



November 17, 2024
9:30 AM Worship Service
The Twenty-sixth Sunday
after Pentecost



ALTAR FLOWERS

GIVEN BY:

Roberto Espitia, in
honor of his and Lucia's
Wedding Anniversary



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden

LSB #672
vs. 1-4

Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest—
The promise of salvation,
The place of peace and rest—
We know not, oh, we know not
What joys await us there:
The radiancy of glory,
The bliss beyond compare!

Within those walls of Zion
Sounds forth the joyful song,
As saints join with the angels
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them;
The daylight is serene;
The city of the blessed
Shines bright with glorious sheen.

Around the throne of David,
The saints, from care released,
Raise loud their songs of triumph
To celebrate the feast.
They sing to Christ their leader,
Who conquered in the fight,
Who won for them forever
Their gleaming robes of white.

△ O sweet and blessed country,
The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
That faithful hearts expect!
In mercy, Jesus, bring us
To that eternal rest
With You and God the Father
And Spirit, ever blest.

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Confession of Sins

P: Gracious God, we come to You confessing we have failed at many relationships.

C: We have let our pride get in the way of asking for forgiveness. We have put our own interests ahead of our family and friends. We have failed to take responsibility when we have hurt others. We have failed to show respect for those in authority over us. We have tried to control broken relationships rather than trusting You to help us mend them. We confess we have failed to live as people of grace, truth, and love. May we follow Your example by living at peace with one another and loving others as You have loved us. In the Name of Jesus, we pray.

P: "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." (*Psalms 103:12*). Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and cleansed.

Share Grace

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

- 1 "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book.
- 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
- 3 And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25

- 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,
- 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,
- 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

- 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
- 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
- 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
- 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:1-13

- 1 And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"
- 2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."
- 3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,
- 4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?"
- 5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray.
- 6 Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray.
- 7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet.
- 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.
- 9 "But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them.
- 10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.
- 11 And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.
- 12 And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.
- 13 And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

Message Song: Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus:

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

[Chorus]

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I, in my Savior, am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with God's goodness, lost in His love

[Chorus]

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"Signs of the Times" - Rev. Steve Roth

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.

Connection Points

Offering

Abide with Me

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

LSB #878
vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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Communion

O Come to the Altar

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

CHORUS (2x)

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
(Repeat)

CHORUS (2x)

As The Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

[Refrain]

You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

You're my friend and You're my brother
Even though you are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

[Refrain]

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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB #633
vs. 1-6, 8

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

P: "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Cor. 13:14)

C: AMEN

Sending Song: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB #918
vs. 1-3

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

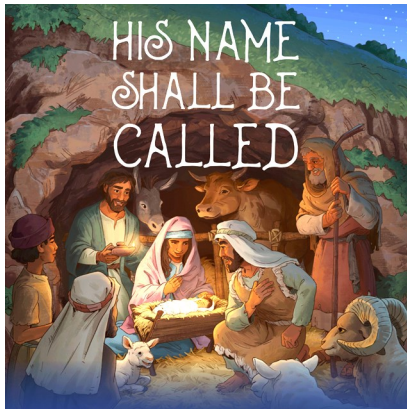
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On Wednesday, December 4th, 11th and 18th, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a series of Advent worship experiences entitled, *"His Name Shall Be Called"*. A devotional guide by the same name will be available for you, in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 17th. May the Lord bless your time of expectancy.

**WHERE PRESCHOOLERS
COME TO GROW**

**AND FAMILIES COME TO
CONNECT**

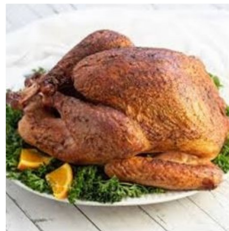
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**THE HOLY
SMOKERS ARE
SMOKING
AGAIN!**

**THANKSGIVING
TURKEYS, PORK
LOINS, AND
SAUSAGE...**



We are smoking whole turkeys (average 10-12 lbs.), turkey breast (average 6-8 lbs.), whole or half pork loins, and sausage (mild 14 ounce or spicy 12 ounce) on **Wednesday, November 27**.

Watch for the signup sheet in the Narthex or call Brian Rukavina 817-229-9703 or Ernie Owens at 817-247-0747.

Orders will need to be pre-paid at \$40.00 per whole turkey, \$35.00 for the turkey breast, \$40.00 for whole pork loin, \$20.00 for a half pork loin, and \$8.00 per ring of sausage or 2 for \$15.00.

Checks can be placed in the envelope attached to the signup sheet or cash can be given to Cynthia, Ernie, or Brian. **Make checks out to "Grace Lutheran Church", check memo: HOLY SMOKERS.**

Deadline to sign up for turkeys, pork loins and sausage will be after church service on Sunday, November 24.

We are planning pickup time for Wednesday, November 27, around 2:00 p.m. We will call you with an updated time.

Anyone interested in joining the Holy Smokers please join us Wednesday morning, on November 27, around 7:00 a.m.



Christmas Baskets

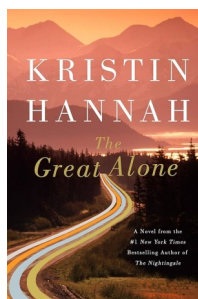
Sharing the love of Christ is what Christmas is all about and one way we can do that is **preparing Christmas baskets for our home bound families**. It is our way as a church of showing those we care about that God loves them and so does their church family. Our aim is to share God's love with 40 individuals/families.

If you could help us by signing up to provide us with specific items, that would be most appreciated. We will have sign up lists ready by the beginning of November. Our plan is to have all items brought to the church by Tuesday, November 26th. The baskets will be assembled on December 3rd. Thank you in advance for your help!

If you have any questions you can contact Alison Roth (718-885-5980); Nancy Helm (817-307-1961); Ellen Pelzer (516-408-0726); or Lisa Woolston (817-371-2901).

Book Club

The next meeting for our monthly book club will be **November 20**, at 2:00 p.m., at Ruth Brown's apartment. She can be reached at 817-274-8600 for more information.



We will be reading the book *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. This is a daring, beautiful, stay-up-all-night story about love and loss, the fight for survival, and the wildness that lives in both man and nature. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month and anyone is welcome to join us!



Advent Services on Wednesdays

- December 4, 11, 18 @ 6:30 pm
- Christmas Eve Service
- Tuesday, December 24 @ 6:30 pm
- Christmas Day
- Wednesday, December 25 @ 10:00 am — **"Lessons and Carols"**

~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - Fireside Room
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class - Meeting Room 2
- ♦ Biblical Parenting - Library
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) - Youth Shed
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 7-8) - Meeting Room 4
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-5) - Preschool Wing Classrooms
- ♦ Babies/Toddlers - Nursery

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
David Swille	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
Brian Bassett	S
Jim Schmidt	T-Z

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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 17, 2024

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes
- 10:45 AM Family Christmas Program Practice - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room
- 12:00 PM 'Round Tuit' Youth Fundraiser

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

- 7:30 PM Community Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

- 2:00 PM Book Club @ Ruth Brown's apartment: She can be reached at 817-274-8600 for more information. We will be reading the book *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.
- 6:00 PM Embrace Life Meeting- MR 2
- 6:30 PM **ESL Thanksgiving Party**
Our ESL ministry warmly invites you to a Thanksgiving celebration in the Gym! Join us for an evening of gratitude, fun, and community as we come together to support and get to know our incredible ESL students.
- 6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Thursday, November 21, 2024

- 3:00 PM Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - Braille: MR1
- 7:00 PM Braille (Shepherd of Life Group) - Braille: MR1
- 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting - Meeting Room 2

Saturday, November 23, 2024

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild

Sunday, November 24, 2024

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes
- 10:45 AM Family Christmas Program Practice - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room



ButterBraids Pick-Up!
The ButterBraids will be available to pick up on Sunday, November 17. Contact Laura Scott for more information (lscott@grace.lc or 817-274-1626).



COMMUNION NOTES

A traveling tray will be available for those who desire it.

We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- ♦ Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- ♦ Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- ♦ Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- ♦ Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service. If you're not ready to participate in the Lord's Supper with us, please feel free to come forward. Folding of your arms will indicate to the Pastors your desire to receive a blessing.

'ROUND TUIT' YOUTH FUNDRAISER: NOV. 17



Let us help you get 'round tuit!'

Have a few home projects that youth can help with (lawn projects, light bulb/smoke detector battery changes, something else)? Please let us know!

Here's how it works:

1. Fill out a 'Round Tuit.'
2. Return to Serena or place in her mailbox in the work room.
3. Serena will contact you to discuss timing and learn more about your project.
4. Youth will be assigned to your house with an adult and will help with the task you need help with.
5. Your free-will donation will go towards the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, benefiting our youth.
6. Added Bonus: you get to interact with our AMAZING young people and they get to interact with AMAZING you!

Contact Serena with questions at space@grace.lc or 817-274-1626, x 1002.