

Welcome to Worship

*Our Mission: To boldly live out
our faith in Jesus through worship,
fellowship, and service to God and
our neighbor, here and around the
world.*

Thanksgiving Worship

Sunday, November 23, 2025 10:45 AM



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*At Grace Lutheran, we believe in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality with an open table. **All persons**, whether visiting or a member, are welcome to meet Jesus at the table. Please ask your communion server if you prefer grape juice or a gluten free communion kit. The ushers will direct you to the front for communion or you may receive communion in your pew. Jesus invites all to come and be fed, forgiven, and free!*

Prelude and Bell Ringing

Welcome and Offering of Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

P: Welcome to Worship!

Announcements

Call to Worship

Invocation

Our worship begins in the name of the Father + and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Litany of Welcome

L1: We gather now in the name of Christ, the one who calls us to bring in the kingdom of God: a kingdom not of houses, not of land, but a kingdom of love and acceptance, a kingdom where we are God's hands in this world.

L2: Welcome each other. Welcome the stranger. Welcome all who come. As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet.

L1: Welcome to this place. Welcome to this worship. Let us praise the God of all who has brought us here. Let us learn of God's love and share that love wherever we go. Be welcome here, for this is God's house.

Gathering Hymn***Jesus Messiah***

- Verse 1 He became sin who knew no sin
 That we might become His righteousness
 He humbled Himself and carried the cross
 Love so amazing love so amazing
- Chorus Jesus Messiah Name above all names
 Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel
 The Rescue for sinners
 The Ransom from heaven
 Jesus Messiah Lord of all
- Verse 2 His body the bread His blood the wine
 Broken and poured out all for love
 The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn
 Love so amazing love so amazing (Chorus)
- Bridge All our hope is in You
 All our hope is in You
 All the glory to You God
 The Light of the world (Chorus)
- Ending Jesus Messiah
 Lord of all
 The Lord of all
 The Lord of all

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God, in your Son Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need, bread from the earth and the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. Grant us one thing more: grateful hearts to sing your praise, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

First Lesson: Psalm 100 *(Spoken responsively)*

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

C: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

P: Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;

C: **We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

P: Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

C: **Give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

P: Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

C: **Whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message - Blessing of the Food

P: A reading from the Gospel of John. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 6:25-35

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will

give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”³⁰ So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?”³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”³² Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Allison Cobb

Hymn of the Day

The Goodness of Jesus

Verse 1 Come you weary heart now to Jesus
Come you anxious soul now and see
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Chorus Oh the goodness the goodness of Jesus
Satisfied he is all that I need
May it be come what may that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus

Verse 2 Come find what this world cannot offer
Come and find your joy here complete
Taste the living water never thirst again
Rest here in His wondrous peace (Chorus)

Verse 3 Come and find your hope now in Jesus
He is all he said he would be
Grace is overflowing from the Saviour's heart
Rest here in His wondrous peace (Chorus)

Apostles' 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.**

Thanksgiving For The Word

P: On this Christ the King Sunday, let us go before our Lord in prayer,

- ✠ Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- ✠ By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- ✠ Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

- ✠ Your Word of life is balm for our weary souls. We offer you our joys and concerns, blessings and sorrows, as we remember those on our congregation's prayer list, those who are on our hearts this day, all who are grieving, and anyone who needs to feel your presence in a tangible way. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- ✠ We lift up the injustices of our world including hunger, systematic racism, lack of health care, limited availability of resources we so easily can take for granted, those searching for work, and for all who need a warm and safe place to sleep tonight. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- ✠ We thank you for our military and first responders who put their lives on the line to make sure we are safe. We are grateful for everyday heroes like moms and dads, next door neighbors, essential workers, and scientists who work every day to make the world a better place. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- ✠ With grateful hearts, we thank you, for walking with us on this journey of life, accompanied by the Holy Spirit, who brings us new life each day, and reminds us of the resurrection promise with all the saints in light. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**
- ✠ Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

Offering Song

Gratitude

Verse 1 All my words fall short, I got nothing new
How could I express, all my gratitude
I could sing these songs, as I often do
But every song must end, and You never do

Chorus So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah

Verse 2 I've got one response, I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide, I will worship You

Chorus So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah

Bridge Come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
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Loaves and Fishes Offering

Youth are invited to walk forward and place their offering into the basket. Just like the little boy who gave his 2 fish and 5 loaves to Jesus, who multiplied them to feed thousands, the youth offering will go to The Grace Food Pantry. Adults are welcome to give a child an offering to bring up too.

Offering Prayer

God of all, **thank you for the life you give us, the goods which you supply to us, the power to make a difference in this world. Be with us in our daily tasks, our daily joys, our daily sorrows, and remind us that every day, every minute belongs to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Holy Communion

Children of all ages may receive communion or a blessing. They are also invited to take an instrument to praise God during the sending song. All are welcome at Christ's table.

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.

Communion Song

What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater, what could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is, nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You
You silence the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring, the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal, now and forever God You reign
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is, nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is, the Name of Jesus

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Prayer after Communion

P: 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.

All: Amen.

Prayer Over Pledge Cards

P: At this time, we will bless the gifts God has given us and the Stewardship pledges to continue the ministries God is calling us to at Grace.

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have, and not what we have left over, so that we may live out, as closely as possible, how you give generously to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we see our very selves being part of this offering, living sacrifices to you.

Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn:***I Believe***

Verse 1 I believe there is one salvation
 One doorway that leads to life
 One redemption one confession
 I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

Verse 2 I believe in the crucifixion
 By His blood I have been set free
 I believe in the resurrection
 Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

Chorus All praise to God the Father
 All praise to Christ the Son
 All praise to the Holy Spirit
 Our God has overcome
 The King who was and is and evermore will be
 In Jesus' mighty name I believe

Verse 3 I believe in the hope of heaven
 He's preparing a place for me
 Far beyond what hearts imagine
 Ears have heard or eyes have seen

Verse 4 I believe that day is coming
 He's returning to claim His bride
 Light the altar keep it burning
 See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion (chorus)

Sending

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



HAPPY
Thanksgiving