



## THE 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 10, 2024 | 8:00 and 10:30am

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Thornville, Ohio

### VISITORS

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We welcome you in the name of Christ and hope his word of forgiveness and freedom finds you while you are with us this morning. If you are visiting or are new to our church, we ask that you complete a yellow Connection Card and pass it to the center isle for collection during the Entrance Hymn. We would like to be in touch with you and to let you know more about Grace Lutheran. We are glad you are with us.

### OUR WORSHIP

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Lutherans think of worship not in terms of something we do for God, but rather what God does for us. We often call our worship a "service," and that means that God serves us in our need. At the end of his life in 1546, Martin Luther famously said, "We are beggars" before God. In our liturgy (order of worship), which includes hymns and songs, specially selected Bible readings, preaching, and Holy Communion, God serves us by delivering to us sinful human beings the good news of Jesus Christ as Savior, which we grasp by faith. We respond with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving, which carries over into our everyday lives.

### PARENTS AND YOUNG CHILDREN

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Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. If you have to leave worship with your children, feel free to do so, but even more so, feel free to come back in!

### PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

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*We do not presume to come to your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, and so to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen*

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP - LBW Setting 2

*Watchword: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. – Psalm 146:8 ESV*

## PRELUDE | WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS | OPENING PRAYER

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 *Confession and Absolution*

### INVOCATION

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P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION

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P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*The people kneel for silent reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,  
**C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

### ABSOLUTION

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*The pastor stands and addresses the assembly.*

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.  
**C: Amen.**

*The people stand.*

 *Gathering*

**ENTRANCE HYMN***God of Our Fathers*Green Book 567

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*Connection Cards/Prayer Requests should be passed to the center aisle at this time.*

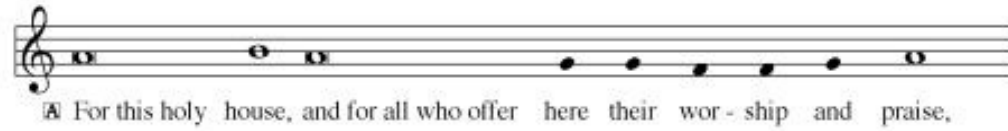
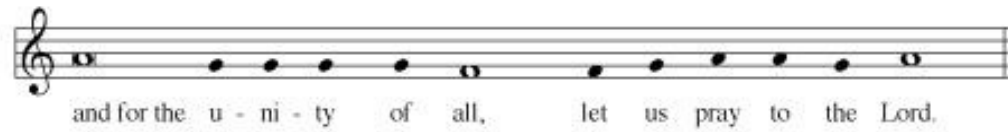
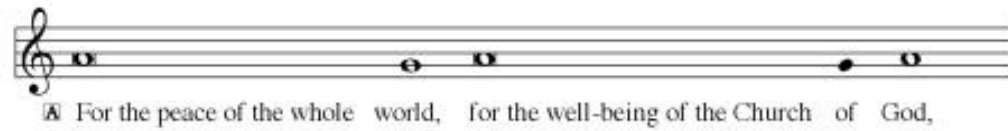
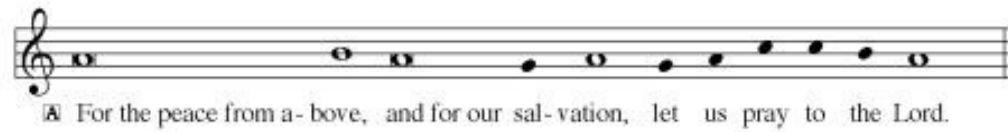
### APOSTOLIC GREETING

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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.**

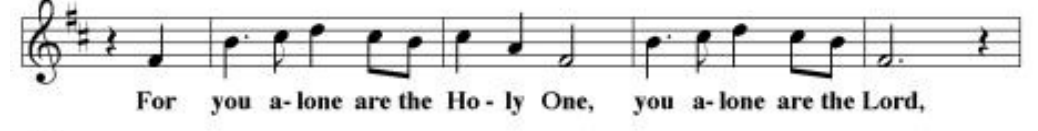
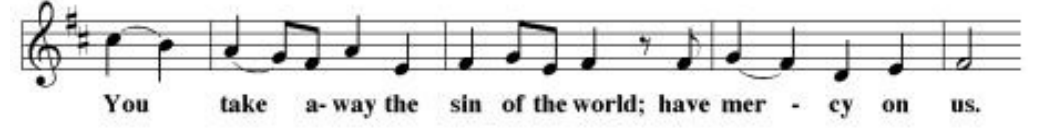
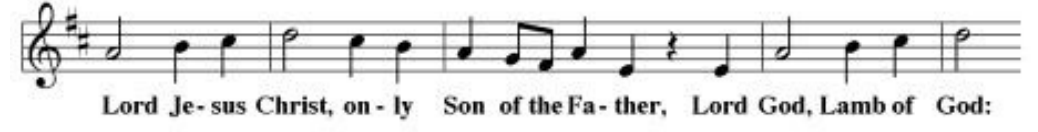
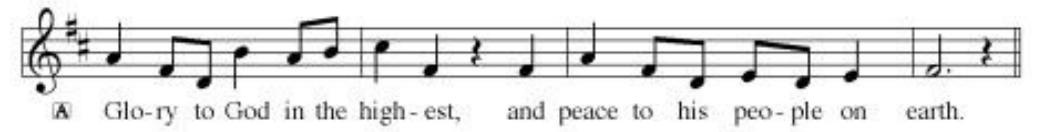
## THE KYRIE

A=Leader; C=all voices



## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

A=Leader; C=all voices



PRAYER OF THE DAY



Ⓟ The Lord be with you.      Ⓒ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C: Amen.

*The people may be seated.*

*(10:30 only) Men of Grace: “Heal Our Land”*



*The Liturgy of the Word*

THE FIRST LESSON

*1 Kings 17:8-16*

L: A reading from 1 Kings.

*At God’s command, a poor woman divided her last meal with a prophet and her son. She discovers that she has enough for that day and beyond.*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him, <sup>9</sup>“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and

my son, that we may eat it and die.” <sup>13</sup>And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; 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. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” <sup>15</sup>And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

L: The Word of the Lord.      C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

*Psalm 146*

*The verses are chanted alternately by the cantor and the congregation.*



- <sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, | O my soul!\* I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- <sup>2</sup>**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,\* for there is no | help in them.**
- <sup>3</sup>When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,\* and in that day | their thoughts perish.
- <sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,\* whose hope is in the | Lord their God;**
- <sup>5</sup>who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;\* who keeps his prom- | ise forever;
- <sup>6</sup>**who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,\* and food to | those who hunger.**
- <sup>7</sup>The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes | of the blind;\* the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;

<sup>8</sup>the Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares | for the stranger;\* he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord shall | reign forever,\* your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 9:24-28

L: A reading from Hebrews.

*Christ has accomplished all things needed for our salvation, and we wait eagerly for his appearing.*

<sup>24</sup>For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. <sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: The Word of the Lord.      C: Thanks be to God.

THE VERSE

*The people stand.*




Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.




Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces <sup>39</sup>and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, <sup>40</sup>who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

<sup>41</sup>And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. <sup>43</sup>And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. <sup>44</sup>For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Theresa Jacobson

*The people may be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY Take My Life, That I May Be Green Book 406

*The people stand.*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE CHURCH

After each petition: A: Lord, in your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C: And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

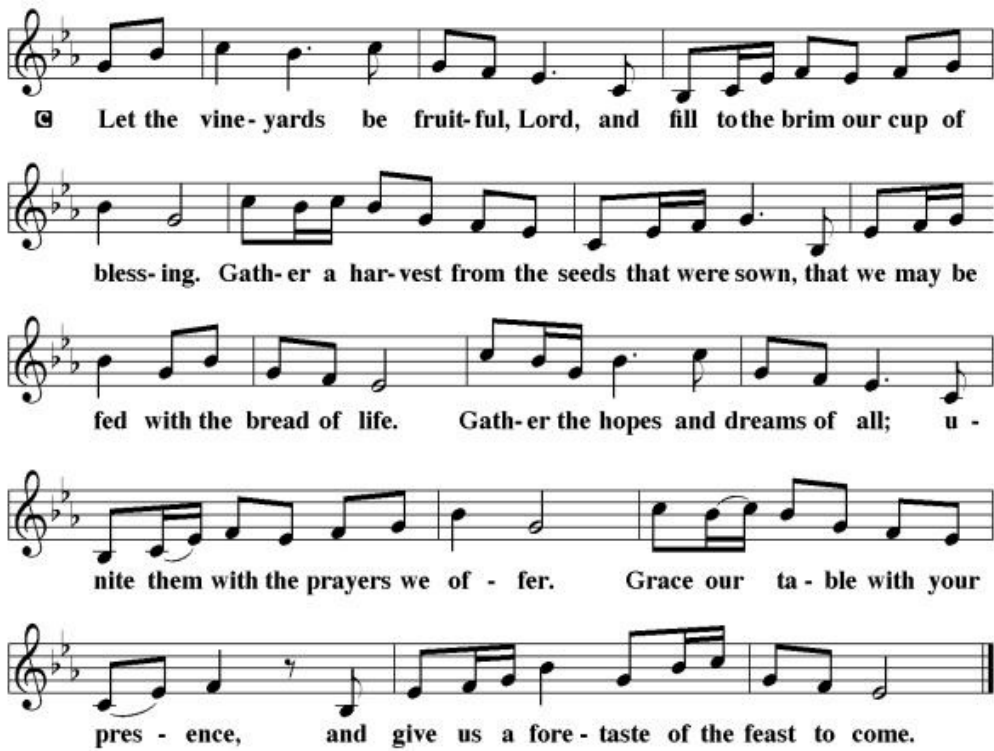
OFFERING

Stationary plates have been placed in the sanctuary for giving offerings before or after service. Online giving through the church's website is also highly encouraged. Quiet music will play to provide a time for prayer and reflection.

(8:00 only) Men of Grace: "Heal Our Land"  
(10:30 only) Grace Notes Handbells: "To the Glory of God"

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

The people stand.



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,  
C: **O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving musical notation consists of four staves in G major. The lyrics are: P The Lord be with you. C And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

P: It is indeed right .... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

The Sanctus musical notation consists of four staves in G major. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER


P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.  
C: **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.**

THE FRACTION


P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
C: **Happy are those who take refuge in him!**

*The people may be seated.*


LAMB OF GOD



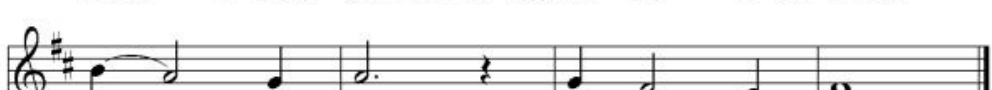
♩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

*Lutherans teach that Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) was instituted by Jesus Christ himself for us to eat and drink. As his words declare, with bread and wine, he imparts to us his body and blood, and with it the grace of God. This sacrament is God's way of giving us the good news of Jesus in a concrete, physical way as we continue our pilgrimage on earth. We are rightly prepared to receive this great gift when we come before God with humility and faith. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.*

To receive Holy Communion, come forward in two lines (10:30) or one line (8:00) as the ushers direct you. With open hands, you will receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister. For those not able to receive regular bread, some gluten free wafers are available. Then proceed to receive the wine from an assistant on your side of the sanctuary. Take an empty cup, which will be filled using a pouring chalice. For those not able to receive wine, there are some pre-filled cups of grape juice available. After receiving the Lord's Supper, the communicant may say "Amen" and return to your pew for prayer. Those choosing not to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a brief prayer and blessing. You may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

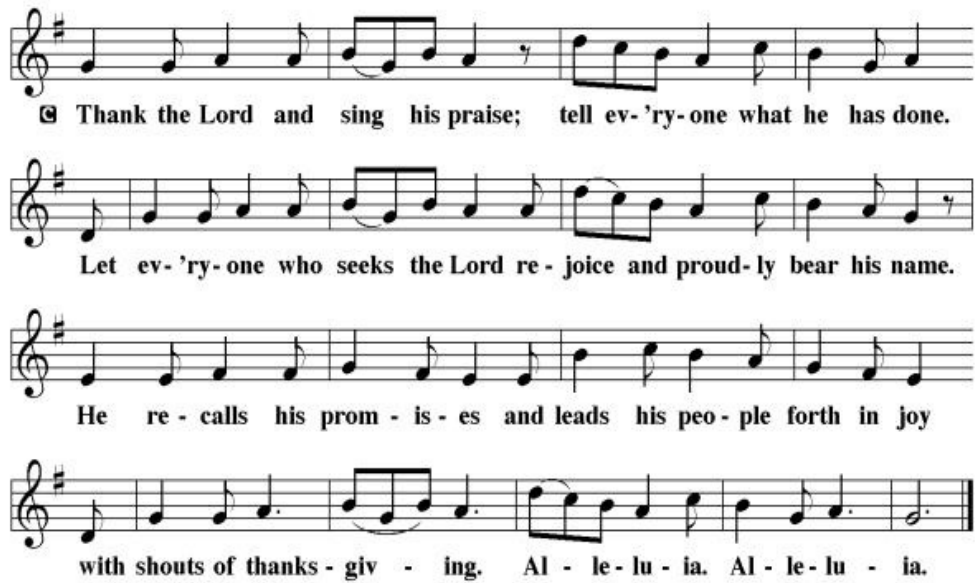
*Hymns during distribution: Green Book 223, 327, 217*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*The people please stand.*

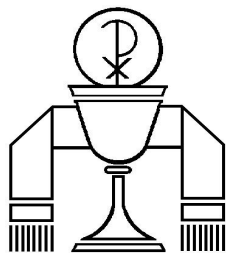
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Musical notation for the Post-Communion Canticle, consisting of four staves of music in G major. The lyrics are: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

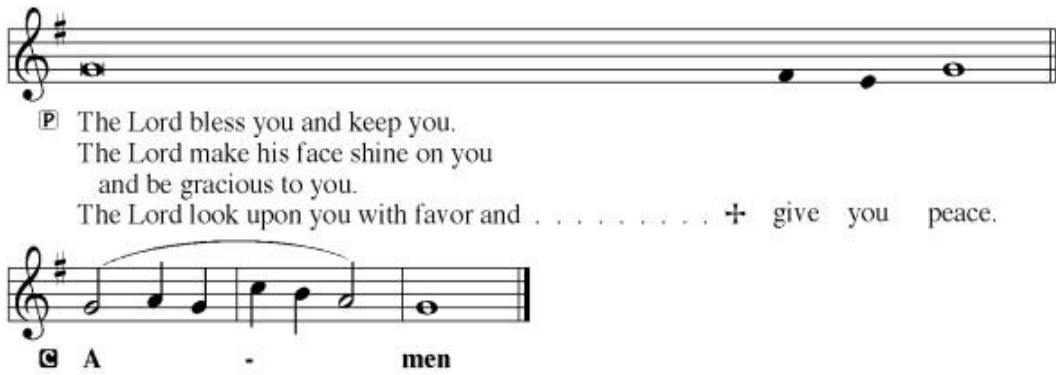
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C: Amen.



Sending

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Musical notation for the Blessing and Dismissal, consisting of two staves of music in G major. The lyrics are: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. A - men

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!  
C: Thanks be to God!

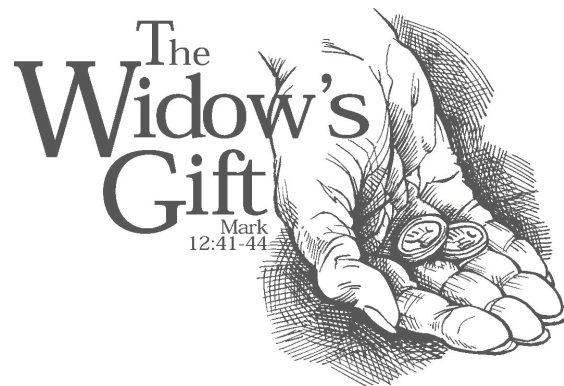
SENDING HYMN *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* Green Book 412

THE POSTLUDE

*We are sent into the world to proclaim God's grace in word and deed.*

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen*



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#### COMMEMORATIONS:

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As Christians in the twenty-first century, we are called to remember that God's people of the past form a great "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1). In that spirit, we commemorate memorable Christians of the past, usually on the day of their death. Though imperfect, their witness inspires us today as we run the race of faith. This week, the Church commemorates:

Nov. 11 Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397; Soren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, 1855

Nov. 17 Elizabeth of Thuringia, Princess of Hungary, 1231

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR 26 PENTECOST (NOVEMBER 17)

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Daniel 12:1-3

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Psalms 16

Mark 13:1-8