

Sunday Service

November 10, 2024 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Livestream 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 worshiping 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 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 the Pastor 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.

KEEP IT SIMPLE

We often get in our own way, making salvation, giving, and all the ways God is involved in our lives more complicated than they need to be. Keep it simple; Jesus has saved you.

One Another

This is the Kingdom plan: Love one another. This is how they will know you are Christians, that you love one another.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"^(LW 296 Vs. 1-4)

1. I love Your Kingdom, Lord, The place of Your abode;
The Church our blest Redeemer saved With His own precious Blood.
2. I love Your Church, O God! Its walls before You stand,
Dear as the apple of Your eye And graven on Your hand.
3. Beyond my highest joy I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise
4. Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav'n.

--- Opening

Pastor: "A new command I give you: Love one another.

As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. - John 13:34-35

--- 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.

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. Amen

--THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast" (LW pg 161)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and Honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 11:14-21

Ezekiel's prophecy offers both a promise of restoration and a stern warning against idolatry.

The word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, the people of Jerusalem have said of your fellow exiles and all the other Israelites, 'They are far away from the Lord; this land was given to us as our possession.'

"Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Although I sent

them far away among the nations and scattered them among the countries, yet for a little while I have been a sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone.'

"Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.'

"They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols. I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from

them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God. But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their vile images and

detestable idols, I will bring down on their own heads what they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON Acts 4:32-35

At the beginning of the church, there existed radical generosity and unity, a testament to the one body of Christ.

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify

to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 13:31-35

Here is Jesus’ foundational teaching on love within a community of faith.

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him,[a] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION

THE APOSTLES CREED

--THE OFFERTORY

"Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB 783/LW 404, Vs. 1 & 6, tune: Patmos)

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| <p>1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.</p> | <p>6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.</p> |
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--- THE SERMON

KEEP IT SIMPLE: One Another

--- HYMN OF DAY

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us" (Stuart Townend #1558110)

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| <p>1. <i>How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many Sons to Glory.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished</i></p> | <p>3. <i>I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom.</i></p> |
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--- 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

“O God Beyond All Praising” (With One Voice 797)
(We Praise you and Acknowledge You) (LSB 941)

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| <p>1. O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.</p> | <p>2. You, Christ, are King of glory,
the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love,
sought to rescue ev’ryone:
You laid aside Your glory,
were born of virgin’s womb,
Were cru-ci-fied for us
and were placed in a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection
You won for us reprieve
You opened heaven’s kingdom
to all who would believe.</p> |
| <p>3. Then hear, O gracious Savior,
accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still:
May we with the saints be numbered
where praises never end,
In glory everlasting.
Amen, O Lord, amen</p> | |

----- 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)

"God Loves Me Dearly"

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"What Wondrous Love"

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"From All That Dwell Below The Skies"

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Elaine Phelps - 11/12, Lois Danzo - 11/13,
Trudy Miller - 11/16

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Bob & Carol Miller 11/11/1990 (34 years)

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God in memory of
Bill & Joan Lemke by Victoria Thomason.

---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<u>Today</u>	<u>November 10, 2024</u>
Services	8:30 & 10:15 AM
Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com	10:15 AM
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM
Second Sunday School	11:45 AM

<u>Rest of the Week</u>	<u>November 11 - 16</u>
Veterans Day	Monday, All Day
12 Step AA Meeting (Church Hall)	Monday, 6:30 PM
Olivet School - All Buildings	Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 3.30 PM
Pastor's Circuit Meeting	Tuesday, 9:00 - 3:00 PM
Computer Gamers (Grace Hall/ACC)	Tuesday, 5:30 PM
Crafters	Wednesday, 10:00 AM
ACC Meeting	Wednesday, 12:00 PM
Brothers Keeper Packing	Thursday, 9:30 AM
Grace Bible Study	Thursday, 11:00 AM
AA Meeting (Church Hall)	Thursday, 7:15 PM
Korean Church Prayer Gathering	Saturday, 6:00 AM

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

2025 FLOWER CHART: The new chart is up, be sure to sign up for your special date quickly.

ARE YOU CRAFTY?: This Wednesday those who enjoy crafting will meet to socialize, work together, be creative and have some fun while creating some items to share with others, like our ACC friends and shut-ins. Come and join us this Wednesday at 10:00 AM. For more information contact Kathy Whilden at: ms_go_gno@hotmail.com.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY! Many people have come and gone since our last pictorial directory done in 2014. Now through Thanksgiving, we would like to take your picture and upload it into our computer and then produce an in-house directory which will be available to our members. We are NOT using an outside company and will not be selling anything; this is a Grace Lutheran project.

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"CHRIST FOR YOU" this week on kfuo.org: We will be concluding our study of Numbers on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), and discussing chapters 3-5 of John's Gospel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at noon). Tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (11:00 a.m.) for the first episode in a short series on the Mass.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Please join us in person at the church or online through Zoom. For the next few weeks, our study will center around "A Christmas Carol" by Dickens. It's also recorded for you to view later at your convenience.

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.

These items are needed regularly: Seasonal Crafts/Decorations, 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!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER? THANK YOU! This month, we received an additional \$75 from Thrivent Choice. So far this year Grace Lutheran has received \$1,516 from Thrivent Choice! Thank You! All "Choice Dollars" that are received go to paying down our mortgage on the new building. Thank you! Thanks to: Judy, Phil, Karen, Carol, Peter, Ed, Vance, Kevin, Leona, Shirley, Cheryl, Bertha, Victoria, Ed, Betsy, Bernard, Robert and Heather for directing your dollars to Grace.

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.

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. Thanks for your Support: GraceLutheranPSL.com/give

11/10 *Worship assistants:* 8:30 Phil F. / 10:15 Frank M.
Scripture Readers: 8:30 Piper N. / 10:15 Shirley M.

11/17 *Worship assistants:* 8:30 Phil F. / 10:15 Vance A.
Scripture Readers: 8:30 Hans V. / 10:15 Nancy O.

Readings: *Isaiah 25:1-9, Philippians 4:10-20, Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)*

Questions for the Week: KEEP IT SIMPLE: - One Another

1. Describe a time you've seen the body of Christ love one another in a beneficial way.
 2. Read John 13:31-38. What is Jesus' commandment? In context around this, how do the disciples fail to love another?
 3. In what ways might selfishness hinder our ability to love others fully? How can we recognize and address this tendency in ourselves?
 4. How can we actively demonstrate love for one another, especially during challenging times or when we disagree with each other?
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FAMILY MEALS INC

Thanksgiving Food Drive

NONPERISHABLE ITEMS NEEDED:



Scan to donate!

Suggested Donations

- Grocery Gift Cards
- Stuffing
- jiffy cornbread mix
- pasta
- rice
- canned vegetables
- cereal



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Christmas Boxes Packing Nov. 9th

THANK YOU!



PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF..

Debra Lemke (A Touch of Class Adult Care)
Susan Becker (Port St. Lucie Rehabilitation and Healthcare)
Gerald (Jerry) Davis (Harbor Place, Senior Living Community)
Diane Fox (Port St. Lucie Rehabilitation and Healthcare)

Marita Albano
Gene Liagre
Jo Anne Furniss
Helga Flelitz
Joe & Linda Gannon
John Linderman

Gertrude Behrens
Jerry Freudenburg
Jenny Brendlinger
Claren Kerstner
Thomas & Marilyn Piotrowicz

Friends and Family

Michael Solack (Gloria's son, New pacemaker, homebound)
Claudette Scott and her family at the loss of her mother
Ary (surgery, Niece of Dayre Horton)
Nancy Jenkins (Surgery, Sister of Betsy Ablott)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Those affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton.

For the people of Haiti and the safety of our Christian brothers and sisters there. Continue to watch over Meschac and the Habitat For Children's Ministries. Pray that the lost in Haiti will be brought to a knowledge of the truth of hope of Christ.

The men and women who are deployed. Pray for their safety, their health, and their spiritual care. Pray also for their families who live their lives without their loved ones with them.

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

Let us know how we can pray for you or someone in need.
Fill Out THE PINK FORMS ON THE COUNTER or at www.GraceLutheranPSL.com/pray or
LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE CHURCH ANSWERING MACHINE (772) 871-6599
Please notify us of any change.

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.

November 10, 2024

BULLETIN NOTES // NOT TO BE PRINTED!!!

Cris's weekly input: Sermon Summary: Main Idea, Key Points, and Questions:

Summary :Description: This sermon emphasizes the simple yet profound commandment of loving one another, drawing inspiration from Jesus's teachings in John 13. It highlights the early church's example of communal love and generosity in Acts 4, while also addressing the challenge of selfishness through the story of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5. The speech underscores the importance of prioritizing love over fear and self-interest, particularly in times of uncertainty and division. It acknowledges the ongoing presence of sin and challenges in the world but encourages listeners to remain rooted in the resurrection and to practice love, forgiveness, and grace within the community. The speech concludes with a reminder of Jesus's saving love and a call to embody that love in daily life.

Keep It Simple **series theme!**

Bulletin information

A. THEME: Keep It Simple Stewardship Acting Together -- love one another even when things are falling apart

B. BIBLE READINGS: Ezekiel 11:14-21 Acts 4:32-35 John 13:31-35

C. MUSIC SELECTIONS

1. OPENING HYMN: I Love your Kingdom Lord vs4
2. HYMN OF PRAISE: This is the Feast" (LW pg 161)
3. OFFERTARY: Take My Life and Let It Be (LSB 783/LW 404, Vs. 1 & 6)
4. HYMN OF DAY: How Deep The fathers Love vs3
5. CLOSING HYMN: ["O God Beyond All Praising" \(We Praise you and Acknowledge You\)](#)

Hymn Suggestions: How Deep The Father's Love For Us" (Stuart Townend #1558110)
I Love your Kingdom, Lord (LSB 651 Tune St. Thomas 331, 651, 814,)

Possible music:

D. ADDITIONAL HYMNS: HYMNAL PROJECT

1. God loves me dearly
2. What wondrous Love
3. From All That Dwell Below The Skies

E. ADDITIONAL NOTES:

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Common View:

Past: HYMN OF PRAISE:

The Jesus Way" (CCLI 7217888) 9/15/2024 - 10/20/2024

~~**"If God Had Not Been On Our Side" 08/11/2024 - 9/8/2024**~~

~~Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" 6/30 - 8/4/2024~~

~~Glory be to God the Father 5/26 - 6/16/2024~~

~~This is the feast 4/14 - 5/19 & 5/31/2024 // 4/9 - 5/21/2023~~

~~Joyful, Joyful - 4/7 // 1/14 - 2/11/2024~~

~~How deep is the Fathers Love 2/18 - 3/24/2024~~

~~Angels from the realms 12/25/23 - 1/7/24/2024~~

~~Oh Come Oh Come Emmanuel 12/03 - 12/17/2023~~

~~For the fruits of his Creation 10/22 - 11/26/2023 used as off 8/11/2024 -~~

~~Lord be Glorified 9/10 - 10/15/2023~~

~~Jesus, Name above all Names 8/26 - 9/3/2023~~

~~My Jesus I Love Thee 7/2 - 7/30/2023~~

~~the risen Christ 5/28 - 6/18/2023~~

~~Father I Adore You (MM 26) (ccli 26557)~~

Past: OFFERTARY:

Make me a servant" (MM Praise pg 135) 9/15/2024 - 10/20/2024

~~**"For the Fruits of His Creation" (LSB 894 Vs 1&3) 08/11/2024 - 9/8/2024**~~

~~**"Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful" 6/30 - 8/4 // 1/14 - 2/11/2024 // 8/06 - 9/24/2023**~~

~~We give thee but thine own 5/26 - 6/16/2024 // 4/29 - 7/30/2023~~

~~Create in Me 4/07 - 5/19/2024 // - 5/28/2023~~

~~Take My Life 2/18 - 3/24/2024~~

~~O come let us adore Him 12/03/2023 - 1/7/2024~~

More precious than Silver 10/22 - 11/26/2023

Make me a servant 10/1 - 10/15/2023