

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

November 6, 2022 - November 13, 2022

ALL SAINTS DAY &

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 11/6/22

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service

8:45AM Adult Forum

10:15AM Traditional Worship
with Children's Sunday School

4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY 11/7/22

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 11/8/22

12:00PM WELCA (Women's Group)

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 11/9/22

9:00AM Food Pantry Food Drive

11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

7:00PM Financial Support Team

THURSDAY 11/10/22

5:00PM Choir Rehearsal

6:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 11/11/22

10:30AM Grace Stitchers

7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 11/12/22

10:00AM Food Pantry Food Drive

SUNDAY 11/13/22

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service

8:45AM Adult Forum

10:15AM Traditional Worship
with Children's Sunday School

4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous



PANTRY REMINDERS

There will be no pantry this week. Grace Place Food Pantry is closed the first full week of each month.

Also, don't forget if you have some time on November 9th at 9:00am or November 12th at 10:00am, the pantry can use your help to unload some donations from local food drives.

NOVEMBER 6, 2022 ALL SAINTS DAY



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Rev. Althea Albright, Pastor ☩ Scott J. Breiner, Music Director

We welcome you to worship here at Grace!

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.
Our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship
red hymnal found in the pews.*

GATHERING

Thank you for joining with us today as we worship our Lord together! All are welcome in this place.

Please fill out a PRAYER CARD located in the pews if you have any prayer requests.

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Blessed Are Ye, Faithful Souls

by Johannes Brahms,
edited by Allen James

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God, our Creator, we come before you, knowing that you are always with us. You know us inside and out and all the places where we need to grow as people of God. Renew and refresh us so that we may feel your love, be ready to serve you, and love our neighbors. **Amen.**

Let us come before God with all of our imperfections ready to hear God's call for our lives.

Merciful and Forgiving God, **we acknowledge that we are not perfect. We turn away from you and we do not always follow your path. We are not always patient, or kind to our neighbors. We seek your will and we ask that you have mercy on us.**

Forgive us for what we have not done and for the things we have done which have hurt others. Renew our courage and strength so that we do not lose heart in following you. Lead us and refresh us so that you may show us a new vision for loving one another and for our ministry together. Amen.

People of God, Christ became human to know us and love us. God is with us through all of life's joys and frustrations. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, I declare that you are forgiven all of your sins, in the name of Almighty God, Son, and Holy Spirit.

May our God, uplift you and strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that you will find eternal love and everlasting life. **Amen.**



WELCOME VISITORS

VISITORS, WE WELCOME YOU!

If you are a visitor please see an usher in the rear of the sanctuary and you will receive a WELCOME BAG. Please fill out a VISITOR CARD in the pews if you are new to our church. Pastor Althea would love to meet you and get in touch with you.



Our Altar Flowers Sponsor today:

The Welfield Family
in memory of our loved ones.

Our Bulletin Sponsor today:

The Rahme Family
in loving memory of our parents,
Conrad and Lois Rahme.

We thank all those serving in worship today:

Reader: Ruth Bowden

Altar Guild: Brenda, Clare, Marleigh, and Ruth

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God* *see page 1 of insert*

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you are unable to come to the altar, you may remain seated and the pastor will bring you communion after everyone has come forward. Children may come forward to receive a blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth now to proclaim your love, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *For All the Saints* (verses 6 & 7) ELW #422

*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

POSTLUDE *Sine Nomine* by Arthur Hutchings

DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

May the peace of the Lord be with you always! We are glad
for your presence today. We hope you come again soon!

OPENING HYMN *For All the Saints* ELW #422
(verses 1, 3, & 5 **all**, verse 2 & 4 choir)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy* *Page 1 of insert*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God* *Page 2 of insert*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: JOB 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

L: A reading from Job:

“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 17:1-9

Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed | to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from | lying lips.
**Let my vindication come forth | from your presence;
let your eyes be | fixed on justice.**
Examine my heart, visit | me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- | ty in me.
**I have not regarded what | others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways | of the violent.**
My footsteps hold fast to your | well-worn path;
and my feet | do not slip.
**I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me;
incline your ear to me and | hear my words.**
Show me your marvelous | lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those
who | rise against them.
**Keep me as the apple | of your eye;
hide me under the shadow | of your wings,**
from the wicked | who assault me,
from my deadly enemies | who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

L: A reading from Second Thessalonians:

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite us all, with your body and blood. May all honor and glory be yours O Lord, both now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good. **Amen.**

P: God of tenderness, we give thanks for all who have died in the faith:

Dorothy P. Crawshaw
Martha June Becker
Grace V. Bilski
Elizabeth “Bette” M. Neupauer
Kirsten Kjaerulf-Hansen
Kathy L. Krattenmaker
Lois Rahme
Kelly A. Oswald
Nathaniel S. Moyer
Carol Traa Keates
Judy Landis
Roger Landis
John Connelly
Ruth Alburger
Peg Scwienk
Catherine “Kay” D. Clement Munson
Edward “Pipes” Stewart
Michael Accardi



Console our mourning spirits with the promise of eternal life and peace which goes beyond all understanding. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, accept these prayers and our prayers known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL: LUKE 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Althea Albright

The children will be dismissed following the children’s message for Sunday School and they will return for communion.

SERMON

Rev. Althea Albright

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW #423

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Forever I Praise Thee

by Johann Ludwig Freydt,
arr. by Karl Kroeger

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Create in Me a Clean Heart see page 3 of insert*

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. You are our
Creator and you bless us with all that we have. We are thankful for many
things in our lives. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad
and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need.
Bless our time, our talents, and all the offerings we give back to you for your
holy work, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United with all the saints across time and place, we pray for our church,
our community, and our world. *Brief silence.*

L: God of time and space, our faith has been passed down through the
generations. Bless new believers, catechumens, and any persons studying in
seminary, that they may share what they have first received. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

L: God of tempest and tide, our world is full of dazzling beauty and
terrible destruction. Protect us and protect all your creatures from hurricanes,
floods, earthquakes, and fires. Grant restoration in places where homes and
habitats have been lost. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

L: God of truth, raise up leaders with integrity, honesty, and compassion.
Unite our elected officials in shared goals that benefit and serve all people. Instill
in them hearts of justice, mercy, and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our
prayer.**

P: God of comfort, you sustain and guide your people when the way
forward is uncertain. Abide with all going through transitions at work, school, or
in their personal lives. Bring healing to those who are sick especially all those we
name now or in our hearts... Reassure us of your constant presence and your
peace in the midst of change. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

L: God of togetherness, deepen the relationships that are built in this place.
Form us as a community where tears of sorrow and shouts of joy can both be
shared. Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

