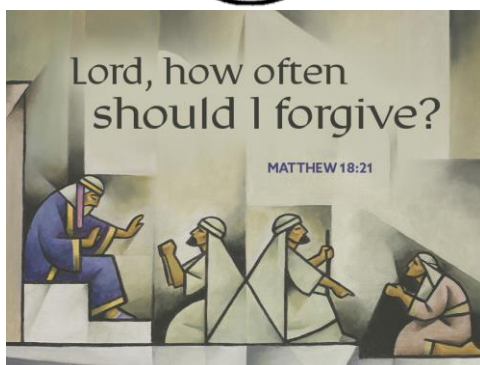




### **GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### **OPENING MUSIC**

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

setting, Kenneth Kosche (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who pours love into our hearts  
and healing upon the earth.

**Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness  
in the world and in our own hearts.**

**Creation groans from overuse.**

**Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.**

**Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.**

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love  
to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.**

**Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.**

**Renew us to live as your holy people,  
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,  
in whom there is no condemnation,  
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.  
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

**Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

**“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”**

ELW 452 (One License)

*Please be seated.*

## WELCOME

## GREETING

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## FIRST READING:

**Genesis 50:15-21**, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 48*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM:

**Psalm 103:1-13**

*The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.*

## SECOND READING:

**Romans 14:1-12**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 163*

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Matthew 18:21-35**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 20*

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Children are invited to come forward during the message.*

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**“I Come with Joy”**

ELW 482 (One License)

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 105

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting God at work in and among us, we raise our hearts and voices in prayer for the needs of the world. *A brief silence.*

For your work in the church, we give thanks. Plant and tend relationships among faith communities, both ecumenical and interfaith, that in faithful listening, speech, and action, our hands work to bear fruit for the sake of all in need. God of grace, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work in creation, we give thanks. Sustain peoples and places affected by climate change, ecological devastation and natural disasters. Prosper the work of creation-care ministries locally and globally, that with our minds and hearts opened, our hands work to lovingly care for the earth. God of life, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work among the nations, we give thanks. Direct leaders in paths of honest service, that both their words and actions are carried out on behalf of those whom they serve. God of righteousness, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work in places of need, we give thanks. Sustain all who are wearied by unemployment or lack of adequate food or housing, that we advocate for relief and just policy. Bring healing to all who are sick through the skillful hands and compassionate hearts of physicians, nurses, therapists and caregivers. We pray especially for those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts \_\_\_\_\_. God of restoration, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work in our neighborhoods, towns and cities, we give thanks. Guide our common life together so that children, youth and adults of all ages flourish. Teach us to listen attentively to our neighbors, that any new endeavors consider those who may be left out or underserved. God of wisdom, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work in this worshiping community, we give thanks. Bless the service projects of this day and throughout the year. Foster deeper connections among those who serve and a spirit of accompaniment as we work alongside those in our community. Strengthen our faith, that we trust God moving in and among us. God of love, we pray, **hear us when we call.**

For your work among those who came before us, we give thanks. We remember those who have died and are held forever in your loving hands. Hold us in your presence now and always. God of heaven and earth, **hear us when we call.**

Receive these and all our prayers, gracious God. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## PEACE

*After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with one another.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, giver of all good things,  
receive the gifts we bring,  
fruit of the earth and the work of human hands,  
that they may be used to your purposes  
for life and love in the world.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.*



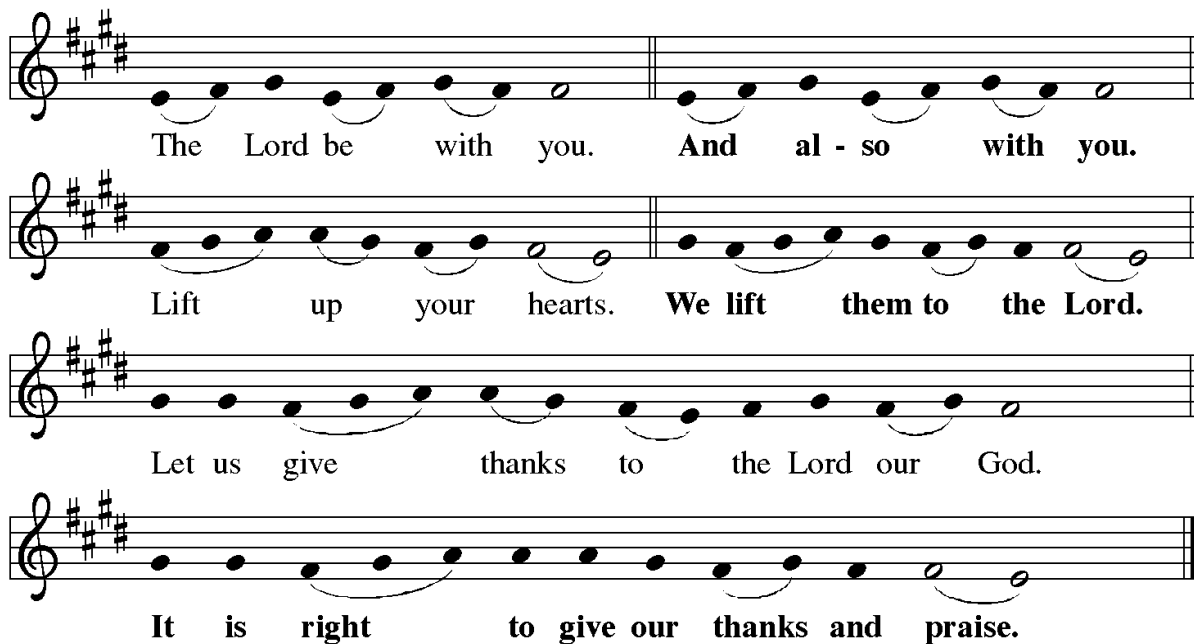
## OFFERING ANTHEM

"Bless the Lord, O, My Soul"

by John Behnke (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . and join their unending hymn:

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg.191, left column

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's table.*

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

*Please be seated. The congregation will then commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place the empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### "Lamb of God"

ELW 191 (Augsburg Fortress)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



### **“As We Gather at Your Table”**

ELW 522 (One License)

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy Jesus, **in this meal you have fed and nourished us to work in your beloved world. Send us now, filled with yourself and strengthened by your Spirit to live your love for others.**

**Amen.**

#### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **BLESSING AND SENDING FOR MISSION**

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and seek God’s blessing as we set out to serve with our neighbors.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth in thanksgiving for the many blessings you have given us.

Renew in us the commitment to use our gifts in the service of others, especially of those in need. Let us be your hands to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, comfort the weary and outcast, welcome the stranger, care for creation, and be loving neighbors to all people.

#### *Sending of people*

Bless those who go out from here to labor with school kits & personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief, with Grace’s Sewing Circle, at the Woodstock Food Pantry, and Aarrk Gardens. Prosper the work of their hands. Bless those who receive them and the fruits of their labor, and may those who are sent receive blessing in return. May the gifts they use and share be signs of your love to all people.

To you, O God, be glory and honor through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in your church and in the world, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **BLESSING**

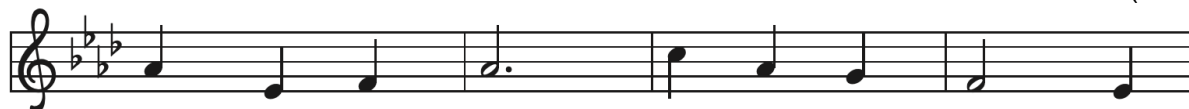
God who sets forth the law of love,  
Jesus who fulfills the law for you,  
and the Spirit through whom you are called to love,  
+ bless you this day,  
that you may be God’s hands and heart and voice  
at work in the world.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### "God's work. Our Hands."

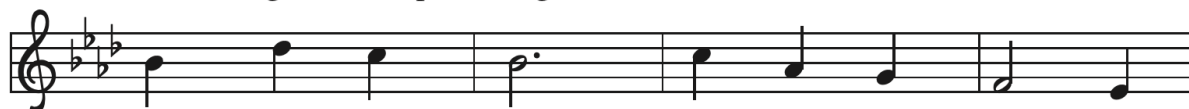
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1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

**Thanks be to God.**

## CLOSING MUSIC

"God's Work, Our Hands"

setting, David Cherwien (Augsburg Fortress)



### **Worship Team**

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Sonia Brzezinski, Karen Reinhard,  
Audrey Wedoff, Eleanor Wedoff

Greeters: Olivia Patterson, Norah Thomas

Acolyte: David Ackerman, Julia Ackerman, Adalynn Wedoff

Reader: Karen Reinhard

Ushers: Judy Reilly, Bob Teuber, John Widmayer

Children's Sermon: Audrey Wedoff

Altar Guild: Joy Aavang, Barb Aavang, Brian Gerloff, Carole Gerloff

Musicians: Jan Burns, Chancel Choir, Carrie Filetti

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

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In memory of my sister Kathy Kessinger; given by Nancy & Bill Kreznor.

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In memory of Marlene L. Teuber and in honor of Robert W. Teuber; given by Robert B. Teuber.

In honor of our 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary; given by John & Mary Widmayer.



## God's work. Our hands. Service Day



Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day. You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.



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*Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Tuesday*

*8:30am-12:00pm*

### MAHJONG GAME NIGHT

EVERY 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup>

TUESDAY

6:30PM-8:00PM

SIGN UP ONLINE OR WITH THE OFFICE

### Daytime Pinochle

Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday

1:00pm-4:00pm

*A Sincere Thanks to our Worship Volunteers!*