

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Worship Service**  
**November 19 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

**Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness:**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

*C: Amen.*

P: Holy One,

*C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.*

P: Beloved we are God's...in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

*C: Amen.*

**Gathering Hymn:**     “Now Thank We All Our God”     (ELW #840)

Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

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**Greeting:**

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

*C: And also with you.*

**Kyrie:** (ELW p. 120)

**Prayer of the Day**

**Word**

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (NRSVue) *Response: Thanks be to God!*

**Psalm:** Psalm 90:1-12 (NRSVue)

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

<sup>2</sup>*Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to dust and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

<sup>4</sup>*For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past or like a watch in the night.*

<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

<sup>6</sup>*in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.*

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

<sup>8</sup>*You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.*

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end<sup>[c]</sup> like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>*The days of our life are seventy years or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.*

<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

<sup>12</sup>*So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NRSVue) *Response: Thanks be to God!*

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:14-30 (NRSVue)

*Response before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord.*

*Response after the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** "Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son

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And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

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**Welcoming New Members to the Congregation:**

P: *These Christians have* come to our congregation, some by affirmation of faith, others by baptism: Eric, Bethany, Leah, and Landon Gabe, Joseph, Jessica, & Jaelyn Hoiberg, Lydia Ann Nagle, Sheryl Ringen, Toni Stansbery, and Cheryl Anson

**Address and Questions:**

P: Over our lifetimes, we are often called to fulfill this mission in different locations. *Sisters and brothers* in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people at Grace Lutheran Church?

**NM: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

**The Apostles' Creed:** (ELW p. 127)

**Welcome:**

P: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to our community of faith at Grace.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

**Prayers of Intercession:** Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

**Peace:**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

*C: And also with you.*

**Choir Anthem:** “Sing Joy, Make a Beautiful Noise!”

**Offering Prayer:** Let us pray.

*C: God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.*

**Meal**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

*C: And also with you.*

P: Life up your hearts.

*C: We will 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**

**Holy, Holy, Holy:** (ELW p. 130)

**Words of Institution**

**Lord’s Prayer:** (ELW p. 134)

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion**

**Table Blessing:**

P: Now may the body....and keep us in his grace.

*C: Amen.*

**Prayer after Communion:** Let us pray. Lord Jesus,

*C: in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. Amen.*

**Benediction:**

P: May the God...be with you today and always.

*C: Amen.*

**Closing Hymn:** “For the Beauty of the Earth” (ELW #879)

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Refrain*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*

For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

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**Sending**

**Dismissal:**

P: We go out into the world

**C: *sharing the love of God, spreading the Word of God, and serving the children of God.***

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

**C: *Thanks be to God!***

**Postlude**

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