

Sunday Service

November 5, 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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ALL SAINTS DAY

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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. 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.

WELCOME: Pastor Ed Scott who is filling in for Pastor Cris today while he is in Orlando attending the Middle School Gathering.

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: Steal Generosity

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“For All the Saints” (LSB 677 Vs. 1, 2 & 4)

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one within your great design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

--- Opening

And Jesus said, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” Luke 19:5

--- 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.

Lord God, free your people from their offenses. Through your great goodness, release us all from the net of our sins which has entangled us because of our frailty. 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 2 Kings 5:19b-24

Gehazi sought to use the grace of God granted to another individual for his own material advantage. This was equivalent to making merchandise of God’s grace.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”

So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked.

“Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

“By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4:25-32

Here, Paul addresses human vices that even God's people commit.

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus giving back 4 times the amount stolen harkens back to King David demanding the sheep stealer be punished.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house

today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION THE NICENE CREED

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.

--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 - Steal Generosity

--- HYMN OF DAY

“Blessed Assurance” (TCH 572 Vs 1-3)

- Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.***

(CHORUS)

***THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOR ALL THE DAY LONG;
THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,
PRAISING MY SAVIOR ALL THE DAY LONG.***

2. ***Perfect submission, perfect delight!***
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (CHORUS)
3. ***Perfect submission, all is at rest,***
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (CHORUS)

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

(Traditionally on All Saints Day we remember those who have died during the last twelve months. Today we remember: Evelyn Banie, Clara Creelman and Guenter Fielitz)

--- 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

"For All the Saints" (LSB 677 Vs. 7 & 8)

7. **But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;**
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
8. **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

----- 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)

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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“How sweet the name of Jesus”

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“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today

November 5, 2023

Services

8:30 & 10:15 AM

Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com

10:15 AM

Korean Church Worship

1:00 PM

Rest of the Week

November 6 - 11

LWML Meeting

Monday, 1:00 PM

12 Step AA Meeting

Monday, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Olivet School

Tuesday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Crafters Club (Church Hall)

Wednesday, 10:00 AM

ACC Meeting (Grace Hall)

Wednesday 11:45 AM

Brother's Keeper Packing

Thursday, 9:30 AM

Bible Study, also live streamed

Thursday 11:00 AM

AA Meeting

Thursday, 7:15 PM - 9:30 PM

Sr. Walther League

Friday, 1:00 PM

Korean Church Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 6:00 AM

Shoebox Packing Day

Saturday, 9:30 AM

Second Sunday School (next Sunday)

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

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

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Joseph Weiler - 11/8, Kevin Garbers - 11/9



THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Patti Williams in memory of Bob.

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.



LADIES: LWML will have their meeting this Monday, **TOMORROW**, November 6, at 1:00 PM. All ladies are invited to attend for fellowship, fun, snacks and some Bible study.



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.



ARE YOU CRAFTY?: This Wednesday a new group of crafting will meet to form a group 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.

SENIOR WALTHER LEAGUE: This **Friday at 1:00 PM**, we will have the church fellowship open for everyone to come and socialize in a cool place. We will provide some snacks, drinks and air conditioning. You can come to socialize, play cards or games you may have at home. Anything can happen! Let's try it! Leigh Liagre is setting it up. If you would like more information or to help, call or text Leigh at 772-418-4298.

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. (We are looking for a Friday volunteer to answer the phone and print the bulletins)

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: THIS Thursday at 11:00 AM, we will be doing the Judges. 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.

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:** 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!

11/5 *Worship assistants: 8:30 - Kevin G. & 10:15 Ed B.*
Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Jay H. & 10:15 - Pamula H.

11/12 *Worship assistants: 8:30 - Vance A. & 10:15 - Dave V.*
Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Jennine V. & 10:15 - Harry D.
Readings: 1 Kings 21:1-10, Hebrews 13:1-8, Mark 10:35-45 (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

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

**Packing day is set for this Saturday,
November 11, 2023 at 9:30 AM.**

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, kazoo, harmonics, yo-yos, jump rope, mind games, small etch-a-sketch, slinky, shipping and handling \$10.00. *a special gift, something that says "WOW".*

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**See Pam Torell for
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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.