

Sunday Service

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Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM



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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 worshipping 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.

Missio Dei - The Heart of God

From the beginning God has been sending his spirit out to bring life and beauty in the universe. It's a great sending. In this sending we can see the heart of God as we join in with God's Mission.

Today: The Staff

God came into the world not in power but as a baby born in poverty. When God set his people apart, he did not find a powerful ruler but a man who had no son. When God looked for a new king, he picked the one that was left in the field. And when God was asked how "How will they know I came from you?" He said, "Bring your staff, Moses."

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (LW 435 Vs 1-3)

1. All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth-tell; come ye before Him and rejoice.
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid He did us make,
We are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.
3. Oh, enter then His gates with praise; approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

--- Opening

*For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. - 2 Corinthians 5:21*

--- 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.

Jesus, our light and life, make us ready to turn away from everything else that claims our allegiance, and follow you as our only Savior. For you live and reign with the Father 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 Exodus 3:1-2 & 4:1-5

When Moses' staff becomes a snake, it raises the possibility that this sign was intended as an obvious reversal of Egyptian power.

(1-2) Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed....

(1-5) Then Moses answered, "But behold, they will not believe me or listen to my voice, for they will say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.'" The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. But the Lord said to Moses, "Put out your hand and catch it by the tail"—so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand— "that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Our Christian hope is not a release from our bodies but a resurrection of our bodies so that the life inside us will now show outside as well.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

God becomes flesh and lives among humanity, not just to have a transaction with people and ultimately die, but to continue to be with them and to send His Spirit to be present with believers.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a

place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

--- HYMN OF DAY

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (LSB 686 Vs 1-4)

- 1. Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; may I still Thy goodness prove.**
- 2. Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.**

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.
4. Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen how I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ran-som'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry me to realms of endless day.

--- THE SERMON
Missio Dei: The Staff

--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 People That on Earth Do Dwell" (LW 435 Vs 4-5)

4. **For why? The Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood and shall from age to age endure.**
5. **To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host be praise and glory ever more.**

----- 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)

“Drawn to the Cross, Which You Have Blessed”

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“Abide with Me”

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“God Loves Me Dearly”

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---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today

September 4, 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 5 - 10, 2022

Labor Day

Monday

Olivet School

Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Small Group Communion (Church)

Wednesday, 11:00 AM

Bible Study (ACC/Grace Hall)

Thursday, 11:00 AM

Korean Church Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 6:00 AM

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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Norm Timinski - 9/5, Dena Davey - 9/6, Gerald Davis - 9/7

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Paul & Sarah
from the Korean Church.



LADIES: LWML will have their meeting **NEXT Monday, September 12th**, at 1:00 PM. All ladies are invited to attend for fellowship, fun, snacks and some Bible Study.

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: If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or are unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris has set aside Wednesdays to celebrate the meal in small groups. Please come by on Wednesday at 11:00 AM and partake of this wonderful meal, or call the church at (772) 871-6599, and Pastor Cris would be happy to set aside a time for you to come in and receive communion.

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 begin a study on the book of Galatians. Join us either here at the church or on Zoom at 11 AM on Thursday. (also recorded)

SECOND SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages 3 and above, please stay after fellowship time next week for Second Sunday School. We'll have fun with Bible themed activities from 11:45 to 12:45 every second Sunday of the month.

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.

9/4 ***Worship assistants:*** 8:30 - Bob Fox & 10:15 - Dave V.

Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Jay H. & 10:15 - Harry D.

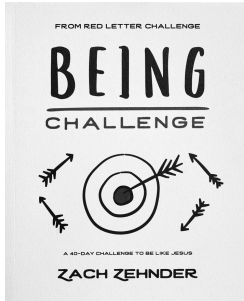
9/11 ***Worship assistants:*** 8:30 - Phil F. & 10:15 - Ed B

Scripture Readers: .8:30 -Hans V. & 10:15 - Cheryl N.

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:6-12, 1 Timothy 4:6-10, Matthew 11:25-30 (ESV)

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: Missio Dei: The Staff

1. What causes you to groan in life? What is your staff of Moses?
 2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. What does a ministry of reconciliation look like in your life?
 3. Focusing on verse 21, what assurance do you have from Jesus in the middle of groans and sins of life?
 4. How might you encourage someone in the groans of life?
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“Being Challenge” is the theme for the next 7 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
2x4 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”

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