

*Live Like You'll Live
Forever⁺*

LIVE FREE FROM THE FEAR OF JUDGMENT



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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...

Preaching Minister: Pastor Sellnow

Liturgist: Pastor Jacobson

Senior ushers: 8:00 AM – Bruce Rademacher / Scott Gillespie
10:30 AM – Owen Beilke / Nash Beilke / Todd Rovey

Organist: Michael Wilde

A/V Team: 8:00 AM – Mark Breiling / Jon Scheel
10:30 AM – Paul Sullivan

ABOUT THE THEME

How do we overcome the fear of judgment? It begins by realizing that there is only one person whose opinion ultimately matters—the Judge. Everyone is going to live forever in one of two very different places. Where you spend eternity depends on a judgment that Jesus will render. This week we see why his judgment need not trigger any sort of anxiety. Judgment day is something we can joyfully anticipate. We can live free from the fear of judgment.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Setting 1 (CW 154)

HYMN: PRAISE TO YOU, ETERNAL FATHER

CW 952

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

Amen.

CONFESSION

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. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

ABSOLUTION

CW 154

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



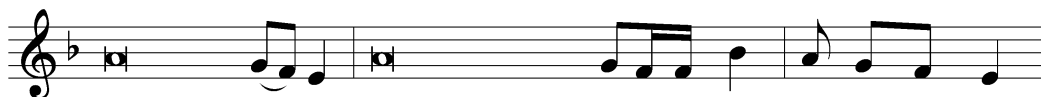
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



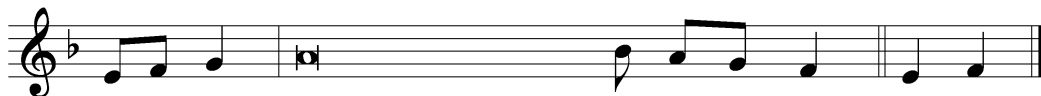
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before 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

Daniel 12:1–3

The prophet Daniel foretells that the world will get worse and then judgment day will come. All whose names are written by Christ in his book of life need not fear that judgment.

¹At 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRACE NOTES (8:00)
ADULT CHOIR (10:30)

"He's Been Faithful"
"How Beautiful"

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24–28

We can live free of the fear of God's judgment because of the sacrifice our high priest made.

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

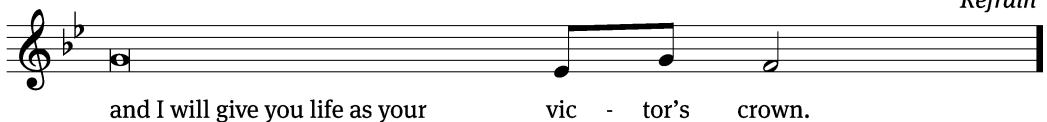
Revelation 2:10



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

John 5:25–29

God the Father has given Jesus Christ the authority to judge.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

CW 318

SERMON

John 5:25–29

IN JESUS WE HAVE LIFE

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

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Special Intercessions

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.
Amen.

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.

Please stand

PREFACE

CW 165

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.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. 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 167



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

CW 169



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

*In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.*

HYMN: SINCE OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST, CHRIST JESUS

CW 546

Please stand

THANKSGIVING & PROCLAMATION

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

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

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

Flowers are donated by Gwen Jeffery for her son, Don Jeffery's birthday.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:

Worship: 8:00 AM – 130 – 10:30 AM – 120

Sunday School: Adults: 87 – Bible Basics: 14 – Children: 27

Midweek Bible Class: Tue: 20 Wed: 10 Fri: 10

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

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OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The November issue of *Forward in Christ* and Bible-reading and activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the cleaning crew that cleaned yesterday. The team scheduled for November 23 is led by Konrad & Ruth Lincoln, with Brady & Justine Cherney, Christie Hutchinson, Nicholas Lincoln, Mike & Christine Natale, Alice Thiesfeldt, and Melina Thiesfeldt.
3. We can use more cookie donations for Sunday Fellowship time.

MISS MICHAEL WILDE... is currently holding a call from Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine, MN to teach 1st & 2nd grades. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates this call as well as her current call here at Grace teaching our kindergarteners and serving our congregation as an organist/musician.

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.

SCRIPTURAL THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, & GREETING CARDS, AND 2025 CALENDARS... are available for purchase before Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. The price per box varies this year. Proceeds support the ministry of Grace Ladies' Aid.



Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

Over 60 members just completed our Fall Session of Grace Groups and the response has been amazing! We will resume with our Spring Session in February – watch

for sign-ups coming in January. We'd like to include more members in the spring. For that, we'll need more people to serve as group facilitators. Easy, fun and fulfilling, if you'd like to learn more about being a facilitator, speak to Don Petersen or one of the pastors. In the meantime, pastors will continue to provide sermon-based questions on the back cover of the bulletin. We hope you find that helpful with your own sermon preparation, meditation or family devotions.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

TODAY : COMMUNION WORSHIP, 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

MON - Handbells, 6:15 PM

Choir Practice, 7:00 PM

TUE - Bible Class, 2:00 PM

Church Council, 6:30 PM (FH)

WED - ABC will NOT meet today; Bible Class, 7:00 PM (FH)

FRI - NO Bible Class

SUN - **WORSHIP, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

ABC: ADULT BREAKFAST & COFFEE - ABC will NOT meet on November 20, but ABC WILL MEET on November 27 for the Thanksgiving celebration at Grace Lutheran School for Grandparents' Day.

OTHER EVENTS COMING UP...

GRANDPARENTS' DAY AT SCHOOL – NOVEMBER 27

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP, NOV 28, 9:00 AM ... Grades PreK-8th will sing

WOMEN'S ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT... All ladies and young ladies, 3rd grade and older, are invited to our Women's Advent by Candlelight service on **Sunday, December 1, at 5:00 PM**. Appetizers will be served at 5:00, with the service starting at 5:30. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Thank you!



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE... will be held at **6:30 PM on Thursday, December 19**. All Grace children of the appropriate ages in the congregation are welcome to participate and may join us for any or all of the practices. Packets are available on the school table in the narthex for public school families that wish to participate. We will not be having any Sunday practices this year. All practices are at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. The dates that we will be practicing for the Christmas Service are: December 6, 13, 16, and 17. There will be a dress rehearsal at 8:15 AM on December 18. Please contact Mr. Kulhanek with any questions.

NEW GREETERS SIGN-UP... Attention all Greeters, a new sign-up for January thru April is in the narthex. Take a few minutes to sign-up for your turn(s) to help welcome all who walk thru our doors for Sunday worship. Once the sign-up is complete, you will receive a completed copy. Thank you!



FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$968,775.00 by 6/30/2025**.

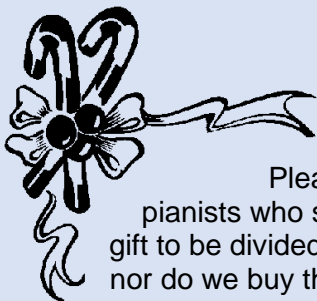
Week ending 11/03/2024:

Weekly Need:	18,000.00
Weekly Actual:	14,760.57
Weekly +/-:	-3,239.43

YTD 7/1/2024 through 11/03/2024:

YTD Need:	346,500.00
YTD Actual:	284,486.20
YTD +/-:	-62,013.80

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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:

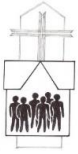
Lara Johnson
Stacey Hill

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



Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

IN JESUS WE HAVE LIFE

John 5:25–29

What is the difference between the first resurrection and the second resurrection that Scripture speaks of?

How does the truth of the first resurrection change how we view the following things in this life here in earth: sin, trouble, loss, death?

Who will Jesus raise to life on the Last Day? What two final destinations await? How does this shape our focus in this life?

Why does Jesus highlight good and evil deeds when discussing the final judgment? Does this contradict the Bible's clear teaching elsewhere that we are saved by grace alone? (For example: John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9)

What will our bodies be like in eternity? How does that truth help you right now?

Why will heaven never get boring?
