

The New Covenant



“Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses” (**Acts 13:38** NIV84).

*A video feed of the service may also be viewed in the basement.
In the entryway quiet bags are available for children.*



Grace Lutheran Church and School

Advent Sunday 1 • November 30, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP: LITURGY ONE

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HYMN “As Angels Joyed with One Accord” **702**

INTRODUCTION & PRAYER

INVOCATION:

We worship in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Beloved in the LORD! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the LORD.

Who made heaven and earth.

Musical notation for the hymn "Who made heaven and earth." The notation is in G-clef (treble clef) and F-clef (bass clef). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of two staves. The lyrics "Who made heaven and earth." are written below the treble staff.

I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your earthly and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the place and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Glory Be to the Father *œ Gloria Patri*

Eph 1:3-14

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,

and ev - er shall be, for - ev - er - more. A - men.

Lord, Have Mercy *~ Kyrie*

Mark 10

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us."

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

Glory to God in the Highest *~ Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

All glo - ry be to God on high, who has man - kind be -

The first system of music is in 3/4 time, with a treble and bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "All glo - ry be to God on high, who has man - kind be -"

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The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "friend - ed! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at"

last is end - ed. The Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, bring peace,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "last is end - ed. The Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, bring peace,"

good - will to all the earth, oh, thank Him for His good - ness!

The fourth system concludes the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "good - will to all the earth, oh, thank Him for His good - ness!"

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir - it.

Musical notation for the phrase "And with your spirit." consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter).

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray ...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - - men.

Musical notation for the word "Amen." consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter).

We now read the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Glo-ry be to You, O Lord!

Musical notation for the phrase "Glo-ry be to You, O Lord!" consisting of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter).

SERMON Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NKJV)

³¹ "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of

Judah— ³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

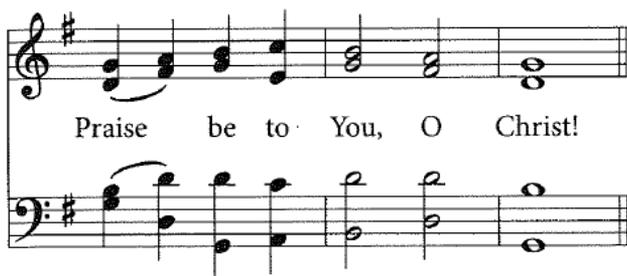
"A New Covenant"

In simple terms, the Old Covenant was the Law. The New Covenant is the Gospel. Here Jeremiah describes some of the differences between the Israel of the Old Covenant, and the Israel of the New Covenant.



Preaching Today: Pastor Caleb Schaller

Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Confession of Faith

APOSTOLIC CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN “O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word” **266:2-4**

GOSPEL Luke 1:68-79 (EHV)

⁶⁸Blessed is the Lord, the God of Israel,
because he has visited us and prepared redemption for his people.
⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his
servant David,
⁷⁰just as he said long ago through the mouth of his holy prophets.
⁷¹He raised up salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all
who hate us,
⁷²in order to show mercy to our fathers by remembering his holy
covenant,
⁷³the oath which he swore to Abraham our father,
⁷⁴to grant deliverance to us from the hand of our enemies,
so that we are able to serve him without fear,
⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
⁷⁶And you, child, will be called a prophet of the Most High,
because you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness
of their sins,
⁷⁸because of God’s tender mercies,
by which the Rising Sun from on high will visit us,

⁷⁹to shine on those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 45:1-7 (EHV)

For the choir director. According to "Lilies."
By the Sons of Korah. A *maskil*. A love song.

Introduction

¹My heart is bubbling over with a beautiful theme.
I am reciting my works for the King.
My tongue is the pen of a rapid writer.

The Glory of the Royal Groom

²You are the most beautiful of the sons of Adam.
Grace is poured out on your lips.
Therefore God has blessed you forever.

³Strap your sword on your thigh, you mighty warrior,
in your splendor and your majesty.

⁴In your majesty advance successfully.
Ride forward in the cause of truth, humility, and righteousness.
Let your right hand teach you awesome deeds.

⁵Your arrows are sharpened.
Let peoples fall beneath you.
Your arrows are in the heart of the king's enemies.

⁶**Your throne, O God, is forever and ever.**
The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of justice.

⁷You love righteousness and hate wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy
more than any of your companions.

LETTER READING Hebrews 10:19-25 (EHV)

¹⁹Brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place through the blood of Jesus. ²⁰It is a new and living way he opened for us through the curtain, that is, his flesh. ²¹We also have a great priest over

the house of God. ²²So let us approach with a sincere heart, in the full confidence of faith, because our hearts have been sprinkled to take away a bad conscience, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold on firmly to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

²⁴Let us also consider carefully how to spur each other on to love and good works. ²⁵Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have the habit of doing. Rather, let us encourage each other, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
Will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Offertory

Ps 51:10-12

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. A - men.

HYMN “The Advent of Our King” **68**

OFFERING & PRAYERS

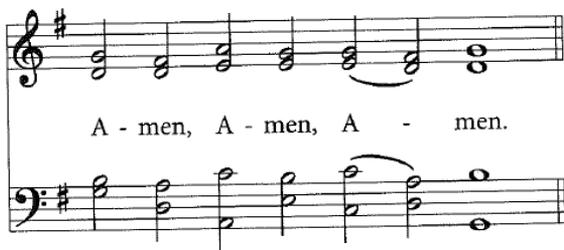
THE LORD’S PRAYER:

**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.**

BLESSING:

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.



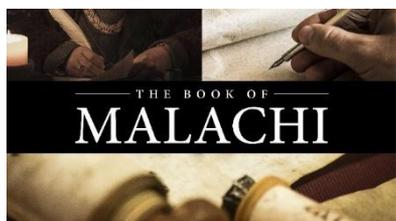
HYMN “Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding” **60**

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| Today | 9:30 am | Grace SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS in Valentine |
| | 10:30 am | Grace WORSHIP in Valentine |
| | 5:00 pm | Catechism Class in White River |
| | 6:00 pm | St. Paul’s WORSHIP in White River |
| Tues | 7:00 pm | Fellowship: Church Decorating |
| Wed | 7:00 pm | Advent WORSHIP in Valentine |
| Thurs | 7:00 pm | Grace Education Committee |
| Next Sun. | 8:00 am | Peace WORSHIP in Mission |
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| | 6:00 pm | St. Paul’s BIBLE CLASS/SUN. SCHOOL in White River |

Coming up... Advent Worship in Valentine, December 3, 10, 17 @7pm
Fellowship: Caroling (4pm) & Holiday Dinner (6pm), Dec. 13

ADULT BIBLE CLASS happens every Sunday at 9:30 am. Today we’re started a four part series on the book of Malachi. See below...



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: There are four weekend Bible Classes remaining before Christmas (!!!). **We’ll use these sessions to explore the last book of the Old Testament, Malachi.** This book was written to the remnant of Jews who came back to Jerusalem after the Babylonian Captivity.

Malachi is a book of rebuke because the priests and people were dishonoring God by their attitudes and actions. But God remained faithful to his promise to send the Messiah. In Malachi the Messiah is described as a fearful purifier who would judge the wicked. But before the judgment would come, Malachi says that Elijah would come, and the Sun of Righteousness with healing light. Advent has traditionally been a season of penitence and prayer. We ask God, “How shall I receive you? How can I greet you properly?” Malachi’s words will fit this purpose well. You’re invited. Come study God’s Word. **These sessions will take place at Grace in Valentine (9:30 am) and St. Paul’s in White River (6:00p pm) for the next four Sundays, November 30, and December 7, 14, 21.**

WHAT’S IN A NAME? During our midweek services this year we’re going to keep it simple—pausing to meditate on three names for the Baby in the manger: **Jesus. Christ. Immanuel.** Midweek Advent Services as Grace will take place at **7:00 pm on Wednesday December 3, 10, and 17.**



2026 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP: The CLC Mission Helper Program is making preparations for another Mission Trip to Africa for the summer of 2026. See the November 2nd bulletin for details, or for more information and to apply, visit www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.

MUSICIANS: Carol Ahrens, Jeanie Hoffman, Stephen Krause, Anna Maas, Louise Mayhew. **VIDEOGRAPHERS:** Dale Bernthal; David Maas.

LAST SUNDAY (11/23): 57 in attendance. **OFFERING:** \$3,146.23 (General) + \$1,520 (School Tuition) + \$75 (Debt Retirement) = \$4,741.23

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TEACHERS: Louise Mayhew (History), Stephen Krause (3rd-5th), Noah Ohlmann (1st-3rd), Candice Ohlmann (PreK-1st)

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