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Last Sunday of the Church Year - November 23, 2025

Order of Service - Divine Service: Setting 3 LSB 184

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Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

Supporting the Ministry of Grace is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as our Facebook and website so you can give online.

As We Gather: There is a phrase familiar to both preschoolers and powerbrokers. When they see that someone else has something they want, they declare, "That's mine!" seizing either toys or territory for themselves. This phrase is not unfamiliar to our God either. But where humans are motivated by selfishness, the Lord acts out of love. He claims you as His own because He loves you and He wants you to be with Him for eternity. You are His treasured possession! He will never leave you behind like a toddler may accidentally abandon her teddy bear, or neglect you like a king would treat those who supported his rival. When the Lord says, "You are Mine," you have His pledge of enduring faithfulness, today and unto eternity!

Mission of the Month...for November is the Christopher John Rempfer Scholarship Fund. This fund is used to support students who prepare for full time church work.

Poinsettias for Advent and Christmas: Be a part of beautifying our chancel and support our youth, by purchasing a poinsettia in memory or honor a loved one, or you can choose to have us deliver one to a shut-in/nursing home resident. Forms are in your box and on the narthex table. Return the form to the box on the table by 11/30.

Regular Voter's Meeting today after worship: All members of Grace over the age of 18 are eligible to vote on the business of the congregation. At this meeting we will approve the 2026 budget and elect leaders for the coming year. We will meet in the church basement following worship and fellowship time (approx, 11:15 a.m.)

Support for the Community: Food insecurity can be daunting. With the recent lack of funding for SNAP benefits it has moved us to support our community as we are able. In the entryway, are non-perishable food items for anyone who is in need. If you would like to donate items (please make sure items are not expired) or know of someone who could benefit, please utilize this resource as we show Christian love and care for our community. The entryway is always accessible for drop-off or to take items for those who need it. **Once we have made it through this immediate need, we will be taking what is left to the Belle Plaine Food Pantry as part of the annual LWML pantry drive.** Thank you for your support!

Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at St. John Keystone to be held on Sunday, November 23rd, with serving around 11:30 a.m. Turkey, table service, and beverages will be provided. We are asking for everyone to bring a favorite side dish to share. We'd love to have you join us!

Thanksgiving Is a Time For Worship - Everything we have in this life and for eternity is a gift of God. It is fitting then that we make time during our Thanksgiving time to gather together in worship. Join us here at Grace on **Thanksgiving morning at 10am** in the sanctuary, on FM 90.5 or on our Facebook page.

Christmas Eve Children's Program - Over the next couple weeks we will be assigning parts to children for Christmas Eve. If you haven't contacted your child's Sunday School or midweek teacher, do so. Practices will begin on Saturday, December 6th (9:30-11:00).

Decorating for Christmas: We can use your help!

Outdoor Nativity set-up- Saturday, November 29th at 9am

Sanctuary decorations - Sunday, November 30th (following worship)

Angel Tree: Grace members will be once again gathering Christmas items for students and their families in need who attend Norway Elementary School. Stay tuned for when items need to be returned to church.