

**Sunday Service with Communion**  
**Reform our Generosity - Back on Track**  
**November 12, 2017**



# **REFORMOUR GENEROSITY**

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**Welcome!** We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Hour is held after the Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated in our worship service today. This meal is weird and wonderful: weird because we actually believe that the bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ; wonderful because Jesus is with us. **Children** who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing. If you are not a member of the LCMS, please talk with the pastor before communion.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION:** The wine is made available in both the individual glasses and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the common cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored in the individual communion glasses.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the usher of your need.

**ATTENDANCE BOOKS PLEASE BE SURE TO PASS ALONG THE RED ATTENDANCE BOOKS IN YOUR ROW AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SIGN IT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.**

### **Reform our Generosity**

The month of November is a time dedicated to our thankfulness. The key to our generosity is thankfulness, and true thankfulness is our freedom. We are looking through Malachi this month and how this prophet find freedom.

**Today:** God sends us signs to get us back on track. What are these signs for you that have helped get your life back on track? John the Baptist was the biggest sign to show us Jesus, who gets us back on the right track.

***(Asterisks (\*\*)) indicate that the people stand)***

**\*\* THE OPENING HYMN**

This is the Day the Lord Has Made

LW 200

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours his own.  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad,  
Let praise surround the throne.*

*Today Christ and left the dead,  
And Satan's empire fell.  
Today the saints his triumph spread,  
They all his wonders tell.*

*Hosanna to the King of Kings,  
To David's holy son!  
He helps us, He descends and brings  
Salvation from the throne.*

*Blest be the Lord, who comes to us  
With messages of grace;  
Who comes in God his Father's name  
To save our sinful race.*

*Hosanna in the highest strains  
The church on earth can raise.  
The highest heavens, where he reigns,  
Will give him nobler praise.*

**\*\* THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Pastor: I will praise the Lord in every moment and through every situation.*

**PEOPLE: WHENEVER I SPEAK, MY WORDS WILL ALWAYS PRAISE HIM.**

*Pastor: When I needed the Lord, I called out to Him, and He heard me and responded.*

**PEOPLE: HE CAME AND RESCUED ME FROM EVERYTHING THAT MADE ME SO AFRAID.**

*Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good and his mercies endure forever.*

**PEOPLE: ALL THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM WILL BE BLESSED AND COMFORTED.**

*Taken from Psalm 34*

**\*\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words  
"The Peace of the Lord be with you.")*

**\*\* THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

Father, I Adore You

*Father, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.*

*Jesus, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.*

*Spirit, I adore You, lay my life before You, how I love You.*

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*During Confession we take time to slow down and realize how we have lost God's  
Great Story of goodness. We have served ourselves and our interests above God.*

*(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)*

Pastor: O Almighty God,

**PEOPLE: MOST MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE BY NATURE  
SINFUL AND UNCLEAN. 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. WE JUSTLY DESERVE YOUR PRESENT AND ETERNAL  
PUNISHMENT. 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.**

Pastor: The Story of Jesus is.....

*There is new life everywhere. There is Good News everywhere. There is  
nothing lost that cannot be found, no dark place where light cannot shine,  
no awful past that cannot lead to a bright future. You are God's beloved;  
you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope and promise of Christ.  
Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the  
Holy Spirit.*

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

## **\*\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor: Stir up, Lord, the wills of your faithful people. Help us richly bear the fruit of good works, and give us your rich reward. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**PEOPLE: AMEN**

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

**Malachi 3:1-4**

*God declares His Anointed One will come, and the way will be prepared. Notice has been given: be ready.*

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

*Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

**Ephesians 2:14-22**

*The truth is that salvation is God's gift through Jesus. Grace and faith make salvation real in us. When we are transformed by grace, then we become His new creation and begin to live out the good works He has planned for us. Works, then, aren't the cause of salvation; they are its result.*

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**\*\* THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 12:22-34**

*In the kingdom of God, money is valued in a very different way. In fact, concern for money can easily turn the spiritual life into a lukewarm, half-hearted affair.*

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Pastor: *The Gospel of the Lord*

**PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

**\*\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**THE SERMON**

**Pastor Cris Escher**

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**\*\* THE OFFERTORY**

Create In Me

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

***Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.***

***Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.***

## **\*\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*(After each petition)*

Pastor: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

## **\*\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.*

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.*

**PEOPLE: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**PEOPLE: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

Pastor: *The tree of life in the midst of the garden was the tree of our defeat.  
Christ was lifted up on the tree of victory; and where life was lost, there life  
has been restored. And so we praise you ....*

**PEOPLE: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

## **\*\* THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**    Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord    LW 240

*Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and himself the priest.*

*He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'n-ly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.*

*Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love you bless us now.*

***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim but wholly lean on Jesus' name.***

**(CHORUS)**

**ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK, I STAND;  
ALL OTHER GROUND IS SINKING SAND.**

***When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. (CHORUS)***

***His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;  
When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay. (CHORUS)***

***When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!  
(CHORUS)***

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LW 276

***Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!***

***My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Your name.***

***The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.***

***He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free,  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.***

***Look to the Lord, who did atone for sin, O fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace.***

***See all our sins on Jesus laid; the Lamb has made us whole.  
His soul was once an off'ring made for ev'ry human soul.***

***To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heav'n.***



## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.*

*Taken from Numbers 6:24-26*

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

**\*\* THE CLOSING HYMN** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing LW 218

***Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace,  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, trav-'ling through this wilderness.***

***Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.***

***Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.***

## SENDING

*Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

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### Today

Sunday School & Adult Bible Study  
Worship  
Fellowship  
Korean Church Worship  
Women's Community Bible Study  
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### November 12, 2017

8:45 pm  
10:00 am  
Immediately following the service  
1:00 pm  
4:00 pm  
7:30 pm

### This Week

LWML  
Via de Cristo @ Bocks home  
Weekly Revelation Bible Study  
Mahjong  
Bible Study @Perkin's Restaurant  
Scripture Narration (Sanctuary)

11/13, Monday, 1:00 pm  
11/13, Monday, 6:30 pm  
11/13, Tuesday, 11:00 am  
11/14, Wednesday, 12:00 pm  
11/15, Thursday, 7:00 am  
11/16, Thursday, 11:00 am

Brownie Troop  
Korean Church Prayer Meeting  
Family Bike Ride

11/16, Thursday, 6:30 pm  
11/18, Saturday, 6:00 am  
11/18, Saturday, 8:30 am

**BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION: THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY**

Pastor Russ Johnson is teaching a class on Revelation on Tuesdays at 11am.  
***This study takes place at the church.*** All are welcome.

**LWML MEETING IS ON NOVEMBER 13TH AT 1:00 PM.** Our theme for this meeting is Fall Harvest. We will discuss our many blessings, ways to bless others through the LWML and hopefully have a short meaningful presentation about the word fall. ALL LADIES ARE INVITED.

**WOMEN'S COMMUNITY GROUP** On Sunday afternoons at 4:00 pm at the home of Leigh Liagre. All ladies (members and friends) are welcome. Come join us.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** Lois Danzo, 11/13; Trudy Miller, 11/16.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** No anniversaries listed this week.

***If we have missed your anniversary or birthday, please drop us a note in the office or email us at [Gracelutheranpsl@gmail.com](mailto:Gracelutheranpsl@gmail.com).***



**THE FLOWERS** adorning the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Steven Choung.

**FLOWER CHART** The flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to order flowers to adorn the altar for a specific Sunday, please write your name on the appropriate line. The cost per Sunday is approximately \$27.00. We thank you for your help.

**DON'T FORGET THE BACKPACK PROGRAM** A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. For more information talk to Leigh Liagre.



in Okeechobee is a place where children can go which provides a Christian residential group home that cares for boys and girls who are sexually or physically or emotionally abused; homeless, neglected, or mildly disturbed. There are 6 homes with a father and mother which may have children of their own, plus house and nurture up to 6 of these children. Tours and further information is available by calling (863)763-4242.

Want to give a child that “WOW” gift for Christmas? Vivian and Bob Barto are heading up this project and need your help. Here are their contact numbers (810-423-7877, [vivian-barto@yahoo.com](mailto:vivian-barto@yahoo.com)). Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 am is designated to wrap gifts.

**MOPS ARE BACK**. Did you know that Grace hosts a “mothers of preschoolers” group? This is a time where moms can come together to talk and support one another. We need people who can watch their little ones at Grace while they meet. It's just two Wednesdays a month, (2nd and 4th).



**2018 ENJOYMENT TREASURE COAST COUPON BOOKS** are available. The cost is only \$35. See Susan Becker in the narthex after the service to purchase yours.

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Remember to check out our website and follow us on Facebook. They're both “works-in-progress”, but the calendar and information on our website is updated constantly.