

Sunday Service

October 29, 2023 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

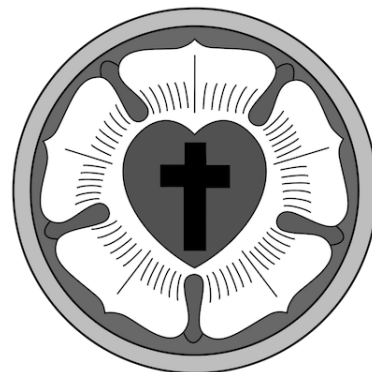
Livestream at 10:15 AM

The 10 Commandments and The Abundance of God

GENEROSITY

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REFORMATION SUNDAY



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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. www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

Kids at Grace

By the entrance into the sanctuary, busy bags are available for children to use. During the 10:15 service, before the sermon, Ms. Coli will take children (3 and older) to the other building for an engaging lesson about our hope in Jesus. Children are returned to their families right after the prayers. There is also a quiet room outside the sanctuary with toys and the live stream, if families need a place for younger children throughout the service.

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. . 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.

Generosity: What does this mean?

When we talk about stewardship and our money, it always seems like the law is being laid down with little hope aside from compliance. The same feeling can be said about the 10 commandments. But with all the hopelessness around, perhaps looking at the 10 commandments and our generosity through that old question of "What does this mean?" can give us a vision of God's abundance.

Today: Honored Blessing

Honor your father and mother, and your days will be blessed. Jacob contemplates his long history filled with selfishness, dishonor, and greed and chooses to see the abundance of God by honoring Pharaoh with a blessing.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (LW 297 Vs 1-4)

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious,
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might, we would be lost, rejected,
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot over pow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit,
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

--- Opening

Let us be subject to the governing authorities,

for there is no authority except that which God has established. - Romans 13:1

--- 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 eternal God, in mercy you give the light of your gospel to your church. Keep us in sound teaching, so that we may firmly believe and faithfully follow your saving word, and finally, with its holy comfort, die in peace and joy. 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. Amen

--THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894 Vs 1 & 3)

- 1. For the fruits of His creation, thanks be to God.
For His gift to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
- 3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 47:1-2, 9-12

In God's plan to redeem and reclaim His creation, He chooses Abraham and his descendants to be a blessing to all the families on earth.

(1-2) Joseph went and told Pharaoh, "My father and brothers, with their flocks and herds and everything they own, have come

from the land of Canaan and are now in Goshen." He chose five of his brothers and presented them before Pharaoh.

(9-12) And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty. My years have been few and difficult, and they do not equal the years of the pilgrimage of my fathers." Then Jacob blessed Pharaoh and went out from his presence.

So Joseph settled his father and his brothers in Egypt and gave them property in the best part of the land, the district of Rameses, as Pharaoh directed. Joseph also provided his father and his brothers and all his father's

household with food, according to the number of their children.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1-7

Believers, because they are committed to Christ as Lord, may be tempted to ignore or even stand against secular rulers, but believers must recognize the place of government in God's providential ordering of the world.

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority?

Then do what is right and you will be commended. For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-13

One could dedicate property to the temple as an act of worship, and thus remove responsibility for the property.

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees

and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.'

You have let go of the commands of God
and are holding on to human traditions."

And he continued, "You have a fine way of
setting aside the commands of God in order
to observe your own traditions! For Moses

said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and,
'Anyone who curses their father or mother
is to be put to death.' But you say that if
anyone declares that what might have been
used to help their father or mother is
Corban (that is, devoted to God)— then you
no longer let them do anything for their
father or mother. Thus you nullify the word
of God by your tradition that you have
handed down. And you do many things like
that."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION THE APOSTLES CREED

--THE OFFERTORY

"More Precious than Silver" (TCH 88) (ccli 11335)

**Lord You are more precious than silver.
Lord You are more costly than gold.
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds.
And nothing I desire compares with you.**

--- THE SERMON GENEROSITY - Honored Blessing

--- HYMN OF DAY

"Beautiful Savior" (LW 507 Vs. 1-4)

- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.***
- 2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.***

3. *Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.*
4. *Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration now and forever more be thine!*

--- 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

"Thy Strong Word" (LW 328 1, 5 & 6/LSB 578)

1. Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done;
For created light we thank Thee, while Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing Thy glory, tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, mouths to speak Thy Holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light that dost send
Fill our songs with Alleluias, Alleluias without end.
6. God the Father, light-creator, to Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the Holy Trinity!

----- 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.

(Please remember that as you are leaving the sanctuary, others are still communing, please refrain from talking to others until you are in the Fellowship Hall, Thank You.)

--- ADDITIONAL HYMNS (On Projection Screens)

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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“From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee”

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“By Grace I’m Saved”

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---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today

October 29, 2023

Services with New Members Welcome!
Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com
Korean Church Worship

8:30 & 10:15 AM
10:15 AM
1:00 PM

Rest of the Week

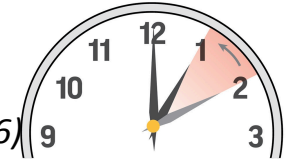
October 30 - November 4

12 Step AA Meeting
Olivet School
Elder's Meeting
Bible Study, also live streamed
AA Meeting
Pastor at Youth Gathering
Korean Church Prayer Gathering
LWML Zone Rally in North Palm
Daylight Savings Time Ends

Monday, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Wednesday, 5:30 PM
Thursday 11:00 AM
Thursday, 7:15 PM - 9:30 PM
Thursday - Monday (11/3-11/6)
Saturday, 6:00 AM
Saturday
Saturday Night, set clocks back 1 hour

Fall back

Daylight saving ends at 2 a.m. Sunday.
Before bed on Saturday, set your clocks
back one hour.



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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: David Belling - 10/30, Karen Clemente - 11/01,
Jennine VanDerlip - 11/03, Kaitlyn Arbuzow & Jim Neagles - 11/04

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Roger & Karen Clemente 11/01/2015 (8 Years),
Bob & Sandy Zanzig - 11/4/1972 (51 Years)

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Boo Whan Pyun.

THE LWML ZONE RALLY: will be Saturday, November 4th, in North Palm Beach. Please let Shirley Mullins know if you would like a ride-along to the event.

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.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER? \$327.00 was received on October 7th!! Thank You! If you have "Choice Dollars" available, please consider directing them to Grace Lutheran Church. All "Choice Dollars" that are received go to paying down our mortgage on the new building. For the nine months this year we have received \$2,303 from Thrivent Choice! Thank you: Joe, Shirley, Vance, Bernard, Bertha, Sandra, Robert Z., Carol, Jacqueline, Leona, Kevin, Robert, Elizabeth and Cheryl. for your Grace designation of Choice Dollars.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: THIS Thursday at 11:00 AM, we will be doing the “Red Letter/Forgiving Challenge. Come here to the church or watch the Live Streamed for those at home.

COMMUNION: 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 is happy to celebrate the meal in a small group with you. **Please 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 and partake of this wonderful meal.

B.O.D. INSURANCE DISCUSSION: At the October 17th BOD meeting, the bill for the hurricane/windstorm coverage was discussed. The hurricane/windstorm cost for the year has risen from \$20,000 per year to \$61,000. After much discussion, including information from the agent, it was decided to self-insure our buildings for hurricane/windstorm and place \$12,000 each year aside for potential damage. The decision was based on: new construction at Miami-Dade standards, shutters, metal roof, and living inland 7 miles, the BOD felt we should set aside \$12,000 each year and build up a fund for potential damage. The FL/GA district and LCEF have pledged assistance if needed. This matter will also be discussed at the December Voter’s meeting.

FROM THE ALZHEIMER’S COMMUNITY CARE CENTER! There is a wish list of needs to assist in the operation of this center to help provide care for our clients. If you could help, it would be greatly appreciated. **October & November Wish list:** Candy Corn - 10/30, Vanilla Cupcakes - 11/10 Peanut Butter Fudge - 11/20, Cookies or Cupcakes for Thanksgiving Party - 11/22 Fruit Pies - 12/01 Candy Canes - 12/26. (Dates listed indicate a special celebration on that day)

These items are needed regularly: Seasonal Crafts/Decorations, Beach Balls/Balloons, Wild Bird Feed, Gift cards to Walmart for crafts, Assorted Bingo Prizes, Assorted Sugar Free Chocolate and Decaf Coffee. Thank you for your support!



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: ARE HERE! These coupon books are chalked full of various discount coupons. The books sell for \$35.00 each, and \$10.00 will go to the church. They are available in the fellowship hall, or you can stop by the office, 9:00-Noon, during the week!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! Greetings and welcome to:

A.J. Di Mattia (Mickey),
Pamela & Gary Cotterill, Tommy, Nicole, Kailey & Paisley,
Fabrice Larose & Emily Sellas, Kenadi, Atlas & Titus,
Michael Evangelista,
Joseph & Lena Weiler, Jane, Edward & Sophie,
Tony & Blythe Barreto, Zoya & Izi

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.**

PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF...

Susan Becker (Port St. Lucie Rehabilitation and Healthcare)

Gerald (Jerry) Davis (Harbor Place, Senior Living Community)

Diane Fox (Port St. Lucie Rehabilitation and Healthcare)

Debra Lemke

Norm Neuberger (Palms of St. Lucie West)

Al & Doris Vollmann

Thomas & Marilyn Piotrowicz

Richard & Marie Harms

Barbara Scheer

Claren Kerstner

Jenny Brendlinger

Marita Albano

Friends and Family

Jacqueline Oelschlager (S-I-L of Diane Heinz & Midge Watts)

Marty Lauth (Father in Law to Mark Adrian (Cris' Pastor Friend))

Carolyn Bouvier (entering Hospice Care)

Maurice Bouvier

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Meschac and the Habitat For Children's Ministries. May those who work with Habitat Ministries in the area remain safe and healthy while assisting those in need on this island nation.

The lost and lonely people in the world that the message of Christ's love and forgiveness will be shared with them and they are able to find peace and joy in the knowledge of His resurrection

COLLECTING NOW!

Grace Lutheran is participating in the Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. We are asking members to either fill a shoebox for a boy or girl, ages 2-14.... OR you can donate items or money. The boxes will be packed on November 11th.



Please contact Elizabeth Ablott: ablott4@yahoo.com or (703) 371-4614, for information.

ITEMS NEEDED: pens, pencils, erases, scissors, bookmarks, glue sticks (no liquid), sharpeners, crayons, markers, small writing pad, solar calculators, toothbrush, comb, brush, washcloth, nail clippers, hair clip, socks, ball caps, t-shirt, sunglasses, watch, flashlights, batteries, toy jewelry, small cars, dolls, kazoos, harmonics, yo-yos, jump rope, mind games, small etch-a-sketch, slinky, shipping and handling \$10.00. *a special gift, something that says "WOW".* (Everything MUST fit into the closed box.)

PACKING DAY IS SET FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2023 AT 9:00 AM

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
Fall Fun Fest	October 27 - 29	9221 Southeast <u>Event Center</u> Place
River Nights	November 9,, 5:30-8:30 PM	Veterans Memorial Park

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: Generosity - Honored Blessing

1. How is honoring different from loving?
2. Read Genesis 47:1-12. How does Jacob describe his life?
3. At the end of his life, how and why does he honor Pharoah? What is surprising about that?
4. In what ways are parents God's earthly representatives? Living in the abundance of God, how can we be free to honor our parents and leaders around us?

10/29 **Worship assistants:** 8:30 - Kevin G. & 10:15 Ed B.
Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Ruth R. & 10:15 - Cheryl N.

11/05 **Worship assistants:** 8:30 - Kevin G. & 10:15 Ed B.
Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Jay H. & 10:15 - Pamula H.

Readings: 2 Kings 5:19b-24, Ephesians 4:25-32, Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

Fall back

AP

Daylight saving ends at 2 a.m. Sunday.
Before bed on Saturday, set your clocks back one hour.

