



SERVICE ORDER

Sunday, 26 November
Last Sunday of the Church Year



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Lord God, heavenly Father,
let your dear Son, Jesus Christ, come quickly
and take to himself his bride, the church.
Bring us, together with all the redeemed, into your glory.
We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

OPENING SENTENCE

Though dark clouds may cover us and the violent storms rage,
God seeks us out and protects us, sheltering us with compassion.
When we feel lost and alone, wondering who will save us,
God reaches out in love, healing our wounds and calming our hearts.
Thanks to God who loves us so much.
Praise to God who searches for us and brings us home.

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

**This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

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Praising my Saviour all the day long
This is my story; this is my song,
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CONFESSION OF SINS

*Let us draw near to God our Father with a true heart to confess our sins,
and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.*

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor helpless sinner, confess to You all my sins,
and repent of all the evil I have done. I have deeply displeased You and deserve Your
punishment in time and in eternity. But I am sorry for my sins, and I ask You, for the
sake of the holy innocent sufferings and death of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, to be
gracious and merciful to me. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to
die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He
has given the right to become children of God, and has given them His Holy Spirit.
Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all. **Amen.**

LORD HAVE MERCY

(spoken)

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

SONG OF ADORATION - WT

**Praise to God who reigns on high;
peace on earth to those He loves.
We praise and thank and worship You,
Lord our God, our heavenly king,
God the Father, mighty one.**

**Only Son, Lord Jesus Christ,
Lamb of God, the Father's Son,
You take away our sin and guilt;
You that sit at God's right hand,
hear us and have mercy, Lord.**

**You alone are holy, Christ,
only You are Lord of all;
for, with the Spirit, You alone
share the Father's glory, Christ.
Praise the Lord most high! Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**King of glory, King of peace, we ask that you would bless us
with the spiritual gifts of wisdom and vision.
Lead us to see with your eyes of love, and to serve you in all we do,
full of thanks and praise for our salvation in Christ. Amen.**

PSALM 95:1-7a

¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

³ For the LORD is the great God,
the great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Today, if only you would hear his voice

Glory to the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.

Amen.

BIBLE READING

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 The Lord himself will be the Shepherd King

¹¹ “For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. ²⁰ “Therefore this is

what the Sovereign LORD says to them: see, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²² I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

After the reading

This is the Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ reigns at God's right hand

¹⁵ For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit^[a] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

After the reading

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46 The King's final judgment

Before the reading

Glory be to You, O LORD.

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ 'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance,

the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” ³⁷ ‘Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?” ⁴⁰ ‘The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” ⁴¹ ‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.” ⁴⁴ ‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?” ⁴⁵ ‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.” ⁴⁶ ‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

After the reading
This is the gospel of the LORD.
Praise be to You, O Christ.

GIVE US HEARTS – AT 357

**Give us hearts to know you, Lord,
to know who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

**Give us hearts to love you, Lord,
to love who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

**Give us hearts to bless you, Lord,
to bless who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.**

Give us hearts to serve you, Lord,

to serve who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.

Give us hearts to praise you, Lord,
to praise who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.

Give us hearts to worship, Lord,
to worship who you are.
We will be your people,
and you our God, and you our God.

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MESSAGE

At this point you may wish to watch the Sermon.
For Church YouTube Channel ([click here](#))
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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**And 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,
from thence 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**

THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE – TIS 685

**Lord I come to You Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace That I've found in You
Lord I've come to know The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away By the power of Your love**

**Hold me close Let Your love surround me
Bring me near Draw me to Your side
And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love**

**Lord unveil my eyes Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love As You live in me
Lord renew my mind As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day By the power of Your love**

**Hold me close Let Your love surround me
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Geoff Bullock

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OFFERING PRAYER

**Lord God,
thank you for all the ways you care for us,
including in times of trouble.
Bless our offerings today, so that they serve the needs of others,
and make our whole lives a blessing to others. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Christ has promised us that he will return to us soon. Let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Almighty God and King, we praise you for the coming of your Son to earth. We thank you that the first time he came in humility and lowliness as our Saviour; now we look forward to his return in power and glory as our merciful judge. Bless your holy church throughout the world, that she may be watchful and ready for your Son's return. Bless her with pure doctrine and a godly life, that she may be kept from all error and inherit your glorious promises.

Lord, hear our prayer: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

You watch over the nations of the earth, and have assigned all people their place to live. Ease the burdens of those who live in strife torn lands. Give all leaders a spirit of justice and wisdom and bless the work of all who work for peace and harmony.

Lord, hear our prayer: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

You feed the hungry and take care of the orphan and widow. Be with the poor, the homeless, the friendless, the sick, and the prisoner. Use us to bring your blessing to those in need. Help us to serve and love you through our service to our Christian brothers and sisters.

Lord, hear our prayer: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

We thank you for the opportunity to learn. Be with all who are finishing off studies for this year, and help all who mark exams and papers in the coming weeks. Give all people in our land a love of truth and wisdom.

Lord, hear our prayer: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Bless the families, students, and staff at Grace Lutheran Primary School. Today we pray specially for Elijah, Jack, Oliver & Teddy in PA, Evan in PM, Charlotte & Ethan in 1C, Aria in 2R, Alyssa in 3W, Beaux, Georgia & Indiana in 5R and staff members Cathy & Leanne. Please provide for all their needs and guide them into your truth and love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father, your church awaits the day when the Son of Man will come in his glory, and the angels with him, and he will sit on his royal throne. Until that day, when we will be received as your blessed people, keep us safe in your care. Make us merciful, serving your Son now as he comes to us in those in need. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed 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.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING TO SHARE

May God fill you with faith in Jesus and with love for others.
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May you grow to know Jesus better, each and every day.
May you grow to know Jesus better, each and every day.
May the hope of life with God give you joy, now and always.
May the hope of life with God give you joy, now and always, amen.

ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS – LH 181

**O stay with us, Lord Jesus,
among us with your grace,
that Satan may not harm us,
and we may live in peace.**

**Stay with us, our Redeemer,
among us with your word,
that we may know your goodness
and faith in you be stirred.**

**Stay with your heavenly brightness
among us, precious light;
your truth keep us from error;
surround us with your might.**

**Stay with your richest blessings
among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom
grow daily through your word.**

**Stay here with your protection
among us, Lord our strength,
and let the world and Satan
be overcome at length.**

**O stay, our faithful Saviour
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness, and help us
to reach our home above.**

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HYMNS AND SONGS

First reading (a and b): Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

LHS

184 How blest the flock of Jesus Christ

194 Thy hand, O God, has guided

387 The Lord's my shepherd

391 The King of love my shepherd is

602 I am Jesus' little lamb

604 Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

AT

325 Sing to God with joy

607 Loving Shepherd of Thy sheep

832 The gentle Shepherd calls

842 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

865 God will take care of us

867 Have no fear, little flock

Second reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

LHS

115 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
118 O Holy Ghost, to Thee we all pray
132 Spirit of wisdom, turn our eyes
169 The head that once was crowned
with thorns

AT

26 He is Lord
161 Majesty
252 He is exalted
357 Give us hearts to know you, Lord

191 The Church's one foundation
327 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
782 At the name of Jesus
863 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

370 You are glorious
487 Make your home in me
499 It was me
503 Show me heaven

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

LHS

356 Lord of glory, who hast bought us
373 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
380 O God of mercy, God of might
381 O God our Father, throned on high
780 We go to God when we are sorely
placed
816 O Fount of good, for all your love

AT

95 Make me a channel of your peace
99 Pentecost prayer
177 Love one another
191 Brother, let me be your servant
197 When I needed a neighbour
261 The Servant King
278 Lord, hear our prayer
286 Sorrowing song
300 Practise love

819 Wake us, O Lord, to human need
821 Where cross the crowded ways of
life
855 Brother, let me be your servant
858 Make me a channel of your peace
860 When this earth was created

301 Prayer of peace (May the Father of
love)
310 Yesu, Yesu, fill us with your love
313 Christ, be our light
373 Bound by love
397 Before I take the body of my Lord
413 The Summons
487 Make your home in me