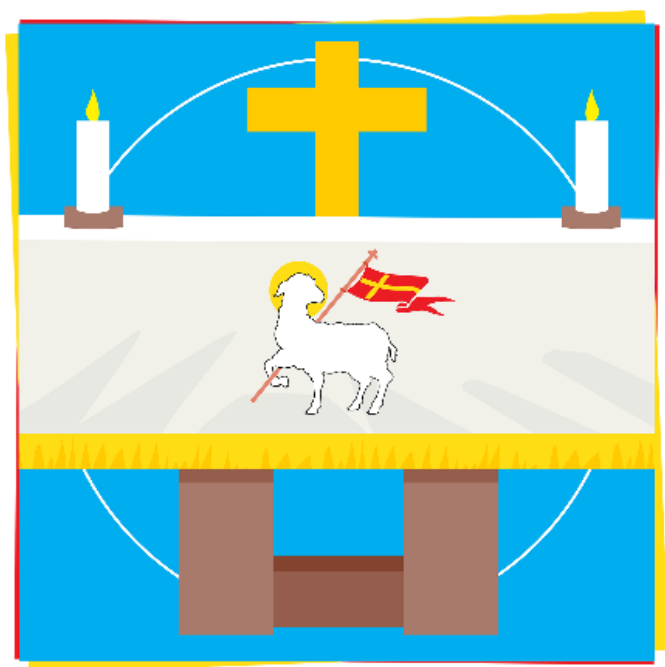




Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in **both services** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

ALL SAINTS’ DAY

November 2, 2025

Today in Worship

- When we think about “saints,” we typically think of “really good people.” But as we gather for All Saints’ Day, we are reminded that all who are baptized are “saints” because they are really God’s people. When we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we become God’s children and saints. We are saints now because of our Baptism. We will continue to be saints when Jesus comes back because God’s call does not change. “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are” (1 John 3:1).



Ringling of the Bells

Announcements (10:30am Service)

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #667

“Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses”

Invocation & Sentences

Jn 11:25-26; Job 19:25-27

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

C For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

P For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

C And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

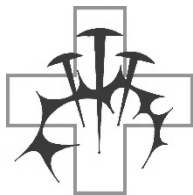
Confession & Absolution

1 Jn 3:1-3; Mat. 5:12a

P John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Most merciful God and Father,

C We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.



P In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Psalm 149



P Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a | new song, *

C his praise in the assembly of the | godly!

P Let Israel be glad in his | Maker; *

C let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!

P Let them praise his name with | dancing, *

C making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!

P For the Lord takes pleasure in his | people; *

C he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.

P Let the godly exult in | glory; *

C let them sing for joy | on their beds.

P Let the high praises of God be | in their throats *

C and two-edged swords | in their hands,

P to execute vengeance on the | nations *

C and punishments on the | peoples,

P to bind their | kings with chains *

C and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,

P to execute on them the judgment | written! *

C This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the Lord!

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book p. 155

"This is the Feast"

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You make us saints through calling us to faith and cleansing us in the waters of Baptism. Lead us to imitate the lives of the saints who have gone before us as they imitated Jesus, so that together with them, we come to the indescribable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

"A picture of God's saints gathered around His heavenly throne."

L The First Reading for the festival of All Saints is from Revelation, chapter seven.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

“Blest Are They”

Epistle Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

“Judgment at Christ’s coming”

L The Epistle Reading is from Second Thessalonians, chapter one.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— ⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. ¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

P Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

C **let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.**
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

"God's children are blessed."

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

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

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

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

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

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Nicene Creed

Message for Children from God's Word

Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book #677
"For All the Saints"*

Sermon

Offering

"To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you..." – 2 Thess. 1:11-12a



We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord's Word this morning.

✠ THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ✠

*Those who have entered everlasting life,
the Church Triumphant, since All Saints' Day, November 2024*

Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #670, vv. 1-2
"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*

P Here we do not have an enduring city. But we are looking for the city which is to come. Alleluia!

G And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds will follow them!" (Rev. 14:13)

P It is the custom of the church to remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith. In joyful expectation of the resurrection of the body, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed brothers and sisters who have gone before us. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of everlasting life and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises.

(A bell tolls for each. The congregation reads the scripture together after the pastor announces the name.)

✠ **Nancy Moyer** ✠

November 16, 2024

“For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home
is destroyed, we have a building from God,
a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”
(2 Cor. 5:1)

✠ **Jerry Held** ✠

January 2, 2025

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”
(Joshua 1:9)

✠ **Mary Fountain** ✠

January 19, 2025

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will
stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus
destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God”
(Job 19:25-26)

✠ **Judy Yentz** ✠

January 31, 2025

“For you have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.”
(Psalm 116:8-9)

✠ **Rollin Webb** ✠

March 31, 2025

“for All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers, and the flower falls,
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”
(1 Peter 1:24-25)

✠ **Don Goins** ✠

April 27, 2025

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:
that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures”
(1 Cor. 15:3)

✠ **Alice Schmidt** ✠

July 16, 2025

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”
(Phil. 4:4)

✠ **Lynda Castiglione** ✠

July 18, 2025

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(Rom. 8:38-39)

✠ **Wayne Libstorff, Sr.** ✠

August 8, 2025

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit
within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,
for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.”
(1 Cor. 6:19-20)

✠ **Barb Meyer** ✠

August 29, 2025

“If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people
most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”
(1 Cor. 15:19-20)

✠ **Martha Marchette** ✠

September 11, 2025

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’”
(John 11:25-26)

✠ **Nina Collum** ✠

October 7, 2025

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”
(John 10:27-28)

Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #670, vv. 3-4
“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P Standing with those of every tribe and nation before the throne and before the Lamb, we rejoice and cry out: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb. To Him be the glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, **any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.**

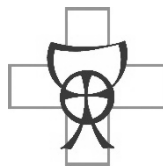
Preface *Sung*

LSB p. 161

Proper Preface for All Saints

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...

... evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

LSB p. 161

Lord's Prayer *Spoken*

LSB p. 162

The Words of our Lord *Spoken*

LSB p. 162

Pax Domini *"The Peace of Our Lord"*

LSB p. 163

Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"*

LSB p. 163

Distribution Hymns

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

LSB # 680

"We Sing for All the Unsung Saints"

LSB # 678

"Behold a Host Arrayed in White"

LSB # 676

Thank the Lord

LSB p. 164

The Closing Prayer

P Let us pray. Lord God, our shepherd, You gather the lambs of Your flock into the arms of Your mercy and bring them home. Comfort us with the certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life and a joyful reunion with those we love who have died in the faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

Rev. 7:12, Num. 6:24-26

P Amen! Blessing

C and glory

P and wisdom

C and thanksgiving

P and honor

C and power

P and might

C be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

P The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Greeting of Peace

Announcements (8:00am)

Closing Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #763
"When Peace Like a River"*

Formula of Concord Reading Plan

November – Week 1 – The Week of November 2

The Topic this Month: Election

Read:

- Epitome XI, 1 (p. 497-498)
- Solid Declaration XI, 1-12 (p. 602-604)





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Worship Services:

Sunday:

8:00 am & 10:30 am ~ Worship Services

9:15 am ~ Bible Studies & Sunday School

Monday:

7:00 pm ~ Worship Service

Weekly Bible Studies:

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. ~ Men's Ministry
(1st & 2nd week of month)

Thursdays @ 9:30 am ~ Bible Study (Classroom)