

# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*I have*  
**heard**  
of your faith in the  
**Lord Jesus**  
and your love toward all the  
**saints.**

Ephesians 1:15

## Today's Worship Theme

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

## Welcome & Worship Notes

- We're glad you are here! Please know children can join us for worship too.
- Congregation responses are in **bold** print. "ELW" is the red hymnal. The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- Our ushers can provide devices for those with hearing impairment.
- Need the internet? *GraceGuests Network* Password: *GraceGuests1234*
- Please turn off all cell phones or place them in silent mode.
- Restrooms and water fountain are down the hall from the Sanctuary.
- A quiet, comfortable room is available to anyone needing it; it is located around the corner from the restrooms.
- **Got kids?** Children are welcome in worship. Grab an activity bag and children's bulletin located at the entrance. Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message and may continue upstairs for Children's Church & Music (about 20 minutes), during the sermon. Children will return for Holy Communion and are welcome to receive the sacrament. Nursery is available for children 6 weeks–4 years old.

## Grace Lutheran Church Affirmation of Welcome

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the Gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.



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*Greeter: Robin King*  
*Altar Guild: Beth Reavis*

*Usher: Bob & Joan Streightiff*  
*Coffee Host: Dawn Anderson*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Scan the QR code for our "Grace Happenings" weekly e-newsletter.



*Before and during worship, you're invited to light a candle in remembrance of the saints in your life. Candle stations are located left of the pulpit and right of the lectern. Throughout the worship bulletin, three (\*\*\*) asterisks mark three opportunities to come forward and light a candle.*

## **PRELUDE**

*"Behold the Host, Arrayed in White" F. Melius Christiansen*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **ALL SAINTS' LITANY**

On this All Saints' Sunday, we remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe: Ancestors of the faith, **we remember you.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the ways of God; Teachers of the faith, **we remember you.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, children and grandchildren, friends far and wide, those who have gone before us in our lifetime: Family of our faith, **we remember you.**

We lift up to you, O God, the names of those recorded in our Book of Saints:

We also lift up to you, O God, the names of those from within the members of our congregation who have died this past year: Bob Besalski, Barry Clemmer, Terry Covell, Hester Anne Cowan, Paul McCubbins, Wilma McDaniel, James Nunn, Tony Ray, Lucy Smyre, Jean Vander Haar and Judith Alice Wolber. Those we've named and those close in our hearts, **we remember you.**

We give thanks, O God, for all who have been drawn near to you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

*Please share a sign of Christ's peace, then remain standing for the hymn.*

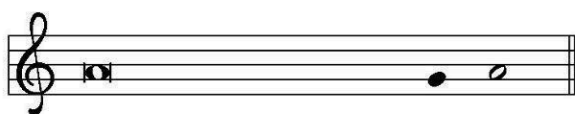
GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Assisting Minister: Beth Reavis*

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.**

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.**

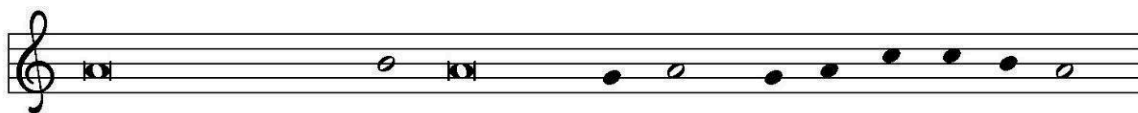
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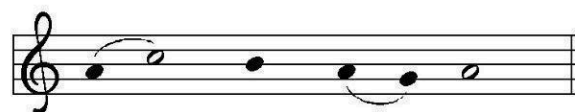
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



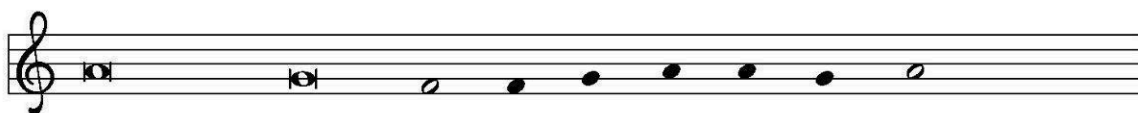
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



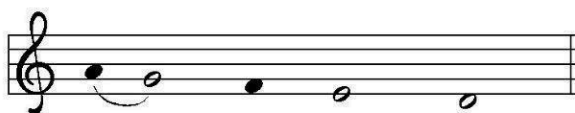
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

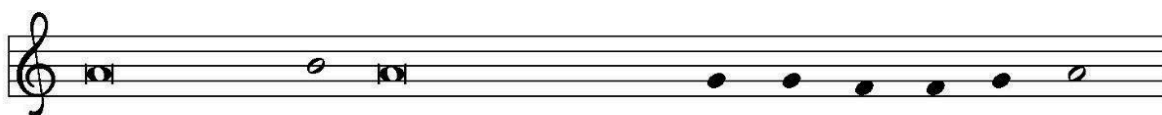


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

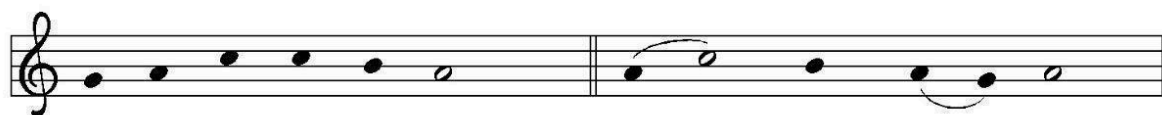


Lord, have mer - cy.



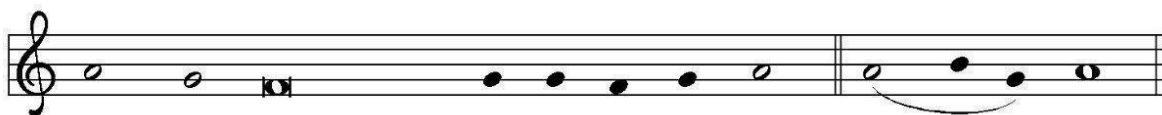


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord** have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

**A** - men.



# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



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



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Please be seated.*

✠ **WORD** ✠

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then are invited upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and will return before Communion.*

### **A READING FROM Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Lector: Carolyn Henion*

*The banquet of the Lord*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

### **A READING FROM Revelation 21:1-6a**

*A new heaven and a new earth*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44**

*The raising of Lazarus*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."  
<sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Pastor Steve Troisi*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **\*\*\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Abide with Me "*

*ELW 629*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. **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.**



Please kneel as you are able.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

### **\*\*\*OFFERING SONG**

*"Death Be Never Last"*

*arr. David Sims*

*We walk in light of countless faces bright as beams of rising sun,  
Certain as the morning chases night in endless ages' run  
Turning eyes now to their shining memory, to their faithful past,  
Saints be now the truth divining; death be now but never last.  
When sorrow's heavy hand has weighted loss against the greater gain,  
Pinning down that grief sore fated laden on the bed of pain.  
Turning eyes now to their shining memory, to their faithful past.  
Saints be now the truth divining; death be now but never last.  
Death be never last.*

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Please stand as you are able.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

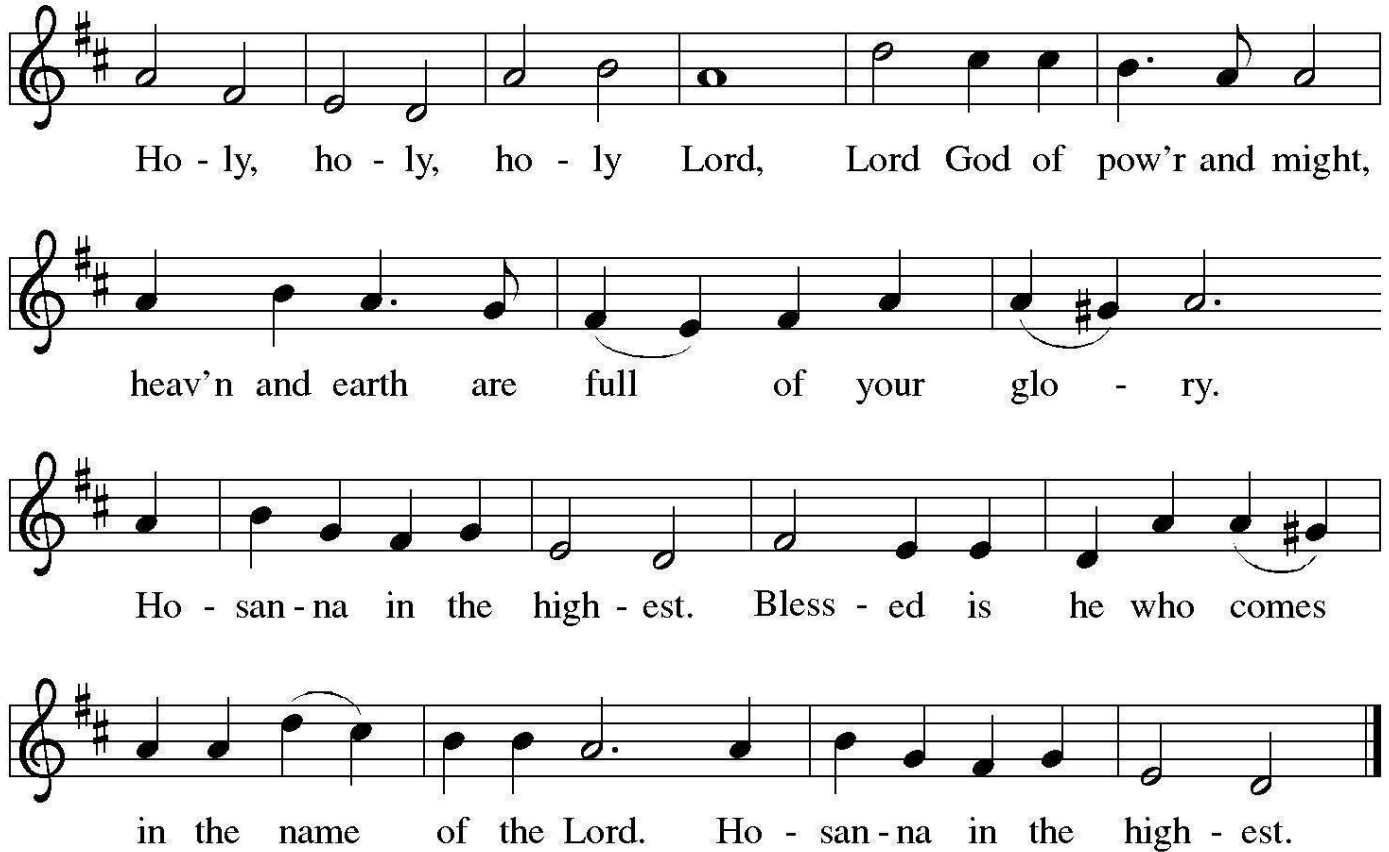
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
**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, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion. You'll receive bread first (it is gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you.*

*Communion is normally served around the altar rail the first Sunday of the month. On the other Sundays, communion is served at the head of the aisle. (Note that Healing prayers are offered in the Chapel after receiving communion on the first and third Sundays.)*

## COMMUNION SONG

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.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*"Shall We Gather at the River"*

*ELW 423*

*"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"*

*ELW 628*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*"For All the Saints" (vs. 4-7)*

ELW 422

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*

Jeffrey Honore

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

Are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for  
our grandchildren  
by Jan & Andy Burgess.

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

Is burning to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the birth  
of my great nephew,  
Brodie Blue Friemond,  
by Susan McKay.

**READINGS FOR November 10**

1 Kings 17:8-16 | Psalm 146 | Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 12:38-44

**GIVING REPORT**

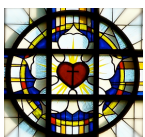
Giving September 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024

| September Giving | September Budgeted Giving | Year to Date Giving | Year to Date Budgeted Giving |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| \$20,956.00      | \$31,666.67               | \$20,956.00         | \$31,666.67                  |

**HERE'S A GLANCE OF THIS COMING WEEK AT GRACE!**

| 3   | 4               | 5   | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9 |
|---|-----------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| <b>ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY</b><br>• Sunday School (C)<br>• LSA Sunday School (C)<br>• Worship (S)<br>• MS Youth (YR)<br>• Catholic Mass (S)<br>• YA Bible Study (YR) | • AA Mtg.(LLFH) | • Wood Lot work day<br>• LSA meet at App St.<br>• PIKA (FH) | • Hearts of Hospitality<br>• Staff Mtg.<br>• Grace Quilters<br>• LSA (CH)<br>• Handbell Rehearsal<br>• High School Youth G<br>• Choir Rehearsal | • Adult Bible Study (C)<br>• Susan recording<br>• Tyler's Book Study (C) | • Classical Co. School<br>• Theology on Tap (off) |   |

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