

Pentecost 25  
November 14, 2021

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Making Christ Known to all Through Grace*

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### WELCOME to worship

Grace Lutheran Church, a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, has been at the heart of the faith community in Lincoln since 1889.

- We follow our mission: "Making Christ known to all through Grace."
- We celebrate our purpose: "That by God's grace we have been gathered to worship, called to witness, and sent to serve."
- We seek our vision: "To become a church with a passion for fostering a welcoming community that strives for peace and a sense of belonging."

Thank you for worshipping with us today and join our community at any time!

### WORSHIP notes

Remember your response is marked in **BOLD** font.

**Hearing enhancement devices** are available in the entry space. Ask an usher to assist you.

**Restrooms** are located next to our chapel on the other side of the courtyard.

**Masks** are required for everyone during worship.

### INTRODUCTION to worship

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

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## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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### WELCOME

**PRELUDE:** Valse Sentimentale, Op. 50, No. 13 - Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*STAND*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence*

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. **Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

### Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the

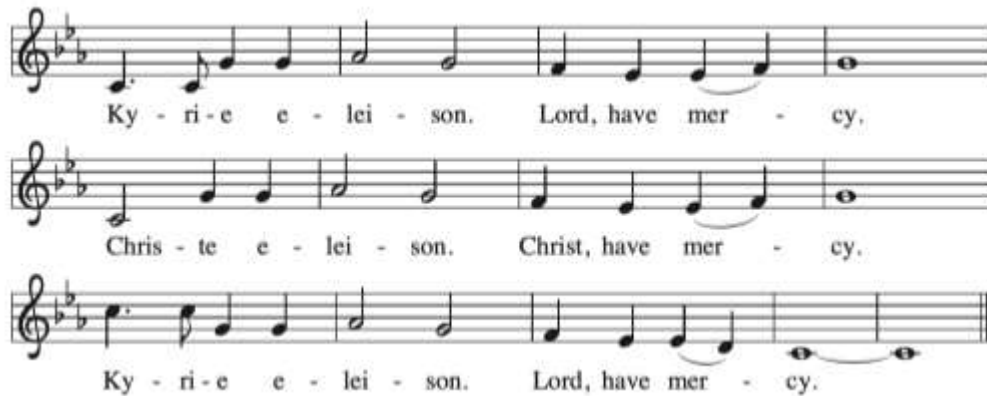


souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

## 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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

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### SIT

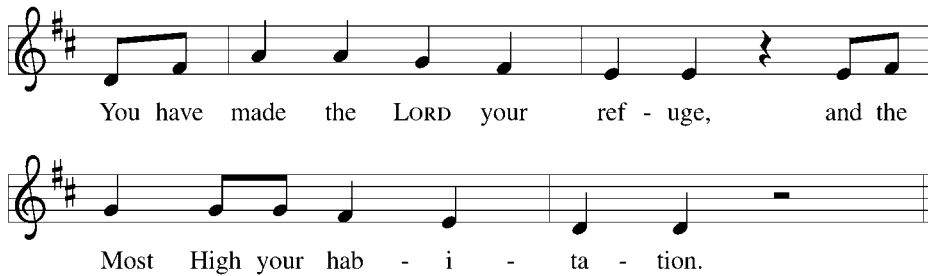
First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

*The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.*

<sup>1</sup>"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

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

Psalm: Psalm 16:8-11



Psalm 91:9

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- <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.  
<sup>9</sup>**My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;**  
**my body also shall | rest in hope.**  
<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.  
<sup>11</sup>**You will show me the | path of life;**  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. R**

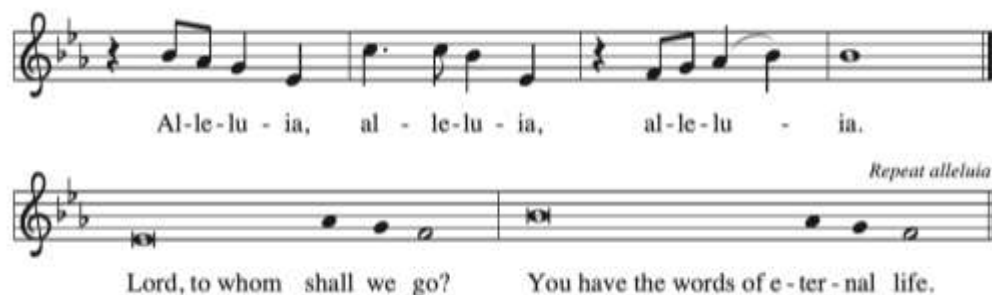
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

*Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.*

<sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

STAND



Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

*In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

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

*SIT*

**SERMON**

*STAND*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

# My Lord, What a Morning

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

## APOSTLE'S 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 to the living,  
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

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. *A brief silence.*

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our stronghold, you are present amid disaster. We pray for those affected by natural disasters. Come to the aid of all survivors of earthquakes, famines, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, and the first responders who support them. Calm their fear, supply their need, and be the solid ground beneath their feet. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, bring assurance to those who suffer this day. Provide for them through the care of doctors, nurses, medical staff, family and friends. We pray especially for those we name before you now.... God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our beginning and our end, your beloved people shine like the brightness of the sky. We thank you for the lives of all who rest in your eternal mercy, from famous saints to the people we have loved. Assure us of your resurrection promise. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

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*SIT*

**MUSIC OFFERING:** Come Unto Jesus - Written by Orson Pratt Huish, Arr. Terri Hutchings

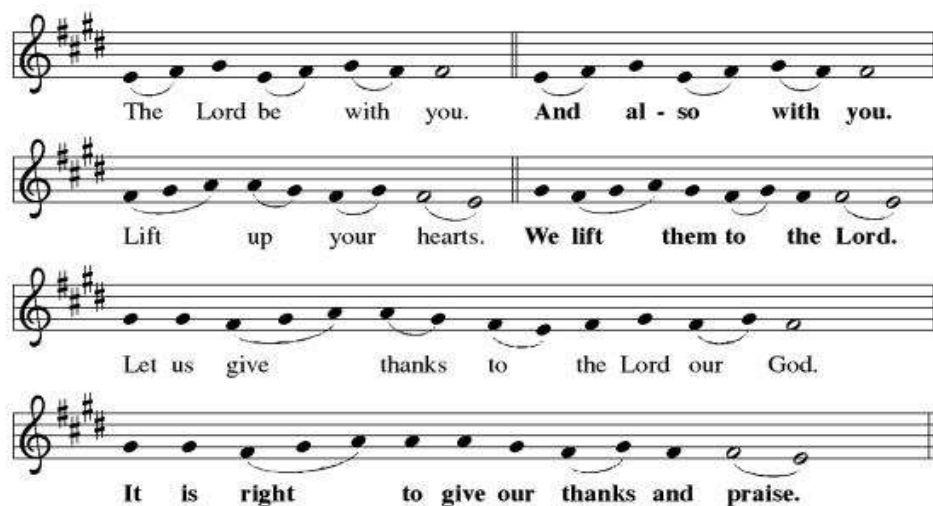
*STAND*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



## DIALOG



## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always 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. Amen.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## 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. 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

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

## AGNUS DEI



### COMMUNION

*All are welcome. Come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the wafer (Body of Christ). Gluten free is available upon request. Move to the next station to receive the cup (Blood of Christ). Red grape juice is available. Return to your pew by way of the side aisle. Please dispose your used cup into the basket at the head of the side aisle.*

### COMMUNION HYMN

## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



- 1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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### STAND

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

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#### SENDING

*God sends us in mission to the world.*

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#### SENDING HYMN

## O God beyond All Praising

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,  
and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;  
for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-  
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,  
at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:  
we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,  
we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Text: Michael Perry, 1942–1996

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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### BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ☩ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE: Simple Gift - American Folk Hymn, Arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar (b.1944)

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Bread:	Chris and Wendy Apple
Altar Guild:	Dave and Kathren Miller
Wine:	Kathy Remington, Larry and Sharon Genthe
Ushers:	Kurt and Cindy Eberspacher, Lori Drake

## **WORSHIP RESTRICTIONS**

The following temporary changes will occur for the foreseeable future:

- As always, if you are ill or at risk, please stay at home and watch the service online.
- Masks are required for everyone during worship.
- We will enter the building through the North doors. The doors will be locked at 9:10. All other doors will be locked.
- There will hand sanitizers in the narthex. If you wish you can sanitize your hands prior to entering the worship space.
- There will be no offering. There will be an offering basket located at the entrance door to the sanctuary.
- There will be no sharing of the peace.
- The presiding minister will greet you in the narthex after the postlude.
- There will be no acolyte.
- There will be no nursery available.



Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

During our long COVID-19 absence from our buildings many of us learned how many people’s faith is, like it or not, bound to the building in which they usually worship. It took the whole way we worship to topple into a heap of rubble for us to think about the role our buildings play in our worship life. Sometimes the care of the church building and the mission field that lies just beyond the building’s doors become a battle ground in local congregations.

What COVID has taught us is that our church buildings fuel our work in the mission field. For we live in a world of those with whom we worship and those to whom we minister, strengthened by our worship.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee and Halloween candy** in the gym following worship. Sign-up list to host a coffee hour is outside the office. Who's next?

**Green attendance cards** can be filled out and returned to the Offering basket in the front of the church or the Welcome Table basket in the back of the church.

**2022 Budget** copies are in the narthex.

### Thanksgiving Boxes

The Social Ministry Committee will be having our annual food drive for the Thanksgiving boxes we assemble and deliver. Items to donate are canned vegetables/fruits, canned cranberries – jellied or whole, boxes of Jello, boxes of stuffing mixes, boxes of instant potatoes, envelopes/jars/cans of gravy, and cash donations to purchase the perishable items – turkeys, hams, pumpkin pies, rolls, and butter. **There is a donation basket available in the narthex and by the church office.** We will also need some boxes - something sturdy and about 18" x 11" x 9 1/2".

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to pack the boxes and/or deliver them, please send an email to: [ldrake3@neb.rr.com](mailto:ldrake3@neb.rr.com) or phone/text Lori at 402-310-8386 (leave a voice message if I'm unable to answer).

### Congregational Meeting

November 21 at 10:05 am in the nave. We will approve our 2022 Budget and our 2022 Nominating Committee.

### Calendar Correction

Thanksgiving Eve service is November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. NOT the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Poinsettias

Order forms for this year's Christmas poinsettias are available in the narthex and outside the office. Thanks for your donation!

### Outreach Team

Patty Plambeck, from the Congregational Life committee, is wanting to organize a team of members (5-10) who would be willing to call and check in on other members of Grace. If interested please voicemail (474-1505 ext. 11 ) or email ([pr.eric@egrace.org](mailto:pr.eric@egrace.org)) Pr. Eric and he will send your name on to Patty. Thanks.

**The Lutheran** magazine and **Daily Devotionals** are available in the narthex after worship or in the atrium during the week.

**Flower chart** is available in the atrium. You can sign up for flowers there and leave through the east main entrance.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

**November 15:**

Lincoln Literacy	9:15 am
Lessons	4:00 pm
Gathering Place	5:00 pm
Scouts BSA	7:00 pm

**November 16:**

Al-Anon	9:30 am
Lessons	4:00 pm
Cub Scouts	6:30 pm
WELCA Group 6	7:00 pm

**November 17:**

Lincoln Literacy	9:15 am
WELCA Group 3	1:00 pm
Bell Choir A	6:00 pm
Confirmation	7:00 pm
Bell Choir B	7:00 pm

**November 18:**

Quilting	9:00 am
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**November 19:**

Lincoln Literacy Meeting	9:30 am
Suzuki Recital	3:00 pm
BNRR	4:00 pm

**November 20:**

Recital	3:30 pm
Worship	5:30 pm

**November 21:**

Worship	9:00 am
Meeting	10:00 am
Table Fellowship	10:30 am
Adult Choir	10:15 am



"Because he works from home. That's why we never see God in person."