



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023**

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## 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

sts. 1–3, 7



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
 7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
 We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
 la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
 judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder auff's new gebessert, 1535, Wittenberg, ed. Joseph Klug

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## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

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

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess

before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**for no one living is righteous before you.**

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

**I ponder the work of your hands.**

I stretch out my hands to you;

**my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

**Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

**In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

### Kyrie

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shi - ped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.

<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—  
“I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.  
<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish  
everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
and those who fill their master's house  
with violence and fraud.  
<sup>10</sup>“On that day,” declares the LORD,  
“a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
a wail from the Second Quarter,  
a loud crash from the hills.  
<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
For all the traders are no more;  
all who weigh out silver are cut off.  
<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the men  
who are complacent,  
those who say in their hearts,  
‘The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do ill.’  
<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.”  
<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the mighty man cries aloud there.  
<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:14–30*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles’ Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

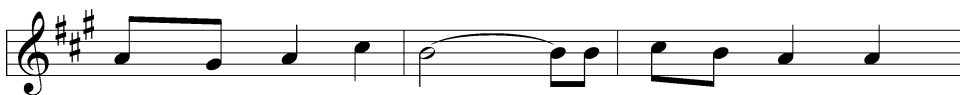
**born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### 720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No  
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are  
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found.  
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

## Offertory

### 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922–80

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## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 208



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **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;  
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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

# 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

*Refrain*

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less

heed his voice; So when You call Your  
 grat - i - tude That You should count us  
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
 let us be, To serve each oth - er

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

*Refrain*

Text: Omer E. Westendorf, 1916-97

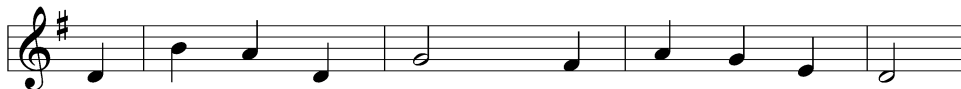
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## 665 Be Strong in the Lord



1 Be strong in the Lord In ar - mor of light,  
 2 In - teg - ri - ty gird You round to im - part  
 3 With ea - ger - ness shod Stand firm in your place,  
 4 Though Sa - tan pre - sume To test you and try,  
 5 So wield well your blade, Re - joice in its pow'rs,



With hel - met and sword, With shield for the fight;  
 The truth of His Word As truth in your heart;  
 Or go forth for God With news of His grace;  
 In hel - met and plume Your head shall be high;  
 Fight on un - dis - mayed For Je - sus is ours!



On prayer be de - pen - dent, Be belt - ed and shod,  
 His righ - teous - ness wear - ing As breast - plate of mail,  
 No foe shall dis - arm you Nor force you to yield,  
 Be - set by temp - ta - tion Be true to your Lord,  
 Then in Him vic - to - rious Your ar - mor lay down,



In breast - plate re - splen - dent: The ar - mor of God.  
 His vic - to - ry shar - ing, Be strong to pre - vail.  
 No ar - row can harm you With faith as your shield.  
 Your hel - met sal - va - tion And Scrip - ture your sword.  
 To praise, ev - er glo - rious, His cross and His crown.

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*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

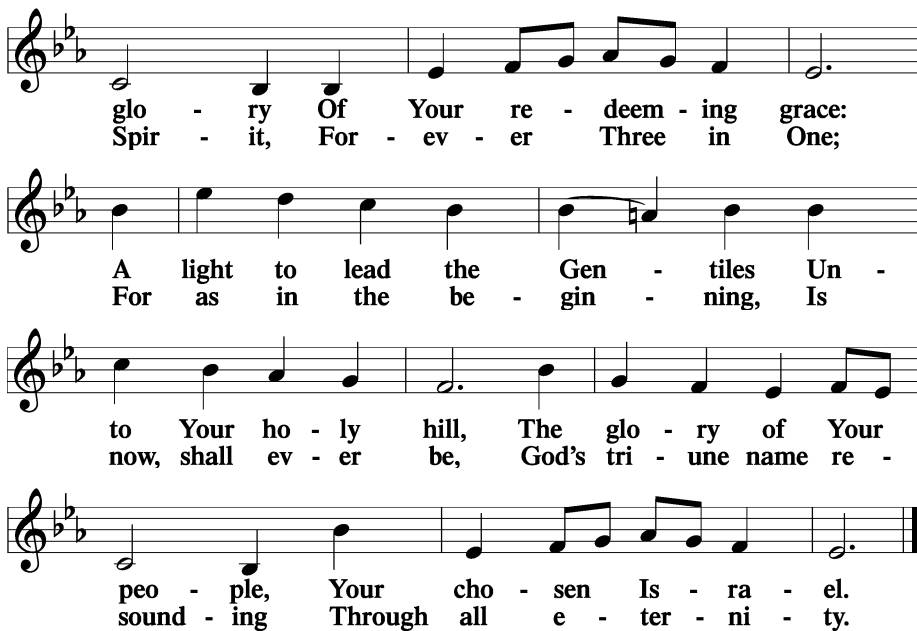
*LSB 211*



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## 660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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**Prayer of the Church—Ektene Form**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28A)**  
**19 November 2023**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those haunted by guilt and shame, that God would not enter into judgment with His servants, but faithfully convince them of His grace and holiness for them in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pastors, that God would strengthen them to meditate on all He has done and proclaim His Word in its truth and purity; and that God's good Spirit may lead us on level ground, holy and righteous before Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our families, that as children of the day, we may be blessed to learn the Father's ways and stand vested in the armor of His faith, love and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For national repentance, that our laws may be just, our transactions honest and our love for others fervent, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the afflicted, [*including \_\_\_\_\_,*] that for His name's sake, God would preserve their lives and bring their souls out of trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For a right reception of Christ's body and blood, that since He has destined us not for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord, Jesus Christ, God would give us penitent hearts that welcome His grace and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For God's kindness to those who died in the faith, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that He would comfort all who mourn with the assurance that, whether we are awake or asleep, Christ has died that we might live with Him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

God of grace, preserve us from the temptation to consider You a hard and unmerciful master. Keep us mindful that You give us every good thing in abundance, most of all a place in Your household; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given today by  
Ron and Lynda Jellison

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Joe Baumgarten  
Organist/Handbell Dir. Linda Gurney  
Communion Musician: Anna Cepek, Kimmy Olivar, Michelle Mixon  
Lector: Kimmy Olivar  
Altar Guild: Koe Sylwester  
Communion Assistant: Todd Baker  
Ushers: Tim Hovet, Tammy Smith

## VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING

**TODAY after worship!**

**Agenda: Approve the 2024 Budget**

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....**



- + Luda Wiesert, Marc Burgess, Paula Walker, Linda Cheney, Don Dove, Sarah Nutter, Lloyd Davis, Corenne Jackson, Dorothy Vetter-Akins, Lee Bess, Donna Geisler, John Stoecker, Truman Baird, Alma Silberstein, Barbara Best
  - + Homebound members: Vern Gleaves, Jerry Fibelstad, Inge Smith
  - + Prayers for Alma Silberstein and her family on the death of Alma's mother.
  - + Prayers for guidance in our search for a new secretary position here at Grace and that God would continue to bless the work of Grace in our community.
  - + The people of Israel and Gaza.
  - + For the people of Maui who lost family/friends and everything they owned.
  - + For our nation and all of God's world dealing with health issues, unrest and violence, weather-related damage, hunger and drought in many countries.
  - + The blessing of the UO Student Food Pantry housed here at Grace.
  - + For the people of Ukraine and Russia.
  - + For our military serving around the world – some who continue to serve in harm's way. Keep them safe and trusting in Your protective care.
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**We received a nice thank you letter from Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Maui, Hawaii** for the quilt that was donated to them for some family who lost everything in the fires in Lahaina, Maui. See copy of letter on page 23.

**A NEW 2023 Church Directory copy** has been put in your mailboxes out in the narthex. If you need an extra copy, please let me know and I will get one to you. AND... if by chance you do not have a mailbox out in the narthex, please let me know that too so I can put a mailbox out there for you.

Peggy Johnson, Grace's church secretary for the last 23 years, is retiring at the end of this year. We thank her for her good work among us, and will miss her. **Now we need to hire a new secretary/receptionist.** The job description and application information are posted on the Grace website: <https://www.graceeugene.org/news-and-events> Please pass this information on to any who might be interested. The position is part-time (20 hours a week), starting wage is \$17.00/hour.

### **DO YOU LOVE TO SING???**

The Grace Vocal Choir would LOVE to have you join us! We can use all voices (soprano, alto, tenor, bass), but especially need tenors and basses as we only have three! They are all strong singers, so do well, but we could certainly use more male voices. (And our sopranos and altos would welcome more voices too!) Our rehearsals are on most Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm in the music room. We try to sing once per month, plus a few special holidays. You don't have to be able to read music, but it's a huge plus if you do! If you can't commit to rehearsing every Wednesday because of other commitments, we can work around your schedule. Please consider becoming a part of this ministry! We work hard learning our parts, but we also have a lot of fun at rehearsals and enjoy singing at worship. Questions or interested? Talk to me at church, or call or text me at 541-914-2239. Give it some thought! We'd love to have you!

Paula Walker, Director

### **What's Happening at Grace Next Week (Nov 19 – Nov 26)**

Sunday (Nov 19)	9:00am	Adult Bible Study
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:15am	Coffee
	6:30pm	<i>(Eugene Recorder Orchestra)</i>
	7:00pm	<i>(Eugene Concert Choir)</i>
Monday (Nov 20)		
Wednesday (Nov 22)		NO Women's Bible Study this week
	4:00pm	U of O Food Pantry
	6:15pm	Bell Choir
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
Thursday (Nov 23)		Thanksgiving Day – Church Office Closed
		NO Men's Bible Study this week
		NO U of O Food Pantry Today
Friday (Nov 24)		Church Office Closed
		NO U of O Food Pantry Clean-up
	6:00pm	<i>(Zumba Class)</i>

**OFFICE HOURS** – Tuesday-Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. You can email me or phone and leave a message when I am not here. Peggy Email: [peggy2@glchurch.org](mailto:peggy2@glchurch.org)

**Pastor's Joe's YouTube channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBMEPT5EQm7NAs50Wx4Tznw>

**Lutheran Bible Translators – Giving Tuesday.** This year Lutheran Bible Translators is doing something different for Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving). Instead of asking for money they are asking people to become prayer partners. Go to <http://www.LBT.org/pray> to sign up to get their monthly prayer calendar so you can pray for Bible translation around the world. You can do this today – no need to wait until Giving Tuesday!

**Weekday Bible study opportunities**

**Women's Bible study on Zoom meets on Wednesday mornings at 10am.** The Women's group will be studying Exodus with Pastor Joe. If you would like to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom link each week, contact Barb Ronne at [jm@glchurch.org](mailto:jm@glchurch.org). Meeting (even remotely) provides a wonderful way for us to bond with each other, share our burdens and joys, and study God's Word in-depth. Consider joining this study group!

**A men's Zoom Bible study continues on Thursday mornings at 10 am.** They will study the book of Exodus. Contact Randy Ronne at [rvr@glchurch.org](mailto:rvr@glchurch.org) to be added to the email list to receive the Zoom link each week.

**Grace Community Mission: For the month of November** we will be collecting cold weather items: Socks, gloves, mittens, hats, and coats. Thank you everyone for your participation as Grace Lutheran Church has reached out to help our community.

How to listen to Sunday's Sermon each week without having access to the internet or a cell phone. Listen to a Grace Sermon at Phone Number: (541) 223-9939

There are archives of previous sermons, along with a new one each Sunday which is posted later on Sunday it is not live.

There are still family and friends among us who do not use the internet or have only the basic cell service. Some of these are our oldest and dearest friends who still would like to be able to listen to a Sunday Sermon. Grace provides that opportunity, but we need you to pass the info on and help each other out. Please share this opportunity, maybe you might want to use it someday, too!

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**Do you need help with something?** Call Janet Borchard (541-579-1467) or Elaine Barbisan (541-343-0452) and we will work to find a church member to help you with house and yard needs you might not be able to do yourself.



**Grace Church Donation Page** from Vanco Services

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z6T7/home>

Make Online Credit Card Donation to Grace Church anytime using web link above or QR Code

**Coffee Sign-up Sheet**.... There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex if you would like to sign up for a coffee hour after worship on Sundays.



**The U of O Student Food Pantry is open here at Grace.** The pantry is here for the students on **Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:00-6:00pm.** This is great that we can supply the space that is very much needed by the students. **The pantry serves about 600-700 students and their family members each week (an increase from last year).** **The pantry gladly accepts all donations!** Let's keep the Food Pantry and the volunteers in our prayers! What an opportunity for students (and the pantry staff) to be shown the love of Jesus in our place! Any college students visiting us at Grace, who have a need to supplement your food at home, are encouraged to stop by the food pantry during operating hours to check it out. You will need to show your student ID.

**Flower Chart...** There is a **2023 Flower Chart on the wall by the mailboxes.** If you would like to donate flowers for the altar on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the chart and a reminder will be sent to you.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** is a quarterly booklet that contains daily devotions and prayers. The **October-December booklet** is available on the table in the narthex. There are a few copies of large print and half-page size booklets. Take one home for your daily devotions.

**My Devotions” for children** is available on the table in the narthex. The **September-November** issue is out there now. Consider picking one up for your children or grandchildren to enjoy and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

Recycle Bin



**Save your (redeemable 10¢) soda and water cans and plastic containers.** **Please do NOT put other plastics or cans in the boxes.** Two boxes are in the narthex. All donations will be given to Dove Medical. This is an ongoing project. Thank you.

**Grace is hosting a drop-in Zumba class!** Friday evenings 6-7pm. Cost is \$5 per class and friends are welcome. For more information call Cyndi Baumgarten 907-687-6767.

*The Lutheran Hour Broadcast*

**Sunday Mornings – 8:00am ---- on KKNX – 840 AM**

***Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler delivers the messages.***

**November 26 – Loving Mercy**” - Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy (*Matthew 25: 34-40*)

*The Lutheran Hour can also be heard on the internet or downloaded onto an MP3 player at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). If you would like to listen to The Lutheran Hour message and need assistance with the above options, please call Barb Ronne at 541-343-0327.*



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Put in copy of Hawaii letter

