



**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE  
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 10, 2021  
11:00 AM**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES ARE IN **BOLD** TYPE



**For God  
all things  
are possible**

MARK 10:27

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”

arr. Mark Patterson  
Children’s Choir  
Irene Pointon, director

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(Stand)*

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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.**



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
 2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
 3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may  
 4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
 ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
 low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
 day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
 of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
 with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
 peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
 ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
 from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
 pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



*Refrain*  
 Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

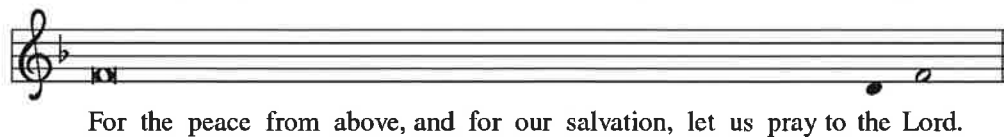
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

KYRIE



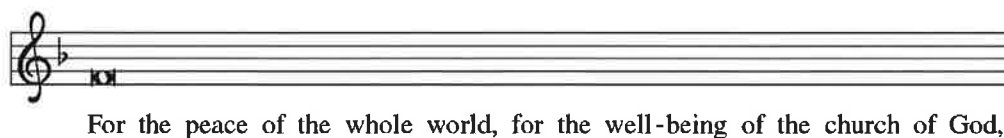
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



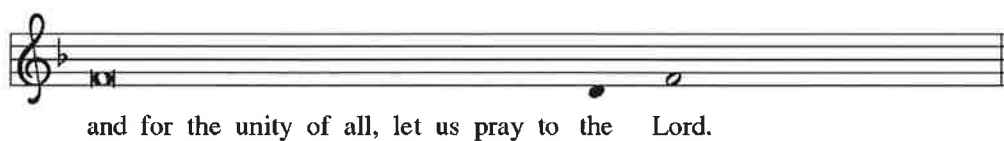
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



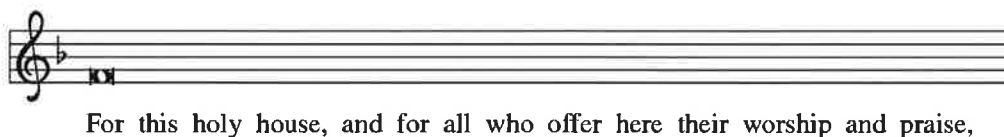
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



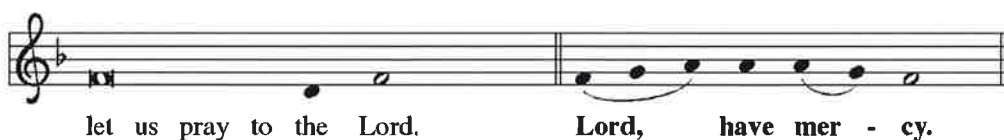
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



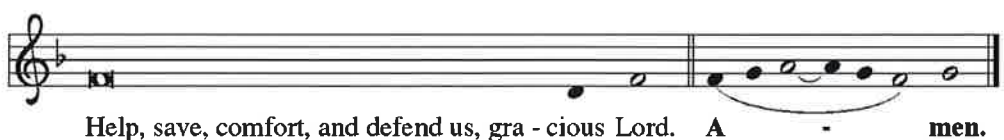
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## "Glory to God"



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## TEMPLE TALK

Josh LeClerg

## FIRST LESSON (*Sit*)

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

*A reading from the prophet Amos.*

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalms 90:12-17

*We read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

*A reading from Hebrews.*

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Stand*)

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

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

*The Holy Gospel according to Mark, from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

*The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON (*Sit*)

Pastor Gregg Hoffman





- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.  
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.  
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



*Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha:* com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

We now profess the faith we share, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church. We are especially thankful this day for the gifts made manifest through campus ministries across your church. We pray your blessings upon our campus ministry, WELCM, and praise you for the ways it enriches this parish. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Heal those who sojourn in the wilderness of illness, especially Karen, Robyn, Jim, Pat, Emily, Sylvia, Bill, Steve, Kay, Yvonne, Eric, Mary, Bill, Madeline, Earl, Barbara, Kathy, Ted, and Frank. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*At this time in our worship, we invite you to share the Peace of Christ with others.  
Feel free to share the peace with others nearby, or, if you are alone, give someone a call after worship!*

**OFFERING (Sit)**

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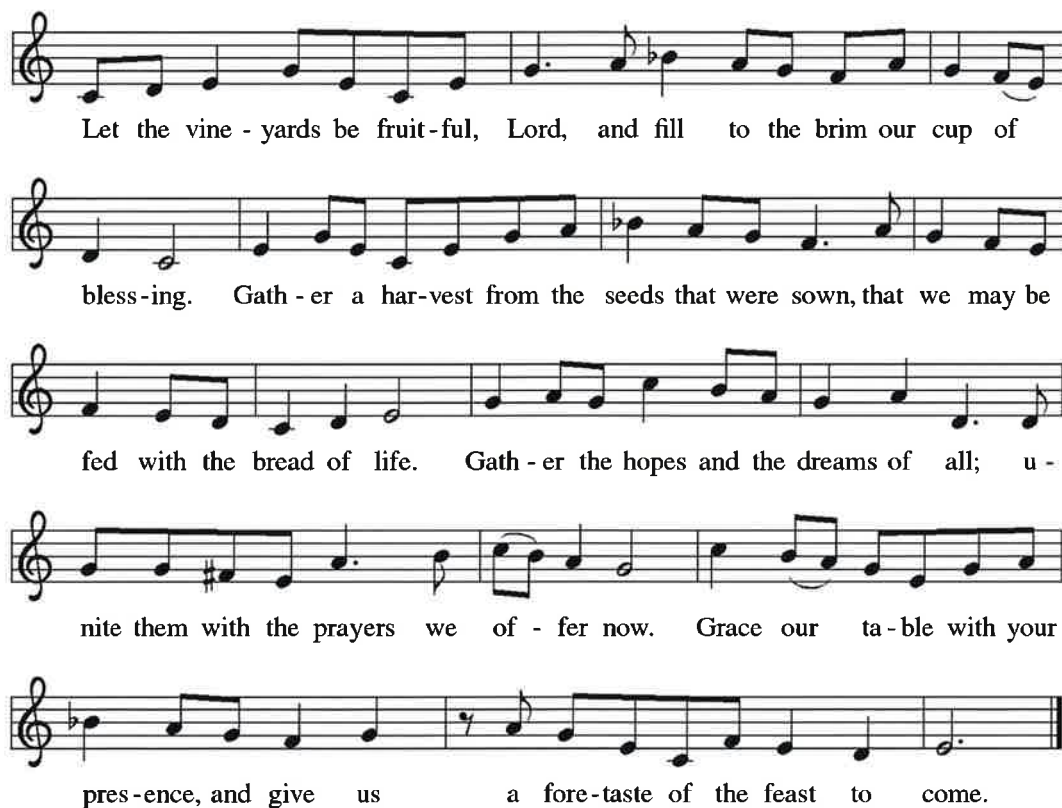
**ANTHEM**

"I Lift My Eyes"

Dan Forrest  
Parish Choir

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Stand)**

**"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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; 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 all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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  
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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come now to the banquet, for all is ready and all are welcome.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All God's children are welcome to the table by God's grace.  
Please notify the Pastor if you would prefer gluten-free bread.  
Communion is received by the Pastor placing the sacrament in your outstretched hand.  
Those who are not receiving Communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.*

**LAMB OF GOD (Sit)**

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.



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,  
 2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me  
 3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has  
 can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be  
 Je - sus, en - ters in. God, who dear-ly loves us, from all tri - al



faint - ed, thirst - ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;  
 quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Light-nings flash and thun - ders crash;  
 saves us, gives sweet peace with-in. I have borne this world - ly scorn;



no - thing in this world can hide thee, naught I ask be - side thee.  
 yet, though sin and hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
 still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure: Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Stand*)

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**O God, in this Holy Communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

ACS 678



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Presiding Ministers	<i>The Rev. Gregg Hoffman The Rev. Rachel Hoffman</i>
Musician	<i>Dr. Jeremy Mims</i>
Video Editor	<i>Craig Allen</i>
Bulletin	<i>Michelle Cunningham</i>
Sanctuary Candle	<i>Donna and Rick Richter in honor of Pastors Gregg and Rachel Hoffman</i>
Altar Flowers	<i>Linda and Raymond Zieverink in honor of our grandson Reece Edward Ellis Sayre's first birthday and to the Glory of God</i>
Greeter	<i>Olga-Maria Cruz</i>
Usher	<i>Larry Wunsch</i>
Acolyte	
Crucifer	<i>Cameron Tucker</i>
Lector	<i>Frances Stockley</i>
Petitioner	<i>Dee Westbrook</i>
Communion Asst	<i>Bill Yoos</i>
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# CONNECTING

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2022

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CONNECTING with Our Campus Ministry

In 1923, Grace was established as the local Lutheran congregation for Winthrop students. Over the last century, Grace has continued that connection in a variety of ways, most recently and visibly through Campus Ministry. This past year, WELCM rejoined Grace as a committee and ministry and adopted a new name – Winthrop Ecumenical Lutheran Campus Ministry. At the recent Winthrop Fall Involvement Fair, our students were asked what the “EL” in WELCM means. Bella F. answered, *“We’re ecumenical, which means we include people from all denominations, and we’re Lutheran, because we believe the church should always be reforming itself, and we want to be part of that conversation.”*

We are blessed to host a ministry full of students who want to explore their faith and how it shapes their lives. These students are engaging in deep discussions around religion, justice, mercy, relationships, and other challenging topics, in order that they might learn and grow together. As Lex H. puts it, *“What drew me to WELCM is that it’s a space where you can bring your religious questions and not necessarily be handed the answers. It’s a space to find answers for yourself.”* Our students are critically thinking about what it means to be disciples of Christ and how they might live out that discipleship in the world.

That discipleship includes being part of the Body of Christ, the community of faith that supports and sustains one another.

The students often comment on the authenticity of their community, where each person is welcomed and celebrated for who they are. C. Franklin shares, *“I can be myself at WELCM and not feel uncomfortable for being different. I’m not put in a box. And our conversations open my mind to other people’s differences.”*

In 2022, we are going to intentionally grow our relationship with and support for Campus Ministry. We are excited about **CONNECTING** with the students, the staff, and the ministry they are doing in our community. They are a unique, committed, diverse community within our church community, and we have the opportunity to support them, learn from them, and grow with them.

### We will be **CONNECTING** with Our Campus Ministry by:

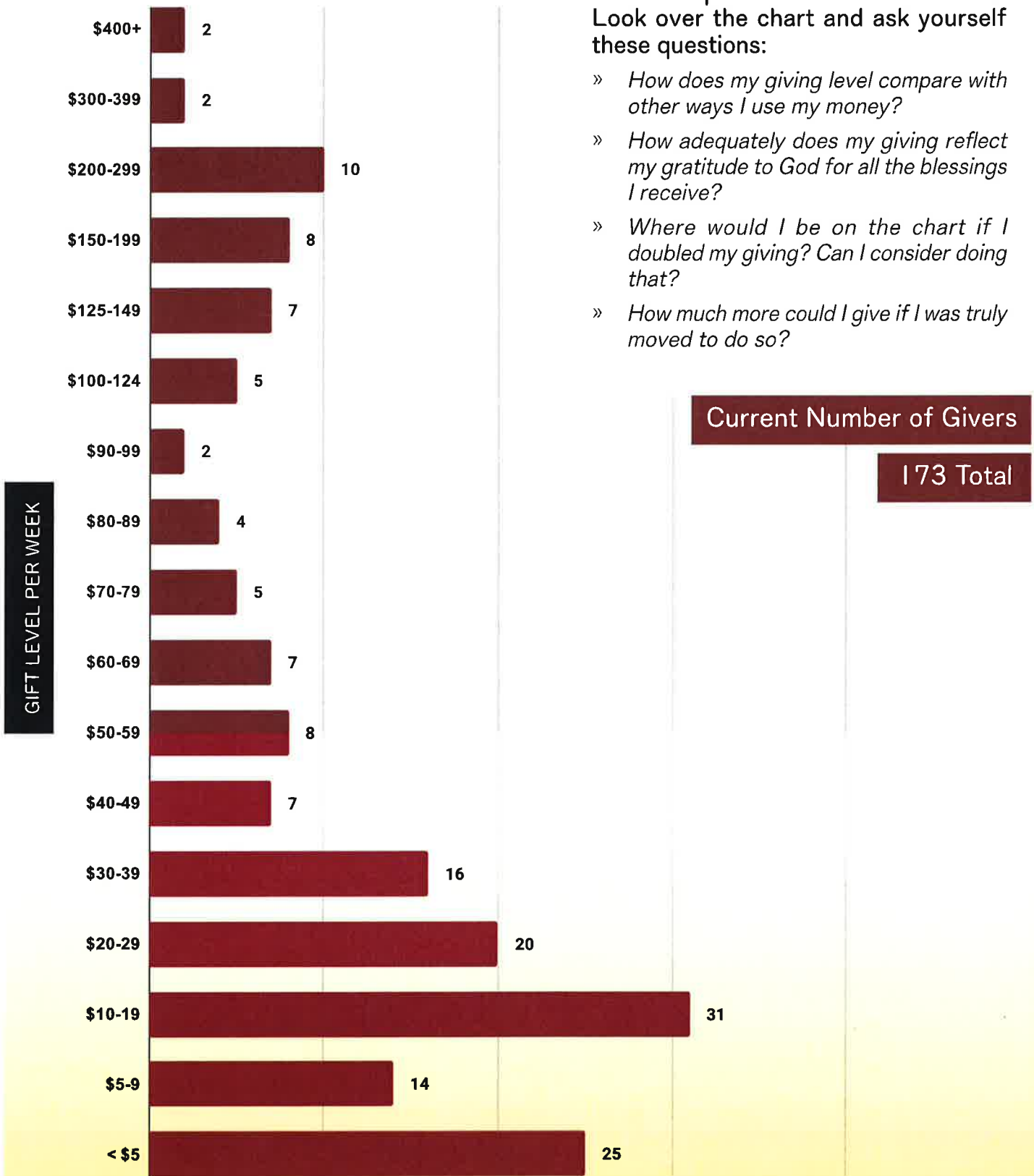
- Providing meals for and fellowshiping with the students
- Inviting them to share their stories and learning from their perspectives and experiences
- Resuming a “Sponsor a Student” program
- Inviting their participation in and input on Grace ministry
- Supporting WELCM financially in our Ministry Spending Plan and in their fundraising efforts.

We invite you to connect with our Campus Ministry by giving faithfully in 2022. Please be in prayer for our stewardship drive, **CONNECTING**, that a generous response will empower us to support our Campus Ministry community and the faithful relationships God is growing there.



# Grace Lutheran Church

RANGE OF GIFTS GIVEN AND HOPED FOR



This chart points out where we are now. Look over the chart and ask yourself these questions:

- » How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?
- » How adequately does my giving reflect my gratitude to God for all the blessings I receive?
- » Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my giving? Can I consider doing that?
- » How much more could I give if I was truly moved to do so?