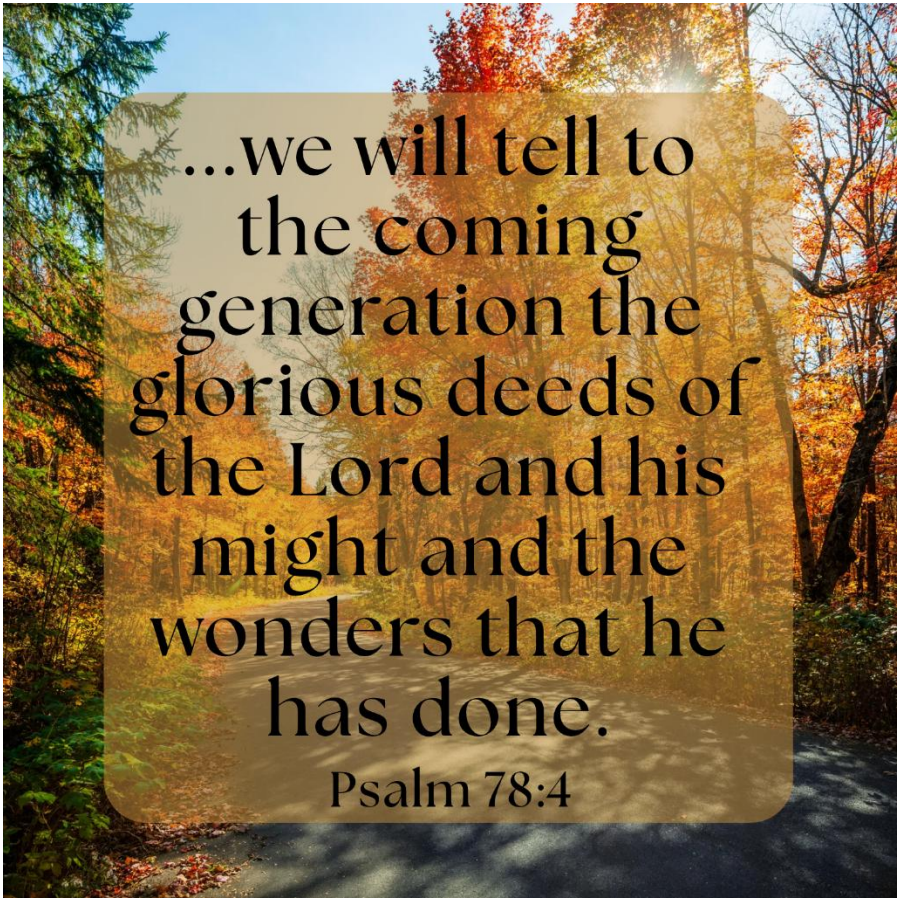
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 8, 2026 10:00 am



By the grace of God, we seek to love God and to serve humanity as Christ did.

The People of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church

Welcome to
GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor: Jerry Cho

Prayer Request Cards are available in each pew. An usher will collect the cards during the service. Pastor will include your prayer request during the Sharing of Concerns and Joys.

Yellow Welcome Cards are available in each pew for our guests to fill out.

Hymns and Songs are in the red United Methodist Hymnal **(UMH**) and the black song book The Faith We Sing (**TFWS**) located in the pew racks. **Indicates those who are able may stand.*

Entrance and Praise

PRELUDE Mason Thill

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rama Bharadwaj

To our guests, we extend our warm greetings.
To the friends we know, let us renew our welcome.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (L-Leader, A-All) Rama Bharadwaj

L: God calls us together as a community of faith.

A: We come to worship God with grateful hearts.

L: Joshua declared, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

A: We, too, choose to serve God with faithfulness and love.

L: Let us renew our commitment to God and to one another.

A: Let us worship God and serve our neighbors with joy!

***HYMN** Standing on the Promises, vs 1,2,4 #374 UMH

CALL TO RECONCILIATION Rama Bharadwaj

God calls us to live faithfully, to love generously, and to serve one another. Yet we sometimes allow our fears, selfishness, and busy lives to distract us from God's calling. Trusting in God's mercy and forgiveness, let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Pastor Jerry Cho

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we have not always been faithful to your calling. We have sometimes placed our own interests above the needs of others. We have been slow to serve, hesitant to love, and reluctant to change. Forgive us when we forget that the church belongs to you and that we are called to be your hands and feet in the world. Renew our faith, strengthen our commitment, and guide us to serve you with love, compassion, and courage. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Now let us take a moment of quiet reflection to bring our sins individually before our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (L-Leader, P-People)

L: Hear the good news! God's love is steadfast, and God's mercy never fails. When we turn to God with sincere hearts, we are forgiven and given new opportunities to live faithfully.

P: Thanks be to God! We are forgiven, renewed, and called to serve. Amen.

Forgiven and restored to right union with God let us offer each other the sign of His peace. This is a symbol of our commitment to love our neighbor.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Proclamation and Response

FIRST READING	**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25** Rama Bharadwaj Page 205, Old Testament in pew Bible	
SECOND READING	**Psalm 78:1-7** Rama Bharadwaj Page 508, Old Testament in pew Bible	
GOSPEL READING	**Matthew 25:1-13** Pastor Jerry Cho Page 26, New Testament in pew Bible	

Leader: The Word of God for people of God!
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON Renewing Our Covenant with God Pastor Jerry Cho

***HYMN** My Hope is Built #368 UMH

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

PRAYER FOR OTHERS

Collectively we bring our petitions to the Lord with the prayer He has given us.

THE 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. Amen.

AFTER LORD'S PRAYER Amen #898 UMH

Sending Forth

***HYMN** We Are the Church #558 UMH
vs 1,2,3,4

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Mason Thill

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SPECIAL OFFERINGS RECEIVED 11/1:

Backdoor $3,100.00

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Volunteers, Thank you for serving in our ministry!

	Liturgist	Cupbearers	Coffee Host
..11/8	Rama Bharadwaj	n/a	Church Conf Potluck
11/15	Jan Young	n/a	Bonnie & Maple
11/22	Lin Lohr	n/a	Needed

See sign-up on bulletin board

	Usher	A/V
11/8	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
11/15	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech
11/22	Larry Maechtle	Scott Penkivech

Calendar Reminders This Week:

Date	Time	Event	Location
Mon – Fri	10:30am-12:30pm	ADRC Meal Distribution	Kitchen
Mon – Fri, 11/9-11/13		Family Promise Meal Week @ Portlight Shelter	
Mon 11/9	11am – 2 pm	PW Woman's Club	Fellowship Hall
Tue 11/10	1 pm	Social Principles	Fellowship Hall
Wed 11/11	11 am	Advent Study	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Friendship Club	Fellowship Hall
	8 pm	AA Mtg	FAC
Thu 11/12	5:30 pm	Private Group	FAC
	7 pm	Admin Council	Zoom

Sister Circle - Thursday, November 19, 7:00 pm
Christ the King, 420 W Whitefish Rd, Port Washington

We are reading the book, "JESUS THROUGH THE EYES OF WOMEN: How the First Female Disciples Help Us Know and Love the Lord" by Rebecca McLaughlin. For the November 19th meeting, please read Chapter 3-Nourishment. Contact Mary at 414-828-4675 or mariwags@gmail.com with any questions.

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Christmas Decorating – Nov. 23rd

We will be decorating the church and trimming the tree on Monday, November 23, at 1:00 PM. Any helping hands are greatly appreciated!

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Current Needs

Canned chicken, canned salmon, Spam, condiments, vegetable oil, large soup, Hamberger Helper, salad dressing, canned fruit, & paper towels.

Current Needs

Paper Towels (high priority), Shower Curtain Liners, Men's Incontinence Underwear Size S/M, Ibuprofen, Disinfecting Wipes, Facial Tissue, and Women's Body Wash.

Meal Week Thank You!

Thank you to Sandy & Mark Grams, John & Cheryl Wozniak, Dave & Cathy Guse, Jerry & Cindy Cho, and Lin Lohr for providing meals at the Portlight Shelter this past week. And thank you to everyone who helped serve or donated toward the Portlight Shelter meals this entire year!

THE Christmas ROOM

Rummage Sale!

Shop our sale before you go to the big box stores.
Save $ and help our planet!
All proceeds go to help our church and our outreach efforts.

Saturdays
November 14 & 21
8 AM to 2 PM

Christ the King
Lutheran Church
420 W. Whitefish Rd
Port Washington

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Ecumenical Thanksgiving

Navigating with Love



Join us in Worship and Thanksgiving

Pie-Palooza to follow!

Christ the King Church · 420 W Whitefish Rd, Port Washington

November 24th, 7:00 pm

Food and Cash Donations welcome in support of local food pantries



See Jill Eernisse or Dan Benning to get your tickets.

Thank You Trip to the Osthoff Resort Old World Christmas

This holiday season, Bob & Jan would like to provide a thank you trip for the men and women of the church who serve as coffee hour hosts and their helpers. This year they have booked a return trip to the Osthoff Resort for the Old World Christmas event. Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the church hallway.

Date: Sunday, December 6th, 2026

Transportation: Personalized Tour Coach

Time: Leave church after coffee hour and return by approx. 4 pm

Bob & Jan will procure admission tickets for the group. Ethnic products and food are available for purchase throughout the venue. See Mary Downing, 262-707-4039, or Bob Griesmeyer, 414-379-1055, with any questions.

Note: Santa Claus will be in attendance so make sure you are on the right list!

Awesome Women Christmas Dinner

All women of the church are invited to the annual Christmas dinner **Monday, December 7th at Plier's Full Circle Restaurant,** 3704 Highland Drive, Port Washington.

5:30 P.M. Social Time / 6 P.M. PWHS Choir "Limited Edition"

6:30 P.M. Dinner

"Limited Edition", will entertain us again and we will have a basket out for a free will offering. The price of your meal includes entrée, coffee or iced tea, tax, and tip. Forms are on the counter in the narthex. **Make checks out to "Awesome Women". All orders and money must be given to Mary Kae Geittmann by Sunday, November 29th.**

From Pastor Jerry:

*Spiritual Vitamins * (Nov. 8, 2026)

1. Love and humility is the essence of all seven higher religions of the world today.
2. The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. – Oliver Wendell Holmes
3. The "Best" in any concrete situation is identical with the "least evil". - Elton Trueblood
4. I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by conscious endeavor. – Henry David Thoreau
5. Maturity is the growing awareness that you are neither so wonderful nor so hopeless as you once believed.
6. You can easily determine the caliber of a person by the amount of opposition it takes to discourage him.
7. Nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light. - Luke 8:17





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