Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Communion November 9, 2025

9:30 am

Grace Lutheran Church Camp Hill, PA

*-the congregation is invited to stand

WELCOME TO GRACE

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this autumn. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which are found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

We hope that this bulletin will help guide you through our worship service.

INTRODUCTION

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Holy, Holy, Holy arr. Hartman Emily Hartman – organ, Kristopher Hartman - trumpet

Please stand as you are able.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome

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*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

Let us pray. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING - Job 19:23-27a

O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another."
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not

remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.
Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry

and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands as able.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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Vs 1 - 4

*APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer concludes:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share the peace with one another.

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's regular offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church. You can give online, by cash, or by check.

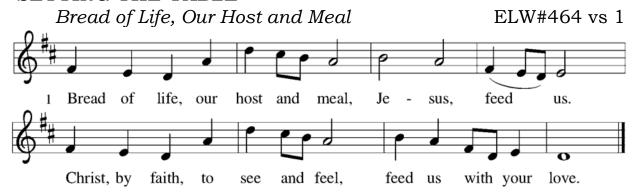
MUSICAL OFFERING

In Flanders Fields

arr. Emerson

Grace Chancel Choir

*SETTING THE TABLE



*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

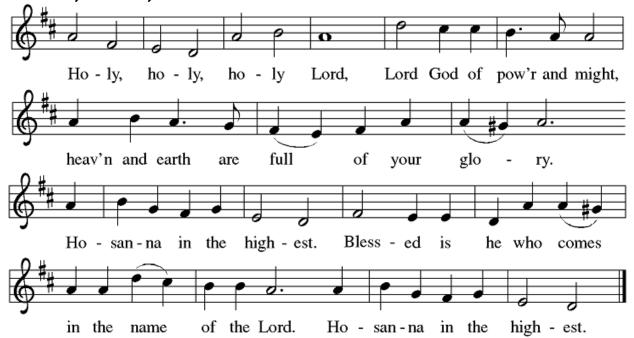
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*THANKSGIVING AT TABLE

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

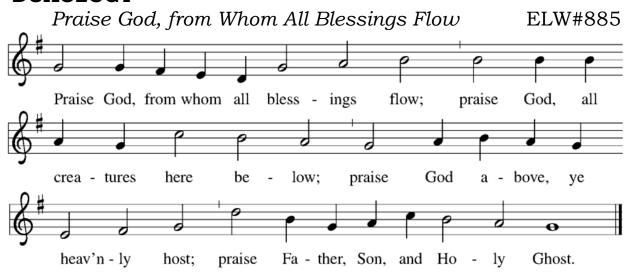
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*DOXOLOGY



*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly may be seated.

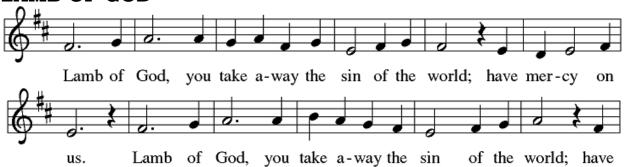
Those communing at home or in their seats are invited to prepare their elements then to be led through eating and drinking the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine.

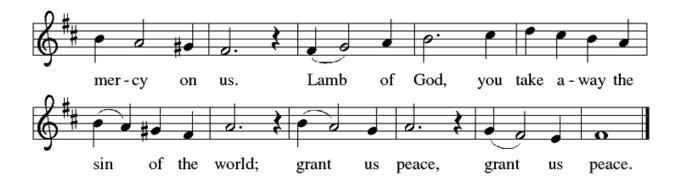
Please come forward to receive the body and blood of Christ in the bread and the wine.

The Lutheran Church welcomes all to the Lord's Supper. If you are not a Christian and wish to inquire about the Christian faith, we invite you to speak to the minister.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC







*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of the Risen Lord strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

*BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Come, We that Love the Lord

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Come, We that Love the Lord

Marching to Zion

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister	Karen Galle
Lector	Patty Rohde
Acolyte	Nathan Robison
Communion Assistants	Bonnie Barton, Ann Hoffman
Sound	Nate Chesky
Director of Music	Kristopher Hartman
Organist	Emily Hartman
Technology Operator	Chris Jury

This Week at Grace: November 8 - 14

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given to the Glory of God.





Connect with Us

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Dave Hawkins, Lisa Miller, Ed Klemmer, Barry Fenicle, Beverly Earhart, Mary Mensah, Amy Vogel, Dave Rowland, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

Grace Book Club – Monday, November 10

Join us as we discuss "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett. This discussion will take place via zoom. Contact Melinda Bechtel at mcbbechtel@gmail.com for login information.

Community Meal – Wednesday, November 12

The Community Meal will be held at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. Please note that this is the only Community Meal in November. The menu for the meal is: Cheesesteak Subs, Fries, Nacho Chips and Assorted Desserts.

Bells of Grace

Please note that the Bells of Grace will not be meeting on Thursday, November 13.

GYG Retreat at Nawakwa – November 14-16, 2025

All Grace Youth Group members, or anyone in 6th - 12th grade are invited to attend a Youth Retreat at Camp Nawakwa. Please register using the QR Code by November 7, 2025. More information can be found on Events page at https://www.gracecamphill.org/events



Finance & Stewardship Ministry

Pledge letters and pledge cards were mailed out this week. If you did not receive one in the mail and are interested in pledging you may either contact the office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org to have a pledge card sent to you or you can pledge using the QR Code



Check out the new Merchandise Store for Grace

Looking for some Grace swag? Check out our new merchandise store at https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-camp-hill-merch/. You can find hats, clothing (with Grace's purpose on the back) and water bottles. What a great way to support Grace and start a conversation.

Advent Event – Sunday, November 23

The Advent Event will be held this year on Sunday, November 23 from 10:30am – 12:30pm in the Social Hall. Join us for fellowship, potluck lunch, Christmas Karaoke, wreath & gingerbread house making and much more. All are welcome. Please sign up in Parking Lot Hallway or at https://www.gracecamphill.org/events/advent-event/2025-11-23.

Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to complete one of the "Welcome to Our Church" cards found in both narthexes and in the library. We'd love to hear from you.

Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **November** is **ELCA World Hunger**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page on the website at https://www.gracecamphill.org/give or use the QR Code.



Give Now

Calendar

11/8	3:00pm	Grace Women's Retreat at Kentland Retreat Center Starts
, •	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
11/9	9:00am	Coffee Hour (After worship from 10:30 – 11:00am, too)
	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary
	10:30am	Junior Youth Group (JYG)
	12:00pm	Grace Women's Retreat at Kentland Retreat Center Ends
11/10	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
	7:00pm	Grace Book Club via Zoom
11/11	9:00am	Quilting Ministry in Quilting Room
	1:00pm	Bible Study in the Library
11/12	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry
	5:30pm	Community Meal in the Social Hall
	6:00pm	Digging Deeper: Young Leader's Theology Class via Zoom
11/13		No Bells of Grace practice
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir in Choir Room
11/14 -		Grace Youth Group Retreat at Camp Nawakwa
11/16		

All Are Welcome



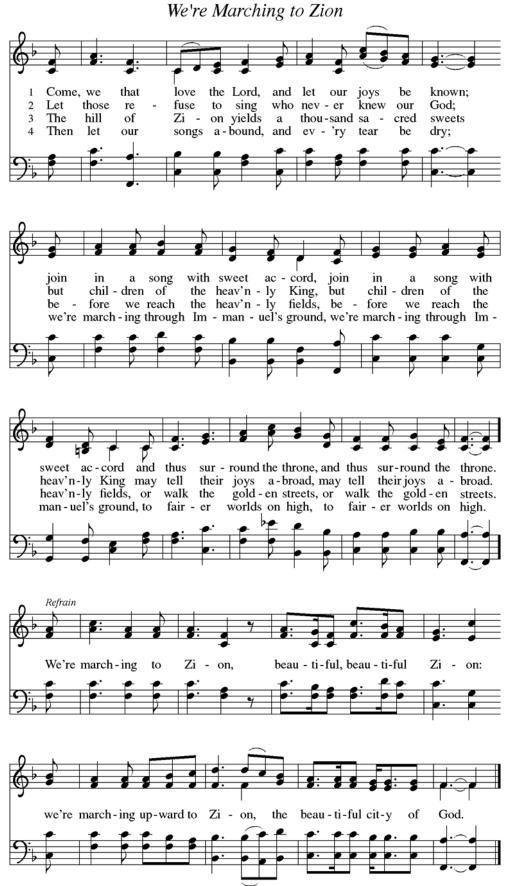
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Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Come, We That Love the Lord



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith

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