Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion
November 15, 2026
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 worshiping 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

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

God gathers us in unity. **GATHERING**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Professional in C *Hal Hopson*

Emily Hartman – organ

*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, ☩ 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.

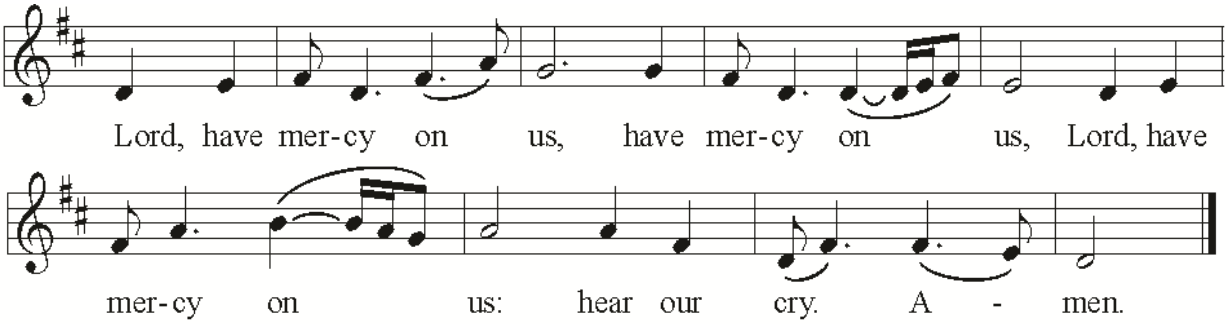
Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. 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.

***GATHERING HYMN**
For the Fruit of All Creation ELW#679

***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.

***KYRIE**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**
Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, 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 – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,

for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM – Psalm 90:1-12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past**
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;**
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace

and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them,
as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be
no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children
of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let
us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at
night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since
we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate
of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For
God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that
whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.
11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as
indeed you are doing.
Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a
journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to
them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At
once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and
traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same
way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug
a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long
time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came
forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you
handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more
talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I
will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came forward,
saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have
made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done,
good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one
talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were
a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering
where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid
your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But
his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did
you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not
scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my
own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and give it to
the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have, more
will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those
who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.
30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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**

Abide with Me ELW#629

***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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:
God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

***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

Take My Life and Let It Be *Thomas Keesecker*

Grace Chancel Choir

***SETTING THE TABLE**



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. 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.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

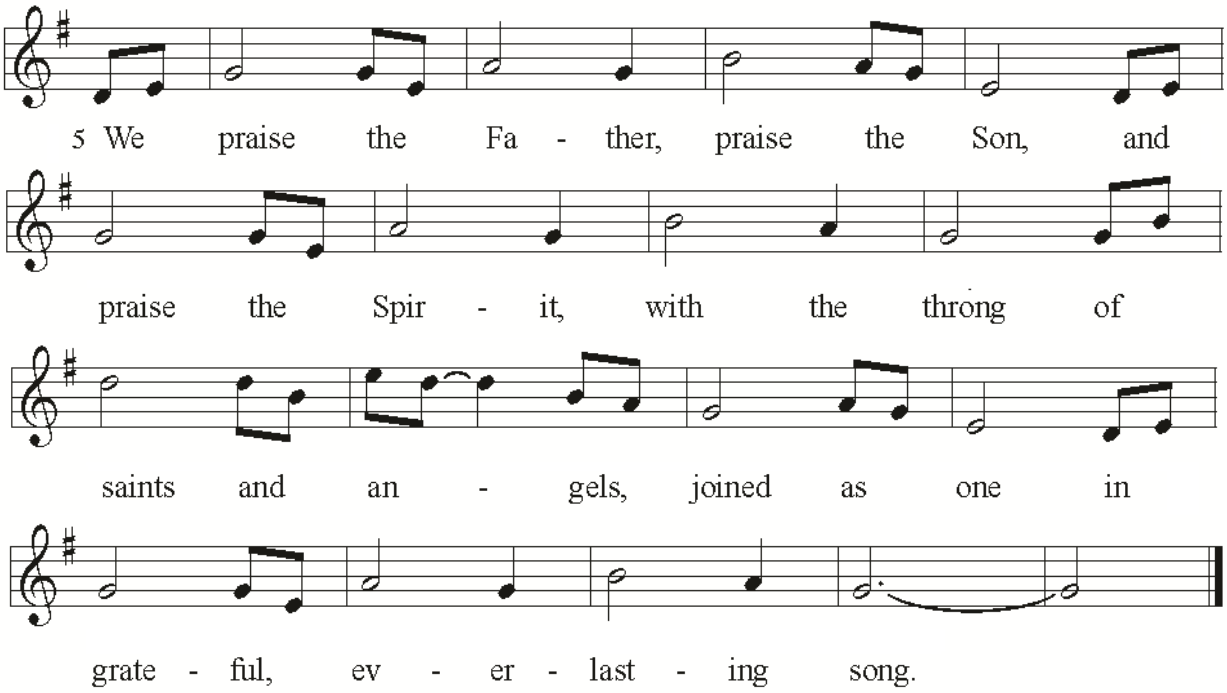
We lift them to the Lord.

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. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are to be found in loving you rather than earthly treasure. For your glory, and to give us the fullness of life and salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power to sit at your right hand. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

***SANCTUS**



***THANKSGIVING AT TABLE**

Let the peoples praise you, generous and abundant Creator: you scatter abroad and give to the poor; you provide seed to the sower and bread for food. Let the peoples praise you: you called Israel to be your chosen people, to preserve your word and to scatter it abroad. Let the peoples praise you: when time had ripened, you sent the Word, your Son, into the world, so that all might have life and have it abundantly.

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.

Remembering, therefore, how he fed the hungry and gave company to outcasts; how he healed the sick and freed those in bondage; how he taught and guided those who were seeking you; how he was handed over and gathered in for our sake; how he was resurrected as the first fruits of the dead, and how he promised to return for the great harvest home; we give you thanks, not as we aught, but as we are able.

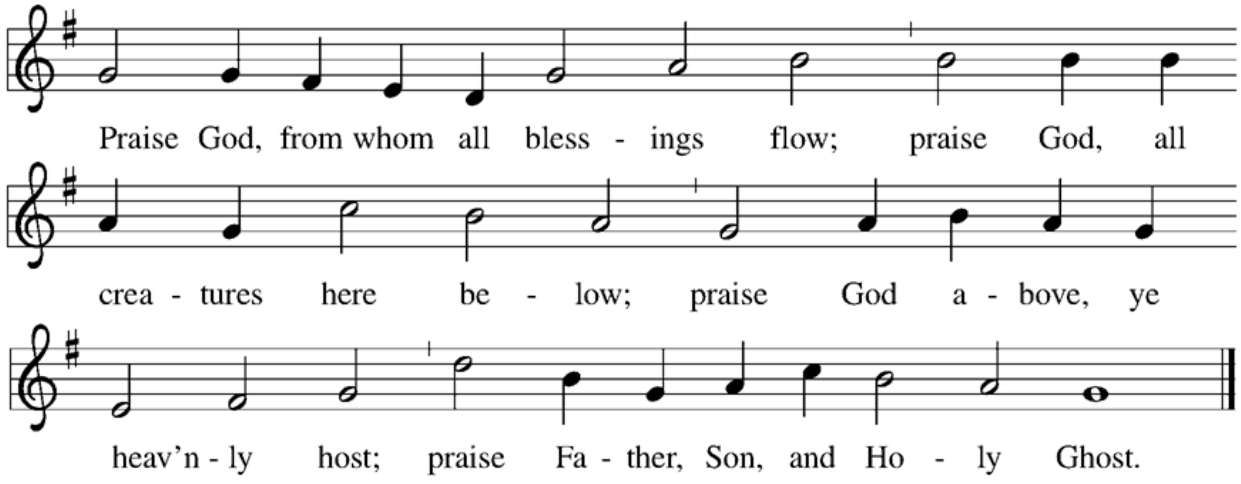
Send, we pray, your Spirit to this meal. Supply our needs, and those of all your saints, and fill us until we overflow with thanksgivings. Empowered by this meal, enlivened by your Spirit, move us to glorify you in faithfulness to the gospel and in generosity to all in need.

United by your Spirit with all people, we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ, to you, our Source and our Goal, our Sun and our Shield, our God 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**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow ELW#885



***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.
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.

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



COMMUNION MUSIC

Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal ELW#464

The assembly stands as able.

***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. 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.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world **SENDING**

***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**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW#815

***DISMISSAL**

Serving, Loving, Growing in Faith.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *Houstan*

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister	Donna Enrico
Lector	Jennifer Caron
Acolyte	Zach Weber
Communion Assistants	Karen Galle, Julie Flook
Sound	Bryan Weber
Director of Music	Kristopher Hartman
Organist	Emily Hartman
Technology Operator	Chris Jury

This Week at Grace: November 14-20

We make a difference by serving others through God's love and our faith.



The Sanctuary Lamp for November is given by Scott Swartzell in memory of Tambara (Tami) Swartzell.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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

We hold in prayer especially this week….

Alan Gabel, Jess, Maggie Ryan, Mark Daniels, Deb Overly, Eileen Moore Hartzell, Karen Brown-Pautz, David & Lori Archer Family, Adam Handwerk, Tom Zimmerman, Jeff Johnson, Dr. Robert Little, Jaclyn Atkins, Robert Schweitzer, and Alice M.

Calendar

11/14/26	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel *Baptism*
11/15/26	9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 10:45am 4:00pm 5:00pm	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary Children's Church Confirmation Class at Grace Breakfast Sunday in Social Hall Sunday Adult Forum in Social Hall Junior Youth Group (JYG) Grace Youth Group (GYG)
11/16/26	6:30pm 7:00pm	Group Spiritual Formation in Small Conference Room Scouting America Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
11/17/26	9:00am 1:00pm	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room Adult Bible Study in Neal Gathering Place
11/18/26	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry
11/19/26	6:00pm 7:00pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal in the Balcony Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Operation Christmas Child

Grace is participating in Operation Christmas Child this year. The shoeboxes and brochures are available in the Narthex to take home and fill. When filling the shoeboxes consider selecting a medium to large "wow" item such as a soccer ball with pump or stuffed animal, then fill with other fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items. Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo – sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive. The filled shoeboxes need to be returned to Grace and placed in the Conference Room by **Sunday, November 15.**

Consecration of Neal Gathering Place

We will be consecrating the newly renovated Neal Gathering Place on November 15th immediately following worship. As a reminder, we will also be having breakfast afterwards in the Social Hall.

Breakfast Sunday

We're really looking forward to seeing you in the social hall on the third Sunday of each month between November 2026 and May 2027, right after worship, for some breakfast together. Coffee hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on these Breakfast Sundays. Come join us for good food and great company, we can't wait to catch up with everyone!

Sunday Adult Forum

Join us in the Social Hall right after worship, for our Adult Forum—an opportunity to come together, deepen our faith, and ignite our spirits. We will embark on an inspiring journey through the Book of Concord, exploring the very foundations of our Lutheran beliefs. This is more than just a study; it's a passionate dive into why we believe what we do, how those truths shape our lives, and how we can carry that power into our everyday walk with God and as a vibrant church community. Don't miss this chance to connect, to learn, and to be energized by our shared faith! This will occur during the Sunday Morning Breakfast. Those interested can sit at designated tables.

Trinity Concert Series: Parkside Voices

3:00pm on Sunday, November 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church (2000 Chestnut Street, Camp Hill). This is a FREE Concert featuring Grace's own Ben Galle. Enjoy an afternoon of a capella music with Hershey's own award-winning Parkside Harmony and Parkside Melody featuring familiar favorites, toe-tapping harmonies, and a spectacular combined finale that will have you on your feet.

Giving Tuesday – December 1



We're teaming up with Thrivent for Giving Tuesday on December 1, 2026. Thrivent is committing $3 million to support organizations like ours. When you donate through Thrivent's giving platform at https://choice-org-search.apps.thrivent.com/details/100244117042 or by scanning the QR code to the right they'll boost your gift, so your generosity goes further! For more information regarding Giving Tuesday go to our website at https://www.gracecamphill.org/pages/giving-tuesday-via-thrivent.

Advent Breakfast w/Santa – December 6



Stick around after worship for Grace's Advent Breakfast in the Social Hall! Enjoy some tasty breakfast, crafts, singing, and even a chance to hang out with Santa in the Neal Gathering Place. All are welcome. It's going to be a fun time, and we can't wait to see everyone there! Please sign up by scanning the QR code, on the bulletin board in the Neal Gathering Place, on the website at https://www.gracecamphill.org/events/advent-breakfast-w-santa/2026-12-06 by **Sunday, November 29!**

Upcoming Events (See the Events page on the website for more details)

12/2	Advent Contemplative Mid-Week Service
12/6	Installation of The Rev. Houck as Pastor Emeritus Advent Breakfast w/Santa
12/7	Grace Book Club
12/13	Cumberland Singers Concert at Grace
12/13-20	Family Promise @ Grace
12/16	Blue Christmas

Sponsorships 2027

Sponsorship sheets for 2027 for the Sanctuary Lamp, Bulletin & Mailing and Altar Flowers are now posted on the bulletin board in the Neal Gathering Place behind the 2026 Sponsorship sheets. Prices have not changed for 2027. Lamp Sponsorship is $21, Bulletin & Mailing Sponsorship is $30, and Altar Flower Sponsorship is $50.

Grace's Merchandise Store

Looking for some awesome Grace gear? We've got a bunch of cool stuff like hats, polo shirts, t-shirts, sweatshirts, a windbreaker jacket, and water bottles. Plus, a part of every sale helps support Grace. Check it out here: https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-lutheran-camp-hill-merch/.

GRACE MERCHANDISE

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, use the QR code or on the website page at https://www.gracecamphill.org/give

Give Now

Lost & Found Items

Have you lost an item recently? If so, please check with the office at 717-737-0439 or office@gracecamphill.org. Items will be kept in the office for (1) month. After that time, they will be placed in the Community Aid bin in the second parking lot.

Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting Grace at one of our worship services, please take a moment to complete one of the "Welcome to Our Church" cards found in the pews, both narthexes and in the Neal Gathering Place. We'd love to hear from you.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. **This Week at Grace** information is due by **12noon on Tuesdays.** Please email any information to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org.

For the Fruit of All Creation



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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Abide with Me



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
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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, [36]I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37]Then 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? [38]And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? [39]And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40]And 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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