

Sunday Service

November 26, 2023 - 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

Livestream at 10:15 AM



Christ The King Sunday

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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.

Christ The King Sunday

Just as Christ is "the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end," at the close of every liturgical year, we look forward with a renewed hope in Christ's coming again in glory to reign as Lord forever. In the same way, we look forward to our own resurrection and the time of a new earth — an earth that is no longer broken by sin and groaning. Christ will come again in glory just as surely as He came the first time — when He was born. So we have "transition" at the end of the "long green season" into the Advent season, the new beginning of the liturgical year.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (LSB 549/LW 272 Vs 1,3,4,6,7)

1. All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
3. O seed of Israel’s chosen race, now ransomed from the fall;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!
4. Hail Him, you heirs of David’s line, whom David Lord did call,
The God Incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.
6. Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all!
7. O that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all!

--- Opening

*When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory.*

--- 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 and everliving God, it is your will to restore all things in your dear Son. Bring together under His just and gentle rule all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin. For He 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 Psalm 95:1-7a

While lesser kings come and go, God is the One who ultimately rules and reigns over His people, and by extension, over the rest of creation.

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God,

the great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Cor 15:20-28

The resurrection of Jesus marks a new era of God's dealing with the world. He intends nothing less than the total reclamation of His good creation damaged by human folly, sin, and death.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the

end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

Sheep were considered more valuable than goats, were usually raised in greater numbers, and were much more obedient.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and

you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger

and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you

did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

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

Christ The King

--- HYMN OF DAY

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" (LW 278 vs 1-4)

- 1. Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**
- 2. Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm the crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem**
- 3. Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,**

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bent their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

--- 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

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (LW 278 vs 5-6)

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| <p>5. Crown Him the Lord of years, the
potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably
sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast
died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.</p> | <p>6. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as
thrones before him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many
crowns, for He is king of all.</p> |
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----- 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)

“O Savior Precious Savior Lives”

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“Thine Forever God of Love”

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“Come Let us Join our cheerful Songs”

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---- THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Today

November 26, 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 27 - December 2

12 Step AA Meeting

Monday, 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Olivet School

Tuesday, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Bible Study

Thursday 11:00 AM

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: Brian Blizzard - 11/26, Helga Fielitz - 11/27,
Micky Di Mattia & Raquel Thomson- 11/28

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Kent & Linda Bowen - 11/26/1983 (40 years)
Gene & Leigh Liagre - 12/01 (50 Years)

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Sherry Self
in memory of her Husband Ray.

VOTER'S MEETING: The quarterly Voter's meeting will be held on December 10, 2023 starting at 9:30 AM. Voting for the Board of Directors and approving the 2024 Ministry Plan (Budget) are the main business along with reports from the committees and input from the congregation. The Proposed budget is available in the Narthex and the candidates for Board of Directors is posted on the bulletin board. If you or someone you know would like to run for a board position, please talk with Pastor Cris or Dave Vic. All names must be submitted by Friday, December 1, 2023.

OFFICE HOURS: The "Church Office" is open in the ACC Complex from 9:00 AM through 12:00 (Noon) daily, Monday - Friday. 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. (from 11/24 through 12/5 Kevin will be out of town, office hours will vary)

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.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER? \$126.00 was received on November 8th!! Thank You! 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. For the nine months this year we have received \$2,429 from Thrivent Choice! Thank you: Joe, Shirley, Vance, Bernard, Bertha, Sandra, Robert Z., Carol, Jacqueline, Leona, Kevin, Robert, Elizabeth and Cheryl. for your Grace designation of Choice Dollars.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: THIS Thursday at 11:00 AM. 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, December & January Wish list:** Cookies or Cupcakes for Thanksgiving Party - 11/22 Fruit Pies - 12/01, Cotton Candy, 12/07, Candy Canes - 12/26, Fig Newtons - 01/16, Popcorn - 01/19, Hot Chocolate - 01/31.

(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 chocked 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?: Tickets are sold out at this time. Please remember to be on time, 3 PM, to the performance because once they close the doors they need to remain closed to see the stars in the sky.



ALTAR GUILD: if you would like to help with setting up the altar for Sunday services, Please talk with Betsy Ablott, Diane Heinz, Joyce Strickler or Shirley Mullins.

REAL LIFE CHILDREN'S RANCH TREE: Thank you for selecting the designated gifts for the children at the Real Life Children's Ranch in Okeechobee last week. 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. The designated gifts have been selected, however there is a need for \$25 Chick-fil-a gift cards (or place money in the plate to assist in the purchases). Please remember to return your gift or gift card by December 10, 2023. Questions can be directed to Vivian Barto @ 810-423-7877. (If you selected Victoria, Quincey or Matt last week please place your name on the sign-up sheet by the tree)

Grace BOD 2024 Nominees: If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please submit their names no later than Friday, December 1st. Candidates for the 2024 Board of Directors will be posted on the church bulletin board and will be voted on at the next Voters Meeting on December 10th.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK: *Christ The King*

1. Skim over Matthew 23-25. What is Jesus primarily talking about? How does it make you feel?
2. Think of a time when things seemed out of control in your life, where did you think God was in that time?
3. Read Matthew 25:31. At the end times where does Jesus say he (the son of man) will be?
4. Read Matthew 25:32-40. How do the sheep (the righteous) respond when Jesus tells them all the good kingdom of God work they had been doing and welcomes them into His kingdom? Think of a time when you didn't realize when God was doing His Kingdom work through you as you were His hands and feet loving others.

11/26 *Worship assistants: 8:30 - Bob F. & 10:15 - Dave V.*
Scripture Readers: 8:30 -Hans V. & 10:15 - Heather P.

12/03 *Worship assistants: 8:30 - Phil F. & 10:15 Ed B.*
Scripture Readers: 8:30 - Jennine V. & 10:15 - Cheryl N.
Readings: Psalm 69:16-21, Luke 7:11-17, Luke 1:8-25 (NIV)

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)

Bill Creelman
Karen Albano
Fred Kutschinski
Marita Albano
Joe Gannon
Richard & Marie Harms

Thomas & Marilyn Piotrowicz
Barbara Scheer
Claren Kerstner
Jenny Brendlinger
Marita Albano
Al & Doris Vollmann

Friends and Family

Marty Lauth (Father in Law to Mark Adrian (Cris' Pastor Friend))
Carolyn Bouvier (entering Hospice Care)
Maurice Bouvier
Don Medlin (Heart issues, Cousin of Cheryl Nolte)
Josh (surgery, mrsa & sepsis found)

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.

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.**