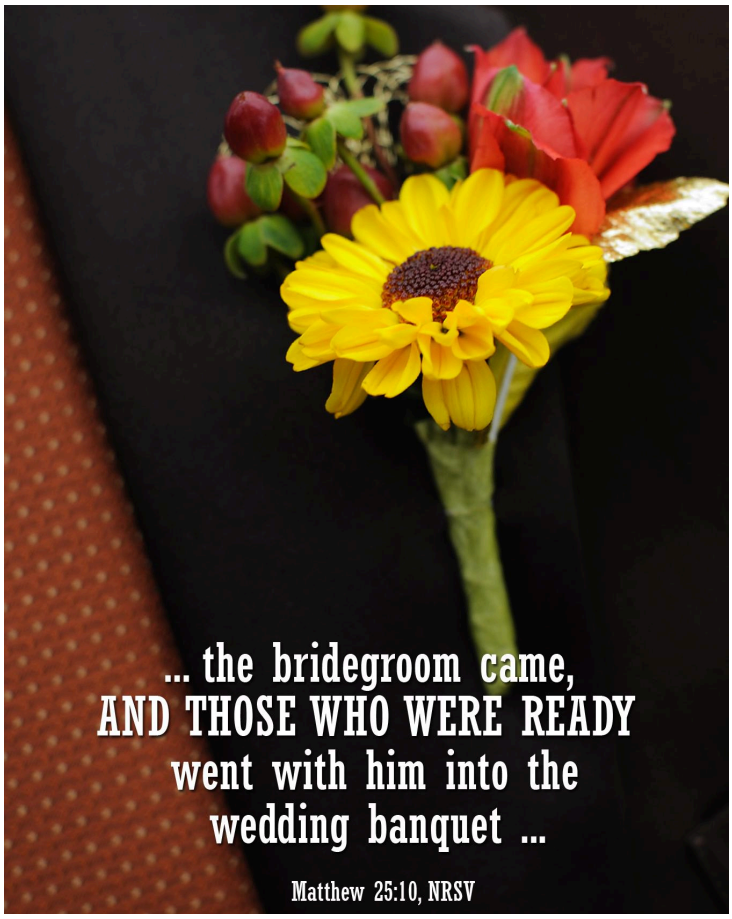
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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Sharing God's love so that all are served and supported.



Today's Worship Theme

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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Greeter: Dana Holden
Ushers: Bob & Joan Streightiff
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Smythe
Coffee Host: Gail Schuette

If you are visiting, please review the Welcome Pew Card in the hymnal holder.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Matt Chapman*
For up-to-date info, see the "Grace Happenings" Thursday e-newsletter and our website's monthly calendar (also displayed in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall).

PRELUDE *"Deep River"* *Marianne Kim*

MISSION MOMENT *Harold Stophel, Grace Builders*

We rise.

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, kneeling as we are able. Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

GATHERING HYMN *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"* *ELW 244*

GREETING *Assisting Minister: Roger Bodo*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Be seated. ✠ **WORD** ✠

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Dana Holden*

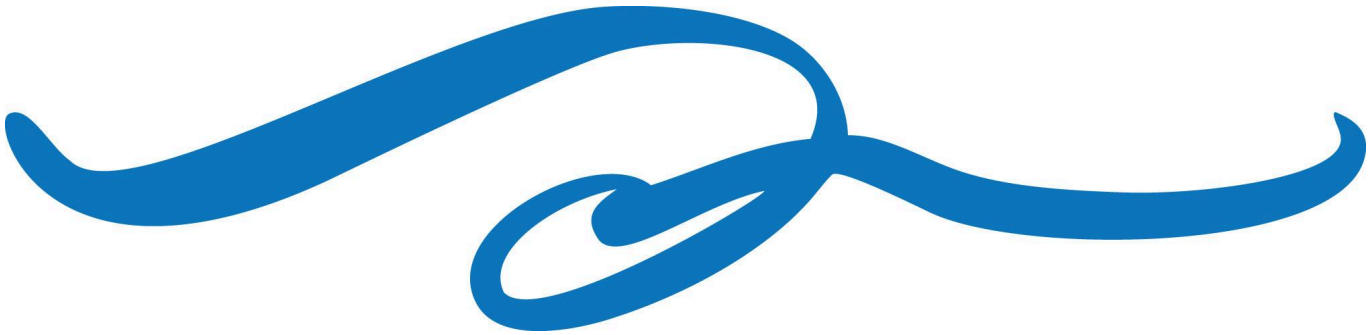
Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then go upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and return for communion.

A READING FROM Amos 5:18-24 *Lector: JoAnn Wright*

Let justice roll down like waters.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day
of the Lord? It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and
was met by a bear or went into the house and rested a hand against the
wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not
light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer
me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the
offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. 23 Take
away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of
your harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM 70 *Read responsively.*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

A READING FROM 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The promise of the resurrection

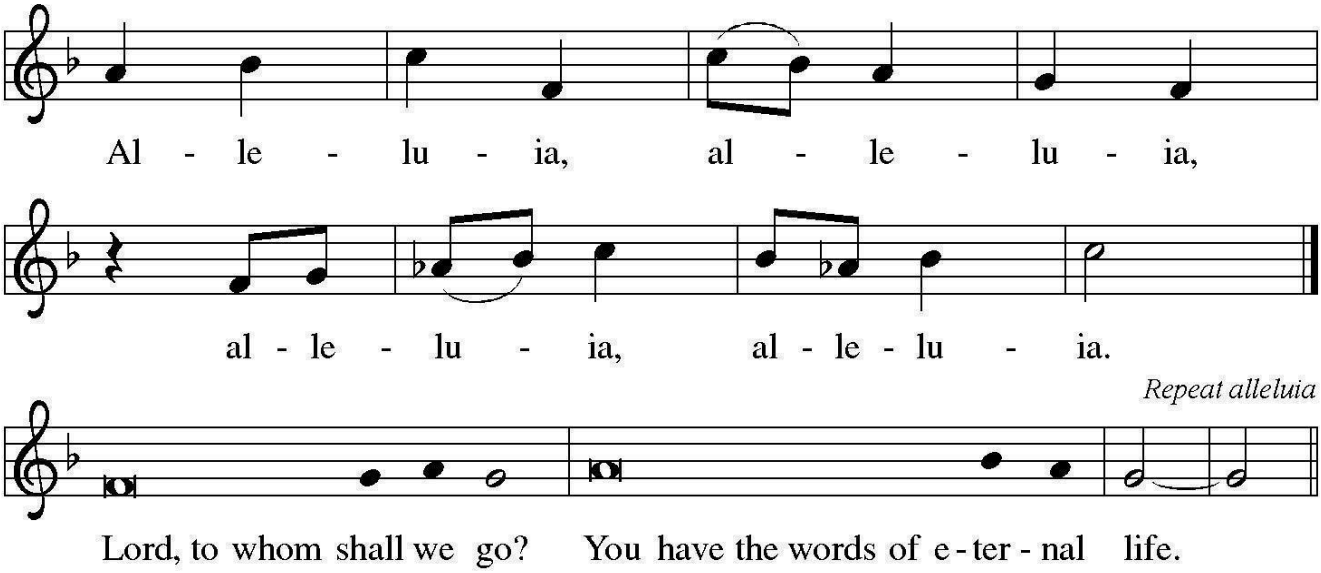
13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



We rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13

The story of the wise and foolish bridesmaids

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them
were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps,
they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their
lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy
and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women
got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied,
'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to
the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to
buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with
him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the
other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he
replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour."
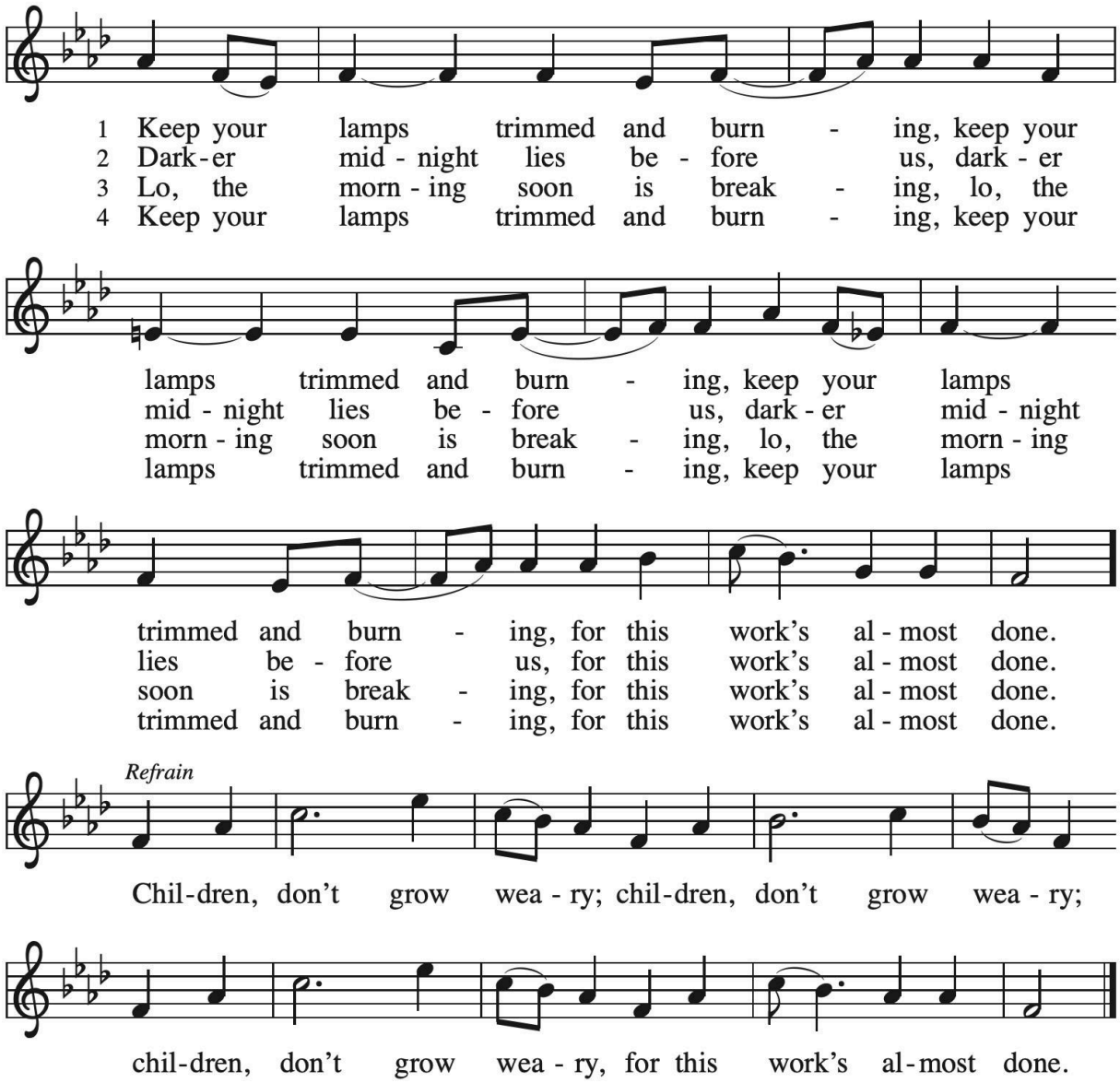
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

SERMON *Austin Eggers*

We rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" ACS 949*



APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. **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.**

We kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be seated.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

OFFERING SONG *"Alleluia"* *Brian Tervo*
Ringers of Grace

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We rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray. 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.

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.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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.**

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN *"Blessed Assurance"* *ELW 638*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *"Wachet auf"* *Wayne L. Wold*
("Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing")

CHANCEL FLOWERS	**SANCTUARY LAMP**
Are given to the glory of God and in honor of our wedding anniversary by Ron & Gail Schuette.	Is burning to the glory of God and in honor of the Altar Guild and in celebration of Beth Reavis' birthday by Ruth & Duane Daggett.

READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 15

Zeph. 1:7, 12-18 | Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 | 1 Thess. 5:1-11 | Matt. 25:14-30

GIVING REPORT

Giving September 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026

October Giving	October Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
$34,744.00	$35,000.00	$54,082.00	$70,000.00