

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church



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



Nov. 5, 2023
All Saints Sunday
8:00 and 10:30
a.m.

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

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we look forward to joining the saints, with whom we will sing the praise of God’s glory.

Prelude: In Green Pastures

Harold Darke

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.



P. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

P. Most merciful God,

C. we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P. Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore grant you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: For All the Saints

ELW 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 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!

4 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!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
 farthest coast,
 through gates of pearl streams in the countless
 host,
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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.

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 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

Prayer of the Day

P. 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.

C. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that 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.

¹⁵For 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.

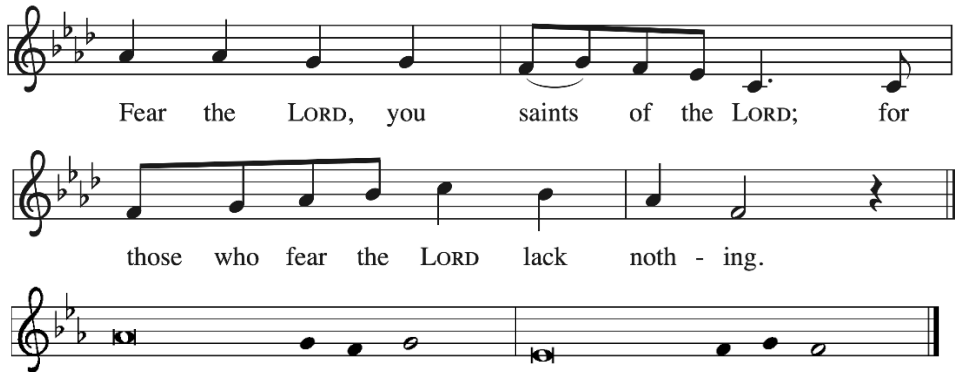
¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for 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. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22



¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory¹ in the LORD;
let the lowly hear¹ and rejoice. R**

³Proclaim with me the greatness¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's¹ name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who¹ answered me
and delivered me from¹ all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from¹ all my troubles. R**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who¹ fear the LORD
and de-¹livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the¹ LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref-¹uge in God!**

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the¹ LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing¹ that is good.**

²²O LORD, you redeem the life¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will¹ not be punished. R

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved,

we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

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 5:1-12

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying....

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

Sermon: "Robed in White"

Pastor Nancy Raabe

HYMN of the DAY: For the Healing of the Nations

Susan Briehl/John Becker

Verses: Solo; Refrain: All

1. Bangladesh and India (Peace be yours)...Syria and Turkey: **Refrain**
2. France and Spain (Peace be yours)...Ireland and England: **Refrain**
3. South Africa and Angola (Peace be yours)...Eritrea and Rwanda: **Refrain**
4. Bolivia and Chile (Peace be yours)...all immigrants and exiles: **Refrain**

Refrain

For the heal-ing of the na-tions, we
pray to you, O God. For the heal-ing of the
na-tions, we pray to you, O God.

PRAYERS

A. Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.



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

When the pastor indicates, the parents and families of children baptized this year are invited to come forward and receive the gift of a Beginner's Bible.

We give thanks for those who through baptism have entered into new life this year:

- ✠ Harlee Paige Bellesfield (6/4/2023)
- ✠ Oakleigh Elizabeth Bellesfield (6/4/2023)
- ✠ Mikayla Renee Hercolini (baptized 4/16/2023)
- ✠ Paisley Nichole Strohlein (6/4/2023)
- ✠ Callie Elisabeth Van Horn (6/4/2023)

P. God of the ages.... Comfort us as we grieve those Grace members who have died in the past year. Today we remember:

✝ Abraham Rittenhouse (10/26/1945 – 11/4/2022)

✝ Dale Moyer (11/11/1938 – 2/23/2023)

✝ Mabel Hoepfl (9/19/1930 – 4/14/2023)

✝ Ethel Rappold (3/30/1922 – 7/3/2023)

✝ Helen Godshall (6/17/1934 – 9/10/2023)

We also honor the memory of these loved ones:

B. Lorraine Snyder – 11/4/2022

Jeffrey Schussler – 12/10/2022

William Wenhold – 12/18/2022

Norma Detweiler – 1/23/2023

Doris Camburn – 1/30/2023

Madiafe Sheriff – 1/31/2023

Thomas Jahoda – 2/10/2023

Timothy Guenther – 2/15/2023

John Ray – 5/13/2023

Coal MacDonald – 7/24/2023

Galen Hosgood – 8/14/2023

Earl Metzger – 9/23/2023

Mary Powers – 9/25/2023

Catherine Bergey – 9/29/2023

Thomas Haberland – 9/27/2023

Frances Cooke Browne – 9/29/2023

Judith Stangl – 9/30/2023

Honey MacDonald – 10/10/2023

Holly Scholl – 10/15/2023

Diane Bobay – 10/20/2023

P. God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray.
Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **C. Amen.**

GREETING OF THE PEACE

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

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). Or you may text a gift to Grace at 844-613-0815. Thank you!



Music at the Offering: (10:30) He Leadeth Me

John Purifoy

*1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.*

Refrain: All sing
He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:

***his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.***

*2. And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.*

OFFERTORY: “Praise God from whom all blessings flow....” ELW 884

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 feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **C. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Preface

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

Holy, Holy, Holy – ELW 413, stanza 2

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*

Thanksgiving at the Table

P. You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

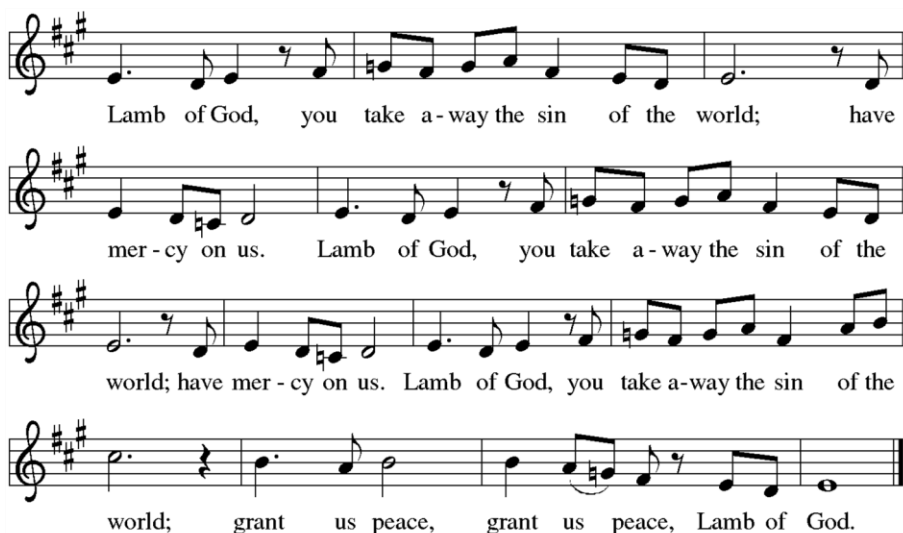
P. Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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

Invitation to Communion

P. Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

LAMB OF GOD

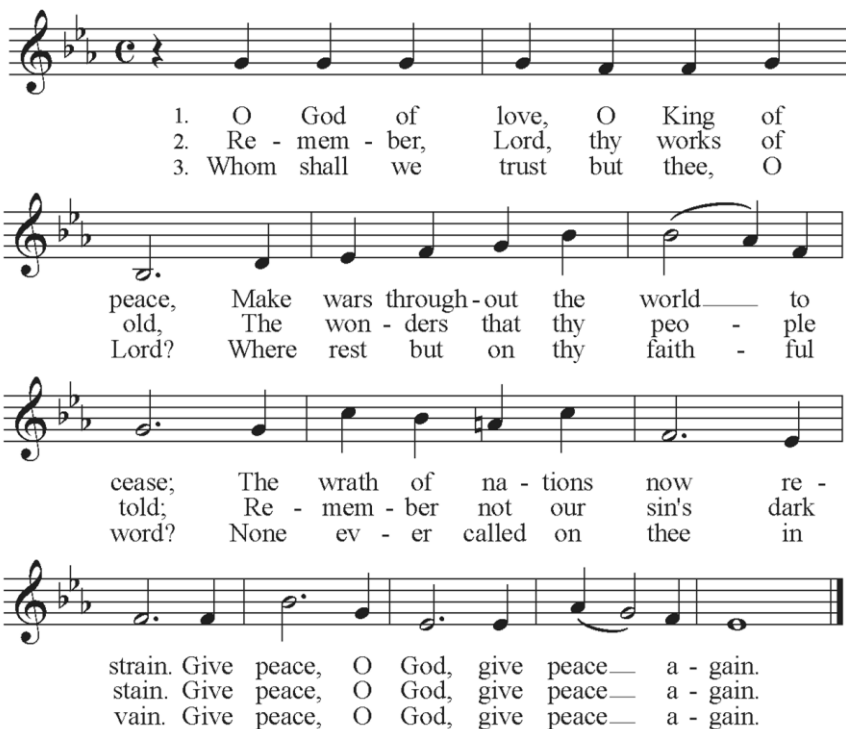


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn: Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ELW 628

Post-Communion Prayer: Prayer for Peace Henry Baker/David Cherwien



1. O God of love, O King of love
 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

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: O Master Let Me Walk With You

ELW 818

DISMISSAL

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

Postlude: Toccata in Seven... John Rutter



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.

SERVING TODAY – THANK YOU!

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe
Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney
Lector: 8:00am, The Seilers; 10:30am, R. Badman
Ushers: 8:00am, R. Smyrl & K. Seiler;
10:30am, J. Krout & K. Deussing
Altar Guild: 8:00am, L. Kratz;
10:30am, E. Woltmann
Communion Asst: 8:00am, The Seilers;
10:30am, K. Stawasz
Acolyte: 8:00am, Usher; 10:30am, K. Stawasz
Coffee Hour: Bruce Schmidt
Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00am, L. Kratz;
10:30am, J. Snyder
Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Amos 5:18-24

Let justice roll down like waters

Psalms 70

You are my helper and my deliverer;

O LORD, do not tarry

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The promise of the resurrection

Matthew 25:1-13

*The story of the wise and foolish
bridesmaids*

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: Please! If you are ill, going into the hospital, 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 any joys and concerns you are moved to share.

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