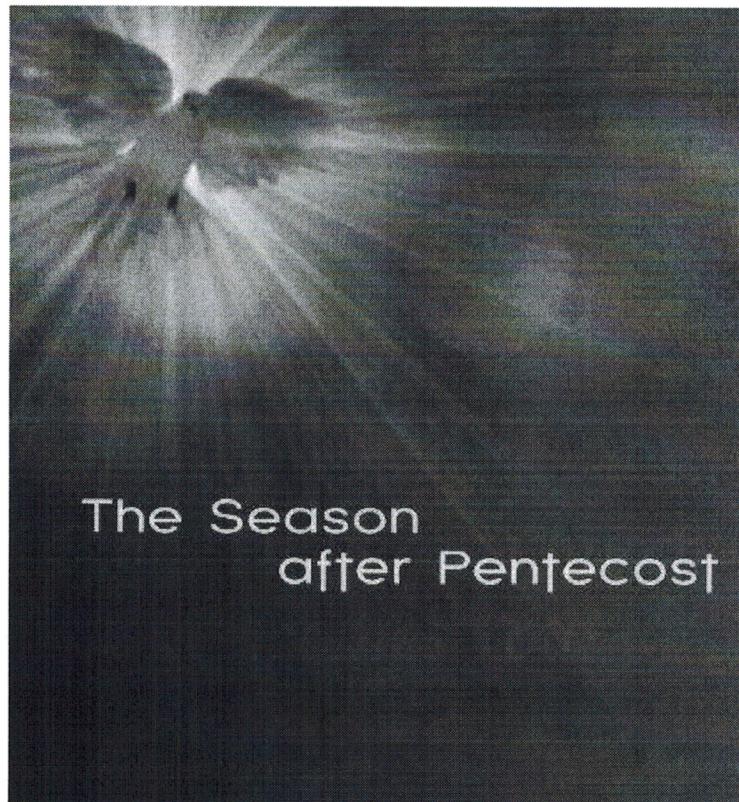


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*The Season
after Pentecost*

*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

Grace Lutheran Church

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #657 – “Rise, O Sun of Righteousness”

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen. *Assembly sits.*

GREETING - p. 203

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: And also with you.

KYRIE - p. 203

HYMN OF PRAISE – P. 204a

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see insert. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Malachi 4:1-2a Please see insert.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 - Please see insert and read responsively

SECOND READING – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Please see insert.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

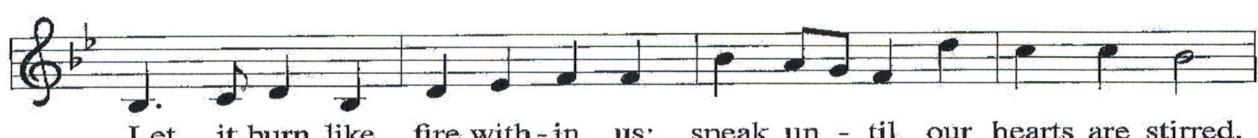
A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – p. 205a



S 205a

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



S 205a

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



S 205a

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

P: The holy gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Luke 21:5-19 Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. The assembly sits.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #597 – “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

NICENE CREED - p. 104

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our
salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he
suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no
end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We
acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – ELW p.206

Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

PEACE – ELW p. 206

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - ELW #884 - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – (ELW p. 206 & 207) *Please stand in body or spirit*

P: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: it is right to give our thanks and praise.

S207

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER – ELW p. 208

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;

and 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,

forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD – ELW p. 208

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING – ELW p. 113

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

BLESSING – ELW p. 209 - Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL - ELW p. 209 - Response after the dismissal:

A: Thanks be to God. The assembly sits.

SENDING SONG – ELW #439 “Soon and Very Soon”

Postlude

We pray always for . . .

*Pastor Steve Billington, Gerry Brezenski, Linda Daniels, Ford Ekhoff, Char Helgren,
Diane Roesener, Richard Roesener, Nick Weber, Jody Wellensiek & Will Yank*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

**Join us after worship TODAY at the Cook Community Center for our
Annual Cream Chicken Dinner – serving until 1:00 p.m.**

Thank Offering

The Thank Offering service for Grace and Hope Women of the ELCA will be held on
November 23rd during the morning worship services.

Announcements

TODAY 11/16/25 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

No Sunday School

Joint Worship with Communion @ Grace Lutheran – 10:00 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church Creamed Chicken Dinner

@ CCC – 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 11/18/25

Piecemakers Blanket making – All Day

WEDNESDAY 11/19/25

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 11/23/25 Christ the King

Thankoffering Sunday

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

SS Christmas Program Practice – 9:30 a.m.

Church Decorating for Advent following Program Practice

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office.

You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com

***You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church), 402-864-2113 (home)
or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

The Grace Lutheran Church Women have baskets at the back of the church for collecting non-perishable food items and Personal Care items that will be given to those in need.

A basket for Monetary donations is available also.

These items will be collected until Christmas time

All Church members are invited to help decorate for the Advent Season following Sunday School Christmas Program Practice on November 23rd. All help will be appreciated.



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

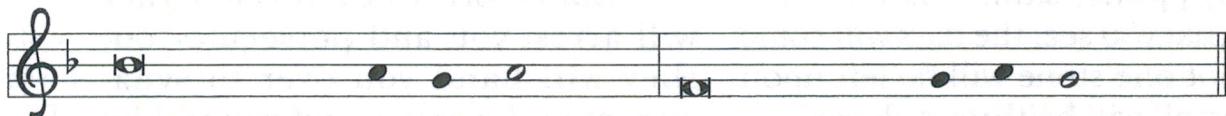
Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the **LORD** of hosts, so that it will leave

them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm

Psalm 98; tone 5



Sing a new song to the **LORD**,
who has done ¹marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm
have ¹won the victory.

2O **LORD**, you have made ¹known
your victory,
you have revealed
your righteousness
in the sight ¹of the nations.

3You remember
your steadfast love and faithfulness
to the ¹house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory
of our God.

4Shout with joy to the **LORD**,
¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹joice,
and sing.

5Sing to the **LORD** ¹with the harp,
with the harp and the
¹ voice of song.

6With trumpets
and the sound ¹of the horn
shout with joy
before the ¹king, the **LORD**.

7Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it,
the world and those
who ¹dwell therein.

8Let the rivers ¹clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with
joy before the **LORD**,
who comes to ¹judge the earth.

9The **LORD** will judge the ¹world
with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ples with equity.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we

do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in

various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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