster with more information.

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: Janelle Hein	*Church Cleaners*: Naumann
Usher Team 1: Gary Gunther, Daniel Hein, Bob Maki, Bill Rust, David Stifter, Jeff Stifter, Joel Stifter	*Counting Team 1*: Dale Enns, Larry Nelson, Phil Radichel, Dave Rust

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Sue Nelson	*Church Cleaners*: Volunteer?
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

Upcoming † Calendar

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

Today	11:15am	Hospitality (Team B)
Wed. 11/18	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study (Galatians)
Sun. 11/22	8:30am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Sunday Worship Service (Layservice: Eli Wales)
Wed. 11/25	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sun. 11/29	11:00am	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed. 12/2	7:00pm	1st Midweek Advent Service

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. **Ed Lentz** is at home recovering from a heady injury from a fall. **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 11/8: Worship = 91 <> Bible Class = 40 <> Sunday School = 14
Midweek Bible Study (11/11) = 30

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	4,591	CLC:	1,245			
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		

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Sermon Study Questions

(Matthew 25:31-46: I JUST CAN'T WAIT FOR JUDGMENT DAY!)

How would knowing the result of a future court date change the way you felt about it and the way you lived your life?

What subject is this sermon text NOT dealing with?

Describe the surrounding context of our sermon text:

Date:

Location:

Audience:

Jesus is NOT saying that on Judgment Day we will be saved by our works. What is He saying?

On Judgment Day, what will be the standard of Christ's judgment?

Where is the gospel (good news of salvation) in our text?

How is a person saved? (John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 3:21; Eph 1:3-4)

What is the verdict of your righteousness based upon?

With what words from the cross did Jesus pronounce your verdict?

How does this good news of righteousness by grace through faith in Christ change the way that you live your life?

What good works in our text can serve as good evidence of salvation?

In your own words, why do you have good reason to say: I just can't wait for Judgment Day?