Grace Lutheran Church, ELCA
Fairmont, MN

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.

Sunday, November 1, 2026 - 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

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,
All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

✞ **Gathering Song** ***Who You Say I Am***

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am
I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me I am who You say I am
Oh am who You say I am

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house

There's a place for me
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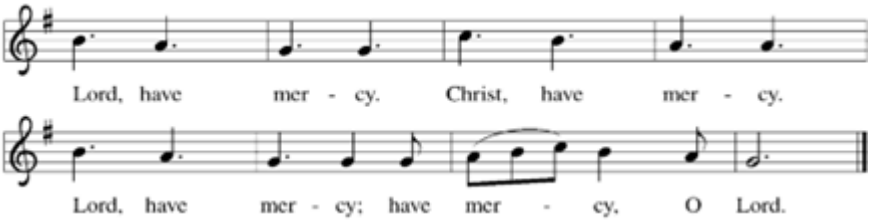
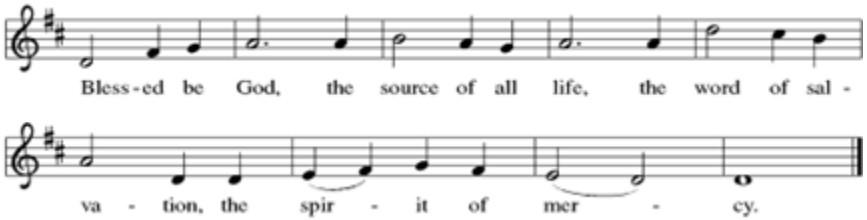
Yes I am

✞ **Greeting**

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

All: And also with you.

✞ **Kyrie**

✞ **Song of Praise**



✞ **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

8 Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 9 "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." 10 So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in

a vessel, so that I may drink." [11] As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." [12] But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." [13] Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. [14] For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." [15] She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. [16] The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Second Reading: 1 Kings 17: 17-24

[17] After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. [18] She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" [19] But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. [20] He cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" [21] Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried out to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." [22] The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. [23] Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." [24] So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

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

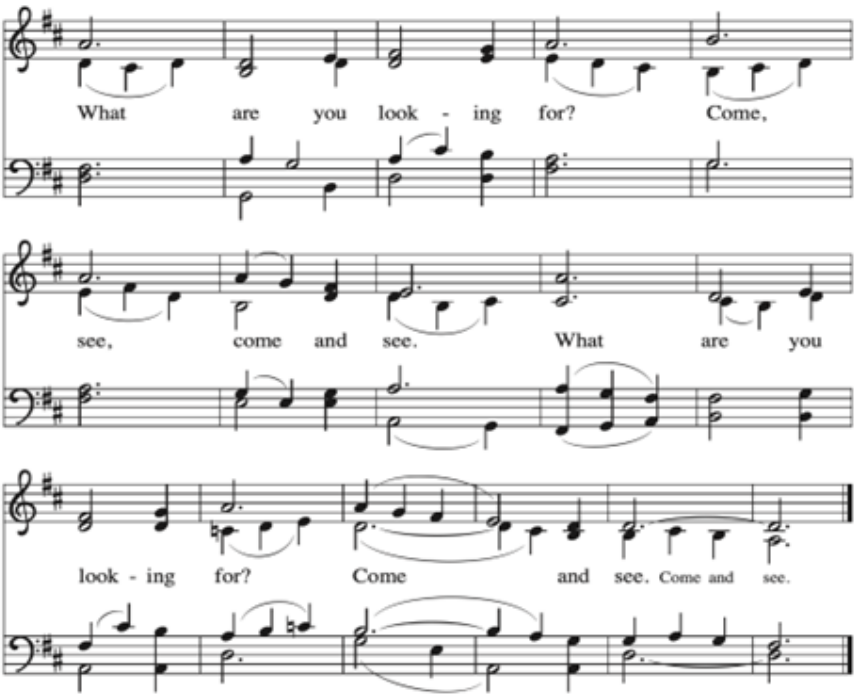
Children's Message (Sing) ***Zacchaeus***

Zacchaeus was a wee, little man,
And a wee, little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree,
For the Lord he wanted to see.

And as the Savior came that way,
He looked up in the tree,

Spoken: And he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down!"

For I'm going to your house today.
For I'm going to your house today.

✞ **Gospel Acclamation**

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

✞ **Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after
he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he began to speak and
taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for

they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you..

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

Sermon **Pastor Allison Cobb**

✞ **Song of the Day** ***I Will Rise***

There's a peace I've come to know
Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul
I can say it is well

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won
He is risen from the dead
And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near
When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear
And my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome
And the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won

He is risen from the dead
And I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise

And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing
Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart

Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

I will rise when He calls my name
No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagle's wings
Before my God fall on my knees
And rise, I will rise

Remembrance of the Saints

On All Saints Sunday, we lift up the names of those in our congregation who have passed from death to new life in Jesus Christ. As their name is read, the bell will toll, and a candle will be lit in their memory.

Let us pray: O God of grace and glory, we remember before you today our beloved Saints. We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love as a companion in our pilgrimage on earth. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call, we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Mavis Anderson
Helen Bellin
Vicky Berhow
Wilma Bird-Swanson
Susie Davis
Diane Evans
Delphine Hanson
DeeAnne Helfritz
Elayne Hested
Maynard Johnson
Reily Junkermeier
Lois Kessler
Patricia Knewtson
Joyce McKee
Lorraine Reiter
Ted Schaefer
Tom Sime
Betty Snyder
Bette Stevens
Bob Strom
John Thomas
Velma Vickerman
Marcia Willard
Bob Witty

At this time, you are invited forward to light a candle for the saints who are on your hearts this morning. We thank God for our blessed saints of all times and places.

Let us pray: Loving God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we, encouraged by the example of your servants, may preserve in the course that is set before us and, at the last, share in your eternal joy with all the saints in light. May their memory be a blessing. Amen.

✞ **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.

Prayers of the Church

P: O God who inhabits our sorrows, it is no easy thing to admit another person into our grief. Yet you, O Lord, have clearly called your children to bear one another's burdens. You have instructed us to mourn with those who mourn, even naming such service as an act of worship. Therefore, let us acknowledge and pray together for all those who grieve this day. For we are one body in Christ, and when one part of the body is in pain, we bear the load together.

For those who have suffered a Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Premature Birth, or Loss of a Child

O Christ who gathered children in your arms, you know our ache. You know this void no human words can fill. You understand this grief for our child. You were witness to our rising joy. You saw our crumbling hope. Now you behold our sorrow. And yet, even in our deep loss, O Lord, you have not abandoned us or left us without light and hope. For we remember how you, Jesus, loved and welcomed the little ones, touching their heads and blessing them, declaring that the kingdom of heaven belonged to these, and you have told us that your promises are for us and our children. For even amidst uncertainty, this we know to be true of your works, O Father, this we cling to:

All: Your grace, your mercy, your redemption, and your love will extend further and will be more wondrous in their perfection than we have ever imagined.

For those who have suffered the loss of a Sibling or Dear Friend

P: We ache, O Lord, with a new sadness rooted deep in the soil of our existence. For we have lost a friend, an ally, and fellow traveler in life, with whom we felt an unspoken bond—an intuitive sympathy forged of holding in common so much that was unique to the peculiar narrative of our lives. We shared home and work, community, and loved ones. Hardships, holidays, and hopes. Our stories overlapped and intersected, organically intertwined. We were bound from the beginning by blood and history or choosing one another as family bound by what we held in common. We can hardly imagine what it will mean now to live in a world without them.

All: Jesus, in this sadness be our steady strength and consolation. Be our peace.

For those who have suffered the loss of a Loving Parent

P: O God, be near your children in our grief. We have lived our life till now, O Lord, with a sense there was a strong, buffering wall between us and the risks and uncertainties of life—for there was always one who had existed before us, who loved us from the beginning of our lives, who protected us, cared for us, and watched over us. Parents who raised and nurtured us, who did not hesitate to sacrifice their own resources for our good, or to deny their own desires in order to advance our flourishing.

All: Meet us in our grief, O God, and let us learn to lean all worry and weight of living upon you.

For those who have suffered the loss of a Spouse

P: In marriage, the two of us had become one. Now one of us is gone and we are not left as one but as half. This is a grief like no other, O Lord, for we were companions in a holy bond, our hearts and lives knit together, sharing purpose and plan, hands clasped in a common pilgrimage. Together, we were becoming what neither of us could have been alone. Our vow to love within your greater love was re-making us into a new thing. This anguish that cuts so deeply is multiplied by the fact that the one who we would have shared this deep sadness with is the one who is gone.

All: Be present, O God, in the emptiness. Be present, O God, in the silence. Be present, O God, in the aching heart of this new and solitary story.

For All Who Miss Someone

P: You created our hearts for unbroken fellowship. Yet the constraints of time and place, and the stuttering rhythms of life in a fallen world dictate that all fellowship in these days will at times be broken and incomplete. We acknowledge, O Lord, that it is a right and good thing to miss deeply those whom we love but with whom we cannot be physically present.

All: Grant us, therefore, courage to love well even in this time of absence.

P: May our reunion be joyous in the life to come.

All: How we look forward, O Lord, to the day when all our fellowships will be restored, eternal and unbroken.

P: It was an honor to love and know, and to be known and loved by, those we remember this day. For the depth of this pain is the same as the depth of our bond. Our grief is a facet of the joy that was, and a forerunner of the joy yet to come.

All: Now, O Christ, be our strength and consolation. Be our peace. Today and always. Amen.

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 Song ***Hope Has A Name***

Verse 1	There is a song I know it well A melody that's never failed On mountains high in valleys low My soul will rest My confidence in You alone
Chorus	Hope has a name His name is Jesus My Savior's cross has set this sinner free Hope has a name His name is Jesus Oh Christ be praised I have victory
Verse 2	There is a light salvation's flame Christ undefeated trampled the grave See now the cross be lifted high The light has come the light has won Behold the Christ (Chorus)

Verse 3	There'll be a day my hope complete Now home in glory Your face I'll see My pain no more my fear will cease I bow my life I fix my eyes On Christ my king I bow my life I fix my eyes On Christ my king (Chorus)

✞ **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.**

Holy Communion

✞ **Great Thanksgiving (spoken)** **p.129**

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

✞ **Preface**

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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name.

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.

✞ **<u>Lord's Prayer</u> (spoken)**

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.

<u>Communion Song</u> ***Living Hope***

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

✞ **Prayer after Communion**

P: 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.

All: Amen.

✞ **Blessing**

P: The holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

All: Amen.

✞ **Sending Song** ***I'll Fly Away***

Verse 1 Some glad morning when this life is o'er
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

Chorus I'll fly away O glory I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

Verse 2 When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I'll fly away

Verse 3 Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joys shall never end
I'll fly away

Sending
P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude