



Prelude & Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

*P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts
that confess our sins to God,*

S2: that earnestly ask for forgiveness

*S3: and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior
Jesus the Christ.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

P: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

P: Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have
offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I
devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In
your boundless grace and compassion send me your
Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and
made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.**

*P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of
steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command
of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all*

your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

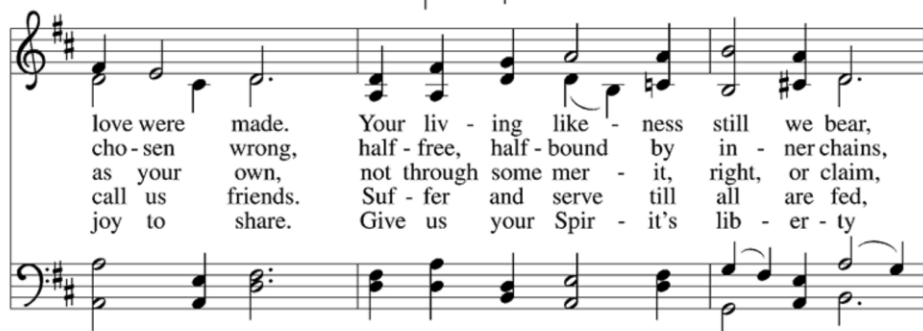
Entrance Hymn

Great God your Love

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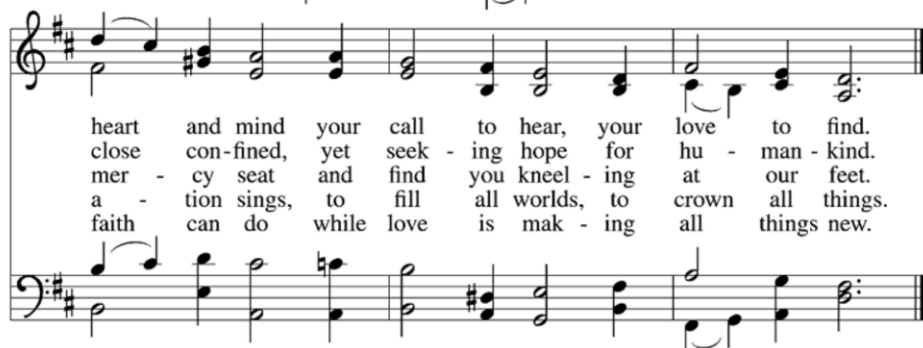
1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: 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.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2

Refrain

S 121



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



Prayer of the Day

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

P: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare His faithfulness from age to age for all time.

P: We hear and keep His Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, You gave Your Commandments to Your people in order to make them distinct and that they would know what pleases You. Open our ears to hear and understand the wisdom of Your teaching so that we will always praise you with the things we choose to do. Amen.

LESSON

Exodus 20

God Speaks the 10 Commandments

Then God spoke all these words:

I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you are not to have other gods in my presence.

You are not to make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You are not to bow down to them, you are not to serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the

third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You are not to take up the name of Yahweh your God for emptiness, for Yahweh will not clear him that takes up his name for emptiness.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You are not to murder.

You are not to commit adultery.

You are not to steal.

You are not to bear false witness against your neighbor.

You are not to covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people were seeing the thunder-sounds, the flashing-torches, the shofar sound, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of God in you so that you do not sin."

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm

Psalm 19

*The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims the Lord's handiwork.*

**Day to day p'ours forth speech,
and night to night d'clares knowledge.**

*There is no speech, nor áre there words;
their voice ís not heard;*

**yet their voice goes out through áll the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

*In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom from his w'edding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its c'ourse with joy.*

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the énd of them;
and nothing is hid f'rom its heat.**

*The law of the Lord is perfect, revíving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wíse the simple;*

**the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoíc'ing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlighten'ing the eyes;**

*the fear of the Lord is pure, endur'ing forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous áltogether.*

**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than m'uch fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and the drippings of the honeycomb.**

*Moreover by them is your s'ervant warned;
in keeping them there is g'reat reward.*

**But who can detect their errors?
Clear me from h'idden faults.**

*Keep back your servant also f'rom the insolent;
do not let them have dominion óver me.*

**Then I s'hall be blameless,
and innocent of g'reat transgression.**

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptáble to you, O Lord, my rock and m'y redeemer.*

Lesson

1 John 2

Now by this we may be sure that we know God, if we obey God's commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know God," but does not obey God's commandments is a liar and in such a person the truth does not exist. But whoever obeys God's word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in Christ: whoever says "I abide in Christ" ought to walk just as he walked.

Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment but, an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in Christ and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, "I am in the light," while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness.

Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. . .

Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world--the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches--comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live forever.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Verse

ELW Setting 3_S 142a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 22

When the theology students and the political Herodians had left Jesus, amazed at the wisdom of God in Jesus's answer to their question about the lawfulness of paying the tax to Cesear and the Sadducees were stymied by Jesus' answer to their trick question about the resurrection . . . those Pharisees, hearing that he had silenced the Sadducees, gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked, testing Jesus, "Teacher, which commandment is greatest in The Law?"

But He said to him, " 'You will love the Lord your God in the entirety of your heart, and in the entirety of your life, and in the entirety of your mind.' [Dt 6:5 the Shema]. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You will love your neighbor as yourself.' [Lev 19:18] In these two commandments the entirety of the law hangs, and the prophets."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

We are Called

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1 Come! Live in the light!	Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart!	Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song!	Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called	to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called	to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign,	and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom	of the cit - y	of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness	. . . will be . . .	no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers	. . . u - nit - ed	in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to
 love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -
 oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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 & Passing of the Peace & Offering / Offertory

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

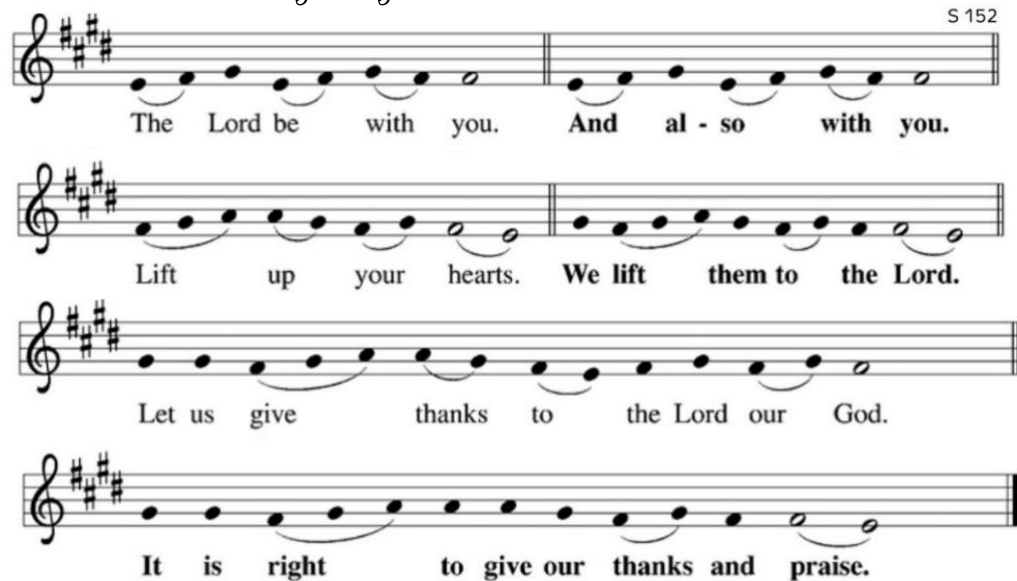
A: Let us Pray

C: God of grace and abundance, we joyfully offer these gifts of thanks for your blessings in our lives. We pray that you find what we bring in this moment to be an acceptable and adequate reflection of our gratitude, that you will continue to look on us as your faithful people, worthy of your favor and beneficence. And with humbleness in the face of our hubris, we beg your forgiveness for our lack of attention, respect and care for all you provide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 3

S 152



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.

P: It is indeed . . .



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

S 144b



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

471, 656, 658, 666



1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to-gether on our knees;



let us break bread to-gether on our knees.
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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by the faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Love Divine, all Loves Excelling

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Today, Grace Lutheran Church welcomes Jessica Grainger, Assoc. Executive Director at the Putnam Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center. She will give a short talk at both services on the Center's overall mission and the services they offer. She will also be available during coffee hour to answer any questions and provide more details of their programs. As October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, this is valuable information for us all.



Sunday, October 18

Christmas Wreath Sale

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Post-Confirmation class meeting

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, October 19

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group Meeting

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club Meeting

Tuesday, October 20

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study in fellowship hall

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

3:00 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid

4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online only

Wednesday, October 21

Annual Report Submissions due to church office

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Club

Saturday, October 24

11:00 a.m. Repair Café in fellowship hall

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Post-Confirmation class meeting

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship



Saturday, October 24th
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
In the fellowship hall

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2026

DROP OFF MONDAY 10/19 TO SUNDAY 10/25

RED FOODS COLLECTION

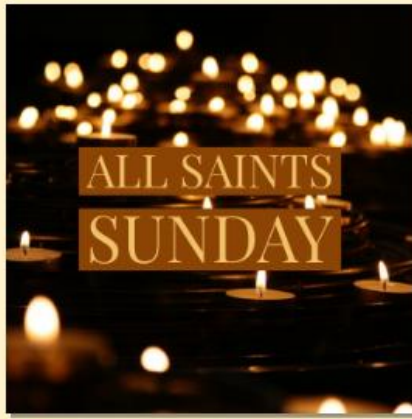
RED ITEMS OR FOODS PACKAGED IN RED

509 IS THE GOAL!

NO ITEMS NEEDING REFRIGERATION, NO FRAGILE PRODUCE

RED POTATOES (IN BAGS)	ONIONS (RED BAGS)	TOMATO SOUP
CANNED BEETS	KETCHUP	MINUTE RICE
CRANBERRY SAUCE	RED PEPPERS	RASHES
RITZ	KIDNEY BEANS	HOT SAUCE
SUN MAID RAISINS	TOMATO SAUCE	CAMPBELLS SOUPS
CHUNKY SOUPS	COLAVITA PASTA	FRIED ONIONS
CHEEZ-IT	DUNCAN HINES MIXES	GRATED CHEESE (RED TOP)
PASTA SAUCE	RED APPLES	BETTY CROCKER FROSTING
STRAWBERRY JAM	CRUSHED TOMATOES	CRANBERRY JUICE

DONATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AT ST. MARY'S MOHEGAN



*Celebrate ...
Commemorate ...
Commend ...*

November 1

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, November 8th



**Annual
Congregational
Meeting**

Sunday, November 15th



Christ the King



*November 22nd
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.*



GRACE
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Thanksgiving
Eve Worship
November 25th
7:30 p.m.



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