

The time in Between: A Time to Focus on Future Glory



All Saints' Day
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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 need hearing assistance.*
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THE SERVICE:.....Setting 2

HYMN: 882 WHAT JOY TO JOIN THE CHORUS

What joy to join the chorus,
to look in Jesus' eyes,
whose blood and suff'ring for us
have opened paradise,
where patriarchs are singing
and prophets raise the cry,
apostles, martyrs bringing
all praise to God Most High!

What love will then be shown us
when we with them appear!
They will not blush to own us
as brothers, sisters dear.
We all shall come before him
who for us man became,
as Lord and God adore him,
and ever bless his name.

There lovely harps are sounding,
upraising music's voice,
and there, in bliss abounding,
we shall in God rejoice.
The angels shall adore him,
all saints shall bring him praise,
and sing their hymns before him
for joyful, endless days.

There God shall from all evil
forever make us free,
from sin and from the devil,
from all adversity,
from sickness, pain, and sadness,
from troubles, cares, and fears,
and grant us heav'nly gladness
and wipe away our tears.

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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION

CW 172

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.**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: ALL SAINTS

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

Revelation 7:9–17

John's vision lets us see the church in heaven.

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For 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.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ADULT CHOIR	THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE	8:00
JUNIOR CHOIR	THANKSGIVING CANON	10:30

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1–3

Because we are children of God, we will be like Jesus in heaven.

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Refrain



and serve him day and night in his temple.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1–12

This Gospel is what it means to be saints in waiting.

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,

❖ Richard Kruse Miller

January 2, 2023

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)

❖ Robert Elmer Volz

February 10, 2023

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

❖ Adrienne June Siffring

June 17, 2023

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

❖ Wallace Clinton Wahlberg

August 8, 2023

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

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

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

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY: 880 FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may thy 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!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from 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

THE SAINTS GLORIFIED

1 John 1:1-3

- 1. What do we look like now?**
- 2. What will we look like then?**

(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

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.

JUNIOR HANDBELLS A THANKFUL HEART

10:30

(Please stand)

PREFACE

CW 183

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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 184



God of might. Heav-en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

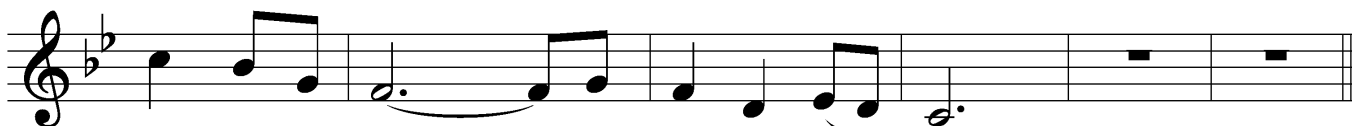
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

CW 186



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 883 BEHOLD A HOST, ARRAYED IN WHITE

Behold a host, arrayed in white,
like thousand snow-clad mountains bright!

With palms they stand;
who is this band

before the throne of light?

These are the saints of glorious fame,

who from the great affliction came

and in the flood

of Jesus' blood

are cleansed from guilt and blame.

Now gathered in the holy place,

their voices they in worship raise;

their anthems rise

where God resides,

mid angels' songs of praise.

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
but now, how glorious they appear!

Those martyrs stand,

a priestly band,
God's throne forever near.
So oft in troubled days gone by,
in anguish they would weep and sigh;
at home above
the God of love
fore'er their tears shall dry.
They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
the heav'nly banquet of the blest;
the Lamb, their Lord,
at festive board
himself is host and guest.

O blessèd saints in bright array,
now safely home in endless day,
extol the Lord,
who with his Word
sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
you toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
rejoice and bring
your fruits and sing
before the throne of God.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
yes, make it myriad voices strong!
Let heaven ring—
to Christ the King
all praise and thanks belong!

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(Please stand)

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

PROCLAMATION

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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)

HYMN: 889 JERUSALEM THE GOLDEN

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest—
the sight of it refreshes
the weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not
what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare:
to sing the hymn unending
with all the martyr throng,
amidst the halls of Zion
resounding full with song.

O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!

O sweet and blessed country

that eager hearts expect,
where they who with their leader
have conquered in the fight
forever and forever
are clad in robes of white:
in mercy, Jesus, bring us
to that dear land of rest
where sings the host of heaven
your glorious name to bless.

The Christ is ever with them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory
the Church's voices blend,
the Lamb forever blessed,
the Light that knows no end.

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS were donated by Monica Assaker in observance of the birthday of her mother, Linda Streeter. Also, by Veneva Lincoln and Alice Thiesfeldt in memory of their mother, Fern Lincoln.

Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 142 10:30 AM – 153 4:00 PM – 121
Sunday School attendance: Adults – 92 Children – 25
Midweek Adult Bible Classes: 41
Senior ushers – 8a: Jon Floerke/Nick Lincoln
10:30a: Alan Borchardt/Todd Rovey/Drew Oliphant
Organist/Violinist: Michael Wilde Cellist: Rachel Kulhanek

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Don Bonkosky
Janet Brussman
Dixie Carpenter

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

TODAY: Communion Service, 8:00 & 10:30a, Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30a, Tacos & a Topic w/ West Valley Campus Ministry in the fellowship hall, 11:45a

MON- Handbells, 6:15p; Choir Practice, 7p

TUE - Bible class, 2p; Ladies Aid, 7p

WED- Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30p; Bible Class, 7p

THUR- Council reports and newsletter articles due

FRI- Bible Class, 10a; LES Veteran's Day Celebration, 2:15p

SUN- Worship, 8:00 & 10:30a; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30a

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and October 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. The cleaning crew for November 11th will be captained by Ethan Baker with Brian and Sara Cortez, Kevin Thompson, and Thomas and Debbie Schulz.

TODAY...West Valley Campus Ministry: All college-age adults are welcome to join Pastor Jacobson in the fellowship hall for Tacos & a Topic (The age of AI and how this affects us as Christians) at 11:45a.

GARY QUAMME MEMORIAL... will be held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 6300 N Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ. The service will be on Saturday, November 11th, and begin at 10:30a.

THANK YOU...The Lederer family would like to thank the congregation for their prayers and many cards to Sandra. Please continue to pray for Sandra and her family.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT... Christmas will be here before we know it! What better way is there to start the Advent season than preparing our hearts with Advent by Candlelight on Sunday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m. All women are invited to come! If you are willing to host a table, be a reader, share your musical talents, or plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

WELS NATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL LIVESTREAM... WLC is hosting the 2023 Festival, with over 500 WELS Choral students attending. Two concert performances will take place in the Time of Grace Center, located in the Recreation Complex in Milwaukee, WI. A Pops Concert on November 3 at 5:00 PM Arizona Time and a Sacred Concert on November 5 at 2:00 PM Arizona Time. Both concerts will be live-streamed. For links to the live stream, visit the Grace website at <https://www.graceglendale.org/WELSchoral>

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.

THANKSGIVING ALTAR FLOWERS... If you would like to make a \$10 donation to help purchase our Thanksgiving altar bouquets, please sign the sheet in the narthex and enclose payment in the pink envelope (make checks payable to "Grace Ladies Aid") You may drop the envelope in the offering plate or give it to Rebekah Frear. Please mark if you would like to take some flowers after the Thanksgiving service. An Altar Committee member will be in the sacristy to help split the bouquets.

2024 SCRIPTURAL WALL CALENDARS... are available for purchase in the Fellowship Hall before Bible Class for \$9.00 each. The proceeds support the Grace Ladies' Aid.

SCRIPTURAL THANKSGIVING CARDS, CHRISTMAS CARDS, AND

GREETING CARDS... are available for purchase before Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Cards are \$6.00 per box or \$1.00 per card. Proceeds support the ministry of Grace Ladies' Aid.

MLC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES... Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a full-time Director of Financial Aid, a full-time Director of Alumni Relations, and part-time Assistant Coaches in baseball and tennis. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$947,436.00** by **6/30/2024**.

Week ending 10/29/2023:		YTD 7/1/2023 through 10/29/2023:	
Weekly Need:	15,000.00	YTD Need:	308,800.00
Weekly Actual:	11,382.79	YTD Actual:	306,637.93
Weekly +/-:	-3,617.21	YTD +/-:	-2,162.07