Grace Lutheran Church
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Woodstock, IL 60098
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November 24, 2026; 7:00 P.M.
Thanksgiving Eve Eve



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

OPENING MUSIC
"Now Thank We All Our God" setting, Albert L. Travis (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

Litany of Praise for Creation
This litany is inspired by the poem in Genesis 1.

Glory to you, O God:
you speak a word of power,
and so you create the world.
We praise you, O God:
We praise you, O God.

For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life,
for the earth ordered from chaos,
and for light and dark,
we bless you, O God:
We bless you, O God.

For the cosmos beyond our earth,
for the sky above our heads,
and for the cycle of evening and morning,
we exalt you, O God:
We exalt you, O God.

For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers,
for the land with its mountains and plains,
and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits,
we magnify you, O God:
We magnify you, O God.

For the sun to rule the day,
for the moon to brighten the night,
and for the shining stars,
we extol you, O God:
We extol you, O God.

For the fish in the sea,
for the birds of the air,
and for the monsters in the deep,
we glorify you, O God:
We glorify you, O God.

For wild animals and creatures of all kinds,
for cattle and all livestock,
and for everything that creeps on the earth,
we adore you, O God:
We adore you, O God.

For humankind made in your image,
for setting us on your good earth,
and for providing us food to eat,
we worship you, O God:
We worship you, O God.

Bless us, your creatures.
Accept our praise,
and make us worthy of your marvelous creation.
We praise you, O God:
We praise you, O God.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving
and honor and power and might
be to you, our God, forever and ever.
Amen.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN
"For the Fruit of All Creation" ELW 679 (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
Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

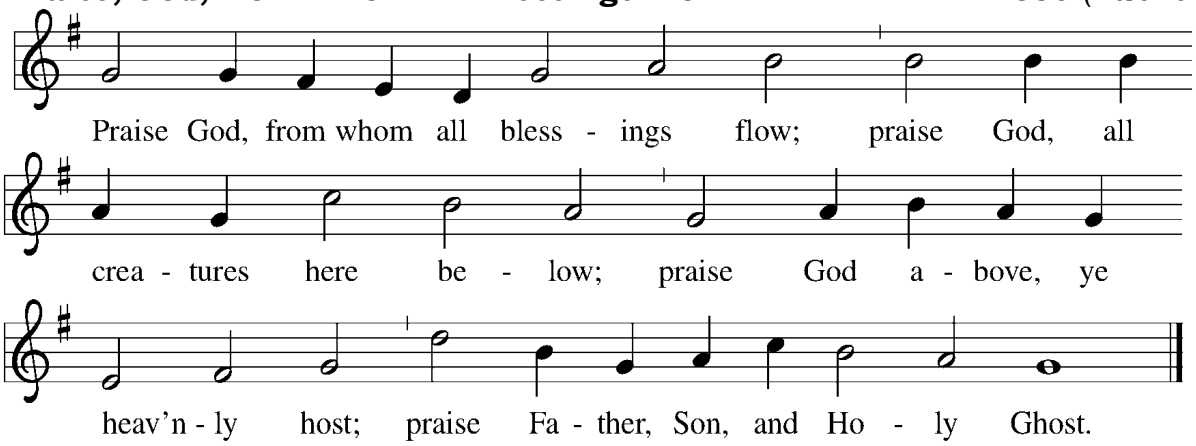
FIRST READING: **Deuteronomy 8:7-18,** *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 165*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: **Psalm 65**
The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.

SECOND READING: **2 Corinthians 9:6-15,** *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 183*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Praise, God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW 885 (Public Domain)



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

Luke 17:11-19, Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 80
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.
REFLECTION

Please stand as you are able.
HYMN OF THE DAY

"Now Thank We All Our God" ELW 840 (Public Domain)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

We give thanks for the communion of the church. Infuse a spirit of generosity in your people. Bless relationships among differing religions and faiths as signs of unity and hope. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for abundant harvests and the many gifts of your good creation. Make us faithful caretakers of land, water, soil, and air, that all life might flourish. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for local and global peace efforts. Uplift the voices of Native communities and theologians, and further the work of truth-telling and reparations in solidarity with our Indigenous siblings. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for your tender care. Accompany all who travel; comfort all for whom this is a lonely season, and assure all weary hearts and bodies of your healing love, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for ministries working to end food and housing insecurity. Open our hearts to your abundance and our minds to new ways of sharing that abundance for the good of all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the witness of all the faithful departed. Empower us, by their example, to serve you with courage, hope, and joy in the promises of the gospel. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **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

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

"Harvest of Thanksgiving" by Stacey Nordmeyer and Roger Thornhill (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER ELW pg.191, left column

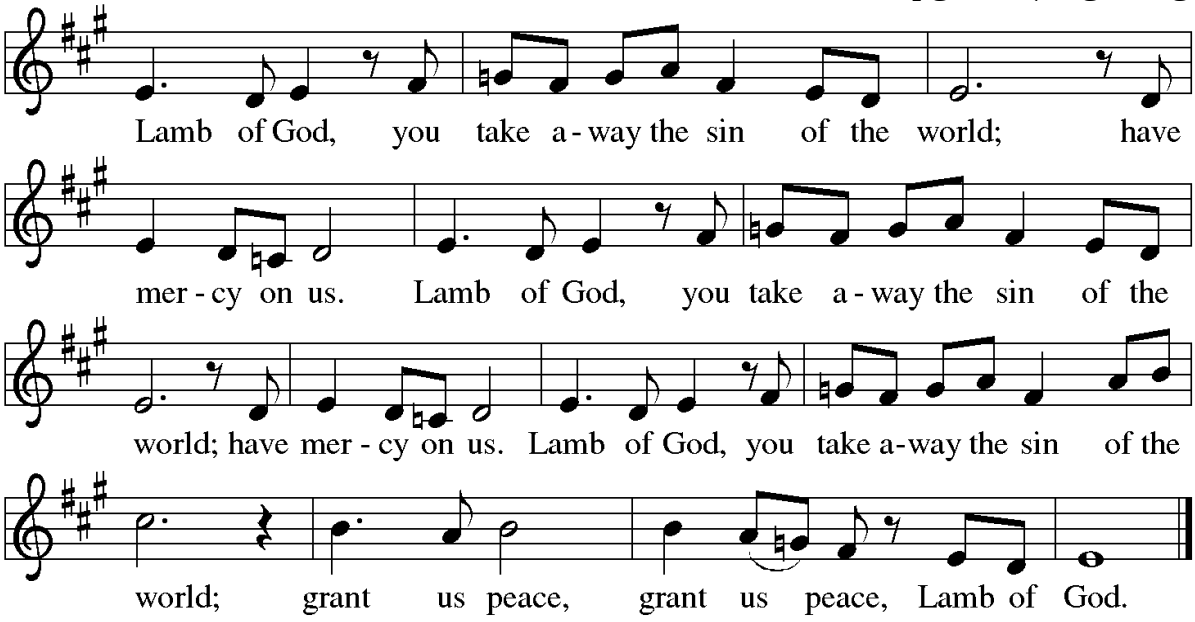
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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)



"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ELW 733 (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

"Give Thanks" (CCLI)



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC

"Voluntary on the Doxology" Henry Purcell (Public Domain)

Worship Team
A/V Team: Andy Bellavia
Greeters: Nancy Kreznor, Mike Phillips
Ushers: Nancy Kreznor, Robert Teuber, Madeline & Tanya Thomas
Acolyte: Braxton O'Leary, Olivia Patterson, Norah Thomas
Reader: Paul Lockwood
Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Sonia Brzezinski, Robin Gibbs, Mike Phillips, Marylee Steinwehe
Altar Guild: Janette Hess, Cindy Meyer, Andy Bellavia, Mary Beth Bellavia
Musicians: Chancel Choir, Carrie Filetti, Grace Tones, Jan Burns
Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

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To the glory of God; given by Don & Marylee Steinwehe.

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
SIGN UP ONLINE OR WITH THE OFFICE

Daytime Pinochle
Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
1:00pm-4:00pm

A Sincere Thanks to our Worship Volunteers!

Join us for

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24, 2026 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

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."

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