

Ain't It Great to Be a Saint!

**SAINTS TRIUMPHANT
3rd Sunday in End Time
November 14, 2021**



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WELCOME...

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
- *Check our website at www.graceglendale.org for more information.*
- *Please reserve **the BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.*
- *Ask an usher to receive a **RECEIVER** if you are in need of hearing assistance.*

OPENING HYMN: #255 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

**Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before thee;
Come thou also unto me.
Where we find thee and adore thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou;
Let it be thy temple now!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;
Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee
While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

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DIALOG FOR SAINTS TRIUMPHANT:

M: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:
“The LORD’s right hand has done mighty things!

C: **The LORD’s right hand is lifted high; the LORD’s right hand
has done mighty things!”**

ALL: **I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has
done.**

M: The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me
over to death.

C: **Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give
thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD, through
which the righteous may enter.**

ALL: **I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have
become my salvation.**

M: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: **The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and
be glad.**

ALL: **LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!**

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.

C: The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

ALL: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

SONG OF THE LITURGY: #370 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**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.**

**5. Oh, 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.**

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FIRST LESSON: The saints will shine like the stars in heaven.

Daniel 12:1-3 ¹“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

ADULT CHOIR: (8:00) I Will Sing

JUNIOR CHOIR: (10:30).....Christ Is with Me

SECOND LESSON: The saints in heaven will be reunited with the

saints on earth. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ¹³Brothers and sisters, we

do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ¹⁵According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

(please rise in honor of the words of Jesus)

GOSPEL LESSON: God the Son is the source of our sainthood status. John 5:25-29 ²⁵Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

RESPONSIVE READING: SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

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

M: Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,

C: But whoever does not believe will be condemned. (Mk 16:16)

•Camille Hoenes

January 5, 2021

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (*Job 19:25-26*)

• Peter Bauer

February 19, 2021

M: I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned;

C: He has crossed over from death to life. (*John 5:24*)

• Aleck Leon Foulks III

March 13, 2021

M: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (*John 11:25-26*)

• Raymond Lee Yeary

March 19, 2021

M: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (*2 Ti 4:7-8*)

• Chris Fredrick Hoenes

May 14, 2021

M: Now if we died with Christ,

C: we believe that we will also live with him. (*Romans 6:8*)

• Kevin Krahn

May 21, 2021

M: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

C: I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. (*Luke 23:42-43*)

• Jerrold Howard Rankin

May 22, 2021

M: 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.

C: For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (*1 Co 15:51-52*)

• Mary A. Davis

September 30, 2021

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

• Julie Anne Hensley

October 12, 2021

M: Be faithful even to the point of death,

C: **and I will give you the crown of life.** (*Revelation 2:10*)

(Please think of a loved one who has died in the Lord.)

HYMN OF THE DAY: #551 – For All the Saints

*(stanzas 1 & 2 – All; stanza 3 – Men; stanza 4 – Choir;
stanza 5 – Women; stanza 6 – Choir; **Stand** for stanzas 7 & 8 – All)*

**All: For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All: You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
And in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Men: Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Choir: Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Women: And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,**

**And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Choir: The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please stand.

**All: But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All: From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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SERMON: John 5:25-29

***The saints in heaven were made
while living on earth.***

1. They heard the voice of the gospel through faith.
2. They won't be amazed on the day of their bodily resurrection.

FIRSTFRUIT OFFERINGS TO OUR LORD

Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH for Saints Triumphant:

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you.
Saints and angels sing before you.

C: **We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY: p. 50



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

LORD'S PRAYER:..... p. 50

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen..... p. 50



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING:..... p. 51



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: #250 – From All that Dwell below the Skies

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal is your glorious Word. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS were donated by Veneva Lincoln and Alice Thiesfeldt in memory of their mother, Fern Lincoln.



Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 157; 10:30 AM – 152
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 139; 10:30 AM – 109
Sunday School attendance: Adults: Hall - 96; Rm 1 – 14; Children – 23
Tues. *Topics* Class: 14; Wed. *Ezekiel* Class: 8; Fri. *Proverbs*: 16
Senior ushers - 8:00 AM: Nicholas Lincoln
10:30 AM: Ian Walker & John Sullivan
Organist: Michael Wilde

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM;** Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
MON - Adult Choir, 7:00 PM; Praise Ringers, 8:00 PM
TUE - *Timely Topics* Bible class, 2:00 PM; Church Council, 6:30 PM
WED - ABC @ Denny's, 8:15 AM; Pub. Sch. Conf. Class, 6:30 PM; *Ezekiel* Class, 7 PM
FRI - *Proverbs* Bible Class, 10:00 AM
SAT - Super Saturday #3, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and November Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for November 20th will be captained by Terry & Karen Greening with Katie Greening; Ethan Baker; and Brian & Sara Cortez.



DIVINE CALL...Mr. Matt Groth, who teaches at ALA and is the husband of our 1st & 2nd grade teacher, Kris Groth, has received a call to teach at St. Jacobi Lutheran School in Milwaukee, WI. Keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates his Call.



SUPER SATURDAY #3 will be November 20th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Contact Alice Thiesfeldt at secretary@graceglendale.org or call 623-937-2010, ext. 301 to let her know whether or not you plan to attend. Childcare is available if requested.



COLUMBARIUM INFORMATION...The Columbarium Committee will present information to all interested members **TODAY** after second service and will answer any questions.



SCRIPTURAL GREETING, THANKSGIVING, & CHRISTMAS CARDS are available for purchase in the fellowship hall before Bible class this morning. Greeting cards can be purchased singly and by the box.



2022 SCRIPTURAL CALENDARS are available for purchase at the Greeting Card table at the back of the hall this morning. The cost is \$8.00 per calendar, and the proceeds will go toward a youth ministry here at Grace.



COLLEGE COOKOUT will be **TODAY** at 5:00 PM. Grace is hosting a Hamburger & Brats Cookout in our courtyard for WELS college students and their friends. Please talk to Pastor Jacobson if you need more information.



THANKSGIVING ALTAR FLOWERS...If you'd like to make a \$10 donation to help purchase our Thanksgiving altar bouquets, please sign the sheet in the narthex & enclose payment in the pink envelope (make checks payable to "Grace Ladies Aid"). Please mark if you'd like to take some flowers after the Thanksgiving service. An Altar Committee member will be in the sacristy to help split the bouquets.



THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE is Thursday, November 25th at 9:00 AM. Please note that there is only one service. Grace students (PK-8) will sing for this service and should meet in the Fellowship Hall by 8:40 AM to practice.



FOOD DRIVE...Grace Ev. Lutheran School's food drive will end **THIS Wednesday, November 17th, so there's not much time left!** Watch for supermarket sales! The following items are needed most, especially if they are **whole grain, low sodium, or low fat.**

CANNED FOODS:

Vegetables & Fruit
Beans & Meat
Tuna & Chicken
Soups & Stews

DRIED FOODS:

Rice (1 lb. bags)
Beans (1 lb. bags)
Pasta (1 lb. bags)
Cereal

MISC. ITEMS:

Peanut Butter
Jams & Jellies
Breakfast Bars
Juice

Check expiration dates on all items. Please do not donate expired items! **NO GLASS CONTAINERS, please!** Glass tends to break in transit, which not only makes a messy situation, but also a very hazardous one!



ABC IN NOVEMBER...The Adult Breakfast & Coffee group will meet on Wednesday, November 17th at Denny's, 5161 W Thunderbird Road at 8:15 AM. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so that adequate seating can be arranged. The morning will consist of a devotion, fellowship, and breakfast (on your own)!



CHURCH DECORATIONS will be put up after the 2nd service on November 28th. Please contact Steve or Patty Bischoff if you need more information.

LADIES AID MINUTES & DUES...The Minutes from the November Ladies Aid meeting are on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take one especially if you did not receive one via email. Also, if you have not already paid your dues, you may give them to Veneva Lincoln at any time. The suggested amount is \$20.



WOMEN'S ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT is scheduled for Sunday, November 28th at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. **Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex** so we know if there is still interest. You may Contact Bonnie Clark for more information.



DONATE FROM YOUR SMART PHONE! Scan this image using your phone's QR code reader! Contact Debbie at ext. 322 if you have any questions or need help with setting this up. Automatic or one-time deductions for offerings may also be accessed from the graceglendale.org site with the "Click Here to Donate Online" button.



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FINANCIAL UPDATE: Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$873,142.00 by 6/30/2022.**

Week ending 11/7/2021:

YTD 7/1/2021 through 11/7/2021:

Weekly Need:	16,000.00	YTD Need:	304,000.00
Weekly Actual:	18,650.25	YTD Actual:	314,804.08
Weekly +/-:	+2,650.25	YTD +/-:	+10,804.08

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



- **Thanksgiving Worship** – Thursday, November 25, 9:00 AM
- **Christmas Decorating** – Sunday, November 28, 11:30 AM
- **Super Saturday #4** – December 11th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- **Celebration of Christmas** – Sunday, December 12th, 6:00 PM
- **Children’s Christmas Service** – Sunday, Dec. 19th, 4:00 PM
- **Candlelight Services** – Friday, December 24th, 5:00 & 7:00 PM
- **Christmas Day** – Saturday, December 25th, 9:00 AM
- **Christmas Song Fest** – Sunday, December 26th, 9:30 AM
- **New Year’s Eve COMMUNION Service** – Friday, December 31, 2021, 6:00 PM



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 2021 were:

Denise Koehnlein	Terry Greening
Jeff Wegner	Michael Wilde

Our pianists in 2021 were:

Lara Johnson	Stacey Hill
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Checks (payable to **Grace Ev. Lutheran Church** with “Organist Gift” on the memo line) or Cash (in envelope with your name &/or envelope # and “Organist Gift” written on the outside) may be placed in the offering plates or turned in to 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,
Chris Kallies
President

