



Welcome ~ Thank you for joining us!

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa | Pastor Stephanie Wood

November 1, 2026 † 8:30am

*Please stand as you are able **Congregational response in bold**

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Prelude Music

All Saints MedleySusan Senn organ, Dean Rock trumpet

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Those Who Seek the Lord*

Gathering

The promise of changing seasons, the sun rising and the air we breathe.

God's creation. **This is grace in action.**

We are blessed. **To be known by God.**

We are blessed. **To know God's grace.**

We are blessed to be a blessing. **We are Grace in action.**

Confession & Forgiveness*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. † Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn*

For All the Saints (v.1-3) ELW (back of Red Book) **422**

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

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 (from *Now the Feast & Celebration*)..... setting by Marty Haugen

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Prayer of the Day*

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Sing with All the Saints in Glory..... William J. Irons/William B. Roberts
(Congregation please join in on the last verse)

*Sing with all the saints in glory, sing to resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.*

*Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised. Christ prepares it; there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.*

**Life eternal! Heaven rejoices; Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When, amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!**

Children's Message

Scripture Reading | Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; let the lowly hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Gospel Acclamation*

Blessed Assurance..... ELW (back of red book) **638**

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Holy Gospel* | Matthew 5:1-12; 14-16

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all
kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the
prophets who were before you."

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not
light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the
lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light
shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to
your Father in heaven.

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

Gospel Blessing*

Blessed Assurance..... ELW (back of red book) **638**

Refrain This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long

Sermon

Hymn of the Day*

Shall We Gather at the River?.....ELW (back of Red Book) **423**

1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Remembrance of All Saints

Jesus is the Light of the world.

The light no darkness can overcome.

God comforts us in all our sorrows.

So that we can comfort others with the consolation we have received from God.

We remember with joy and sadness those who have died.

We light these candles in loving memory of those who have gone before us to show us the way.

We trust that in the mercy of Jesus Christ they have been received into God's everlasting peace.

And into the glorious company of the saints in light.

Jesus is the light of the world.

The light no darkness can overcome.

(The congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones. Please inform an usher if you need assistance in lighting a candle.)

Prayer for All Saints & Ringing of the Bells

Jesus says, take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

And you will find rest for your souls. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

Let us proclaim our faith in 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 the People*

Response: God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace* *(Please be seated after sharing the peace)*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Call to Offering *(The offering plates will be passed along the pews)*

Offering Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat ELW (back of Red Book) **465**

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. Refrain
- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. Refrain

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.

And also 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 God thanks and praise.

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.

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God setting by Marty Haugen



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Prayer After Communion*

Blessing*

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.** The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.** The God of grace † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn*

For All the Saints (v. 3-6)..... ELW (back of Red Book) **422**

- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sending*

Go out in joy. Blessed to be a blessing!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

For All the Saints Ralph Vaughan Williams



Coming Up at Grace

Scan to view the current Weekly Update Email

Alzheimer's and Dementia Series

Today Between Services

Join Megan Olsen, from the Alzheimer's Association®, between services as she shares information about the following topics: **Nov 1** Final questions and information

Junior Bible Study

Today During Worship

This fall, JBS is during worship for the first three Sundays of the month, and the fourth Sunday will be between worship services. This year we are using *Wonder on the Go* inviting children to wonder about the characters in Bible Stories and what we can learn about God.

Short Stories by Jesus

11am Thursdays

This fall we will dive into Jesus' short stories, his parables, by looking at the cultural context they were rooted in and how the original Jewish audience understood them. This study will follow along with Amy-Jill Levine's book *Short Stories by Jesus*, (book not required). She will be our resident expert as a scholar in New Testament and Jewish Studies. Contact Pastor Stephanie with any questions.

Coffee with Council

Sunday, November 8 | Between Services

Please join members of council for coffee and conversation. Get an update on the budget, learn more about our efforts to cut the deficit, and provide input in the 2027 budget. This is your opportunity to share your observations, questions, and concerns.

Be a Blessing Stewardship Appeal

At Grace, we are blessed! We have been blessed to experience God's grace in worship, receive God's love from one another and share the Good News with our corner of the world. Our goal for next year is to focus our efforts and resources on the four key ministry areas we identified in our Listening Campaign: worship, relationships, children's ministry and outreach.

The goal of the *Be A Blessing Stewardship Appeal of 2027* is to increase our gifts and offerings by \$15,000. Increasing our offering by \$500 per week will help us to retain our excellent staff and continue our ministry together. Pray for a generous response to this 2027 Stewardship Appeal. Consider increasing your giving as the Spirit leads you. **Be ready to share your commitment on Stewardship Sunday, November 15.** You can bring your statements of intent to church, mail them in, or enter your pledge into our online form. Then we will celebrate on November 22, with a Give Thanks Brunch. Together we will expand and sustain the ways we connect as a community.

Thanksgiving Worship & Give Thanks Brunch

Sunday November 22 | 9:30am Joint Worship | 10:30am Give Thanks Brunch

Join us for a service of Thanksgiving with music, readings, scripture, reflections, and prayers; and to celebrate our faithful and generous giving, we are sharing a brunch with the congregation. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy one another's company. This will be a potluck brunch with a sign-up available on Breeze. God's gifts to us are plentiful! Let's share celebrate with one another!

Thanksgiving Boxes

For the third year in a row, we are putting God's Grace in action by sharing Thanksgiving boxes with families at Garfield Elementary School. In previous years, God's generosity poured over in your generosity! This year, we will provide 14 Thanksgiving boxes to families. In previous years, we have donated a turkey. This year, Edwards UCC will provide turkeys to the families. We have compiled a list of ingredients for each box. If you prefer, you may donate funds to cover items that weren't purchased. You may sign up for items online through Breeze (link sent out Monday) or see the cards in the narthex at. This has been and continues to be a meaningful way to share God's Grace. It could be a fun ministry to do with family or friends. Thank you! Questions? Talk with Pastor Kirsten. **We need the items delivered to church by Monday, November 16. Thanksgiving Box Items (for one box):**

- 1 box of butter (to make mashed potatoes and for rolls)
- powdered milk (to make mashed potatoes)
- 1-2 dozen dinner rolls
- 1-2 jars gravy OR 1-2 packets gravy mix
- 2 aluminum roasting pans
- pumpkin pie OR apple pie
- 1 box hot chocolate packets
- 2-3 cans of chicken broth
- 2-3 cans of green beans
- 1 container French fried onions
- 1-2 cans of mushroom soup
- 1-2 cans of cranberry sauce
- 1 large box mashed potato mix OR 1 bag of potatoes
- 1-2 boxes stuffing mix

Luther Properties Harvest Gatherings

A Grace Special Projects Grant will sponsor Harvest Gathering events for Luther Properties Residents, offering Grace and its members an outreach opportunity. The three events will offer refreshments, live music, and door prizes. Volunteers are welcome! Contact Vicki Liebke, Grace's Luther Properties Board representative with any questions or sign up in the narthex, and to join in this outreach opportunity. Watch for more info in the November newsletter. **Luther Manor** (3118 Devils Glen Rd, Bettendorf) - Thursday, November 12, 1pm; **Luther Towers** (1810 E 38th St Ct, Davenport) - Friday, November 13, 1pm; **Luther Crest** (5454 N Gaines St, Davenport) - Tuesday, November 17, 1pm

Ongoing Ministries

See the next *ongoing ministry meeting dates and times in the "Looking Ahead" section below and grab an ongoing ministry pew card. Feel free to get in touch with the group contacts with any questions. (You can also scan this QR Code for the November newsletter.)



Looking Ahead

**Men's Lunch Wednesdays at Noon*

**Centering Prayer Mondays at 4:30pm*

November 1 All Saints Sunday

November 1 Alzheimer's & Dementia Talk

November 1 Green Bag/Food Pantry Sunday

November 1 IFF Birthday Bash!

November 3 General Election Polling Location

November 4 *Grief Support Group 5:30pm

November 5 Short Stories Bible Study

November 8 Coffee with Council

November 10 & 11 *Quilters

November 12 Short Stories Bible Study

November 12 Luther Manor Harvest Party

November 13 Luther Tower Harvest Party

November 14 *Page Turners (*note date change*)

November 15 Be a Stewardship Sunday

November 16 Thanksgiving Boxes Due

November 17 *Naomi Circle 9:30am

November 17 Luther Crest Harvest Party

November 18 *Grief Support Group 5:30pm

November 19 Short Stories Bible Study

November 22 Give Thanks Worship & Brunch

November 24-30 Pr. Stephanie vacation

November 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday

November 30 Pray & Play

Calendar

Sunday, November 1

Food Pantry & Green Bag Sunday

8:00am Choir Rehearsal

8:30am Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

11:30am Confirmation Class @ Zion

Monday, November 2

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, November 3

Election Day Polling Location

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

1:30pm Personnel Meeting - PBH

5:00pm Property Meeting - Narthex

6:00pm CYF Meeting - PBH

Wednesday, November 4

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

1:30pm Nominating Committee - PBH

5:30pm Grief Support Group - PBH

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 5

11:00am Short Stories Bible Study - PBH

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

Sunday, November 8

8:30am Worship & Livestream

9:30am Coffee with Council

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, November 9

10:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm Centering Prayer - Zoom

Tuesday, November 10

9:00am Quilters

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

1:30pm Social Ministry Mtg - Narthex

2:30pm Outreach Mtg - PBH

Wednesday, November 11

9:00am Quilters

12:00pm Men's Lunch Group

7:00pm Worship & Music Mtg - PBH

Meal Train Opportunity

We are offering a "Meal Train" for members who are having surgery (or other medical procedures) that may like some meals while they are recovering at home. **Would you be interested in being invited to provide meals for future Meal Trains?** If yes, please call or email the office or sign up on the list in the narthex. **Note:** *Saying YES does not mean you are committing to provide a meal. It just means you are open to being invited when the need arises.*

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the office for information about joining Grace. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life here at Grace.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you'd like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.



Online Giving

Supporting Grace is easy with e-giving. Go to bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline or scan this QR Code to donate one time or to set up recurring gifts. Your offerings support and nurture ministries at Grace along with support for local and global organizations. We appreciate and thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Day Dinner

Please RSVP by December 14

@ Grace December 25 | Noon

You are invited to join our Grace family for Christmas Day Dinner. As we plan, it would be helpful to know how many people may be interested. Please contact the office or if you are interested. If you'd like to help, you may reach out to Ruth McAndrews or Carol Keller.

Serving in Worship

Preaching & Presiding	Pastor Stephanie Wood
Director of Outreach & Youth Ministry	Pastor Kirsten Lee
Assisting Minister	Jane Rock
Communion Assistants	Jane Rock, Russ Finkler, Janice Gibbs, Kathy Shriver
Communion Bread	Carol Keller
Acolyte	Janice Gibbs
Crucifer	Denise Eads
Greeters	Mike & Deb Kirby
Ushers	Dean Rock, Mark Jepson
Jr Bible Study	Pastor Kirsten, Denise Eads
Sound System	Russ Finkler
Livestream Tech	Dan Carney
Prayers	Sundays & Seasons
Altar Guild	Jackie Cain
Heart & Voice Choir Director	Sally Meier
Organist	Susan Senn
Pianist	Kathi Parrish
Coffee Hour	Jim Lange, Deb Kirby

Please complete an attendance card located in the pews or at the usher's table.

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Children's Ministry & Outreach

"I love church!"

said a child at Pray and Play.

A volunteer asked:

"What do you love about church?"

Child: **"Everything! ... I have flat feet!"**

Sacred moments. A child sharing their love of church or dancing in worship.

When children gather for Jr. Bible Study, VBS, a Kid's Party or Pray and Play, we pass on the blessings we have received. We provide a safe place to have fun and share the stories that shape our faith. Their presence is also a gift to us. They help us see God in new ways.

Over the past year we have impacted 113 children who have participated in one or more of our children's ministries. Most of the children are from outside our walls. For many, we are their church. We've also partnered with local ELCA churches to provide confirmation classes and space for those in the 2nd Quarter of their lives to gather.

We have come so far over the past three years, and with your support we will continue to grow this ministry.

The goal of the Be A Blessing Stewardship Appeal of 2027 is to increase our gifts and offerings by \$15,000 or \$500 a week. Pray for a generous response to this 2027 Stewardship Appeal. Consider increasing your giving as the Spirit leads you. **Be ready to share your commitment on Stewardship Sunday, November 15.** Together we will be able to expand and sustain our ministry to children, youth and families.



I will bless you... and you will be a blessing to others. Genesis 12:2-3



Be a Blessing



Range of Gifts Given and Hoped For

This graph displays two charts of our giving. The first shows how many gifts are currently being given at the indicated weekly amounts to the General Fund. The other shows how many gifts are needed in each level to reach our goal.

As you look over the charts, prayerfully ask yourself the following:



How does my giving level compare with other ways I use my money?



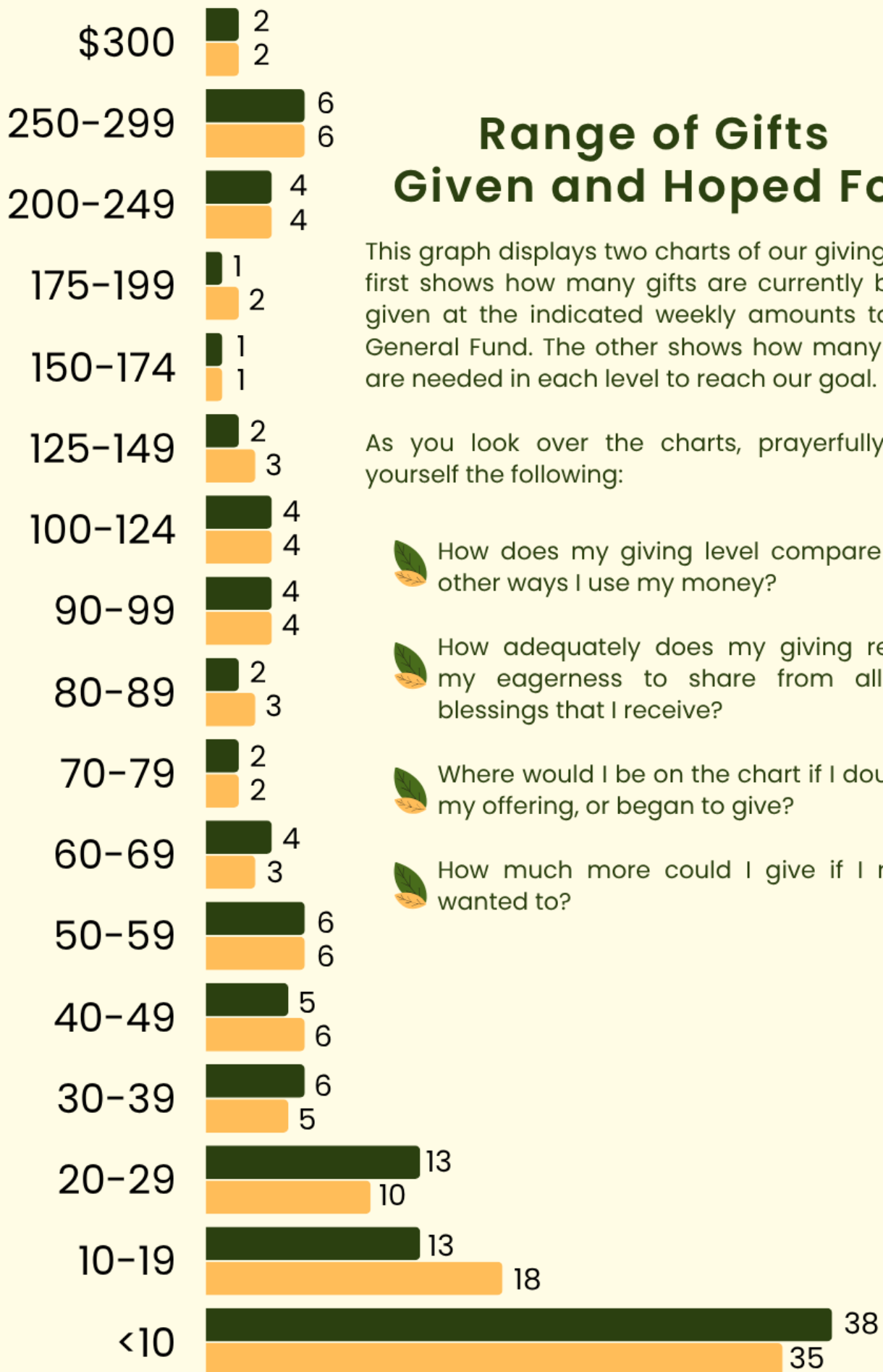
How adequately does my giving reflect my eagerness to share from all the blessings that I receive?



Where would I be on the chart if I doubled my offering, or began to give?



How much more could I give if I really wanted to?



 NUMBER OF CURRENT GIVERS = 113

 NUMBER OF HOPED-FOR GIVERS = 114