# Sunday Service

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# -TODAYALL SAINTS DAY Cheerfully Generous

# Grace Lutheran Church

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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.

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:** We have moved Holy Communion to the end of our worship service. After the closing hymn, the Pastor will pronounce the sending and then for those who wish to share in the celebration of communion shall remain.

The distribution of the bread by an Elder and the wine in individual cups will be by Pastor. *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, and enjoy fellowship in the hall.

**LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY IS:** Pastor Suskraut, Thank You!

#### **Forgive & Give**

God gave His one and only Son so that we might be forgiven. This core idea of the Christian faith seems to permeate Paul's words as he works to reconcile the relationship with the Corinthians. A Generous spirit is one that heals people, It's amazing to think of how a generous spirit in all ways, especially our money, could heal and give good news to so many.

#### **TODAY: Cheerfully Generous**

We are reminded to look at the Macedonians, how they had nothing and yet were generous. We're to look to Paul and see how he had nothing yet lived a generous life. Most of all, look to Jesus, who gave it all up for you so that you might be rich. May we have the same spirit of generosity.

#### ---- THE OPENING HYMN

# "O Day of Rest and Gladness" (LW 203 Vs 1-3)

- 1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
  O balm for care and sadness, mot 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.

### -- Opening

God has made Christ the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

#### --- 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 God, you bring your people together in one holy church, the body of our Lord. Lead us to follow your saints and to know the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you. 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

"Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty"

Father in heaven, how we love You;
We lift Your name in all the earth.

May Your kingdom be established in our praises,
As Your people declare Your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who was, and is and is to come.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
Who reigns forever more.

# THE FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 8:7-16

Prosperity can tempt us to forget about God and to act as if we can take care of everything through our own means. But with prosperity often comes poverty.

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

"Take care lest you forget the Lord your God

by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

# THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Giving is one of the hardest things believers can do, especially when there are bills to pay. However, helping others with their physical needs and not only their spiritual needs is a fundamental principle of Christian spirituality.

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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# THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 21:1-9

The beauty of Jerusalem's temple was famous throughout the Mediterranean world. It was the largest of ancient temples and considered sacred even to most of those who resented its builder Herod.

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name. saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

### --- PROFESSION THE APOSTLES CREED

#### --- HYMN OF DAY

# "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (LW 366 Vs 1-3)

- 1. I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains. Clean in his blood most precious till not a spot remains.
- 2. I lay my wants on Jesus; all fullness dwells in him; He heals all my diseases; my soul he does redeem. I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares; He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.
- 3. I rest my soul on Jesus, this weary soul of mine; His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline. I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord; Life fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

--- THE SERMON

# **Forgive & Give**

"Cheerfully Generous."

## --THE OFFERTORY "We Give You But Your Own" (LW 405 vs 1,2,6)

1. We give you but your own, In any gifts we bring; All that we have is yours alone, A trust from you our King.

- 2. May we your bounties thus As stewards true receive. And gladly, Lord as you bless us, To you our first-fruits give.
- And we believe Your Word. Though dim our faith, it's true; What we do for your people, Lord, We do it all for you.

The Apostles Creed I believe in God, the Father Almighty. maker of heaven and earth. And in Iesus Christ. His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father, Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### --- 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

Our Father who art in heav'n
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heav'n
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those
Who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power and the glory
Forever and ever.
Amen

# ----THE CLOSING HYMN "O Day of Rest and Gladness" (LW 203 Vs 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.

#### ---- SENDING

Pastor: Have peace knowing we are all with you.

Serve others knowing God walks before you.

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNION:** Due to social distancing and everyone's health we will celebrate with love for one another. After the "Sending" those who wish to share in the celebration of Holy Communion shall remain for the "Order of Holy Communion."

Once invited you may come forward down a side aisle to the altar alternating between left and right sides. Pastor Cris will pronounce the blessing for your side, then you may place your cup in the basket on the side and depart in peace.

#### --- 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

#### --- ADDITIONAL HYMNS

"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake"
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- "Come, follow me," the Savior Spake, "All my way abiding;
   Deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey my call and guiding.
   Oh, bear the cross, what'er betide, Take my example for your guide."
- "I am the light; I light the way, a godly life displaying;
   I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
   I am the way, and well I show how you must sojourn here below."
- 3. "My heart abounds in lowliness; my soul with love is glowing; And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing. My heart, my mind, my strength, my all, to God I yield; on Him I call."
- 4. I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's salvation; Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, from sin and its temptation.

  I am the refuge of the soul and lead you to your heav'nly goal.
- 5. Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed And, firmly clinging to His word, in suff'ring be undaunted. For those who bear the battle's strain the crown of heav'nly life obtain.

#### "GOD, WHO MADE THE EARTH AND HEAVEN"

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- God, who made the earth and heaven,
   Darkness and light:
   You the day for work have given,
   For rest the night.
   May your angel guards defend us,
   Slumber sweet your mercy send us,
   Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
   All through the night.
- And when morn again shall call us
   To run life's way,
   May we still whate'er befall us,
   Your will obey.
   From the pow'r of evil hide us,
   In the narrow pathway guide us,
   Never be your smile denied us
   All through the day.

- 3. Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
  And, when we die,
  May we in your mighty keeping
  All peaceful lie.
  When the last dread call shall wake us,
  Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,
  But to reign in glory take us
  With you on high.
- 4. Holy Father, throned in heaven, All holy Son, Holy Spirit freely given, Blest Three in One: Grant us grace we now implore you, Till we lay our crowns before you And in worthier strains adore you While ages run.

### "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

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- 1. I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever living head!
- 2. He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.
- 3. He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4. He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 5. He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!
- 7. He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8. He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!

#### ---- <u>THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today</u>

Daylight Savings time ended!
Worship Services
Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com
Korean Church Worship

**November 7, 2021** 

Earlier this Morning 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM 10:15 AM 1:00 PM

Rest of the week November 8 - 13, 2021

Adopt-A-Street Tuesday, 8:30 AM

Pastor Circuit Meeting Tuesday

Olivet School Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Individual/Small Group Communion Wednesday, 11:00 AM TCFGC Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Bible Study Thursday, 11:00 AM - Noon

Veterans Day Thursday

Korean Church Prayer Gathering Saturday, 6:00 AM

For complete calendar information, go to <a href="https://www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar">www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar</a>

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Kevin Garbers - 11/09, Lois Danzo - 11/13

**THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God by Steven Choung from the Korean Congregation.

**THE 2022 FLOWER CHART IS UP!** Sign up for your special date before someone else does!

<u>ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE:</u> Traditionally on All Saints Day we remember those who have died during the last twelve months. We remember: Pat Bachman, John Behrens, Paul Hasz, Claude Hessee, Ron Irsch, Chuck Kamrath, Jim Kerstner, Marge Neuberger, Ervin Schimkat, and Tony Young.

<u>THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT:</u> Have you seen it in the Narthex, near the exit door? Our ladies are raffling off this quilt along with some lap quilts and prize baskets to help provide additional financial support to the various ministries of Grace's LWML. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. A <u>Bake Sale</u> along with the drawing will be <u>NEXT Sunday</u>, you do not need to be present to win, just buy a ticket.

<u>FAMILY MEALS</u>: Which provides the ingredients for local families to prepare a home-cooked meal in their own kitchen, with their families, is collecting needed items again for this Thanksgiving. Please look over the insert or the notice on the board in the Narthex. Pastor Ron Engles has helped lead this over the past many years. Food, cash, checks and gift cards are all accepted.

<u>PLEASE CALL PEOPLE:</u> Even with the quarantines now over, some of our members have health conditions which keep them isolated at home. Let's call and talk to each other regularly, especially those still unable to leave home by sending cards or notes through the mail. Phone and address directories are available for your convenience on the counter by the office door.

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER?** 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.



<u>ADOPT-A-STREET</u> will be <u>THIS</u> Tuesday, <u>November 9th at 8:30 AM!</u> 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

MINIMUM IRA WITHDRAWAL? Did you know you can make direct payments to Grace Lutheran from your IRA that can be beneficial for our church and lower your tax liability? Grace can accept transfers of stocks and bonds directly into our "AmeriTrade" account. See Kevin for info.

<u>A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:</u> We have joined Sarah's kitchen in ministering to the homeless. Every Tuesday, Sarah's kitchen delivers food to the homeless, and we are going to piggyback on their deliveries with toiletries in a gallon Ziploc bag. Please review the flyer in the narthex for more information.

<u>COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY:</u> If you, or someone you know, would like to celebrate Holy Communion but prefer a small group or unable to attend Sunday service, Pastor Cris has set aside Wednesday's 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.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** Come and join us for a study on 2nd Corinthians either here at the church or on Zoom at 11 AM on Thursday.

<u>GIVING</u>: We are here to provide "Grace and Peace in this Chaotic and Lonely Time" to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community.

**11/07 Worship assistants:** 8:30 & 10:15 - Kevin G.

Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Judy F. & 10:15 - Heather P.

**11/14** *Worship assistants:* 8:30 - Bob Fox & 10:15 - David V.

**Readers:** 8:30 - Coli E. & 10:15 Jan L.

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:6-13, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, Luke 14:7-11 (ESV)

#### **QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:** Forgive & Give - Cheerfully Generous

- 1. Describe the most generous person you know and how they live their life. What do you most admire about their generosity?
- 2. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. What examples does Paul use to encourage the Corinthians to be generous?
- 3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. What advice does Paul give you about living a generous life?
- 4. How has Jesus been generous to you? How does that shape how you live your life?