

Grace Lutheran Church

Twenty-Second Sunday after
Pentecost

November 9, 2025

10:00 AM

Welcome!



Today in Worship

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

Hymns

Gathering:	#636	How Small Our Span of Life
Sermon:	#619	I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
Communion:	#188	Create in Me a Clean Heart
Sending:	#439	Soon and Very Soon

Intercessory Prayer – Congregational Response to the Leader's call "**Hear us O God,**" is: "**Your mercy is great.**"

We welcome Pastor Ann Anderson who is leading us in worship today.

Today's **prelude, special music, and postlude** are sung by the choir and are the music we will be using each Sunday during the Advent.

Each Sunday, **Offerings** are collected in a basket at the entrance to the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings to the church or donate on-line through our website at [Grace Lutheran Church \(online giving\)](https://www.gracelutheran.org/giving) or scan QR code at the right.



All baptized people of faith are welcome to **Communion**. Receive the wafer and cup with wine or juice and eat. Gluten-free wafers are available. Children and adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing.

If you are **unable to attend worship in-person**, please contact the pastor to bring you communion at home.

Grace Notes and Announcements: For those who worship with us on Facebook, the scripture readings and announcements are available on our church website at [Sharinggrace.org](https://www.sharinggrace.org).

Today after Worship

Fellowship: Join us after worship for refreshments and discussion.

Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School will meet after the service.

This Week

FWFP Produce Hub, Wednesday, November 12: The food pantry will distribute produce from **10:30-11:30 am**. **Volunteers** are welcome at **9:30 am** to help set-up. For further information visit the FWFP Facebook page.

Choir Practice, Wednesday, November 12, 7:00 pm: This week only, the choir will practice on Wednesday. If you have questions, contact Gail.

Next Sunday

Confirmation Sunday, November 16, Brielle will make public profession of her Christian faith and -- in the eyes of the Church-- will become a fully participating, fully responsible, voting, leading, serving, growing, contributing, praying, forgiven and free, adult member of Grace. Please keep Brielle in prayer as we celebrate God's faithfulness to her.

Upcoming Weeks

Book Discussion, Tuesday, November 18: Join us for a book discussion of Kelly Rimmer's WWII historical novel, "*The Things We Cannot Say*". We haven't set a time or place yet; please tell Pastor Becca your preferences or if you'd like to host.

Student and Instructor Art Exhibition at Harmony Hall Arts Center, Saturday, November 22: *Mary Miller's* art will be featured at the Student and Instructor Art Exhibition at Harmony Hall Arts Center which runs 11/17/25-1/10/26. Greet our accomplished artist, Mary, at the public reception on **Saturday from 2-4 pm**.

Grace Day at the Food Pantry, Saturday, November 29! We're collecting canned soups to donate to the FWFP. Please sign-up if you can **volunteer from 7:30-11 am**.

The Honest Sharing Circle, Sunday, November 30 will meet after worship. We meet once per month to hear each other's challenges and insights into faithfully navigating this era of history.

Handel's Messiah Rehearsals, 11/23, 12/07, 12/17: St. John's Episcopal – Broadcreek invites singers to join them & the Generations Choir in a performance of excerpts from Handel's Messiah. Rehearsals at St. John's will be at 1:30 pm on 11/23 and 12/07 and in the evening on 12/17. The free concert will be held **December 21st at 3:00 pm**. Details to follow.

Plan Ahead

Women's Craft Night/Cookie Mission, Saturday, December 6 – Details to follow.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", Sunday, December 7, 3pm at Port Tobacco Playhouse in LaPlata. Contact Alice for further details.

Christmas Party/Game Night, Saturday December 13: Details to follow.

Decorating Grace, Sunday, December 14: Volunteers needed!

Christmas Poinsettias: The Advent/Christmas season will soon be upon us. This year, we will once again be ordering red Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for yourself or give one as a gift to someone special a sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex or contact June Zimmerman to place your order.

During the season after Epiphany, in January and early February, Pastor Becca will be offering prompts to encourage our journaling about God's presence and love in our lives. You will have an option of keeping your reflections private or sharing them with others. We will work on specifics later, but for now, begin to imagine the new insights and blessings that will come with putting into words your experiences of God's love and mercy.

On – Going

Prayer Group: The group will meet on **Wednesdays at 10:30 am via Zoom**. Contact the Church office for more information.

Sunday School teachers needed! Please sign up in the narthex to teach our youth for one or more Sundays this fall! A lesson plan and materials will be provided.

The Fort Washington Food Pantry (FWFP) provides food assistance to the community **every Saturday** from **9:00-11:00 am** at **6336 Rosecroft Drive, Fort Washington, MD**. Volunteers are needed to prepare food for distribution on Fridays from 9:00-11:00 am, and Saturdays from 8:00-11:30 AM. Additionally, help is needed with food pickup. Please be sure to check for the most current information, as the schedule may change. Updates can be found on the FWFP Facebook page or by visiting the website at <https://fortwashingtonfoodpantry.net>.

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How Small Our Span of Life #636

- 1 How small our span of life, O God,
our years from birth till death:
a single beat within the heart,
the catching of a breath,
a drop within the ocean's deep,
a grain upon the shore,
a flash of light before we sleep
to see the sun no more.
- 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned
by your infinity;
our tick of time on earth is caught
in your eternity.
While suns and stars spin endlessly
through depths of cosmic space,
while aeons roll and ages pass,
you hold us in your grace.
- 3 O Christ, you left eternity
to plunge in time's swift stream,
to share the shortness of our span,
our mortal lives redeem.
You filled your cross-closed years with love;
you loved us to the end
and touch us with your risen life
that ours may time transcend.
- 4 We thank you, God, for kindling faith
that lights our transient years,
illumining our pilgrimage
through mists of doubt and fears;
for hope that sees a life beyond
the swiftly passing days;
for love, both human and divine,
that lifts our hearts to praise.

First Reading: Job 19:23-27a

- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

Psalm 17:1-9

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
² From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.
³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.
⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.
⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
⁸ Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
⁹ from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here.

³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! #619

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
- 5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!