

Welcome to Worship

Grace Lutheran Church
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To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ



November 12,
2023

Pentecost 24
8 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

Today Amos calls for justice to roll down like water. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming to us in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

Prelude: Kevin (8 a.m.)

Goodness of God (10:30 a.m.) **Harold Schaefer, Lou Marucci, Dan Sarm**

GATHERING

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

C. To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ.

Please stand and face the font.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **C. Amen.**



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy One,

C. we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our sisters and brothers.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are afflicted by the sin that keeps us from truly loving one another.

Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P. Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through ✠ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **C. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Oh, Happy Day

ELW 441

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.**

Hymn of Praise: O Sing to the Lord (*Cantad al Señor*)

ELW 822

1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.

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Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty and ever-living God, on this Veteran's Day weekend we give you thanks for all who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

WORD



FIRST READING: Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70



You are my help - er and my de - liv - er - er;



O LORD, do not tar - ry.



¹Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;

O LORD, make | haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be
disgraced. R**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great | is the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, | do not tarry. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON: Life Begins in Worship

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers

ELW 224

APOSTLES' CREED

P. Let us love one another, that with one mind we may confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

**C. 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

To the petition "Hear us, O God," please respond "your mercy is great."

LORD'S PRAYER

P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C. Our Father, who art in heaven....



GREETING OF THE PEACE

Please be seated.

OFFERING

We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries. Please be generous – all that we do is possible only because of you.



There are many ways to make your gift: Offerings may be placed in the plates at the sanctuary entrances; you may choose various forms of electronic giving by recurring credit card, using this QR code, or by direct deposit (forms are in the narthex, or ask us for help).

Music at the Offering: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

(10:30 am-Harold, Lou & Dan)

Thomas Andrew Dorsey

*Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light, Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, Precious Lord linger near
When my life, my life is gone, Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall, Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears, And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone, At the river I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn, Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light, Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home.*

Please stand.

OFFERTORY

ELW 885

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of three staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all
creatures here below; praise God above, ye
heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **C. Amen.**

Prayer for Peace

by Henry W. Baker/David Cherwien

1. O God of love, O King of
2. Re - mem - ber, Lord, thy works of
3. Whom shall we trust but thee, O

peace, Make wars through-out the world to
old, The won - ders that thy peo - ple
Lord? Where rest but on thy faith - ful

cease; The wrath of na - tions now re -
told; Re - mem - ber not our sin's dark
word? None ev - er called on thee in

strain. Give peace, O God, give peace— a - gain.
stain. Give peace, O God, give peace— a - gain.
vain. Give peace, O God, give peace— a - gain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BLESSING

P. The blessing of Almighty God, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **C. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: Before You, Lord, We Bow

ELW 893

Text by Francis Scott Key

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace to love and serve as Christ. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Toccata

Leonardo Leo

Virtual Pipe Organ: Romsey Abbey. JW Walker organ, located in the town of Romsey in Hampshire, UK. This virtual organ was recently recorded and produced by Richard McVeigh for Beauty in Sound Co.

Jump into Music



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The Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids

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BRIDEGROOM
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FLASKS

FOOLISH
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KINGDOM
LAMPS
MATTHEW
MIDNIGHT
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WEDDING
WISE

Serving today – Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe
Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney
Lector: 8:00am, Walter Family;
10:30am, T. Sarm
Ushers: 8:00am, Walter Family;
10:30am, J. Krout & K. Heacock
Acolyte: 8:00am, Usher; 10:30am, Usher
Coffee Hour: Don Capanear
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00am, L. Kratz;
10:30am, J. Snyder
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The day of the LORD

Psalms 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

*Teach us to number our days that we may
apply our hearts to wisdom*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Be alert for the day of the Lord

Matthew 25:14-30

The story of the slaves entrusted with talents

COFFEE HOUR is served in **FELLOWSHIP HALL** each Sunday following our services. Please join us for coffee, tasty snacks and conversation. Also, the nursery is available for parents and children; please make use of the "Busy Bags" for young children.



Pastoral Care If you are ill, seeking pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe through the office. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses, hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the joys in your life.

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