

ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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Forever⁺*

**LIVE KNOWING LIFE
ONLY GETS BETTER**



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WELCOME TO GRACE!

We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

- Please reserve the **BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.
- A **PARENT'S ROOM** with private changing area and restroom is available through the door at the back of the middle aisle. Windows from the room allow you to still watch the service and speakers allow you to hear as well. A volume control is available on the wall by the door.
- Ask an usher to receive an **AUDIO RECEIVER** and **HEADSET** if you need hearing assistance in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.
- **RESTROOMS** are available in the Narthex. Exit out of the north doors from the Sanctuary and go to the left. They are located in the alcove behind Luther's Seal.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available. See an usher to receive one.
- Visit our **WEBSITE** at <http://www.graceglendale.org> for additional information about our ministries and upcoming events.

CONTACT US...

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AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

Preaching Minister: Pastor Jacobson

Liturgist: Pastor Sellnow

Senior ushers: 8:00 AM – Jon Floerke / Nick Lincoln

10:30 AM – Dean Rovey / Owen & Ryan Jacobson

Organist: Rachel Kulhanek

A/V Team: 8:00 AM – Jon Scheel

10:30 AM – Paul Sullivan

ABOUT THE THEME

“It will get better.” We say that to try to comfort someone who is having a bad day (or maybe a whole string of bad days). Perhaps tomorrow will be better. But perhaps it’s worse. In this life, there really are no guarantees that things will get better. That isn’t the case with the life that is to come. That life isn’t just going to be better. It will be perfect.

Since the seventh century, Christians have marked a day to celebrate those who have died in faith and now realize the perfect joys of heaven. It is called “All Saints’ Day.” We thank God for bringing our Christian loved ones out of the troubles and turmoil of this world and into eternal bliss and glory. And we ask God to preserve us in our faith so that we might one day join the saints in that place where life is far more than better.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Setting 3 (CW 188)

HYMN: WHAT JOY TO JOIN THE CHORUS

CW 882

Please stand

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

CW 188

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6–9

The Lord Almighty promises his saints, all those who trust in him, that he will destroy the shroud of death.

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine— the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. ⁹In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR

“In Christ Alone”

SECOND READING

Revelation 20:4–6

St. John sees those who had been killed because of their faith in Christ now living and reigning with him in glory.

⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who share in

the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

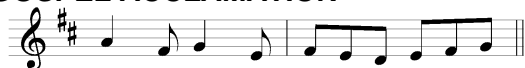
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Revelation 7:15



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

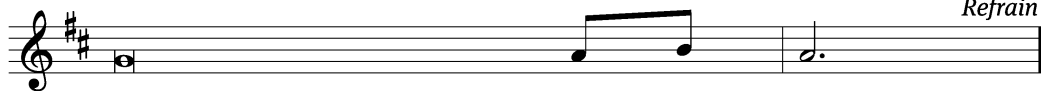


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tone



They are before the throne of God



and serve him day and night in his temple.

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GOSPEL

John 11:32–44

Jesus demonstrates his power over death.

³²When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴“Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” ³⁸Jesus,

once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹“Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

*We remember those saints who received their crowns of life
this past year through faith in Christ's triumph over death.*

For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;
**‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every
tear from their eyes.’** (Revelation 7:17)

Jane Garber March 18, 2023

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:42-43)

Donald Paul Bonkosky November 12, 2023

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (Job
19:25-26)

Sandra Lederer December 22, 2023

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent
me has eternal life and will not be condemned;
He has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)

Brent Hammar January 29, 2024

I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (*John 11:25-26*)

Beckie Pieper March 8, 2024

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (*2 Ti 4:7-8*)

Mildred Petersen March 16, 2024

Now if we died with Christ,
we believe that we will also live with him. (*Romans 6:8*)

Karen Sanchez July 18, 2024

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (*1 Corinthians 15:51-52*)

Karen Coakley September 6, 2024

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,
but whoever does not believe will be condemned. (*Mark 16:16*)

Howard Krahn September 24, 2024

Be faithful even to the point of death,
and I will give you the crown of life. (*Revelation 2:10*)

Bruce Scott October 13, 2024

Thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (*1 Corinthians 15:57*)

(Silent prayer of thanks to God for a loved one who has died in the Lord.)

Please be seated

SERMON

Isaiah 25:6-9

THE WEDDING SUPPER OF THE LAMB

1. A Better Banquet
2. A Better Miracle
3. A Better Invitation

Please stand

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH for All Saints

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

The reformers and confessors who faced the terror of church and empire but stood firm in your truth because they were moved by grace, empowered by faith, and guided by Scripture.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their courage.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Those we have known who endured uncommon handicaps, chronic illnesses, and severe hardships yet followed you in simple faith and lived their lives with patience and persistence.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their joy.

Special Intercessions

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, whom you have called in your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their reward.

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please fill out the “Welcome to Grace” register in your pew at this time!
Remember to mark if you are communing.

Please stand

PREFACE

CW 199

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

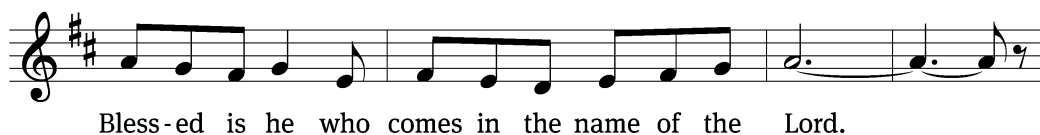
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in blessing his saints of the past has given us assurance and hope that, following their example, we may run the race marked out for us and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

CW 200



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

*In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.*

Please stand

THANKSGIVING & PROCLAMATION

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.
Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.
Amen.

Please be seated

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

Altar flowers are donated by Caroline Miller for the 2nd birthday of her granddaughter, Joy Zagara.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Worship: 8:00 AM – 142 – 10:30 AM – 158
Sunday School: Adults: 90 – Bible Basics: 15 – Children: 34
Midweek Bible Class: Tue: 18 - Wed: 8 - Fri: 11

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The November issue of *Forward in Christ* and Bible-reading and activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. There is no cleaning crew scheduled for November 9.
3. We can use more cookie donations for Sunday Fellowship time.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS... Please sign up for altar flower donations by filling out the Altar Flower binder in the narthex. Altar bouquets cost \$35 each. Enclose payment in a pink envelope (checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid) and place it in the collection plate.

SCRIPTURAL THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS & GREETING CARDS... are available for purchase before Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. The price per box varies this year. Proceeds support the ministry of Grace Ladies' Aid.

COMING SOON: 2025 Scriptural Calendars... there will be 25 available at \$9.00 each. Calendars should be available starting next weekend.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

TODAY : COMMUNION WORSHIP, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

Campus Ministry – First Sunday Feast

MON - Handbells, 6:15 PM

Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

TUE - Bible Class, 2:00 PM

WED - ABC: Adult Breakfast & Coffee, 8:30 AM

LES Early Release, 11:30 AM

Bible Class, 7:00 PM

THU - NO SCHOOL / AZ-CA Teacher Conference
 Elders, 3:00 PM
 FRI - NO SCHOOL / AZ-CA Teacher Conference
 Bible Class, 10:00 AM
 SUN - **WORSHIP, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**
 Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
 Ladies Aid, 11:30 AM (FH)

(FH = in Fellowship Hall)

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP...

ABC: ADULT BREAKFAST & COFFEE... We enjoy gathering for breakfast twice a month on Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome and we all pay for our own meals when we eat out. In November, we will **NOT** meet on the third Wednesday, instead we will meet Nov 27 at 8:25 AM at Grace for the Thanksgiving celebration and Grandparents' Day. (No Breakfast will be served. Coffee & pie will be served after the activities.) Sign up by contacting Pat Walker by text, voice or email at numbers and address below. You may also sign up on the registration sheet in the narthex - please include the names of all who will attend. If this is the first time you will be attending, please include a mobile phone number which may be used for text messages, or include a landline. **Pat Walker - 480-717-0131 - patwalker1950@gmail.com**
Next Meeting: November 6 at 8:30 AM - Village Inn at 9490 W Northern

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$968,775.00 by 6/30/2025.**

Week ending 10/27/2024:

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| Weekly Need: | 16,500.00 |
| Weekly Actual: | 16,704.43 |
| Weekly +/-: | +204.43 |

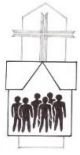
YTD 7/1/2024 through 10/27/2024:

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| YTD Need: | 307,500.00 |
| YTD Actual: | 253,578.88 |
| YTD +/-: | -53,921.12 |

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Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

THE WEDDING SUPPER OF THE LAMB

Isaiah 25:6-9

What wedding account is the wedding supper of the Lamb being compared to throughout the sermon?

How is the wedding supper of the Lamb a better banquet? How is the Lord's Supper a foretaste to the full-taste of heaven?

How is the wedding supper of the Lamb a better miracle? How is the foretaste of the Lord's Supper a foretaste to the full-taste of heaven?

How is the wedding supper of the Lamb a better invitation? How is the foretaste of the Lord's Supper a foretaste to the full-taste of heaven?

Do you think the account of the wedding in Cana was included in view of the wedding supper of the Lamb? Do you feel that the miracle of turning water into wine as the first miracle has a connection to the miracle that will take place on the last day?
