

THANKSGIVING DAY

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REMEMBER THE LORD



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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.

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AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

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ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN: SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST

CW 508

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

VENITE

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
the heights of the hills are also his.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

CONFESSION

Before we enter into God's presence to give thanks to him for all his blessings, we confess our sins and our unworthiness.

Forgive us, Lord, for we have received your gifts without being grateful, abused your gifts and your creation, and have rebelled against your ownership of all we have. Forgive us all our sins against you and against one another. Restore us by your grace and lead us to know and do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN: SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME

CW 558 sts. 1, 10



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise to Fa - ther, Son, and



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
Spir - it, the God who saved us by his grace; all glo - ry



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
to his mer - it! O tri - une God in heav'n a - bove, you



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
have re - vealed your sav - ing love; your bless - ed name be hal - lowed!

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:10–18

The LORD God calls on his people to remember him when he blesses them

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADES PreK-8

"All Depends on Our Possessing"

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:10–20

Paul displays contentment and encourages believers to remember how God will meet their every need

¹⁰I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment

and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

Jesus heals many but is thanked by one – a reminder to give thanks to God

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “**Go, show yourselves to the priests.**” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, “**Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?**” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “**Rise and go; your faith has made you well.**”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER *CW 609*

SERMON

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

REMEMBER THE LORD

Please stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation to the 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed

I believe that God created me and all that exists,
that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.
God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.
For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

During the prayer we will sing stanzas of hymn 624 as indicated.

Loving Father, you open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
May your name be praised and your grace glorified.

♪ **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration! ♪

Today we remember with joy the gifts you provide for us.
Again and again you pour on us all that we need for daily living: health, strength, companionship, and all our material blessings.

♪ **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning**
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all that's needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining? ♪

We thank you especially for the incomparable spiritual blessings you have given us through your Son.

It is true that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights.

Yet we are greedy and ungrateful. We complain and worry.
Forgive us for these and all our sins for Jesus' sake.

Prevent our many blessings from becoming Satan's trap to ensnare us.
Keep our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

♪ **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief
ever has failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade you. ♪**

On this Thanksgiving Day, pour out your Spirit on us.
Bless us all with a faith that seeks first your kingdom and your righteousness.

Assure us that you will supply all our other needs as well.
Make us bold to give as generously as you have given to us.

♪ **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do
as with his love he befriends you. ♪**

Be with your people wherever they might be on this holiday. Protect those who are traveling. Cheer the hearts of the lonely, comfort those who sorrow, and look with compassion on the poor and needy.
Fill us today and every day with a humble and grateful faith that sincerely says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

♪ **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him! ♪**

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OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please complete the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time.

Please stand

PRAYER

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, from you we have constantly received abundant good gifts and daily you have guarded us from all evil. Now we ask you to grant us the Holy Spirit, so that we may acknowledge with our whole heart all of this undeserved goodness. Grow and strengthen our faith so that today and every day we may praise your loving kindness and tender mercy. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

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.

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.

HYMN: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

CW 597

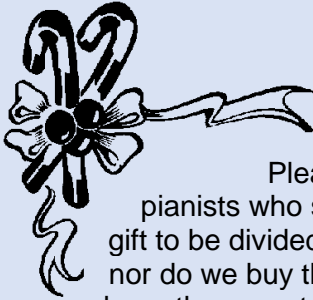
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Dear Grace Members:

Please show your thanks to the fine organists and pianists who serve us throughout the year by making a financial gift to be divided among our musicians. We do not pay our organists, nor do we buy their music for them. At this time of the year, we all have the opportunity to show them what a blessing they are to us!

Our organists in 2024 were:

Rachel Kulhanek
Jeff Wegner
Michael Wilde

Our pianists in 2024 were:

Lara Johnson
Stacey Hill

Checks (payable to Grace Ev. Lutheran Church with “Organist Gift” on the memo line) or Cash (in an envelope with your name and/or envelope # and “Organist Gift” written on the outside) may be placed in the offering plates or turned into the office by December 31st.



Thank you! And special thanks to our Organists and Pianists! We are very BLESSED to have such a talented group of musicians!

Sincerely,
Jon Scheel, President

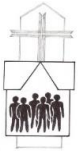




UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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Christmas Decorating (Saturday before Advent)	November 30, 8:00 AM
Ladies' Advent by Candlelight (Fellowship Hall)	December 1, 5:00 PM
A Night in Bethlehem (Fellowship Hall)	December 7, 9-12 AM
Portraits of Christmas (Sunday Morning Bible Class)	December 8, 15, 22 at 9:30 AM
Celebration of Christmas (featuring the choirs of Grace)	December 8, 4:00 PM
Christmas Caroling to Shut-Ins (with our choirs)	December 14, 1:00 PM
Children's Christmas Service (Thursday Evening)	December 19, 6:30 PM
Christmas Eve (Candlelight Services)	December 24 5:00 & 7:00 PM
Christmas Day (Wednesday - One Service)	December 25, 9:00 AM
History Behind the Hymns (Christmas Song Fest Bible Class)	December 29, 9:30 AM
New Year's Eve (Communion Service)	December 31, 6:00 PM



Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

REMEMBER THE LORD

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

What was happening in the context of our sermon text that made it important for God to remind his people not to forget him and his blessings in the future?

Much like the ancient Israelites we can often forget what God has done for us in the past and then fail to remember him in the present. Can you think of three things God has done for you in the past year that you were not expecting or that came as an answer to prayer?

The Lord wants us to remember him not just when life is going well but also when things are falling apart. How can remembering the Lord change our outlook when life unravels?

List three things that will bring you great joy this Thanksgiving? How can you remember the Lord as you rejoice in each of them?

List three things that will bring you sadness or frustration this Thanksgiving? How can remembering the Lord help you endure each of them?
