

Sunday Service

November 12, 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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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 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.

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 though that old question of "What does this mean?" can give us a vision of God's abundance.

Today: Coveting Abundance

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance, house, wife, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to them in keeping it.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness” (LW 203 Vs 1-4)

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright:
On you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,
Sing, “Holy, holy, holy,” to the great God triune.
2. On you at earth’s creation the light first had its birth;
On You for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
On You our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from Heav’n;
And thus on You, most glorious, a three-fold light was giv’n.
3. Today on weary nations the heav’nly manna falls;
To holy convocations the silent trumpet calls,
Where Gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams
And living water flowing with soul refreshing streams.
4. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;
The Church its voice upraises to You, blest Three in One.

--- Opening

*For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45*

--- 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.

--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

1 Kings 21:1-10

The evil queen set in motion a coldhearted plan to have Naboth executed under trumped-up charges so her weak-willed husband could have what he wanted.

Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth."

But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors."

So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors." He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat.

His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?"

He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city with him. In those letters she wrote:

"Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them bring charges that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8

When we identify with Jesus in His suffering and rejection, we become a reproachful irritation to the powers that rule this culture.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."

So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?"

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

Jesus has already told them that to be great among His followers means to become humble like a child; but James and John still think that as two of His closest disciples, they can win worldly fame and power.

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

"You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

"We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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 - Coveting Abundance

--- HYMN OF DAY

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (LW 168 Vs. 1-4)

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

--- 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

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word" (LW 216)

1. Almighty Father, bless the Word which through your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root, spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
2. We praise you for the means of grace as homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here may all at last in heav'n appear.

----- 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)

“Come, Follow Me,” The Savior Spake”

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“God Who Made The Earth And Heaven”

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“God Loved The World So That He Gave”

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---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today

November 12, 2023

Services

8:30 & 10:15 AM

Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com

10:15 AM

Second Sunday School

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Korean Church Worship

1:00 PM

Rest of the Week

November 13 - 18

12 Step AA Meeting

Monday, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Adopt-A-Street

Tuesday, 8:30 AM

Olivet School

Tuesday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Pastor Cris in Tallahassee with ACC

Tuesday - Thursday (14-16)

AA Meeting

Thursday, 7:15 PM - 9:30 PM

Korean Church Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 6:00 AM

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

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

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Charles and Joyce Strickler.

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



ADOPT-A-STREET will be THIS Tuesday, **November 14th at 8:30 AM!** The meeting place will be on the corner of Torino and Conus. For more information contact: Judy Fredrich (561) 315-9555 or retslvnlg@outlook.com

OFFICE HOURS: The "Church Office" is open in the ACC Complex from 9:00 AM through 12:00 (Noon) daily, Monday - Thursday. The office is overseen on Monday by Diane Heinz, Tuesday - Thursday by Kevin Garbers. 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

THANK YOU!: To all of you who helped pack up the "Operation Christmas Child" boxes yesterday as well as to those who packed up their own ahead of time and brought them to the church. Also, thanks to those who provided so many items for us to box yesterday and the financial assistance given to ship them off. THANKS!!!!

REAL LIFE CHILDREN'S RANCH TREE: This year we have designated gifts for the children at the Real Life Children's Ranch in Okeechobee. Real Life Children's Ranch exists to provide a Christian residential group home that cares for boys and girls who have been abused, abandoned, and/or neglected. Their goal is to give children the best possible care in a secure family atmosphere and to guide them into fulfilling and productive futures. If you can, we ask that you select an ornament from the tree in the fellowship hall and return your wrapped gift by December 10, 2023. Questions can be directed to Vivian Barto @ 810-423-7877.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!: To Betsy Ablott who was elected as the LWML Zone President at last week's meeting in North Palm Beach.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Is canceled this week with Pastor Cris out of town.

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.

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. **November Wish list:** 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!

WANT TO BE STAR STRUCK?: On Sunday December 10th the IRSC Planetarium will have a special showing of the stars in the sky for the first Christmas sky, some 2,000 years ago. Come and experience this special show and narration this holiday season. Tickets are only \$5.00 each.



11/12 *Worship assistants: 8:30 - Vance A. & 10:15 - Dave V.*

Scripture Readers: 8:30 -Betsy A. & 10:15 - Harry D.

11/19 *Worship assistants: 8:30 - Phil F. & 10:15 Ed B.*

Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Hans V. & 10:15 - Heather P.

Readings: Zechariah 8:12-17, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18, Mark 14:1-11 (NIV)

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

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

Carolyn Bouvier (entering Hospice Care)

Maurice Bouvier

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

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

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: *GENEROSITY - Coveting Abundance*

1. What kinds of things are done under the guise of fair dealing by people who want what belongs to someone else yet do not want to appear dishonest? How does society aid and abet such practices?
 2. Read 1 Kings 21:1-16. How do Ahab and Jezebel covet? How are their actions dishonest?
 3. What ways today are we tempted to act in a similar way to Ahab and Jezebel?
 4. In a world full of coveting, Jesus "gives his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). How is Jesus the opposite of the world? What hope does this hold for you?
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**See Pam Torell for
more information!**



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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

GROCERY GIFT CARDS

Please leave with receptionist

BOXED DESSERT MIXES

CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES

CEREAL

OTHER NONPERISHABLE FOODS

Items for the Thanksgiving Meal are purchased through the financial support of family meals. Food collected through the food drive goes to the ongoing support of the working poor.