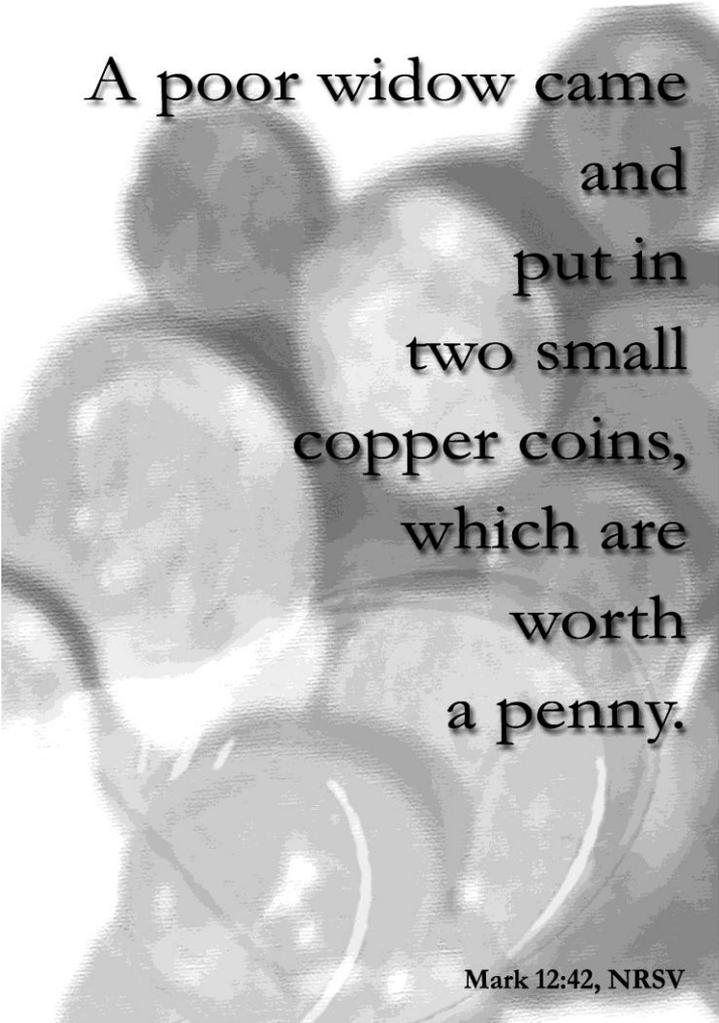


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A poor widow came
and
put in
two small
copper coins,
which are
worth
a penny.

Mark 12:42, NRSV

The season of Pentecost

November 11, 2012

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.*

***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.*

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Prelude: “Prelude and Fugue in G minor” by J.S. Bach

Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Hymn

November 11

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#392

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

The congregation sings the refrain only

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

C: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Please be seated

First Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8–16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you. ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that

we may eat it, and die." ¹³Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus

says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 146

R 
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

- ¹Hal-¹ lelujah! Praise the LORD, ¹O my soul!
²**I will praise the LORD as long ¹as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I ¹have my being.**
³Put not your ¹trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there ¹is no help.
⁴**When they breathe their last, they re-¹ turn to earth, and in that day ¹their thoughts perish. R**
⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹for their help, whose hope is in the ¹LORD their God;
⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹is in them; who keeps promis-¹ es forever;**
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to ¹those who hunger. The LORD sets the ¹captive free.
⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who ¹are bowed down; the LORD ¹loves the righteous. R**
⁹The LORD cares ¹for the stranger; the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹of the wicked.
¹⁰**The LORD shall ¹reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹Hallelujah! R**

8:15 Anthem "Praise To The Lord" arranged by Douglas E. Wagner
Youth Bells

10:45 "Walking In The Spirit" words and music by Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

Children's Sermon

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24–28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the Twelfth Chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 12:38–44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

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

Please be seated
Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day

November 11

“Day by Day”

#790

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 the People

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us.
Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send
us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also with you!

Please be seated
Announcements

The Offering

Offertory: “The Grateful Heart Rejoices” by Franklin Ritter

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

C: 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.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter notes and half notes, with a final half note tied to the next system. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The treble clef melody includes a half note with a fermata, and the bass line continues with its accompaniment.

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

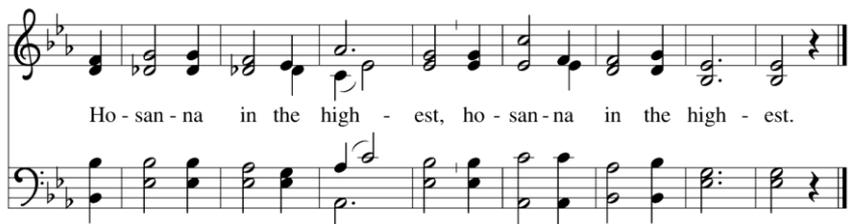
The third system introduces the lyrics 'heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.' The treble clef melody features a half note with a fermata, and the bass line continues with its accompaniment.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The fourth system introduces the lyrics 'Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.' The treble clef melody features a half note with a fermata, and the bass line continues with its accompaniment.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The fifth system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The treble clef melody features a half note with a fermata, and the bass line continues with its accompaniment.



Thanksgiving at the Table

P: 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.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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,

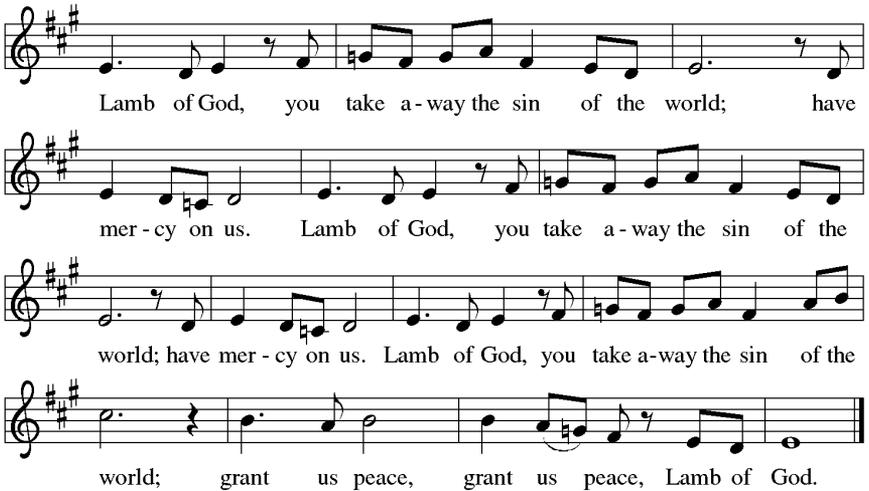
forever and ever. Amen

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Please be seated

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns:

November 11

592, 779, 608

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

November 11

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

#679

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

“Gigue”

by Christoph Nichelmann



Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Director of Music Ministries - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

Ensemble Director – Sherry Kocek

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jacquelyn Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Ushers – 8:15 Carol Krause, Jerry Westercamp, Mike Peterman, Kevin

Drury 10:45 Jay Wangerin, Mike Carney, Gary Nelson, Rick Fry

Liturgist – 8:15 – Paul Kallenbach 10:45 – Sherry Kocek

Lector – 8:15 Julie Honsey 10:45 Rita Stackhouse

Children’s Sermon – Pastor Mike

Communion servers – 10:45 Larry Nordeen, Janice Nordeen, Jenie

Schmidt, Ellen Wonderlin

Acolytes – 8:15 Sawyer Shiffler 10:45 Ben Wonderlin

Altar Guild – Jane Ridnour, Connie Heuton, Sue Anderson

Counters –

Coffee – Cathy Barks

Announcements and Calendar

Sunday, November 11, 2012

In our prayers: Bev Anderson, LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Nayeli Jacobo, Diane Jessen, Rev. Del Niemuth, Bob Schossow (Beverly Russell's father), Karla Swanson, the family of Helen Richards, the family of Betty Maycock, and the others we name before you...

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Sally Niffenegger in loving memory of her husband, Niff.

A **Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

Education Opportunities

Sunday School classes and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time. Please join us!

Adult Forum
November 11
November 18

Veterans Hospital Chaplain
The Pet Project

Forum Option
Nov-11-18

Bible study on Mark's Gospel - Esperanza Café



Adult Bible Study meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. ***Tuesday evening Bible Study*** ***will NOT meet this week.*** Pastor Mike leads both studies.

Text Study on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. Leonard Larsen and Mark Mattes lead this study.

The New Member Class will meet this afternoon, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.

Join us this week as Lydia Circle prepares us Wednesday night supper! Super Wednesday Suppers are from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Grace Hall I.

Open Dinner dates are November 28, December 12, and December 19.
Please consider volunteering to prepare and serve a dinner. A casserole, sandwich bar, a hot soup and rolls – all ideas and efforts are welcome!

Happy Anniversary to:

Gary and Ellen Batten, Arthur and Ruth Berven

Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Gary Scholten, Emily Dungan, Yaritza Marquez, Randy Taylor, Zoe Lawson, Kurt Bowermaster, Jason Bradwell, Zachary Jensen, Larry Buell, Linda Moravec, Carol Mattes, Kristene Shortell, Wilma Frost, Gary Batten, Mark Ridnour, Joseph Kennebeck, Haley Dostalick, Emma Mattes, Lyle Black, Gloria Moon, Madison Robbins

Combat Hunger The Confirmation students in collaboration with the Social Ministry Team are collecting food items for the Food Bank of Iowa's **Combat Hunger** initiative which runs through November 16. All food items may be placed in the Gathering Hall at the Social Ministry Center. The display will remain up throughout the month of November with the food collected after November 16 being taken to the Food Pantry.

Thanksgiving
Worship



Wednesday November 21, 7 p.m.

Combined Thanksgiving Service with Immanuel Methodist at Grace

Thursday November 22: Thanksgiving. No Evening Worship Service

Sunday November 25: Christ the King Sunday, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.



Advent
DEVOTIONALS

It's time to start planning for Advent devotions again! This year they will run from December 2 through December 25. Interested writers, you can find the sign-up sheet and more information at Volunteer Central - or just email stephaniejohnson@q.com. **Please sign up by Thanksgiving so that we know if we have enough writers to move forward. Only 24 devotions are needed.** Thanks in advance! If you already receive the e-newsletter, you will automatically receive the daily devotions unless you opt out of them by contacting Stephanie.

Communication Survey

There is a group of students from Luther College, under the guidance of the Rev. Dr. Mark Johns (son of Marv and Lorna), conducting a survey regarding communication practices here at Grace Lutheran Church. If you are contacted, we hope you will consider participating and we thank you for your open and honest feedback. It is through an honest assessment that we will be able to see how to better serve the people of God at Grace and in the community.

Help us promote the Thursday night service! Help us spread the word – you can pick up Grace information cards at Volunteer Central, hang posters, or just mention it to anyone you think might be interested.

On Sunday, November 18, at 3:00 p.m., Drake University's four choruses will present *How Can I Keep from Singing?*, a concert of music sure to delight anyone who loves vocal music of any type. There is no admission charge, although donations will be accepted. The concert will be held in Sheslow Auditorium on Drake's campus.

This Week at Grace

SUNDAY, November 11 *Veterans Day*

- 8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall
- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass practice
- 9:30 a.m. -- Altar Guild Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. – Bible study on Mark's Gospel - Esperanza Café
- 9:30 a.m. – Good and Beautiful God Book Discussion - Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room
- 10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 1:00 p.m. – New Member Class

MONDAY, November 12

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – LSI training – Café
- 10:00 a.m. – Staff meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall
- 7:10 p.m. – Hannah Circle

TUESDAY, November 13

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – LSI training – Café
- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Bible Study – led by Pastor Bill
- 6:00 p.m. – ***Evening Bible Study will not meet***
- 6:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 p.m. – Good and Beautiful God book discussion - Cafe
- 6:00 p.m. – Companion Congregation Committee
- 7:00 p.m. – Committee Night – Evangelism, Finance, Lay Ministry Team, Property, Social Ministry, Worship and Music, Youth Ed
- 8:00 p.m. – Stewardship Committee

WEDNESDAY, November 14

- 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – LSI training – Café
- 9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Cherub Choir
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Supper
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Chapel Chimers (grade 3-5)
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Kids Hour

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Lectionary Study
6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Bells (grades 6-12)
6:00 p.m. – Adult Forum Committee meeting- Cafe
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Hangout, high school room
6:30 p.m. – Brass Practice
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Confirmation
6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells
7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, November 15

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – LSI training – Café
9:00 a.m. – Quilters
5:45 – 8:00 p.m. – Cub Scouts - Msindo
6:30 p.m. – Holy Communion Evening Worship
6:45 – 9:00 p.m. – Embroidery Guild

FRIDAY, November 16

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – LSI training – Café
5:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, November 17

9:30-11:30 a.m. – Choir rehearsal
10:00 a.m. – Youth director visionary committee meeting
4:00 p.m. – Wedding of Hilary Woodhouse and John Farver

SUNDAY, November 18

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall
9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass practice
9:30 a.m. – Bible study on Mark's Gospel - Esperanza Café
9:30 a.m. – Good and Beautiful God Book Discussion - Chapel
9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room
10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
3:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Rojas Family Baby Shower – GH I
4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

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