

Grace Lutheran Church 11am Traditional Worship Sunday, November 2, 2025

Our mission at Grace is to invite and welcome all to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.



In Holy Baptism, God makes saints out of sinners. In Holy Communion, God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today, we give thanks for all the saints who have gone before us in faith, and we remember them in love. This rite reminds us that in Holy Baptism, God unites all the faithful into one holy, catholic, and apostolic church: the church on earth, and the church in heaven. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory. *(From "Sundays and Seasons", Augsburg Fortress).*

We are glad you are with us for worship today, and to give thanks for the grace, mercy and hope offered to us in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. **We offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.**

Children are welcome in worship at Grace! The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! There is a Children's Corner in the sanctuary and, if needed, a nursery off the lobby.

Your bulletin contains an outline of our worship service, **and additional portions will be projected onto the screens up front.**

**At Grace, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week.
All are welcome at the Table.**

We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for Communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Gluten-free bread is available, just ask when you come forward. A Communion Assistant will be on either side, with a tray containing cups of both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)**. Please place your empty cup in the bowl as you return to your seat after you commune. If coming forward for Communion is a difficulty for you, for any reason, please remain in your seat, and we will bring the Meal to you.

For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune. When we come to the Meal portion of the service, you're invited to share the bread and wine, saying: This is the body of Christ, given for you; and this is the blood of Christ, shed for you, as you commune yourself, and/or others.

Again, welcome to worship!

GATHERING ~ The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

⌘ See Screens

PRELUDE

“Song of Remembrance”

Bill Cain

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

⌘ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GATHERING HYMN

“For All the Saints” vv.1 – 3, 6,7

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⌘ GREETING & SONG OF PRAISE ~ “O When the Saints”

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⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD ~ God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING

Daniel 7.1 – 3, 15 – 18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people. And we read:

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever – forever and ever.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

⌘ PSALM 149

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1.11 – 23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ. And we read:

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him, you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

⌘ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Luke 6.20 – 31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. And we read:

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you;
²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

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⌘ LITANY & THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

At this time, you are invited to share a sign of that peace, one with another.

MEAL ~ God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“The Lord My God My Shepherd Is”

Lani Smith

OFFERING *The Offering Basket is located at the back of the sanctuary for your convenience.*

⌘ OFFERTORY RESPONSE

v.1 of “Thank You Lord” x2

(ACS 1092)

1 Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,
Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

⌘ OFFERING PRAYER

⌘ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.' The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has two measures: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff has two measures: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes with slurs.

The presiding minister continues with the Proper Preface:

It is indeed right... unending hymn:

⌘ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

⌘ LORD'S PRAYER

⌘ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

⌘ BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS

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Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation is in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff has two measures: 'Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.' The second staff has two measures: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The third staff has two measures: 'Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.' The fourth staff has two measures: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes with slurs.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Shall We Gather at the River”
“I Received the Living God”*

**ELW 423
ELW 477**

✠ BLESSING

✠ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING ~ God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. _____

✠ BLESSING

SENDING SONG

“For All Your Saints, O Lord”

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✠ DISMISSAL

Do not lose heart. Go in peace. **We will! Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

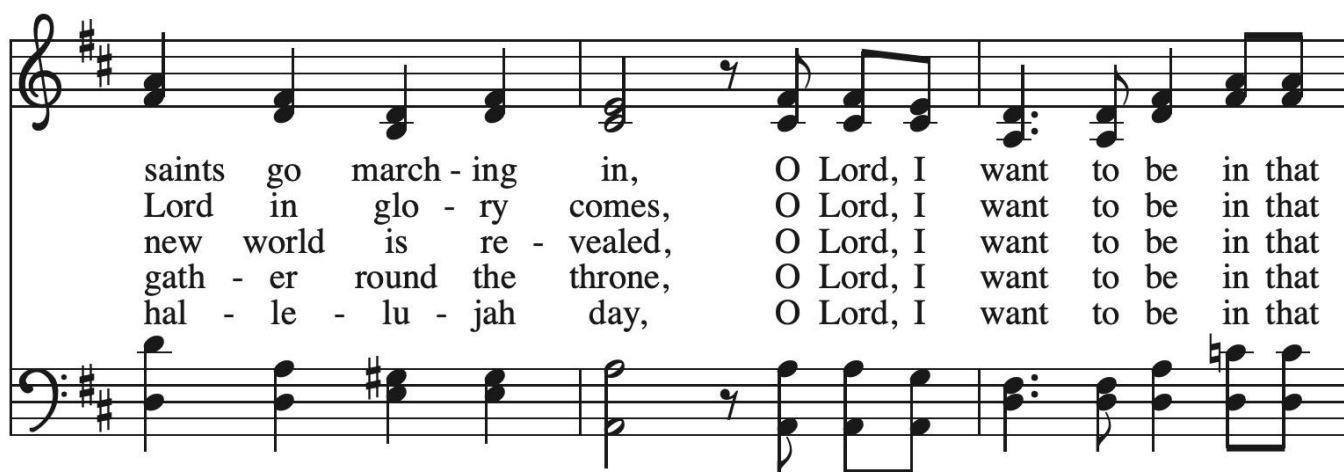
“We’re Marching to Zion”

Robert Lowry

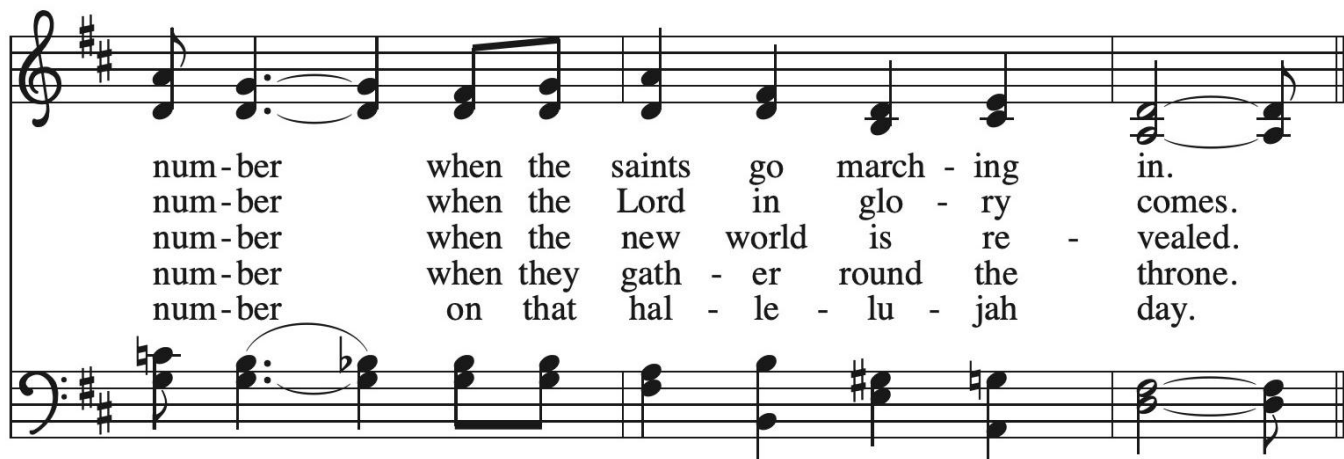
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1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
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LITANY AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS, 2025 *(the assembly is seated)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.
Alleluia.

Now, we lift up those saints dear to us, who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year:

Wayne Arnold	Gerald "Jerry" Hayman	Ivy Reinholtzen
Kathy Hudson Austin	Mary Holden	Carol Schroeder
Clifford "Tinker" Barber	Donald Jahns	Bobby Slade
Shelby Brustuen	Janet Lee Kranz	Mary Lou Snider
Elizabeth Burton	Nancy Stephen Lamphere	Jackie Sweat
Larry Cribbs	Deborah (Cardone) Locke	Seija Taipale
April Joy Denny	James Mackey	Savane Jalen Tanksley
Eldon Eckard	Roberta (McHenry) Miller	Pastor Joe Tursi
Patricia "Trish" England	King Morea	Katheryn M. Vandervest
Bobby Ferrell, Jr.	Robert Odell	Edward Michael Vertuno, Jr.
Marilyn Marie Firehammer	Kristin Okerlund	Eleanor Was
Gerald "Jerry" Gill	Jackie Tuma Pirollo	Jim Wharton
	Darwin Zeinert	

Let us pray:

O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our sisters and brothers, who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints, we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**