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Divine Service setting IV
November 8, 2026

Hymn of Invocation Hymn # 801 How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" **Refrain**

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Invocation
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen!



Giving Thanks

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I W Y L L E P S O G R J D S U T A
V Y X V J X R Y G T M D E R B T Z
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thanksgiving	happiness	dressing	november
blessed	worship	church	family
gospel	prayer	turkey	jesus
love	god	pie	

Exhortation
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness: therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we 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.

Confession and Absolution of Sins
Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

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.
Amen

Introit Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

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.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Kyrie (Sung) (Lord, Have Mercy)
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy

Gloria In Excelsis (Sung) (Glory to God in the Highest)
1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated

This Week at Grace Lutheran +

Sun, Nov 8 : Worship at 9:00 am
Education Hour at 10:15
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm
Mon, Nov 10: Bible Study at 9:30 am
Wed, Nov 12: Confirmation / Grace Kids
Sun, Nov 15: Worship w H/C at 9:00 am
Annual Meeting at 10:15
Harvest Dinner at 11:15
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

Those Serving Us this Week
November 8 , 2026

Elders: Darrell K / Allyn A / Ryan Z
Ushers: Chris Colt / Mark H
Reader: Tony Heisterkamp
Trustee: Andrew Schwartz
Music: Ruth Alexander
Acolyte: Asher Zittritsch

Those Serving us Next Week
November 15, 2026

Elders: Darrell K / Ryan Z / Allyn A
Ushers: Mark H / Chris Colt
Reader: Tony Heisterkamp
Trustee: Ricky Harris
Music: Ruth Alexander
Acolyte: Zoey Donlin

Fareway Donation: This year's donation of 10 turkeys came from Fareway. When you next go to Fareway, give the meat department a big Thank You!

Sunday School Children's Christmas program will be December 20th during the 9 am service. Please plan on signing up your kids. Talk to Melinda or Eileen.
Children's Sunday school practices will be Nov 29, Dec, 5, Dec 19 at 9-11 am.

Church decorating will be November 29th after the service. Please plan on staying to help beautify are church this year. Many hands make light work.

Poinsettias Orders: It is that time a year again to order your poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary and to remember our loved ones . The cost this year is 12$. Make checks out to Grace or pay by cash. Pick up a forum on the back table in fellowship hall.

At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation & Collect of Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..
Amen.

Old Testament Lesson: Amos 5:18–24
18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, 19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Alleluia and Verse (Sung)
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew the 25th chapter
Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:1–13
1 [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of

ity. Call 1-800-847-4836 or go online to direct your Choice Dollars. Thank you for your support for this program at Grace.

Help stock our shelves! Rejoice Community food bank is in urgent need of grocery items to support families in our community. If you are able to give, please consider donating to this important cause. Just put your donations in the shopping cart in the fellowship hall and we will make sure it gets over to Rejoice. Thank you!

Annual Voters Meeting: Mark your calendar for November 15, 2026. Grace Lutheran will be having the annual voters meeting right after the church service. Please meet in the sanctuary and plan on attending.

Big thank you to everyone that made Pastor and I feel so loved last Sunday for Pastor appreciation. It was so wonderful and such a fun lunch. Thank you Grace members for all of your hard work that went into the day. Grace has been our family for many years and we appreciate and are blessed to know each one of you. Blessings, Pastor and Susan.

First annual Chili cook off hosted by the Board of Ed. Mark your calendar for January 17 after service. Get your favorite chili recipes ready and join in the fun. Check out the insert for more details. Need to be registered by December 20th.

Harvest Meal: The board of Elders is hosting a Harvest Meal after the voters meeting on November 15. Turkey and all the trimmings will be served. We will have a special offering for over and above giving for everything the Lord has blessed us with this year. This is a great time for fellowship and a time to be t**hankfu**l for all the Lord has blessed you with. Please take time to pray on your **over and above** giving to Our Lord. Pie and meat bundles will be auctioned off also. Plan on joining the fun!

+ **News and Notes** +

Don't Have Cash Today? You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift.

Visitors: You are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage you to give to God of what He has first blessed you with.to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

On Main Street November 15, airing
This is the Life – "Amazing Grace" – A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian beginnings.
Worship Service – Rev. Joshua Jones of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, delivers the message "Knowing the Master" based on Matthew 25:14-30. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site:
www.mainstreetliving.com

November 8, 2026 – Proper 27 (Pentecost 24) Scripture: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." — Matthew 25:13
Stewardship Sentence: Awaiting Christ's return with faith, we receive each day as God's gift and use our time and resources in loving service while we wait.

New Thrivent Choice Changes! In Mid April, Choice Dollars were designated up front as **a single annual lump sum**. Members can now direct their full amount anytime between now and December 31, instead of after each quarter. NOW, ALL Thrivent members receive Choice Dollars, expanding the reach of generos-

them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Confession of Faith-Apostles' Creed
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

Hymn of the Day Hymn "In the Garden"

Sermon "Forever With the Lord" 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Nunc Dimittis (Sung) (Song of Simeon)

1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

The grace of our Lord...be with you all.
Amen.

Closing Hymn #878 Abide with Me

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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