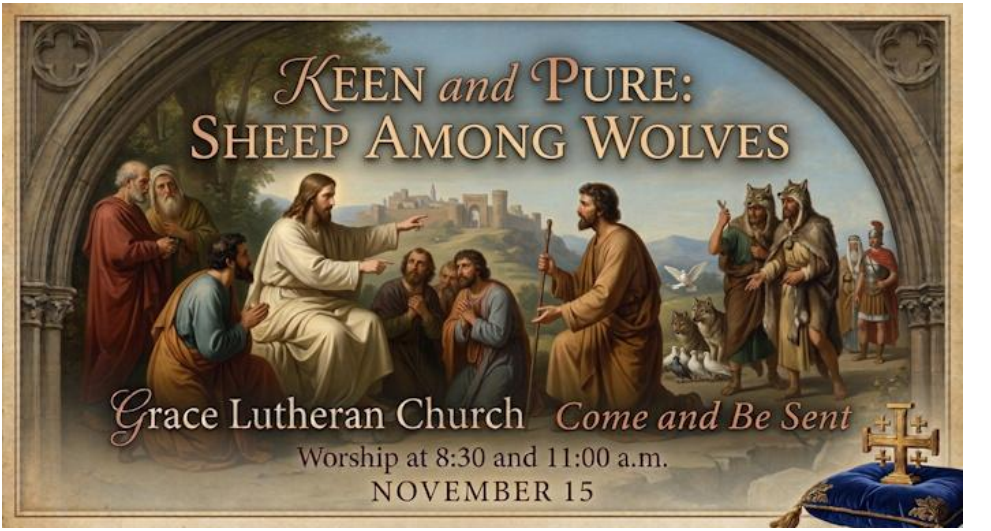


Prelude & Confession & Absolution

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 *O God of Light* **507**



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.

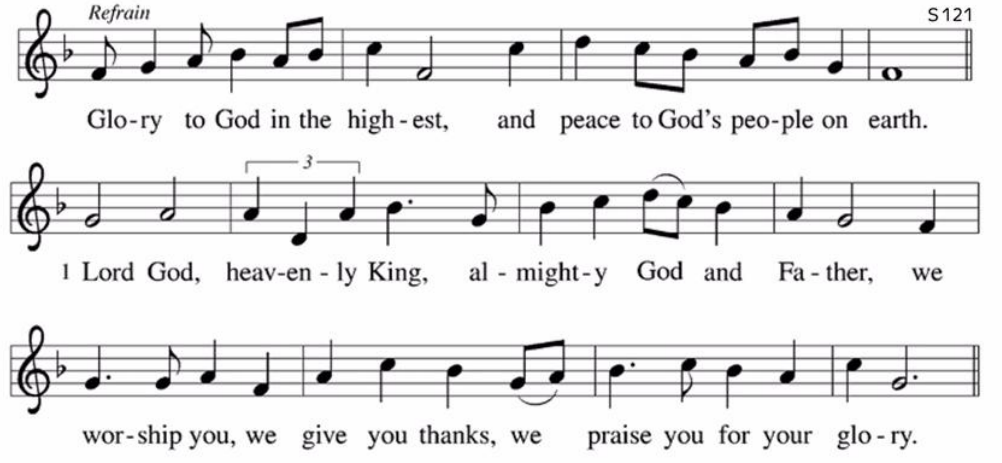


P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2




Refrain
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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,
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 God's faithfulness from age to age for all time.

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

P: Let us pray:
C: God of wisdom and life, we give you thanks that you liberate us from the limitations of our own understandings and determinations by speaking a Word that opens us to the possibilities of a "knowing" and a "living" that truly nurtures life. Send us your Spirit now, that in our prayer, praise and thanksgivings we will be renewed in this moment by the Word we hear and the words we speak. We pray this in the name of the Word Made Flesh, our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

Lesson — Isaiah 40

The Wisdom of the Lord Gives Us Strength

Who has directed the spirit of the Lord, or as his counselor has instructed the Lord??? Whom did the Lord consult for enlightenment, and who taught the Lord the path of justice??? Who taught the Lord knowledge, and showed the Lord the way of understanding??? Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as dust on the scales . . . Have you not known??? Have you not heard??? The Lord is *the* everlasting God, *the* Creator of the ends of the earth. The Lord does not faint or grow weary. The Lord's understanding is unsearchable. The Lord gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted - but those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength, they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint.

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

Do not fret because of the wicked
do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass,
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord,
and the Lord will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in the Lord, and the Lord will act.

The Lord will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for the Lord;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place,
they will not be there.

But the meek shall inherit the land,
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

The wicked plot against the righteous,
and gnash their teeth at them;
but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for the Lord sees that their day is coming.

The wicked draw the sword and bend their bows
to bring down the poor and needy,
to kill those who walk uprightly;
their sword shall enter their own heart,
and their bows shall be broken.

Better is a little that the righteous person has

than the abundance of many wicked.

For the arms of the wicked shall be broken,
but the Lord upholds the righteous.

The Lord knows the days of the blameless,
and their heritage will abide forever;
they are not put to shame in evil times,
in the days of famine they have abundance.

But the wicked perish,
and the enemies of the Lord are like the glory of the pastures;
they vanish--like smoke they vanish away.

The wicked borrow, and do not pay back,
but the righteous are generous and keep giving;
for those blessed by the Lord shall inherit the land,
but those cursed by him shall be cut off.

Our steps are made firm by the Lord,
when the Lord delights in our way;
though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong,
for the Lord holds us by the hand.

I have been young, and now am old,
yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken
or their children begging for bread.

They are ever giving liberally and lending,
and their children become a blessing.

Depart from evil, and do good;
so you shall abide forever.

For the Lord loves justice;
The Lord will not forsake his faithful ones.

Lesson — 2 Timothy 2

Remain Steadfast in the Teachings about Faithful Living

Remind them of this and warn them before God - that they are to avoid wrangling over words - which does no good, but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by the Lord, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. Avoid profane chatter, for it will lead people into more and more impiety and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are

Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have swerved from the truth by claiming that “the resurrection has already taken place!”- they are upsetting the faith of some. But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this inscription: "The Lord knows those who belong to the Lord," and "Let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord turn away from wickedness." In a large house there are utensils not only of gold and silver but also of wood and clay - some for special use, some for ordinary. All who cleanse themselves of the things I have mentioned will become “special” utensils, dedicated and useful to the owner of the house, ready for every good work. Shun youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. Have nothing to do with stupid and senseless controversies - you know that they breed quarrels and the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to everyone, an apt teacher, patient, correcting opponents with gentleness. God may, perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth, and that they may escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will. You must understand this – that, in the last days distressing times will come. For, people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid them! For among them are those who make their way into households and captivate silly women, overwhelmed by their sins and swayed by all kinds of desires, who are always being instructed and can never arrive at a knowledge of the truth. As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these people, of corrupt mind and counterfeit faith, also oppose the truth. But they will not make much progress, because, as in the case of those two men, their folly will become plain to everyone. Now you have closely observed my teaching, my mentoring a way of life, my mission in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and suffering the things that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

Indeed, all who want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But wicked people and impostors will go on to become the absolute worst, deceiving others now and being deceived themselves, now! But as for you - you stay put with what you have learned and what you were convinced of - understanding from whom you learned and how from infancy you knew the sacred writings - those writings empowered for wisdom in salvation through faith in the Christ, Jesus. All scripture is "God-in-spirited" and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that God's people may be proficient and equipped for every good work.

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 10th Chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

A Teaching with Four Famous Sayings

Jesus said to the disciples: **"Behold, I send you out as sheep in among wolves. So, be keen as serpents and pure as doves.** But pay attention to those people, for they will hand you over into Councils and flog you in their synagogues and you will be brought before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to the Jews and the Gentiles.

But when they may hand you over, you may not be anxious about how you may speak, for, it will be given to you in that hour what you may speak, for it is not you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.

But, brother will hand over brother into Death, and a father his child, and children will stand against parents and will put them to death, and you will be hated by all through my name. But the one who enduring into the fulfillment – this one will be saved. But, when they may persecute you in this town, dash off to the next! Amen I say to you, you may not have gotten through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the lord. It is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the lord. If they have called the master of the house "Beelzebul,"[the "Prince of Baal"- the god of the Canaanites], how much more the members of his household! Therefore, you may not be afraid of them. For nothing is covered up which will not be uncovered, and private, which will not be known.

What I say to you in the dark, say in the light! And what you are hearing in your ears, cry out from the housetops! And do not fear those killing the body but are not being empowered to kill your "essence." But fear more he who is empowered to destroy both the "essence" and the body in hell!

Are not two sparrows being sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the earth without your Father. **But you and all the hairs of the head are being counted. Then, do not be afraid! You are more of an offering than sparrows.**

Therefore, all who will confess in me before the others, I will also confess them before my Father in the heavens. But, whoever

may deny me before others, I also will deny before my Father in the heavens.

<u>You may not think that I have come to cast peace on the earth! I have not come to cast peace but a dagger.</u>

> *For, I have come to turn a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.* [Micah 7:6]

Whoever is loving father or mother over me, is not worthy of me. And whoever is loving son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take their cross and follow behind me, is not worthy of me. Those finding their "essence" will destroy it, and those destroying their "essence" on my account, will find it.

Whoever is welcoming you is welcoming me, and whoever is welcoming me is welcoming the one who has sent me. Whoever is welcoming a prophet into the name of a prophet will take a prophet's reward. And whoever is welcoming a righteous person, in the name of a righteous person will take the reward of the righteous. And **<u>whoever may give even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--Amen, I tell you, none of these may destroy their reward.</u>**"

Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* **<u>510</u>**





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

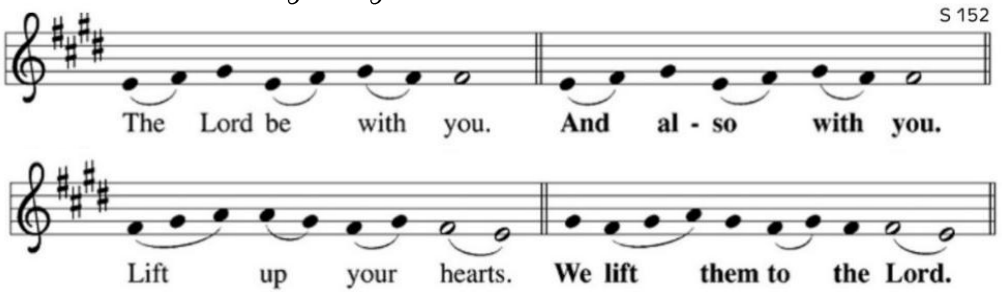


A: Let us Pray

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

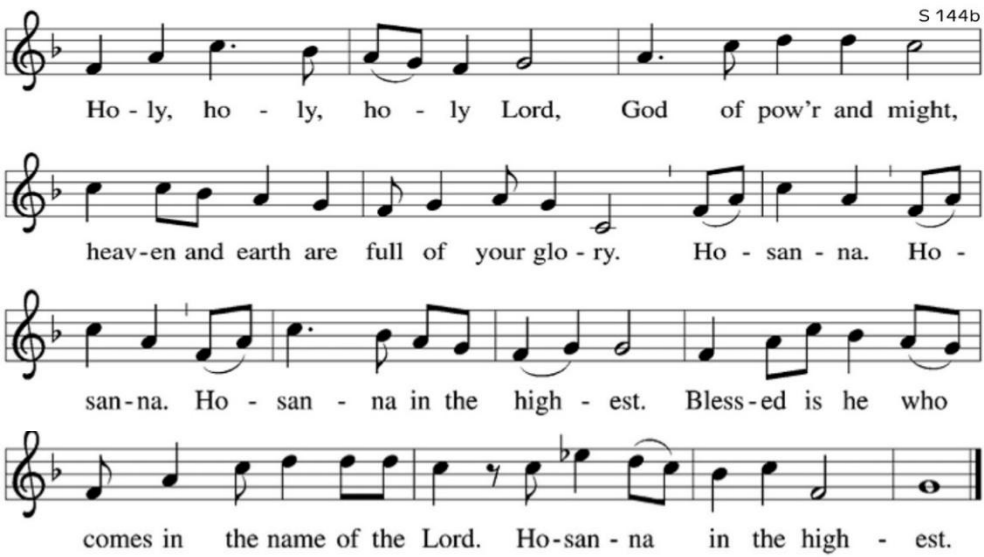
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P: It is indeed . . .

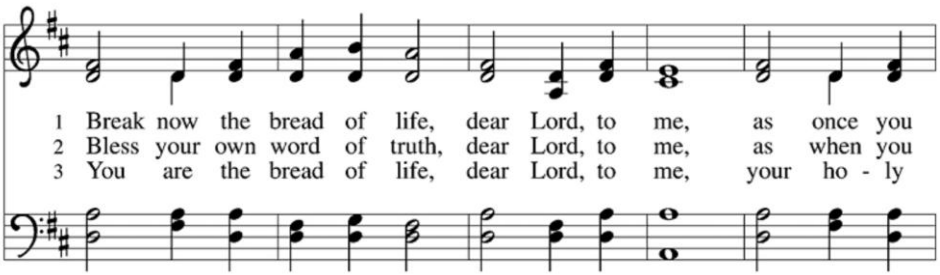


The Lord's Prayer

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

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broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live
I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold
O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;
we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand-'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

Thy Strong Word **511**





5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

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



Sunday, November 15
Deadline to RSVP for Dining Out
Annual Congregational Meeting
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Annual Meeting
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Annual Meeting in the fellowship hall

Monday, November 16
1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club

Tuesday, November 17
6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast
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
7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

Wednesday, November 18
9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group

Thursday, November 19
Deadline to donate to Thanksgiving Food Drive
6:00 p.m. Grace Dining Out @ Don Pablo

Sunday, November 22
Christ the King Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School Advent Wreath Making Event
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
11:00 a.m. Worship











Nov. 29 – Thanksgiving Leftovers

Bring your leftover Pumpkin Pie or other Thanksgiving treat to share.

Christmas Party!

December 4th @ 6 p.m.

Gather at Grace to celebrate the season together over a buffet dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks.

A-L brings Appetizers
M-Z brings Dessert

Dinner is catered.
Special activities for the kids! Sing-along!
Pastor's storytime!
Don't miss out on the fun!
Mark your calendars today and plan to join us!

$40 per adult 18 & under free

RSVP

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