

Sunday Service

September 5, 2021 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Live Broadcast at 10:15 AM

RED LETTER --- CHALLENGE

Today:
- Week 4 "Serving" -

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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, Pastor Cris 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 Cris. ***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, and enjoy fellowship in the hall.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE:

Jesus modeled a whole life and even told us how to follow Him in HIS OWN WORDS (the red letters found in many Bibles). The best way to follow Jesus is simply to follow the words of Jesus. Red Letter Challenge eliminates the fluff and has helped thousands of people grow closer to God in only 40 days.

TODAY: Week 4 - Serving

The more we do to serve in Jesus' name, the more we will find the abundant life which we were made to abide.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” (LW 171 Vs 1-3)

1. Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav’n above adore you.
Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.
2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav’ns with sweet accord: “Holy, holy, holy Lord!”
3. Lo, the apostolic train join Your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun through the Church the song goes on.

-- Opening

*Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come and save you.*

--- 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.

Guide and rule your church forever, Lord, so that we may walk carefully in times of quiet and boldly in times of trouble. 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

"Make me a servant" (MM Praise pg 135)

**Make me a servant, humble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, Make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

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THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 19:2b-6

As a kingdom of priests, Israel exists to serve as agents of God's blessing. The people are to bear witness to God's character and carry to Him the world's concerns.

There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You

yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

Reader: **THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

Paul describes a community where every person considers the needs of others first and does nothing from selfishness; it draws together rather than pulls apart.

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point

of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:2-16

Salt enhances the good flavors subtly hidden in food and preserves what would otherwise spoil, as do those who claim to be children of God.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION

THE APOSTLES CREED

--- HYMN OF DAY

“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”

(LW 318 Vs. 1-4)

1. **Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
“Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the master calls you;
rich reward He offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
“Here am I, send me, send me!”**
2. **If you cannot speak like angels,
if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
you can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
with the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
to the Savior’s waiting arms.**
3. **If you cannot be a watchman,
standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
you can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.**
4. **Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying and the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly; Let His work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when He calls you, “Here am I. Send me, send me!”**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus 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.

--- THE SERMON

RED LETTER CHALLENGE:

Week Four “Serving”

--THE OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” (LW pg 143)

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with-in me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.***

--- 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

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name" (LW 171 Vs 4-5)

- 4. You are King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a tributary,
First to break the bars of death, You have opened heav'n to faith.**
- 5. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
Though in essence only one; Undivided God we claim you
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.**

----- 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."

Pastor or Elder will signal groups up 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

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

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1. **What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my Soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!**
2. **When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.**

3. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM",
While millions join the theme, I will sing,
I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity, I'll sing on.

"The Day Thou Gavest"

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1. The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at Thy behest;
To Thee our morning hymns ascended,
Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank Thee that Thy church, unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And never rests by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island
The dawn leads on another day,
The voice of prayer is never silent,
Nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest, is waking
Thy saints beneath the western skies,
And hour by hour as day is breaking,
Fresh hymns of thankful praise arise.
5. So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

"God Bless Our Native Land"

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1. God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night,
When the wild tempest rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save
By thy great might.
2. So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies,
On Him we wait,
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today** **September 5, 2021**

Worship Services	8:30 AM & 10:15 AM
Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com	10:15 AM
Korean Church Worship	1:00 PM

Rest of the week **September 6 - September 11, 2021**

Labor Day	All Day, Church Office Closed
Olivet School	Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Individual - Small Group Communion	Wednesday, 11:00 AM
Bible Study at church and live streamed	Thursday, 11:00 AM
Korean Church Prayer Gathering	Saturday, 6:00 AM
New Member Welcome Class	Saturday 9:00 AM

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

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: None listed for this week.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Norm Timinski - 9/5, Dena Davey - 9/6, Gerald Davis - 9/7

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for His loving grace.

COMING THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th It has been over a year, and many new people have been coming here to Grace to worship. Welcome! **Next Saturday at 9 AM**, Pastor Cris will be holding a New Member Welcome Class. If you have been attending this past year and have not been formally welcomed as a member of Grace, Pastor Cris would encourage you to attend this class.

LADIES! Monday, September 13th LWML will have its first meeting of this season. Please plan on attending for fun, snacks, social activities, and for time in God's word. The meeting starts at 1:00 PM, and ALL ladies are invited.

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.

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.

PLEASE CALL PEOPLE: 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.

CARENET FUNDRAISER BANQUET: Thursday, September 23 and Friday, September 24
The banquet and program will begin at 7:00pm at the Mid Florida Event Center. All reservations must be given to Judy Fredrich (772-237-2626 or mobile 561-315-9555) no later than September 12th. Additional invitations are available. Call or text Judy for more information.

DENIM PRODUCT: Shirley Mullin and Judy Fredrich are attending a servant event on September 25 for "New Life Mission" in Melbourne. The Mission transforms old worn out clothing into new, usable and interesting items. Our request is for any denim products you might want to get rid of and bring them to church. They must have the denim items no later than September 22. Call Judy Fredrich 772-237-2626 or mobile 561-315-9555 for more information

COMMUNION ON WEDNESDAY: 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 has set aside Wednesdays 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.

BIBLE STUDY FOR ALL! We are discussing the "**RED LETTER CHALLENGE**". The Thursday Study starts at 11 AM, and you are welcome to attend in person or through ZOOM to participate from home or wherever you may be! (www.GraceLutheranPSL.com) They're also recorded for your future viewing if you would like.

GIVING: 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. We have added Paypal for online donations. If you would like to give through Paypal, please go to: www.GraceLutheranPSL.com and click the "GIVE" button on the upper right side of the page.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE: Week Four "Serving"

For this week we are working on Days 20 - 26

9/05 Worship assistants are: 8:30 - Phil F. & 10:15 - Ed B.

Scripture Readers are: 8:30 Judy F. & 10:15 Jan L.

9/12 Worship assistants are: 8:30 - Bob F. & 10:15 - David V.

Readers are: 8:30 - Heather P. & 10:15- Jan L.

Readings are: Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 8:8-15, Luke 20:45- 21:4 (ESV)