

Sunday Service

September 18, 2022 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM

BEING

CHALLENGE

Commit to Community

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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. 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 Time is held after each Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

To our many members and friends worshiping at home, whether near or far, we are so happy that you are sharing this worship with us from your homes.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

HOLY COMMUNION

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. We take this meal very seriously here at Grace. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out and allow us to answer your questions. **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.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION: After the closing hymn, Pastor Cris will pronounce the sending and then for those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, grape juice is lighter colored on the tray, center.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed at your seat. Please inform the usher of your need. After Pastor Cris has given your group the blessing at the altar, you may place your cup in the basket and depart from the Sanctuary down the center aisle, and enjoy fellowship in the hall.

Being Challenge

The most important target to hit as a disciple of Jesus is BEING in a relationship with Him. We know what it's like to have the desire to grow in our relationship with God and yet feel stagnant. Being Challenge leads readers to a stronger relationship with God through simple challenges that focus on the 5 keystone habits of Jesus: community, scripture, prayer, solitude, and church.

Today: Commit to Community

We will get tripped up, make mistakes, and annoy one another at times, but we are better together. Let's commit to one another, let's let His example guide us, His grace compel us, and His love transform our lives.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (LSB 549/LW 272 Vs 1-4)

1. All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
2. Crown Him, you martyrs of our God, who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod and crown Him Lord of all.
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3. O seed of Israel’s chosen race, now ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!
4. Hail Him, you heirs of David’s line, whom David Lord did call,
The God Incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.
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--- Opening

Two are better than one; if either of them falls down, one can help the other up.
- Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

--- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Pastor: *O Almighty God,*

PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,

WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.

WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR GRANTED.

WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT GRACIOUS.

WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR OUR OWN BIASES.

WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO MIRROR YOU.

WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.

WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.

OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES AND NOT ON YOU.

RENEW US, LORD, 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 about life and forgiveness.... You are God’s beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful Father, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for those in need we also do for him. As he became the servant of all, help us to be a servant to others. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

--THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Seek Ye First" (MM 64) (CCLI 1352)

***Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!***

***Man shall not live by bread alone, But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!***

***Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!***

THE FIRST LESSON Ecclesiastes 4:4-12

Cooperation, rather than strife rooted in envy, produces success and provides protection from the self-serving.

Then I saw that all toil and all skill in work come from a man's envy of his neighbor. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

The fool folds his hands and eats his own flesh.

Better is a handful of quietness than two hands full of toil and a striving after wind.

Again, I saw vanity under the sun: one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil,

and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:12-20

Paul reverses a common body metaphor used to support the Roman hierarchical system, in which lesser members of society supported the greater. Paul says every believer and every gift has an equal function in the service of Christ.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one

member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:18-25

By now Jesus desires a community around Him, friends and followers who help Him carry this urgent, precious message to people.

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and

their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION

THE APOSTLES CREED

--- HYMN OF DAY

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (LSB 733/LW 180 Vs. 1-6)

1. **O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:**
2. **Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**
3. **Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.**
4. **A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

--- THE SERMON

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--THE OFFERTORY

“Make me a servant” (MM Praise pg 135) (ccli 33131)

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, Make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

----- THE BLESSING

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.

May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace

PEOPLE: AMEN

----THE CLOSING HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (LSB 549/LW 272 Vs 5)

**5. Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.**

----- SENDING

Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.

Serve others knowing God walks before you.

Those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion may be seated.

--- THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: May 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, HOSANNA, HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST. BLESSED IS HE THAT COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST

---- THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

After the pastor has consecrated the elements you are invited to come to the altar and receive communion. Please use the right or left aisle as you come forward to the altar. After the pastor has pronounced the blessing for your side, you may place your cup in the basket and depart the sanctuary down the center aisle. Go in peace, Serve the Lord.

--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS (On Projection Screens)

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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“O Christ Who Art the Light and Day”

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“What Wondrous Love Is This”

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---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today

September 18, 2022

Worship Services

8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com

10:15 AM

Korean Church Worship

1:00 PM

Rest of the Week

September 19 - 24, 2022

Being Challenge Group @ Eschers’

Monday, 7:00 PM

Pastor’s Conference in Daytona Beach

Monday - Wednesday

Olivet School

Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Heatherwood H.O.A. (Church Hall)

Tuesday, 7:00 PM

TCFGC (ACC/Grace Hall)

Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Being Challenge Group (ACC/Grace Hall)

Thursday, 11:00 AM

Tons of Fun Committee Meeting (ACC/Grace Hall)

Friday, 1:00 PM

Korean Church Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 6:00 AM

For complete calendar information, go to www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Steve Glish - 9/20, Courtney Becker-Sauber - 9/20,
Kyler Case - 9/21

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Susan Becker.

GIVING: We are here to provide “Grace and Peace in a Confusing and Trying Time” to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community.

POTLUCK DINNER: Great news from the “Tons of Fun Committee!” Reserve the date, October 30, 2022 from 4:30 till 6:30 for a “Reformation Pot Luck Dinner.” All are invited!

SOCK CHALLENGE: Grace LWML is promoting a “Sock Challenge.” We are challenging members of Grace, along with our sister Treasure Coast Zone LCMS churches, to collect socks for Brother’s Keeper which will provide them to our local homeless people through Sara’s Kitchen.

COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY: Pastor Cris will be at a conference on Wednesday. However, if you do have a need, please call the office.

PLEASE SEND CARDS TO PEOPLE We have several members who are immunocompromised and unable to participate with groups of other people. If you have not seen them in a service lately, please consider calling them or sending a card or letter. Isolation is a lonely situation!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Come and join us as we study the book “Being Challenge.” Join us either here at the church or on Zoom at 11 AM on Thursday. (also recorded)

OFFICE HOURS: The “Church Office” is open in the ACC Complex from 9:00 AM through 12:00 (Noon) daily, Monday - Friday. The office is overseen on Monday by Diane Heinz, Tuesday - Thursday, Kevin Garbers and on Fridays, Pam White. Please feel free to stop by or call anytime during those hours. Office phone is 772 - 871 - 6599 After hours you can contact Kevin at 772-971-9200 or Pastor Cris at 770 - 328 - 5078.

BULLETIN AND PRINTED PRAYER REQUESTS: All information for the Sunday bulletin must be submitted by 10:00 AM Thursday to be printed. Prayer requests received after 10:00 AM on Thursday will be updated on the website ASAP and printed in the following Sunday’s bulletin.



Prayer Requests

REMEMBER THOSE ON THE PRAYER LIST In an effort to keep our prayer list up to date and be sure everyone is listed, please make your requests in writing or email.

- **place the** pink completed prayer form into the offering plate or on the office desk.

- **or by email** to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray

Your loved one/ones will remain on the list for three weeks. If you wish someone to remain longer, you will need to make another request. By doing this, we will also ensure that Pastor Cris is aware of updates to the status of everyone’s needs.

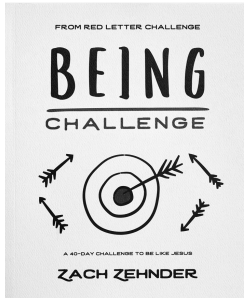
***PINK PRAYER REQUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE COUNTER IN THE NARTHEX.**

9/18 **Worship assistants:** 8:30 - Bob Fox & 10:15 - Dave V.
Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Judy F. & 10:15 - Jan L.

9/25 **Worship assistants:** 8:30 - Phil F. & 10:15 - Ed B
Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Jennine V. & 10:15 - Heather P.
Readings: Job 12:7-13, Romans 10:17-21, Luke 24:36-49 (ESV)

PORT SAINT LUCIE EVENTS: To keep you up to date on some local community activities we will try to include them in your weekly bulletin when possible.

EVENT	DATE / TIME	WHERE
Oktoberfest	9/30 Friday, 5 - 10 PM	Mid Florida Event Center
Oktoberfest	10/1 Saturday, 2 - 10PM	at US 1 and Walton Road
River Nights (October - April)	Second Tuesday of month	Veterans Memorial Park
National Night Out	10/4 Tues, 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Police Dept, 121 SW PSL Blvd - C



“Being Challenge” is the theme for the next 6 weeks for our Sunday sermons and Bible Studies. The author of this book also wrote “The Red Letter Challenge” which we used last year. You may purchase this book for \$25 so you can follow along with the sermon series and have daily inspiration. This book will also be used in various Bible Studies these next two months. Please mark your payment “BOOK” and place it in the offering plate. If you are short of cash please do not let that keep you from taking a book for your use as we have some people who have provided extra “Book” funds.

Habitat For Children Ministries

Below are the current building needs for their medical office complex in Haiti:

Items Needed	Cost Per Item	Total
Truck Load of Sand (7 needed)	\$150/ load	\$1050
Concrete Blocks (2000 needed)	\$3/ each	\$6000
Rebar 3/8, 1/2 & 1/4 (5 tons needed)	\$1000/each ton	\$5000
Cement (500 bags needed)	\$10/ bag	\$5000
2×4 Wood (20 pieces needed)	\$4/ each	\$80
Plywood (30 pieces)	\$55/each	\$1,650
2 Rebar Tie Wire Steel	\$100/each	\$200
12 Dozen Metal Poles	\$35/each	\$5040
2 cases of nails	\$100/each	\$200

You can make any donation amount to either of the following:

Grace Lutheran Church, mark the donation as “Habitat for Children”

Visit our website: www.hfcm.info

Paypal- <https://www.paypal.me/Habitatforchildren>

Mail: Habitat For Children Ministries- P.O. Box 1195, West Palm Beach, FL 33402