

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 12, 2023—10am**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" *arr. by Cindy Berry*

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, **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.**

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

ELW #801

**+ Greeting**

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

ELW p.52

**+Word+**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

**Psalm 78:1-7**

ELW #78

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

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**+ Gospel Reading**

Matthew 25:1-13

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

ELW #810

**+ Apostles' Creed**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Offering**

*Thank you for supporting the mission of the church as you are able!*

*Electronic donations can be made at*

[https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/475611](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/475611).



**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Proper Preface**

**+ Sanctus**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer**

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Agnus Dei**

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### **Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors.*

*If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

### **Distribution Song**

ELW #492

### **+ Sending +**

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

### **Blessing**

### **Announcements**

### **+ Sending Song**

ELW #813

### **+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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