

Important Announcements at Grace Lutheran Church

Visitors Welcome!
Please sign the visitor book in the narthex (lobby) or fill out a connection card for correspondence of church events and news.

Grace Lutheran Church needs: **Worship Assistants** needed for the following dates:
May 8th May 22nd May 29th

Grace Stitches
Grace Stitches meet on **Friday @ 10:30 am - 12 pm** in the Lounge. All skill levels are welcome.
****We want to give the Grace Stitches a special thank you for all the hard work you put in for our annual Baby Shower. Many of the items they make are donated. Thank you for all your work for the past 16 years.****

"Grace Friends"
Adult Sunday School - Meets every Sunday @ 8:45 am in the Conference Room - This adult class consists of videos and other faith related topics (Meetings are suspended through Holy Week)

"Grace Walking Together"
This is our newly formed group to promote exercise and fellowship. Please join us on **Tuesdays @ 2 pm & Saturdays @ 4 pm**. We are looking for volunteers to assist running the group in Pastor Althea's absence. Please contact the office if you are interested.

"GRACE PLACE"
Food Pantry
Open Monday - Thursday from 9 am-11:30
CLOSED THIS COMING MONDAY 4/18/22

16TH ANNUAL BABY SHOWER
Please donate baby essentials for disadvantaged mothers. All items (unwrapped) can be brought to the Narthex/Lobby by **May 1st**. A BIG thank you to the Grace Stitches for all their hard work providing receiving blankets and other hand made items for these precious babies.



"Losses & Scars"- Grief Support Group coming in May....



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Pastor: Rev. Althea Albright
Music Director: Scott J. Breiner
Church Secretary: Michelle Allen & Diana McArdle
Sexton: Andrew McCarrick

Holy Week Services are continued through out the week.....
April 15th 2022, Good Friday - Grace is proud to present *At His Name* at 7 pm.
April 17, 2022 Easter Sunday 8 am spoken service and 10:15 Liturgical Worship Service
The church office and "Grace Place" Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, April 18,2022

Welcome

Welcome to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. Everything you need to fully participate in our liturgical worship is contained in the bulletin.

Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to **belong** to the church of Jesus Christ,
- Equipping those who **believe** as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
- Sending members to **become** caring servants of God in the world.

—Serving in Worship Today—

Altar Guild:

Brenda Traa

Worship Assistant:

Shirley Blankenship

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace!

If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

Members of Grace: Betty N., John N., Ruth T., Debbie K., Marlene D., Joyce B.

Family and friends: Donna W., Gage, Donna L., Diana S. (*Pastor Althea*); John & Judy P. (*Michelle Allen*) Payton (*Joyce Bianco*), Deb, Glen, Marilyn, Peggy, Jeanne (*Bowdens*); Baby Stella (*Clare Brick*); Annmarie, Kathy (*Marlene Doer*); Phyllis, Shawn (*Carol Fry*); Jody (*Grings*); Michael Ann, Rod (*June Jordan*); Shirley & Carl (*Debbie Klenser*); Bob (*Dale Kredatus*); Jim, Vicki, (*Meg LaSpina*), Bernadette, Lou; Ron, Berl, Cindy, Eric, Danny (*Renee Pugliese*); Catherine and Sal (*Corrine Rhodes*); Karen (*Sue Robinson*); Dotte Currie, (*Deborah Walker*), Wisdom Family (*Welfields*); Eileen, Marie, Beverlee, Darlene

Those Serving Our Country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Cainan Johnson, USAF

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**

who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

There is no benediction for this service. Please join us for our continuation of Holy Week on Good Friday, April 15th 2022, for a special cantata:

At His Name

By: Joel Raney

Performed by: Grace Consort

Directed by: Scott J Breiner

Good Friday Worship Service, April 15th, 2022 at 7 pm.





Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able— Congregation responses in bold print.

¹³They open wide their | jaws at me,
like a slashing and | roaring lion.

¹⁴**I am poured out like water; all my bones are | out of joint;**
my heart within my breast is | melting wax.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a potsherd; my tongue sticks to the roof | of my mouth;
and you have laid me in the | dust of death.

¹⁶**Packs of dogs close me in, a band of evildoers | circles round me;**
they pierce my hands | and my feet.

¹⁷I can count | all my bones
while they stare at | me and gloat.

¹⁸**They divide my gar- | ments among them;**
for my clothing, | they cast lots.

¹⁹But you, O LORD, be not | far away;
O my help, hasten | to my aid.

²⁰**Deliver me | from the sword,**
my life from the power | of the dog.

²¹Save me from the | lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.

²²**I will declare your name | to my people;**
in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;**
neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;
but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

GATHERING

WELCOME TO GRACE

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Consolator

by J. Bert Carlson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to battle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and each other.

This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving our sins and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another. All may kneel or sit and keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

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.

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. Amen.

Please stand if you are able.

Please turn to your hymnals

Verses 1, 3, & 5 (All) Verse 2 (Men) Verse 4 (Women)

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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. *A brief silence is kept.*

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14

Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the Passover lamb, whose blood was used as a sign to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22 [Sung]

¹My God, my God, why have you for- | saken me?

Why so far from saving me, so far from the words | of my groaning?

²**My God, I cry out by day, but you | do not answer;**

by night, but I | find no rest.

³Yet you are the | Holy One,

enthroned on the prais- | es of Israel.

⁴**Our ancestors put their | trust in you,**

they trusted, and you | rescued them.

⁵They cried out to you and | were delivered;

they trusted in you and were not | put to shame.

⁶**But as for me, I am a worm | and not human,**

scorned by all and despised | by the people.

⁷All who see me laugh | me to scorn;

they curl their lips; they | shake their heads.

⁸**"Trust in the LORD; let the | LORD deliver;**

let God rescue him if God so de- | lights in him."

⁹Yet you are the one who drew me forth | from the womb,

and kept me safe on my | mother's breast.

¹⁰**I have been entrusted to you ever since | I was born;**

you were my God when I was still in my | mother's womb.

¹¹Be not far from me, for trou- | ble is near,

and there is no | one to help.

¹²**Many young bulls en- | circle me;**

strong bulls of Ba- | shan surround me.

SENDING HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW #359

*Verses 1, 3 & 5 (ALL)**Verse 2 (Women)**Verse 4 (Men)*

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Our service today concludes with the stripping of the altar.

All may sit or kneel.

All symbols of worship and altar items are removed from the sanctuary.

Psalm 22 will be sung and the lights will be dimmed.



PSALM: Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

¹I love the Lord, who has | heard my voice, / and listened to my | supplication,²**for the Lord has given | ear to me / whenev- | er I called.**¹²How shall I re- | pay the Lord / for all the good things God has | done for me?¹³**I will lift the cup | of salvation / and call on the name | of the Lord.**¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord / in the presence of | all God's people.¹⁵**Precious in your | sight, O Lord, / is the death | of your servants.**¹⁶O Lord, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving / and call upon the name | of the Lord.**¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the Lord / in the presence of | all God's people,¹⁹**in the courts of | the Lord's house, / in the midst of you, | O Jerusalem.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

In the bread and cup of the Lord's supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.

²³For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

The holy gospel according to John, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The story of the last supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere: Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.

¹Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ²The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

^{31b}"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

Please turn your hymnals

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus sacrificed himself as the Lamb of God for our salvation. Taste and see the love of Christ as we remember his life, death, and resurrection in this holy meal. **Amen.**

At the direction of the ushers, please come down the center aisle to spread out around the rail.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please turn to your hymnals.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

**You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.**

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On 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, Jesus 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Remembering, therefore, his command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again,
**we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

A New Commandment

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Please stand if you are able.

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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: In these holiest of days, we offer prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.
A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world. Write your new commandment of love on the heart of every believer and strengthen pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in humble service for your people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the good earth you have made. Protect fields, orchards, local farms, and gardens. Inspire us with the new life budding around us, that we show more care for plants and all living creatures. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for leaders in every land. Kindle compassion and equity in all who are called to administer justice. Guide all in positions of power away from the temptations of abuse and toward work for the common good. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need, especially those who are incarcerated or unjustly accused. Illuminate paths to end oppression and form supportive communities gathered around a common commitment to justice and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and all who gather to receive your body and blood this night. Fill us at this shared table and nourish us well to heed your example of grace. Send us in love to those who cannot be with us due to illness (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have died in the faith (*especially*). Teach us by their example and comfort us as we mourn. Renew us by the promise of life together with you. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy. **Amen.**

MEAL

At this time, those who may be worshipping with us via live-streaming online may take a few moments to prepare elements to use in Holy Communion with the community of Christ at Grace. You may use wine, juice, bread, crackers etc.

OFFERING

We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace. Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.

OFFERTORY

Behold the Holy Lamb of God

by Joel Raney

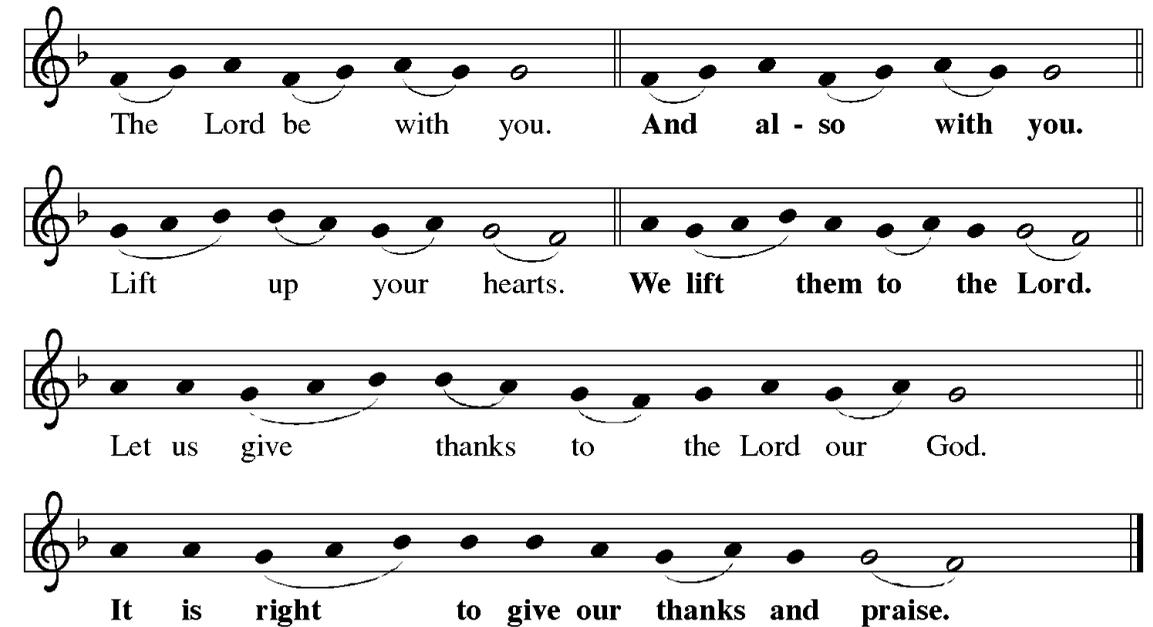
Please stand as you are able

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS


Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un-to me the
joy of your sal - va-tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

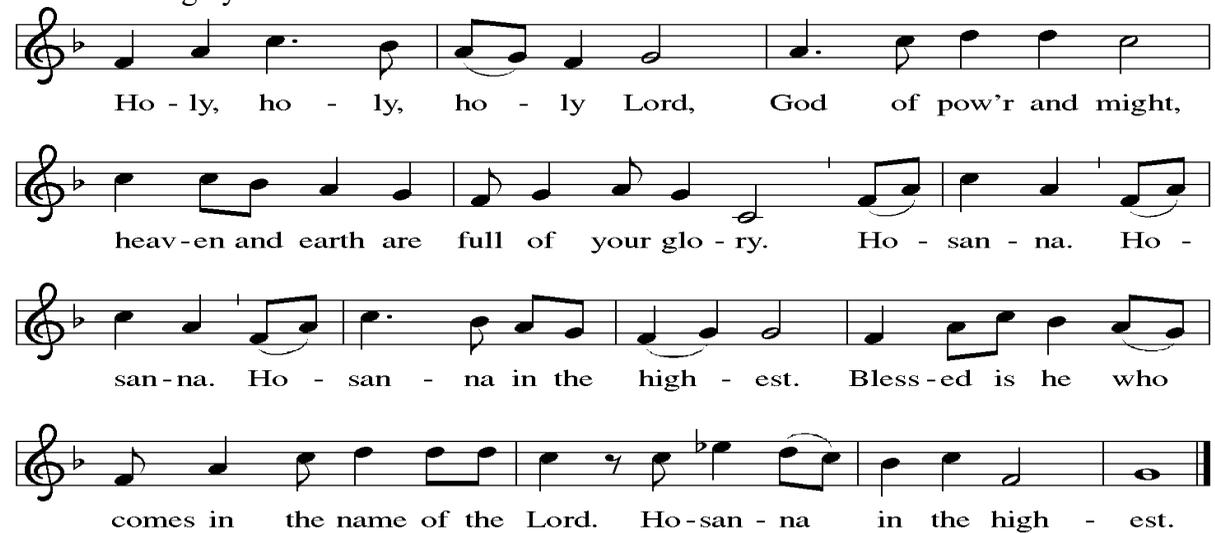
Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.