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November 2, 2025

All Saints Day

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All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Welcome

Gathering Music

Jubilate (Traditional Russian Tune)

Setting by Douglas Wagner

Greeting

The pastor and the assembly greet each other.

P The love of God, made known in Christ Jesus our Lord and poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Arise in body or Spirit

Gathering Song

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW 414

All Saints Litany

P O God of the pilgrim's way,

C **we give thanks for those in generations past who were examples of God's love.**

A We give you praise, that we too are walking in your way of love.

C **Send your Holy Spirit to guide us on our journey.**

P Help us work in the world as people who show love to all.

C **Give us compassion for those who are poor, hungry, and suffering.**

A We rejoice that we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

C **Let us be aware of their presence among us, as we stand on the promise of the resurrection.**

P Guide us to celebrate the love we share, as the saints did before us.

C **We celebrate that we are in communion with all your saints by the gift of grace. Amen.**



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Prayer of the Day

- ▣ Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ▣ **Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through 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.

First Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

- ▣ A reading from **Daniel**.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

📖 The word of the Lord.

📖 Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149



Refrain



Sing the LORD's praise in the as - sem - bly of the faith - ful.

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
 God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.
² **Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;**
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.
³ Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
 let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.
⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people**
and adorns the | poor with victory. 📖

⁵ Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
 let them sing for joy | on their beds.
⁶ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat**
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,
⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
 and punishment | on the peoples,
⁸ **to bind their | kings in chains**
and their nobles with | links of iron,
⁹ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
 this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! 📖

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

📖 A reading from **Ephesians**.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

📖 The word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

Arise in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

☞ The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

☞ Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again.

³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Please arise in body or spirit.

Song of the Day

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **God of Grace**, The assembly prays, **Receive our prayer**.*

A Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
A brief silence.

A God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Bless our leaders and partners, *including Bishops Yehiel and Julie, Assistants Scott and Kate, our synod companion Grace Lutheran Church in Lansing; Hastings Baptist Church; Hastings Church of the Nazarene; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken*. Loving God,

G Your mercy is great.

A God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Loving God,

G Your mercy is great.

A God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Seth Domke (Domke), Hudson Schick (Markwart), and Leopold Schick (Markwart)*. Loving God,

G Your mercy is great.

A God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care *especially Jennie Anderson, Mark Arens, Terri Barry, Debby Bellmore, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Kim Domke, Lloyd Doughty, Greg Franks, Lori and John Giacalone, Lisa Golnek, Larry Griswold, Amy Hansen, Walker Heise, Ruth Hill, Joy Jenks, Michelle Kaufman (pregnancy), Dana Lepien, Larry Maupin, Dawn McElgunn, Bev McManaway, Ed McManaway, Herman Markwart, Linda Melcher, Sandy Mikolajczyk, Martha Misak, Kate Muraski, Jody Neagle, Diane Neeb, Lisa Nurenberg, Corrina Palmer, Lynnze Rudesill, Kathy Surratt, Karen Thompson, Al Throop, Claudia Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Tom and Kathy*. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Loving God,

G Your mercy is great.

- Ⓐ God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Loving God.
- ☞ **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- Ⓐ God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed (*those who have died during the past year will be named please see insert*). Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Loving God,
- ☞ **Your mercy is great.**

- Ⓟ We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Please arise in body or spirit.

Sharing the Peace of God

- Ⓟ The peace of Christ be with you.
- ☞ **And also with you.** (*We share the peace of Christ with one another.*)

Offering Song

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 185

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 to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.
- C** Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

☐ It is indeed our duty and delight that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, 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, Lord God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en 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.

Table Prayer

☐ Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

☐ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☞ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

☞ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

☞ Taste and see that the Lord is good.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

Communion Songs: *Lamb of God*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a square musical symbol. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us." The second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us." The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The fourth staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The fifth staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace." The sixth staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace."

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

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Bring Forth the Kingdom

W&P 22



1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the king-dom of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple: bring forth the king-dom of God!
4 We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the king-dom of God!



Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the king-dom of God!
Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the king-dom of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the king-dom of God!



Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the



king-dom of peace; bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice,



bring forth the cit-y of God!

Thy Holy Wings

ELW 613

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray . . . Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
- C** Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

Mission Minutes

Arise in body or spirit

Blessing

☞ God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

Sending Song

For All the Saints

ELW 422

Sending

☞ Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

9:30 am

Assisting Minister – Traci Wales

Lector – Bill Freedlund

Musician – Cindy Olson

Bell Ringers – Kim Domke & Gayle Marsh

Cantor – Ken Scheck II

Pastor – Ken Scheck II

Fellowship Hour – Paul Kuhlman

Sharing God's Grace with All People, especially the outcast. We, Grace Lutheran Church, Hastings, Michigan, believe we are all created in God's image and are all called to love our neighbors as Jesus loves us. We believe we are many members, but one body in Christ, and called to unite all people in God's love. We welcome and affirm all people. We invite those who are seeking God's presence in their lives to join us in our common journey, which includes the LGBTQIA+ community. Our faith community seeks to unite persons of all ages, race, nationalities, ethnic background, sexual orientations, gender identities, mental and physical abilities, socioeconomic levels, and theological backgrounds. Together in our diversity, and being empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit, we will continually strive to "Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God." Micah 6:8

A Great Reward

It's a dramatic scene: that moment in a movie when a large family comes together for the reading of the last will and testament. Usually, a lawyer sits facing the assembly with a pile of papers. The family members sit on the edge of their seats in anticipation. As the camera pans around the room, we can imagine their thoughts: "What will I get?" "Which one of us will keep the mansion?" "How much will my inheritance be?"

This typical scene of "reading the will" gets flipped upside down on All Saints Sunday. Yes, All Saints Sunday is about the reality of death and what happens next. But on this day, instead of looking at a lawyer, we look to Jesus. We give thanks for the inheritance Jesus has already made possible for us through his death on the cross and his resurrection to eternal life

Our inheritance from Jesus isn't only hope for the future. It's the fuel that helps us live today. When we are poor, we can trust that one day, God will give us his kingdom. When we are hungry, we can trust that God will fill us. Jesus' words assure us that he is with us now and that our reward is great in heaven. In him, God has conquered sin and death. Our inheritance as children of God is secure.

Jesus' words are a comfort to us. His promise about our inheritance fills us with hope, especially when we hear the names of those who have died in the past year read aloud on All Saints Sunday. Even as we grieve their loss, we trust that their reward is great in heaven. Because of God's reconciling love for all creation, the inheritance of eternal life belongs to us and to the saints who have gone before us.

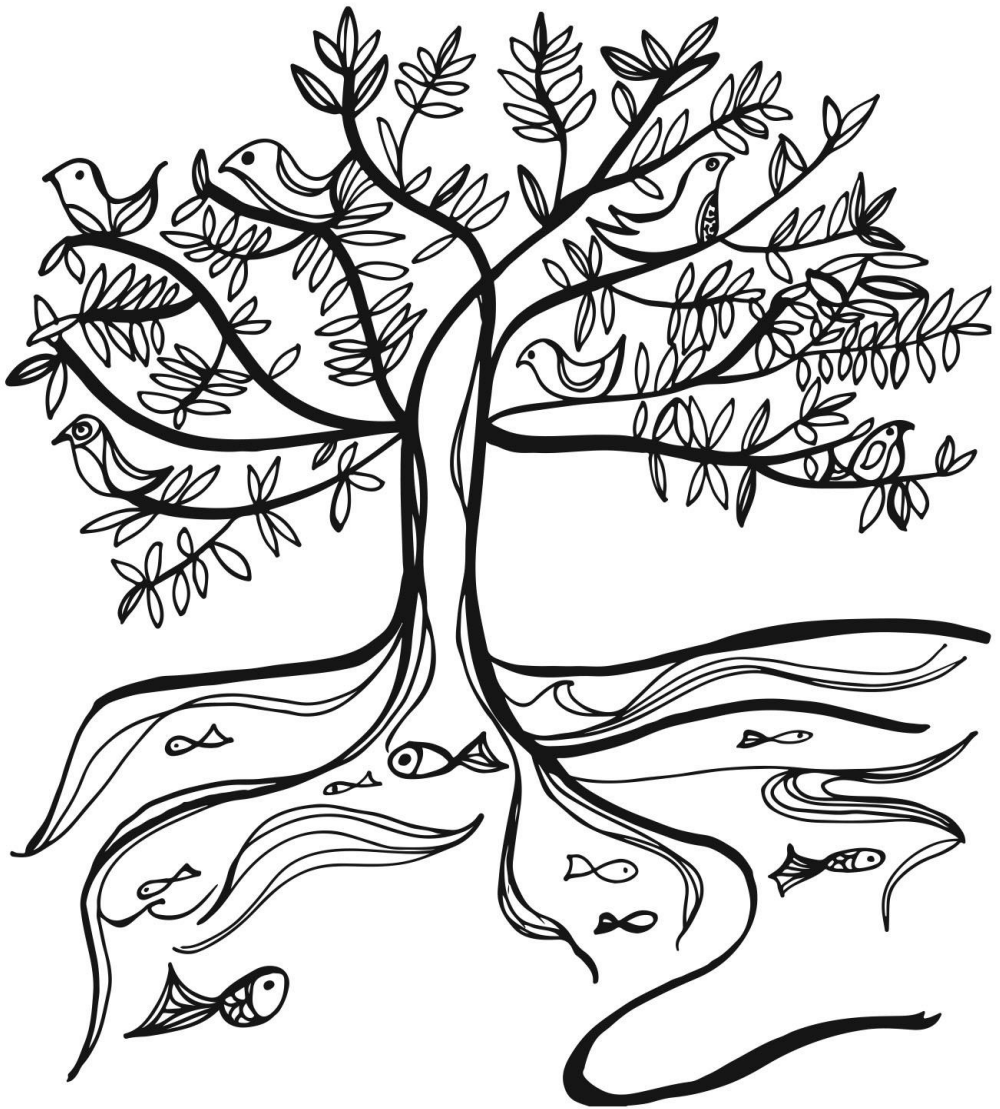
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Adult Forum meets today for a study of Ezekiel. Find out what God's vision for humanity was about in their lives.

Women of Faith will meet on Tuesday, here at Grace, at 11:00 am. All women are welcome.

Worship Committee will meet next Sunday, November 9th, after church. The date in the GraceGram calendar is incorrect.



Tree of Life

Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. We welcome and affirm all people, which includes the LGBTQIA+ community. Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship God. We witness God’s power of giving us life, in the midst of death. Even though we are sinners, God has made us saints.

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Stewardship Information

Attendance: 43 Views: 211
Weekly Giving: 2,106.00 Budget Amount: \$4,363.02

Non-Budget Outreach Habitat for Humanity: \$4.50

Grace Projects Goal: \$ 25,252.00
Received To Date: -\$ 15,141.00
Total Needed: \$ 10,111.00
Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$55.00

The **Hand2Hand Program** helps to provide needs for 77 local students each weekend. Please consider assisting us by contributing the following items, due by November 23rd: Peanut Butter, Chicken Noodle Soup, Slim Jim’s, Snack Pack Pudding Cups, Ramen Noodles, Mac & Cheese Cups, Yoo-Hoo Chocolate Milk, Individual Instant Oatmeal packets, and Microwave Popcorn. Items can be placed in the box inside the entrance to the building. Any donation is greatly appreciated.– Outreach Committee.

The nursery is available weekly during the worship service. Aurora Collins is the Nursery Attendant. She would love to have some little ones visit her. Please spread the word that Grace provides childcare during this worship service.

Parish Administrator is Cindy Olson; **Office hours are 10:00 am to 2:30 pm Monday-Wednesday.**

Bratwurst is available in a package of 4 for \$6.00.