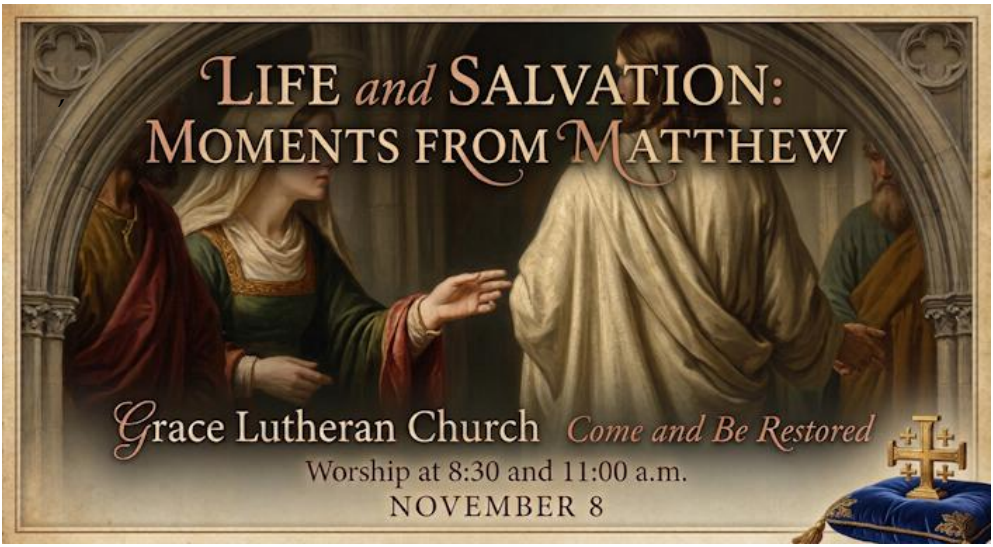



## Prelude & Confession & Absolution

*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 sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
**C: Amen.**

## Entrance Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* **759**




## 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.*

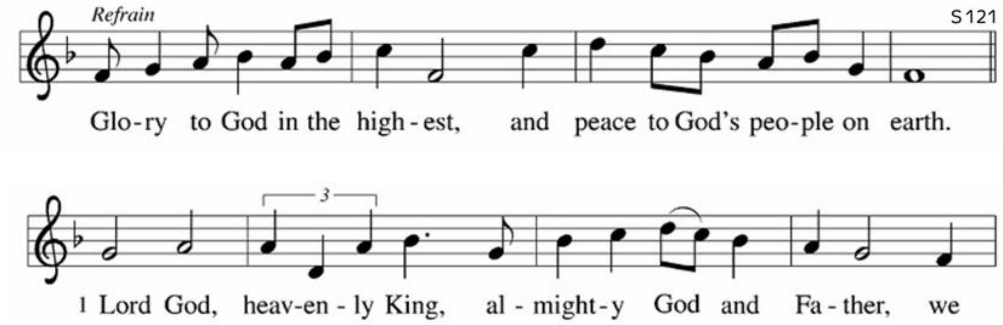



*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*




## Hymn of Praise

*ELW Setting 2*




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
3
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,
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.
Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

*P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,*
**C: A people holy to the Lord our God.**

*A: We have seen what our God has done*
**C: We declare His faithfulness from age to age for all time.**

*A: We hear and keep His Word,*
**C: And all that God has spoken we will do.**

*P: Let us pray:*
**C: God of healing and wholeness. God of enduring life and mighty acts of love. We come now in prayer, praise and thanksgiving - expressions of our trust and faith in your presence and power in our lives. Fill us now with the fullness of the Spirit through our contemplation of your Word and our gathering at the Table of forgiveness and reconciliation, that through our encounter with you this day, we will be renewed and restored to respond as your faithful people in our broken and troubled world. We ask this in the name of the Healer of our every ill, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## Lesson — Acts 2:14, 22-32

*Then Peter said to the crowd that had gathered around the disciples in the center of the city:* "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth is, as you know, a man whom God showed you was the Messiah by manifesting Godly power through him and doing wonders though him and working signs through him. This Jesus - the carefully and wisely insightful plan of our merciful and gracious God – this Jesus was handed over into lawless hands, was nailed to the cross and killed. Then God raised him; released him from the birth pangs of death, because death did not have the power to take hold of him. . . Being certain that God would keep this promise David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah by saying,

> '*He was not abandoned to Hades,*
> *nor did his flesh experience corruption.*' [Psalm 16]

This descendent of David is Jesus, the one whom God raised up, and we are all witnesses of His resurrection.

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

## Psalm — Psalm 50

*"Hear, O my people, and I will speak,*
*O Israel, I will testify against you.*
*I am God, your God.*

**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;**
**your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

*I will not accept a bull from your house,*
*or goats from your folds.*

**For every wild animal of the forest is mine,**
**the cattle on a thousand hills.**

*I know all the birds of the air,*
*and all that moves in the field is mine.*

**"If I were hungry, I would not tell you,**
**for the world and all that is in it is mine.**

*Do I eat the flesh of bulls,*
*or drink the blood of goats?*

**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,**
**and pay your vows to the Most High.**

*Call on me in the day of trouble;*
*I will deliver you, and you will glorify me.*

## Lesson — Romans 4

It is not through the Law that the promise comes to Abraham or to his offspring—the promise that he be heir of the whole creation—but it is through the righteousness of faith. For if heirs are made by the Law, then faith would be invalidated and the promise would be eschatologically obliterated. For the Law produces God's wrath because of our disobedience to the Law. But where there is no Law, there is no sin. Therefore, becoming an heir, in this case, comes from faith so that it is according to grace and so that the promise of heirship be firmly valid for every offspring, not just those who qualify as heirs through the Law, but also for those who qualify through Abraham's faith - who is father of all of us. Just as it has been written,

*"I have placed you as father of many nations;"* [Gen 17:5]

Before the God in whom Abraham believed, the God who is making the dead alive and calling the "not-being" into being - against hope - by hope - Abraham believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what had been spoken,

*"This is how it will be for your offspring."* [Gen 15:5]

Abraham was not weak in faith, even after carefully noting that his own body was already "dead" (being about 100 years old) and noting that Sarah's womb was also "dead." He did not doubt God's promise in unbelief, but he was empowered by faith, giving glory to God and being fully convinced that the One who promises is powerful to accomplish what is promised. This faith, then, "was reckoned to him for righteousness." But this was not written only about Abraham - 'It was reckoned to him' - but also about us - to whom it is about to be reckoned - to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from death, that Jesus who was handed over because of our transgressions and was raised for our justification.

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

## Verse

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## Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th Chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

## Gospel

Matthew 9

*While Jesus was teaching during lunch in the home of Matthew, the tax collector,* suddenly a ruler comes in and kneels before Jesus,

saying, "My daughter has died in this moment, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live."
And getting up, Jesus follows him, along with his disciples.
And suddenly a woman who had been bleeding for twelve years comes up behind him and touches the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be saved."
Jesus, turning, and seeing her he says, "Be courageous, daughter! Your faith saves you."
And the woman is saved from that hour.

When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away! For, the girl is not dead but sleeping."
And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and seized her by the hand, and the girl was raised up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men follow him crying loudly, "Show mercy to us, Son of David!"
But entering into the house, the blind men come to him, and Jesus says to them, "You believe that I am empowered to do this?"
They says to him, "Yes, Lord."
Then he touches their eyes saying, "According to your faith – become you . . . "
And their eyes are opened.
And Jesus levels a demand on them, saying " See no one knows!!"
But they, going out, share pronouncements about him in all the land.

But as they are coming out, behold!, they bring to him a man, a deaf/mute, being possessed by a demon. And casting out the demon, the deaf/mute speaks. And the crowds are amazed, saying, "Never does something like this appear in Israel."
But the Pharisees say, "In the 'Ruler of the Demons' he casts out the demons."

And Jesus goes about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and providing therapy for all diseases and maladies.

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

## Sermon


1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your
hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -
side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our
God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

## 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



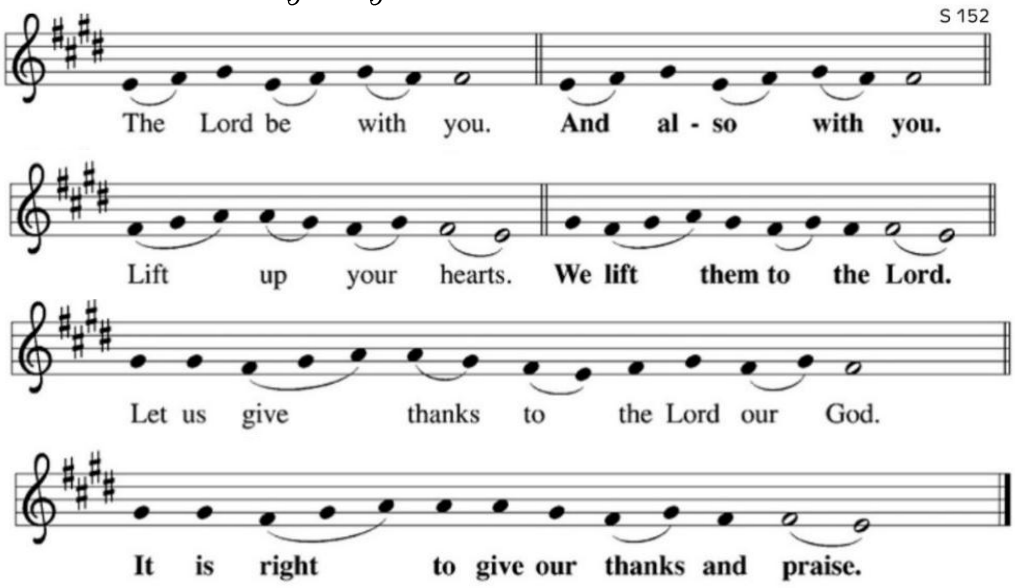

*A: Let us Pray*

**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**

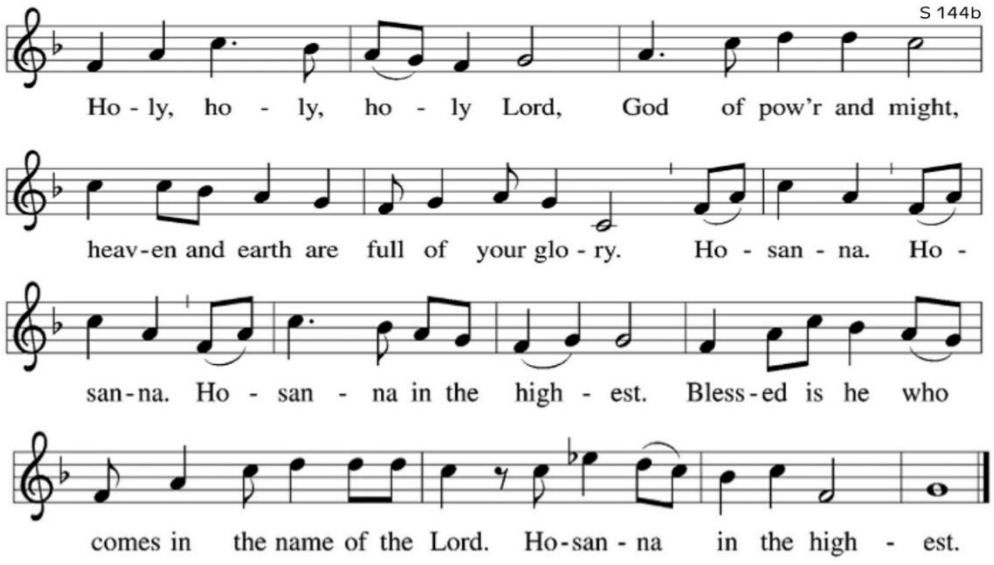
**reflection of our gratitude, that you will continue to look on us as your faithful people, worthy of your favor and beneficence. And with humbleness in the face of our hubris, we beg your forgiveness for our lack of attention, respect and care for all you provide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*ELW Setting 3*




*P: It is indeed . . .*



# The Lord's Prayer & Distribution Hymns **767, 782**




1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;
In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.
You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;
and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

*Lead Me, Guide Me* **768**



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

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**Sunday, November 8**
***Town Hall Meeting***
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Post-Confirmation Class11:00 a.m. Worship

**Monday, November 9**
9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

**Tuesday, November 10**
6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid
3:00 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite w/ Pastor Chris
7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

**Wednesday, November 11**
9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

**Thursday, November 12**
7:30 p.m. Digital Committee Meeting

**Sunday, November 15**
***Annual Congregation Meeting***
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting
11:00 a.m. Worship



Have you signed up for the Grace Christmas Party yet?? If not, do so today! **The deadline of November 27th is quickly approaching**. All you need to do is scan the QR codes below to register and pay. It's that simple!




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Christmastime is an ideal time to invite a guest to join you in worship either in person or online (it's easy to send a link!). The beautiful setting in the sanctuary, the stories from the Biblical accounts and the familiar carols of the season are irresistibly touching. Seriously, it would almost take a real Scrooge to reply rudely! Urge everyone to punctuate all that shopping and partying by spending an hour of devotional time focused on the real "reason for the season." There is no more moving, warm and edifying way to experience the holidays!