

CROSS OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome Guests! We are glad you're here. Please fill out the "Grace Notes" insert and place it in the offering to help us get to know you better and to get connected with the ministry we are doing.

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THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Our Musical Meditation this morning is in recognition of Native American Heritage Month.

*The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the "meantime." The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle:
"Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."*

PRELUDE

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of – or as invitation to – their baptism.

OPENING HYMN

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

#596

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

This prayer is prayed in Christian churches throughout the world today. We pray it as a sign of unity and hope, shared with all God's children.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"Huron Carol"

Alleluia Ringers

Arr. Matthew Prins, From the Top Music, 20551

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1-2a (p.779)

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the "sun of righteousness" will shine on those who fear God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13 (p. 962)

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

"The Grab Bag"

*"The Grab Bag" is one way of welcoming children – and the Spirit of God through kids – in worship. Each week, a child pulls a surprise from the bag for us to share. We never know what we'll find, but trust God always has something to teach us. **The child who pulls from the Grab Bag is invited to hold the basket for empty cups during communion, so please send them forward after the Lord's Prayer.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The image shows a musical score for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord to whom shall we go?'. The second system, starting with a measure rest and a '5' above the staff, contains the lyrics 'You have the words of e - ter - nal - life. Al - le - lu - ia!'. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a simple accompaniment.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19 (p. 856)

P: The Gospel according to Luke, the 21st Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

"When some were speaking about the temple..."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Mark

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Lord How Shall I Meet You"

#241

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (P: Lord, in your mercy C: Hear our prayer.)

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

OFFERING

Sharing our gifts is a significant act of worship for Christians. At Cross of Grace our offering is a practice in gratitude, sacrifice and joy. If you choose to share an offering, we thank you for your generosity and trust you'll be blessed by your giving. Use the QR code here if you'd like to give via our website.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Most gracious God,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We give thanks for the meal and hear the “Words of Institution” – the same words Jesus shared with his disciples when he prayed at the Last Supper.

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.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

Holy Communion – like God’s abundant grace – is a gift to be shared with all who will receive it. If you are a guest with us, please accept an invitation to the meal we share. It’s an invitation that comes from us because it comes first from the God we worship. Welcome to the table.

LAMB OF GOD

We sing this to connect our meal of Holy Communion to the Passover meal shared by the Jews of the Old Testament. At that time, God saved the Jewish people from death by ‘passing over’ homes marked with the blood of a sacrificed lamb. Similarly Jesus, the Lamb of God, is the sign of salvation for the world.

Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy have mer - cy have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take a way the sins of the world,

Grant - us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“When Peace Like a River”

#785

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**



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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Greeters: Sue Weisenbarger & Joan Cline

Ushers: Beth Greene & Kirk Havel

Acolyte: Owen Keljo

Lay Reader: Linda Stoeffler

Comm. Assistants: Tom Orr & Ingrid Mielke

Children's Church: Elizabeth Jones & Francina Kissel

Altar Setup: Zina Compton

Altar Clean Up: Stephanie Smith

Bread Baker: Nancy Hunnicutt

Counters: Corey Lecher & Bill Goers

Cleaning Crew: Goers & Wolpert

Refreshments: F. Fox & M. Hercamp

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GRACE

Sunday, November 16

- Diversity Reading Circle – 12:00 p.m.
- Faith Formation Friendsgiving – 5:00 p.m.
- Bells of Grace – 5:30 p.m.
- Alleluia Ringers – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 17

- Men's Bible Study – 12:00 p.m.
- Boy Scouts – 5:30 p.m.
- Agape – 6:00 p.m.
- "Rooted in Grace. Growing in Mission."
Happy Hour at the Preserve – 6:00 p.m.
- Giving the Sense – 7:00 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 18

- Choir Rehearsal – 7:00 p.m.
- Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19

- Groceries of Grace – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 20

- Quilting Club – 6:30 p.m.
- Praise Band – 7:00 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anon. – 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL FUND

Avg. Weekly Expenses:	\$10,644.77
Offering Last Week:	\$12,273.78
November Total:	\$24,569.67
Fiscal YTD Income (10/31/25)	\$185,887.54
Fiscal YTD Expense (10/31/25)	\$196,808.82

Our General Fund supports our ministry.
We tithe 10% of it to the ELCA and its mission to start new congregations, fund worldwide missionaries, administrate disaster relief, and more.

(Our fiscal year runs July 1 – June 30.)

BUILDING AND OUTREACH FUND

Offering Last Week:	\$2,495.54
Total Raised to Date:	\$160,891.93
Commitments Made:	\$139,904.00

50% of this fund helps us plan for repairs, renovations, and new building projects. The other 50% does work outside of our walls, for our sake and for the sake of the world.

We gave away over \$46,000.00 from this fund, just this year.

(New commitments to this fund will be made Nov. 23.)

Attendance Last Week: 215

Mark Havel, *Lead Pastor* • Cogan Blackmon, *Pastor*

Jeannie Ellenberger, *Music Minister* • Sheri Bradley, *Contemporary Music Minister*

Amanda Terrell, *Administrative Assistant*

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