



All Saints' Day

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 5, 2023

*“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant
congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other,
the community, and the world.”*

Service of Holy Communion

(All Creation Sings—Setting 12)

Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.

We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.

Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.

As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering



Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk

Eric Hilker

We stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, ✙ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,
all hearts are open,
to you all desires known.
We come to you,
confessing our sins.
Forgive us in your mercy,
and remember us in your love.
Show us your ways;
teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Have mercy
on me, *O* God,
according to your
steadfast *love.*

Psalm 51:1, NRSV

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✙ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
King of glory passes on his way.
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
5 The golden evening brightens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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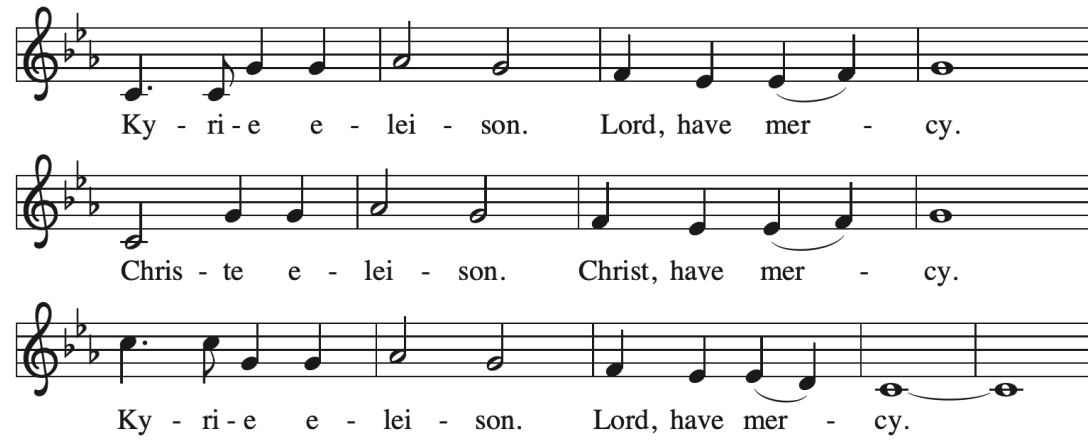
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Greeting

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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Kyrie

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

We sit.

Word



First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation:

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."

Continued

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

We read responsively.

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

²My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

³O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

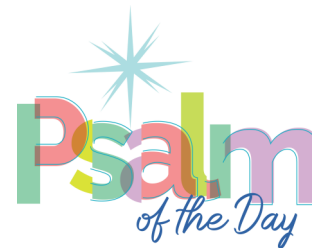
⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

⁹O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

**¹⁰The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

²²The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.



Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John:

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.

The word of the Lord.

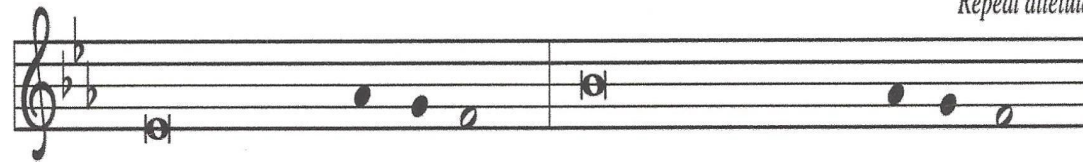
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

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:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand.

Hymn of the Day: "Rejoice in God's Saints"

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Rejoice in God's Saints

1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!

A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.

Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:

their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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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.**

Apostle's Creed in Swahili

**Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;**

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.**

**Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na
uzima wa milele. Amina.**

The
Apostles'
+ Creed +

Prayers of Intercession

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

All Saints Remembrance

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially members of this Body, family and friends who are dear to us.

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come; we give you thanks for all your saints who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place, giving thanks for those from our family of faith at Grace who have died in the last year:

(we remember our Grace members [see bulletin insert])

And these family and friends

(see bulletin insert; there will also be a silence for others to name in our hearts)

As we remember these and all your saints, strengthen us to, with them, follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more.

Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever
Amen.

Peace

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

We sit.



Meal

Offertory

We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)

We stand.

Offertory Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Offering Prayer

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.
Amen.**



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 our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of the saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy, and rejoice with them in glory. And, so with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Sanctus



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

**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, power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the banquet.
Come and feast at Jesus' table.
Thanks be to God.

We sit.

Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;
ufalme wako ufike,
utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi,
lakini utuopoe maovuni.
Amina.



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.

The Holy Communion

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

We stand.

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Lord Jesus,
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.
Sustain us on the journey,
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,
and give us glad and generous hearts
as we meet you on the way.
Amen.**

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Blessing

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
Amen.

Sending Song: *“Shall We Gather At the River”*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Blessed
shall you be when
you come in,
and Blessed
shall you be when
you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:6

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Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

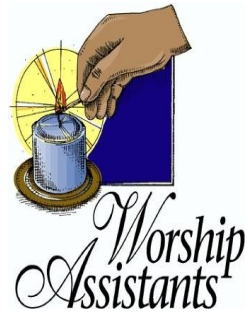
with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry



Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

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|------------------------------------|--|
| Altar Flowers: | Linda Meyer |
| Altar Guild: | Cathy Firkin Jane Stein |
| Assisting Minister: | Linda Meyer |
| Communion Assistant: | Ron Almarode Carolyn Hite |
| Council Person of the Week: | Allison Fink |
| Offering Steward: | Pat Brady Vivian Proctor |
| Ushers: | Jack Eckstrom Esme Hilker Jim Nelson |



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

November 12
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Karen Van Stee
Presiding and Preaching

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13



Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in memory of Linda's parents, Robert and Agnes Meyer



Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

⌘⌘⌘⌘ Please be Praying for... ⌘⌘⌘⌘
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Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)
Grace Members with Covid

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

- Sherry Aldinger**, Friend of Radeckes
- Lisa Harrison**, Friend of Donna Gum
- Michael Sathe**, Friend of Donna Gum
- Judy Timm**, Friend of Donna Gum
- Tammy Whitworth**, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Emily Almarode
Sandy Johnson

Genevieve Arneson
Phyllis Kite
Tom and Carol Varner

Marge Cloutier
Glenn Myers

Continued

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Gary Barrette, Brother of Bob Barrette
Rebekah Bircher, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson
Caitlin Binda Bomar, Friend of Many in Our Community
Stephen Cohen, Friend of the Schwiesows
Sandie Hammel, Friend of Gail Johnson
Neil Harris, Friend of the Trauschts
Marcy Haywood, Friend of the Trauschts
Carrie Humphreys, Former Grace Member
Dick Longworth, Friend of the Trauschts
Jennifer McDonald, Friend of the Radeckes
Taunya McDonald, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
Phoenix Oberg, Friend of Sarah Kite
Ruth Phelke, Mother of Lisa Edens and Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson
Charles and Ruth Ann Williams, Friends of Gail and Sandy Johnson

Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

David Glover (11/6)
Jill Pingel (11/7)
Tom Varner (11/9)

Clay Rankin (11/7)
Willie Keefer (11/8)
Sam Moyer (11/9)

Jean Morgan (11/10)



Peace in the World

The Israeli and Palestine conflict - that ancient hatreds might be overcome by God's Grace, even and especially among those who invoke God's name in the conflict.

Those in peril from severe weather, hurricanes, earthquake and floods

Peace in the World—Those whose lives are shattered by war; those victimized by human trafficking

The prayer of Jesus—That we may find unity in Jesus, and in our nation's laws and living, that all people—regardless of color, ethnicity, and gender—may find a way forward together in the love of God, and beyond the fears and anxieties of our time.

Our elected officials, we pray for leadership to serve the common good

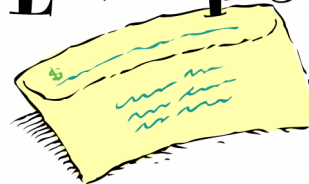
The Church

Indigenous Peoples and the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Augusta County

Offering Envelopes



2024 Offering Envelopes are in the Nave—please pick yours up. If you give electronically, etc., there may not be any for you. However, if you did not get envelopes and would like to have them, please let the Church Office know. Also, please let the Church Office know if there envelopes for you and you do not need them so we can better plan for how many to order next year. Thank you!



First Sunday Fellowship! Grace's Offering Stewards are hosting our First Sunday Fellowship after worship. Come enjoy good conversation and find out about our Stewards group and how you can be a part!



A Word You Don't Want to Say, but We Must! That word is **COVID**. We've had a number of members who have been sick in recent days and weeks. We are coming into a time when Health experts tell us to expect more cases. With this in mind please note the following:

1. If you have any symptoms, or have tested positive, please stay at home. YouTube worship services are available Live every Sunday for those who are sick.
2. If you have COVID, please wait until you test negative - usually 5-10 days - until you return to worship.
3. Please note that FREE tests kits are available from **covid.gov**. Or you can find test kits at local pharmacies or grocery stores for about \$8 - \$10.



A Big Thank You to all who contributed items and/or attended the Youth's National Youth Gathering Yard Sale. We anticipate reporting a successful event helping us to make our way to New Orleans for the Summer 2024 event!

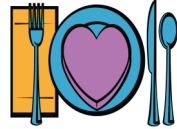


St. James Lutheran Church Oyster Dinner and Cake Auction—Friday November 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Menu includes: fried oysters, ham, green beans, macaroni and cheese, baked apples, assorted desserts and drinks. Cost is \$15 per person and take out is available. RSVP by November 6 to Anne Putnam at 434-465-0206 or anneputnam55@gmail.com.



November 19th Worship with our Friends at Christ Tabernacle - We give thanks to God and in Thanksgiving for our many blessings in worship Sunday, November 19th, at Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ! Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m., we will share in worship with Christ Tabernacle at their new location in the former Basic United Methodist Church building. A lunch reception and fellowship will follow worship. We have had a many-year relationship with our sisters and brothers and have learned much about faith and life together! We look forward to our worship together with Christ Tabernacle!

COMMUNITY



POTLUCK



Community Potluck at Grace—This meal is for community members and Grace members to gather for fellowship and build relationships on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.! Come and eat—sign-up is in the Narthex, bring a dish and a friend!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Grace members cut 630 9" x 9" flannel squares! They will be distributed to countries throughout Africa including: Ghana, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Uganda, Namibia and Rwanda. Samples of the Sanitary Kits are assembled and taken to the schools. Young women are taught to assemble their own kits. I would like to continue to cut and collect squares. Please be encouraged to contribute and support this worthwhile outreach project!

Square requirements: **Prewashed, flannel** (no fleece, felt or plush). Cut into 9" x 9" squares. Place in plastic container at the back of the Nave. If you have questions, etc., please contact Gloria Nelson.



All God's Children has resumed meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please let Rick Bump know (rcbump0621@gmail.com). In November, we will be reading *US: The Resurrection of American Terror* by ELCA Pastor Kenneth Wheeler, who is black. Though challenging, it will help us see an important perspective of the ELCA.



Columbarium—As you make your final plans, remember that Grace has a Columbarium on the North side of the building. Each niche will hold two (2) of our brass urns, which are included in the cost of \$2,250 per niche. There are also Memorial Bricks available for the patio, which can be engraved with the name of a loved one who may be buried elsewhere. For more information, contact Bradley Keefer at 540-942-4290 or the Church Office.



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made ***thirty-seven*** deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-one to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,920 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.




Grace ELC - WARM Cold Weather Shelter - A slight update, from November 20 - December 31st, up to 35 guests will be sheltered each evening; 20 at the primary host church and up to 15 in overflow at Sherlyn Baptist Church. All guests will be fed at the primary host church. December 4 - 10, Grace will feed up to 35 guests + volunteers each evening.

The next volunteer training session is **11/7/2023 at 5:00 p.m.** at the WARM Administrative Offices, 1025 Fairfax Ave - Larry Friedman will discuss the basics of Crisis Intervention and how it relates to the CWS. Please join us!

We are now collecting toiletries and shelf-stable foods for the CWS. Toiletries: travel/hotel size shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, combs/brushes, disposable razors. Breakfast/lunch/snack foods: cereal, fruit cups, SOFT breakfast or nutri-grain bars, fruit juice boxes, nabs, individual-portion bags of chips/cookies. Please place items in the box in the Nave or label bags and place them on the kitchen counter downstairs.

Volunteers for the CWS: Please see Sign-Up sheets on the table in the nave or contact Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or sparkelmyers@gmail.com


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| <p>Monday Jeremiah 36:11-26 1 Corinthians 13:(1-3) 4-13 Matthew 10:5-15 Morning Psalm 5, Evening 82</p> | | <p>Thursday Jeremiah 38:1-13 1 Corinthians 14:26-33a (33b-36) 37-40 Matthew 10:34-42 Morning 97, Evening 16</p> |
| <p>Tuesday Jeremiah 36:27—37:2 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 Matthew 10:16-23 Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102</p> |  | <p>Friday Jeremiah 38:14-28 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Matthew 11:1-6 Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142</p> |
| <p>Wednesday Jeremiah 37:3-21 1 Corinthians 14:13-25 Matthew 10:24-33 Morning Psalm 89:1-18, Evening 1</p> | | <p>Saturday Jeremiah 52:1-34 1 Corinthians 15:12-29 Matthew 11:7-15 Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138</p> |



NOVEMBER

November 5—12

| Day of the | Date | Time | Event |
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| Sunday | 11/05 | 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. |  Adult Sunday School All Saints Sunday Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel , Preaching and Presiding First Sunday Fellowship - Offering Stewards Confirmation Class (Seminar Room) K-5 Sunday School (Sunday School Classroom)  |
| Tuesday | 11/07 | 9:30 a.m. |  Election Day Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)  |
| Wednesday | 11/08 | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. |  School Backpacking Group Prayer Group (Chapel)  Community Potluck (Fellowship Hall)   Yoga (Seminar Room) Choir Practice |
| Thursday | 11/09 | 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. |  Grace Walkers Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Virginia Organizing (Conference Room) |
| Saturday | 11/11 | 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. |  Veterans Day Communication Disorders Foundation (Conference Room) Yoga (Seminar Room) |
| Sunday | 11/12 | 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:10 a.m. 11:15 a.m. | Adult Sunday School Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Karen Van Stee Preaching and Presiding Confirmation Class (Seminar Room) K-5 Sunday School (Sunday School Classroom) |

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