Grace Lutheran Church
1300 Kishwaukee Valley Road
Woodstock, IL 60098
www.gracewoodstock.org

November 22, 2026; 9:00 A.M.
Reign of Christ Sunday



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

OPENING MUSIC
"Praise and Thanksgiving" setting, Kenneth T. Kosche (Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand as you are able.

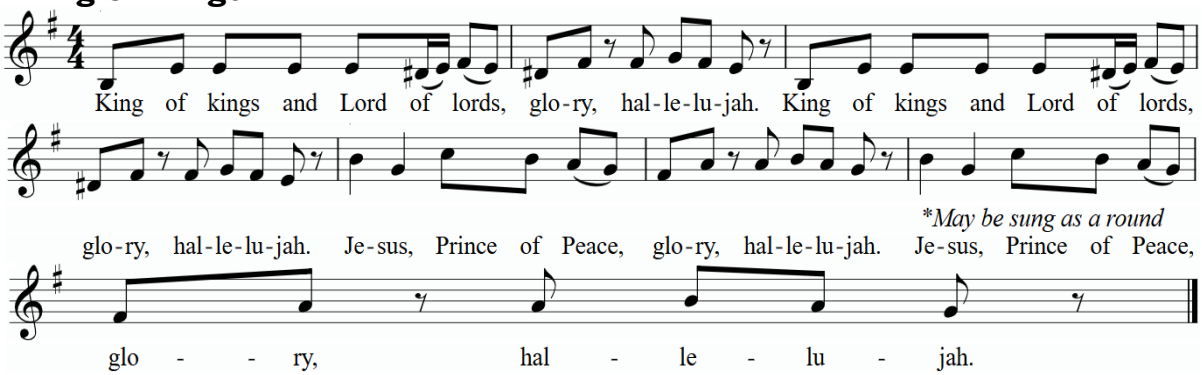
CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"King of Kings" (CCLI)



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 God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24,** *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 803 & 804*

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

PSALM: **Psalm 95:1-7a**

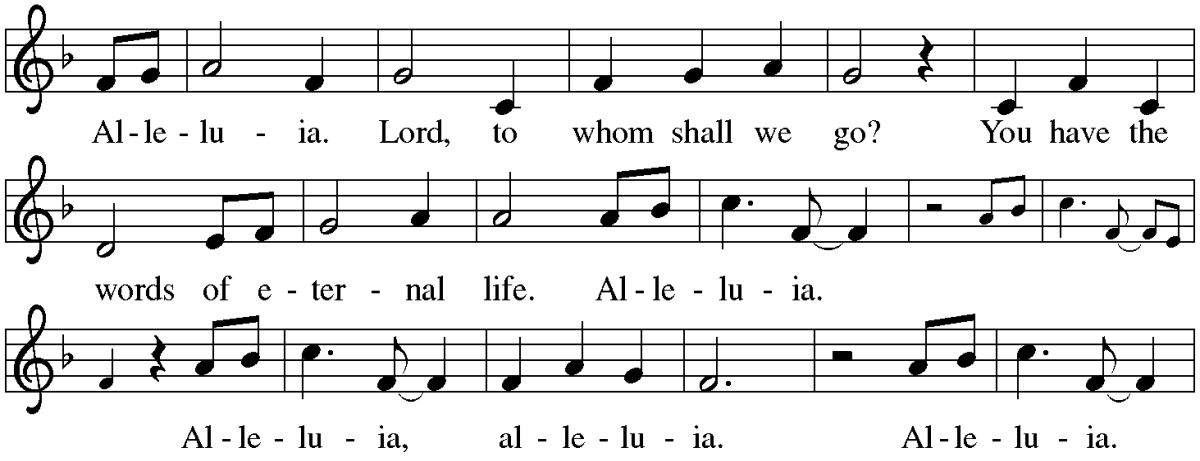
The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.
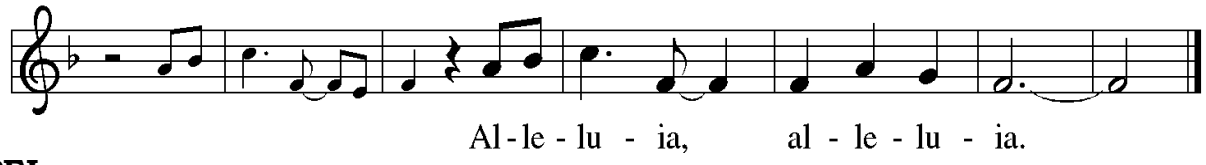
SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:15-23,** *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 192*

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL

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

Matthew 25:31-46, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 29

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

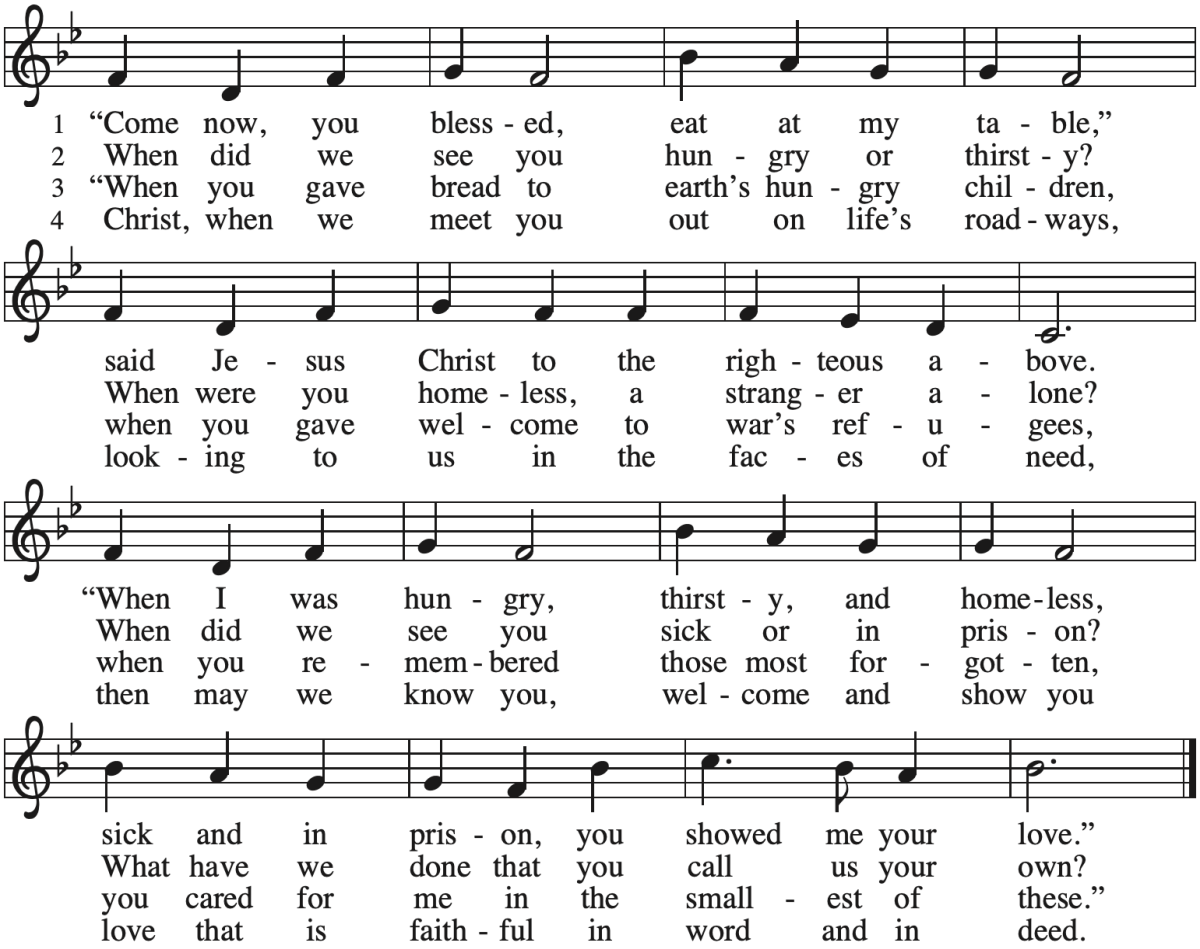
Children are invited to come forward during the message.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come Now, You Blessed" ACS 1059 (One License)



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

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

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

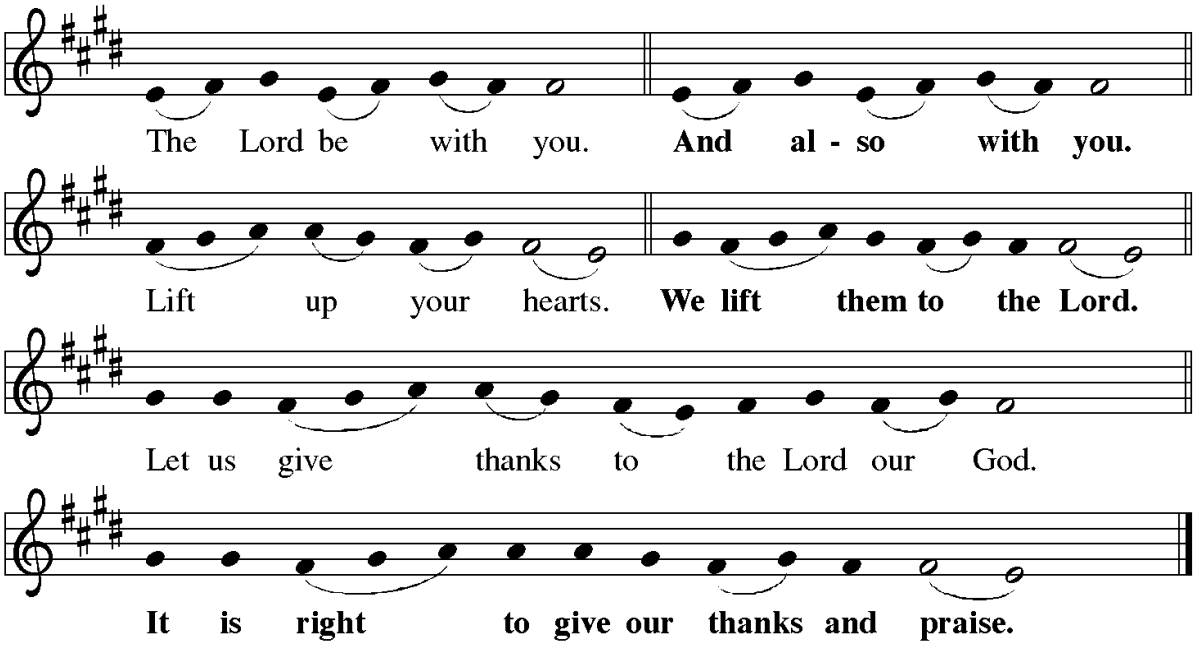
"Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" by Mark Patterson (Augsburg Fortress)

OFFERING HYMN
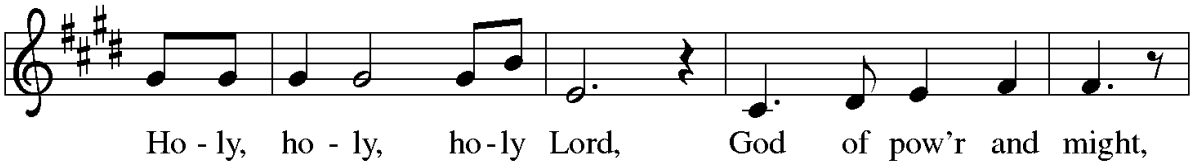
"Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW 689, vs. 3 & 4 (One License)

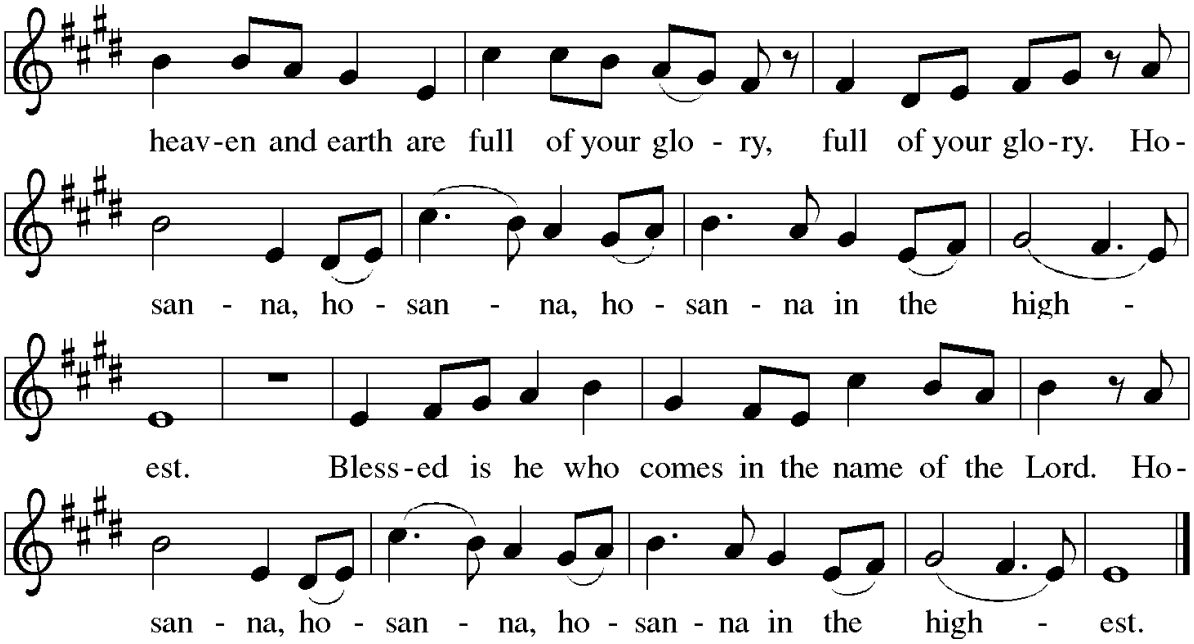
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



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





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg.191, left column

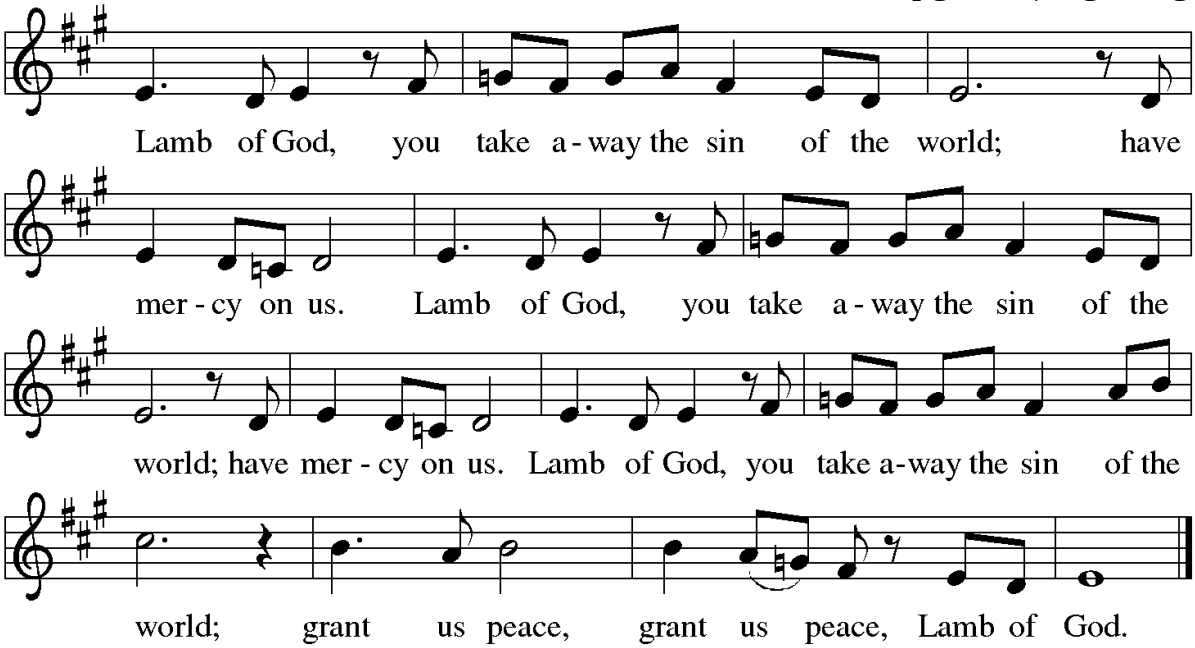
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table.
In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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 pg.191 (Augsburg Fortress)



"O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us" ELW 431 (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
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

The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign" ELW 434 (Public Domain)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC

"Jesus Shall Reign" setting, Kenneth T. Kosche (One License)

Worship Team
A/V Team: Bill Nattress
Greeters: Micah Bergstrom, Eliana Brenton, Wes Justice, Elessar Lovejoy, Elminster Lovejoy, Jaxson Pilgard, Eleanor Wedoff
Ushers: Carrie Jarnecke, Kevin Jarnecke, Robert Teuber, Madeline Thomas
Acolyte: Annie Gibbs, Cai Given, Olivia Patterson
Procession: Sunday School
Reader: Madeline Thomas, Celeste Schaaf, Ettalyn Steckl, Eleanor Wedoff
Children's Sermon: Jamielynn Wedoff
Prayers of Intercession: Confirmation Class
Assisting Minister: Anna Justice
Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Micah Bergstrom, Mike Phillips, Jaxson Pilgard, Celeste Schaaf
Altar Guild: Janette Hess, Cindy Meyer, Kristy Nellessen, Grace & Tim Nellessen
Musicians: Cherubs Choir, Cindy Meyer, Jan Burns
Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

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

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In memory of Grandmothers – Nancy Gilchrist & Edith Orsett; given by the Conover Family.



Woodstock Food Pantry
Thanksgiving Drive
November 22nd in Narthex



JOIN US FOR

Thanksgiving Eve Eve

Tuesday, November 24, 7:00 p.m.

A Sincere Thanks to our Worship Volunteers!

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 1st & 3rd Tuesday

8:30am-12:00pm

MAHJONG GAME NIGHT

EVERY 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY

6:30PM-8:00PM

Daytime Pinochle

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday

1:00pm-4:00pm

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AT GRACE

Help provide decorations for our sanctuary this Christmas. Give a gift in "honor of someone" or "in memory of a loved one" or "to the glory of God."

Mail in or drop off your coupon below, along with your $18.00 gift to Grace Lutheran Church, 1300 Kishwaukee Valley Rd. Woodstock, IL 60098.

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