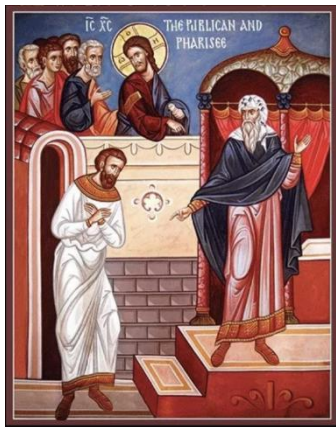




The Stories Jesus Tells

The Pharisee & The Tax Collector in Prayer

"Thank God I'm Me!!"

Pentecost 19

October 19, 2025

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, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

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

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

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

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

A: 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 sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn

Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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



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.



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.



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



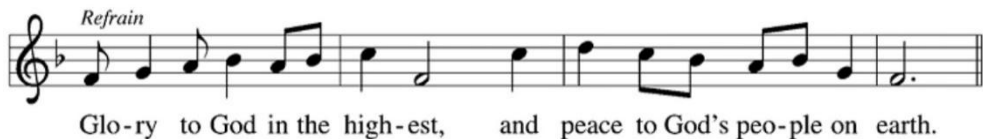
3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Heavenly Father, the stories your Son tells make it clear that you desire that we know and embrace the truth about ourselves at every moment. Fill us with the confidence that we can always bring our authentic self before you. And empower with the discipline and joy of embracing and expressing our real identity as your chosen children. We pray this in the name of the one who humbled himself that we may indeed be exalted, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 58

We ask God, "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why when we humble ourselves, you do not notice?"

And God responds: "Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit each other with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today *will not* make your voice heard on high. Isn't the fast that I really want you to observe a day to humble yourself? Isn't it to bow down your head like a heavy flower, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you really try to call what do a "fast," a day acceptable to the Lord? Isn't the fast that I choose a day: to loosen the bonds of injustice; to untie the heavy burdens of oppression; to let the oppressed go free; and to break apart every unjust rule? Isn't it a day to: share your bread with the hungry; and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them; and not to hide yourself from your own family who is in need? If you observe this kind of fasting, then your light will break out like the dawn, and your healing will spring up quickly, your vindicator will go before you, the glory of the Lord will have your back. Then you may call, and the Lord *will* answer! You will cry for help, and the Lord *will* say, 'Here I am.'

Praise the Lord!

**For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

**The Lord determines the number of the stars;
The Lord gives names to all of them.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

The Lord's understanding is beyond measure.

**The Lord lifts up the humble;
The Lord throws the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre!

**The Lord covers the heavens with clouds;
the Lord prepares rain for the earth;
the Lord makes grass grow on the hills.
the Lord gives food to the animals,
and to the young ravens that cry.**

*The Lord's delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor is the Lord's pleasure in the legs of a human,*

**But the Lord takes pleasure in those giving honor and
respect, in those who hope in God's steadfast love.**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 5

Now as an elder myself, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ - as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed! - I strongly urge the wise and experienced among you to "shepherd the flock of God" not because you feel you are forced to do so, but because you want to do so - not to profit yourself, but for the sake of "the flock" - and not to feel like it is your way to get everyone to do it "your way," but so that you can be a good and faithful example to "the flock." Then, when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

In the same way, those of you who are newer to the community
- respect the authority of those more wise and experienced.

And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your
dealings with one another, for

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

So, then, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so
that God may exalt you in due time. Dump all your anxiety on
God - because God does really care for you! Discipline
yourselves! Keep alert! Your adversary the devil prowls around
like a hungry and roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
Resist that evil! Stay steadfast in your faith!

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Children's Sermon

Verse



Musical notation for the verse "Alleluia". The notation is written on two staves. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The second staff continues the melody: C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (half). The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," are written below the first staff, and "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the second staff. The page number "S124" is in the top right corner.

Gospel Acclamation

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 18

As Jesus was heading to Jerusalem for the last time, he also told a parable to those who were persuading themselves that they are righteous and are despising everyone else this particular parable:

Snce upon a time two men went up into The Temple to pray,
the first was one was a Pharisee – one of the Jewish religious
leaders - and the other was a Tax Collector – a Jew who
collected taxes for the Romans and was despised by his fellow
Jews for doing this work. The Pharisee stands ahead and apart
from everyone else and prays: “God, I give thanks to you, because

I am not like the rest of the people – those who exploit, are not righteous, and are adulterous worshippers of both you and other “gods” - Hey! like that one, the Tax Collector. I fast the Sabbath fast not just once, but twice a week and I give my offering, my tithe – a full 10% - from absolutely everything that comes to me.”

But the tax collector stood behind and far off from everyone else and would not even lift up his eyes toward heaven. He beat his breast, saying, “God, make me reconciled to you – me, who is sinful!”

I tell you, this one, the Tax Collector, was made right with God as he went home – more than that one, the Pharisee. For, everyone exalting themselves will be humbled, but everyone humbling themselves will be exalted."

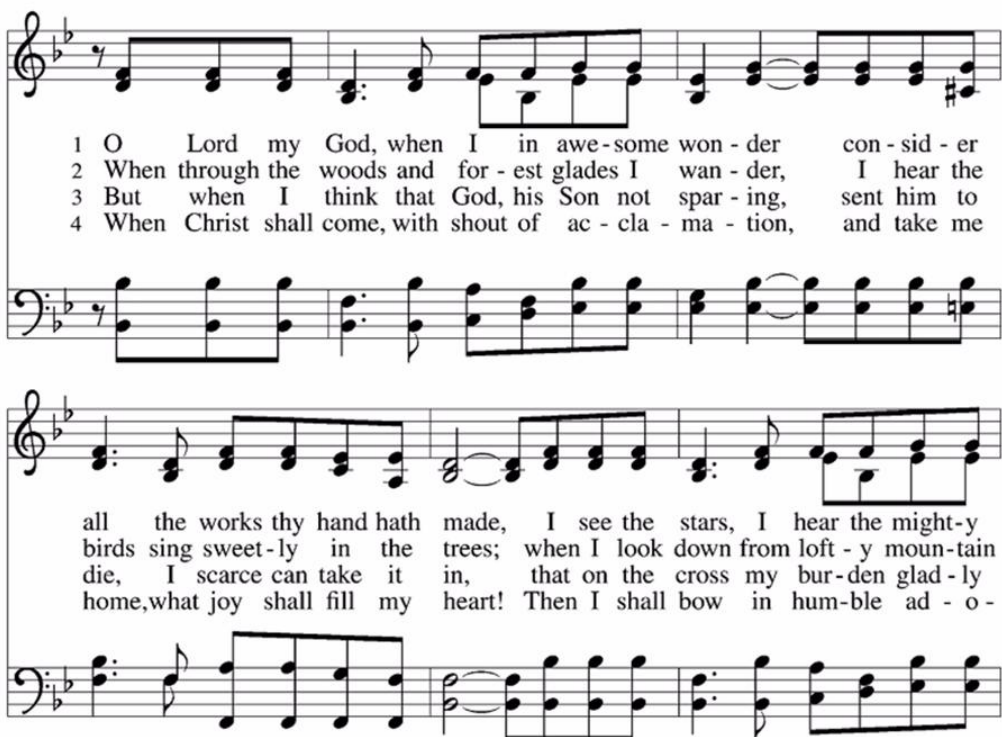
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

How Great Thou Art

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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 692



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

A: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 2

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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.

p It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed . . .

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

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

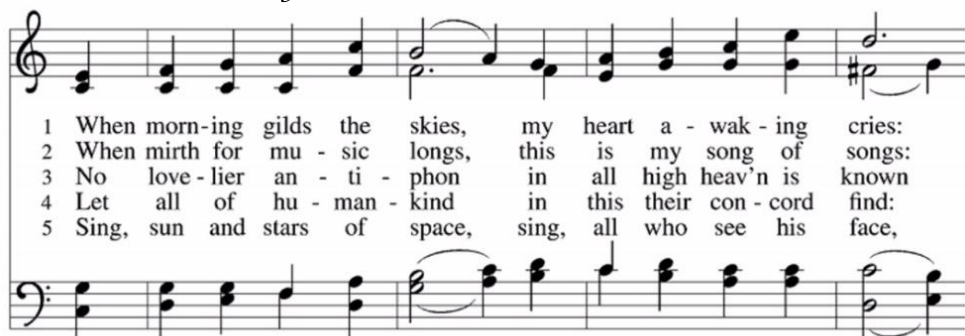
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

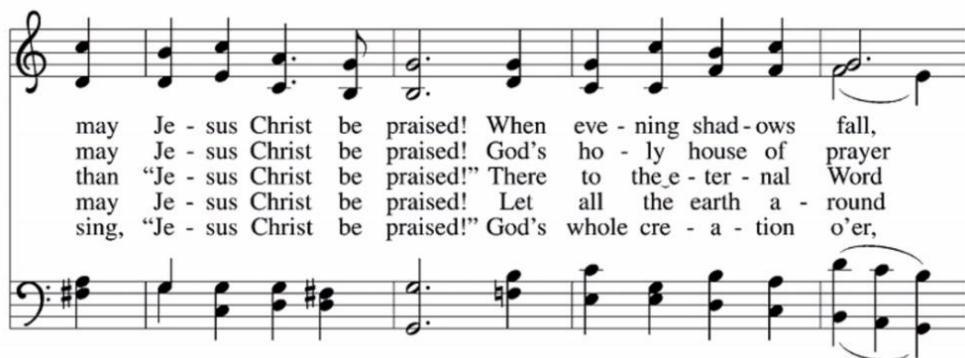
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory now and forever. Amen.

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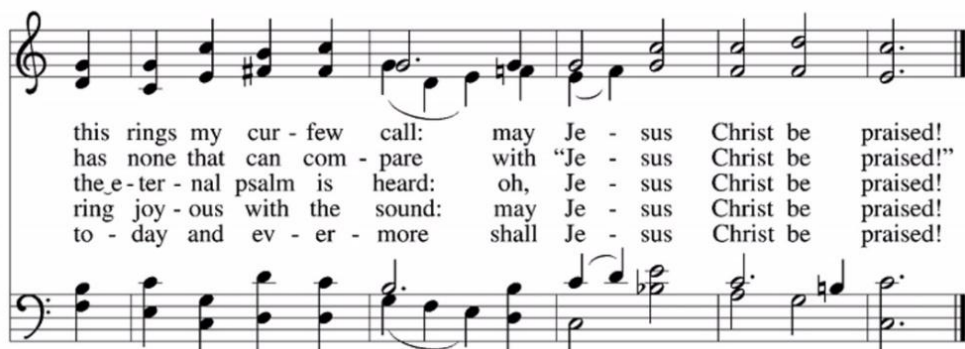
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1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



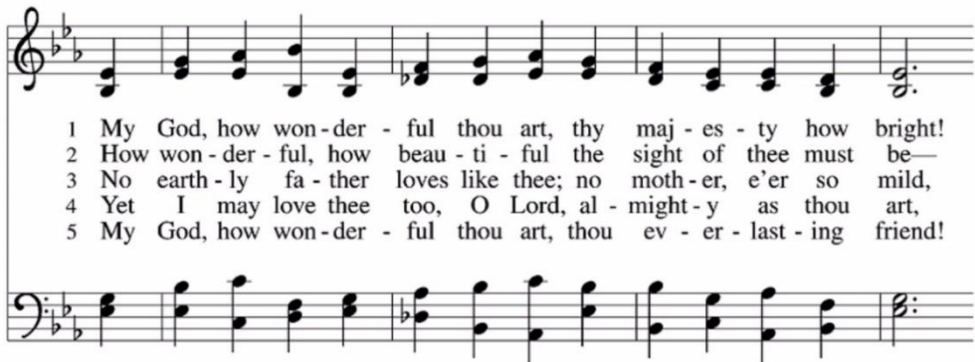
this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
 2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
 3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
 4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
 earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
 scend-ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
 robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
 for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
 glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
 Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
 pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
 3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
 4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



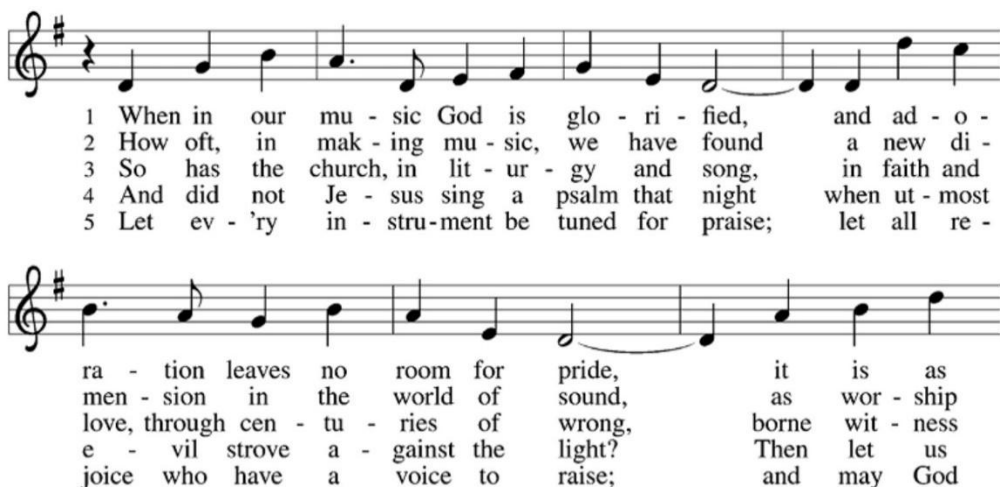
How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn - ing light!
 thine end - less wis - dom, bound - less pow'r, and awe - some pu - ri - ty!
 bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer & Benediction

Recessional

When in Our Music God is Glorified

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1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
 2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
 5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -

ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
 men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
 love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
 e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
 joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

Postlude & Dismissal

Class: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Flowers are placed on the altar by Art Schroder in loving memory of his wife Carol Schroder, on the 24th anniversary of her death.



Sunday October 19

Chat with a council member after each service

Boy Scout Christmas wreath sale

Deadline to RSVP for October Dining Out

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation/Post-Confirmation Classes

12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday October 21

6:30 a.m. Breakfast & Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

11:00am Bible Study with Pastor Chris – in person or online

3:30 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite – w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting

4:30 p.m. No Confirmation Class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor Chris (online only)

Wednesday October 22

9:00 a.m. Piecemakers Quilting Group

Thursday October 23

6:30 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Friends Waterfront Bar & Grill

Saturday October 25

11:00 a.m. Repair Café

Sunday October 26

Reformation Sunday

Chat w/ a council member after each service

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation/Post-Confirmation Classes

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal



CHAT WITH A COUNCIL PERSON

Grace's Annual Congregation Meeting is just around the corner on Nov 16th at 12:15 (in-person/online) and as part of the lead-up to the meeting our Congregation Council members will be available after each worship service starting on October 19th to answer questions, take comments or even accolades! The Town Hall will be on Nov 9th at 9:45 a.m. (in-person/online).



Here at Grace on
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11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



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