

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

November 3, 2024—November 10, 2024

All Saints Sunday 11/3/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship
8:45AM Adult Forum
10:15AM Traditional Worship
4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY 11/4/24

10:00AM Clergy Bible Study
**11:00AM 100th Anniversary Meeting
at A. C. Country Club**
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 11/5/24

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 11/6/24

11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
5:45PM Heather Croft HOA
6:00PM Alateen
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 11/7/24

12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 11/8/24

**10:30AM Rep from Seaman's Institute
to Collect Items**
7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 11/9/24

**9:30AM Food Pantry Delivery from
St. Joe's Parish**

25th Sunday of Pentecost 11/10/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service
8:45AM Adult Forum Group
10:15AM Traditional Worship
**Fellowship Hour Sponsored by
Facilities Committee**
4:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Tues 10:00AM-3:00PM

Thurs-Fri 10:00AM-3:00PM

SHORE DINER

Present this bulletin on a Sunday
and Shore Diner will donate 20% to Grace
Lutheran Church. Present this on
any other day, and we will donate 10%.

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November 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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 us as we worship our Lord together!

INTRODUCTION

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come, at the table with all saints of the past, present, and future.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

LITANY FOR GATHERING

The church is not a building, **The church is not a steeple;**

The church is not a resting place, **The church is a people!**

PRELUDE

Give Thanks for Saints by Robert J. Powell

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for

Home Reading of the Week:

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

100th Anniversary Gala

December 15 at 12:30 PM at the Atlantic City Country Club

\$35 per person

Reservations and payment can be made by signing up in the narthex or calling the church office at 609-927-3082.

*Payment is due by November 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING**BLESSING**

We serve a resurrected Lord, who calls both the living and the dead to new life. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

For All The Saints
VERSES 5, 6, & 7

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

POSTLUDE

For All The Saints by Arthur Hutchings

DISMISSAL Go in peace and follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!*

We thank all those serving in worship today:
Reader: Ruth Bowden

The flowers sponsor this week is: Kathi Krattenmaker, in memory of loved ones, from the Krattenmaker Family.



The bulletins sponsor this week is: Clare Brick.

all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Shall We Gather At The River

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GREETING

Beloved, remembered by God and remembering both the call and the promises of God: the everlasting love of the Father, the gift of the Son, and the strength of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

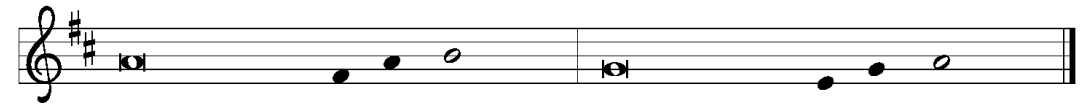
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Take a brief moment to share the peace by greeting someone sitting near you. Verbal greetings are appropriate if you are not comfortable shaking hands or touching.

Please be seated.

PSALM 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all ¹ that is in it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

² **For the LORD has founded it up- ¹ on the seas
and established it up- ¹ on the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain¹ of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's¹ holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and puri-¹ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by¹ what is
false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing¹ from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of¹ their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek¹ you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O¹ God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹lasting doors,
that the King of glory¹ may come in.

⁸ **Who is this¹ King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might-¹y in battle!**

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹lasting doors,
that the King of glory¹ may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this¹ King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the¹ King of glory.**

READING : Isaiah 25:6-9

A prophet's vision of the last days.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together, we pray as our Lord taught us, saying:

**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

Saints of God, taste and see that the Lord is good. **Happy are they who
trust in the Lord.**

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God* *white booklet page 4*

COMMUNION HYMNS *In Our Day of Thanksgiving*

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW #429

ELW #428

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will
invite worshippers forward to fill the altar railings. Once you have received
the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, place your empty cup in the
tray and return to your pew. As places open up, worshippers will fill them in
so that communion is a continuous process. If you do not wish to receive
communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First
Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing; as you kneel
at the railing, cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the
pastor.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, **you have spread before us a feast of rich food and
drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with
you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you
have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Let us pray; Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to John the 11th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank

you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

For all The Saints
VERSES 1, 2, 3, & 4

ELW #422

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 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

We Will Remember Them
Soprano: Ruth Bowden

by Ian Higginson

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Create in me a Clean Heart* WOV page 732

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, **you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the**

stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

Please be seated.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS (service music)

ELW #237

Please note that lines of music will be added, following the commemoration of early Church saints, to remember the saints of Grace Lutheran who have entered life eternal this past year, and those who were confirmed and received 1st communion. The response will follow the pattern set i.e. "Thanks be to God."

MEMBERS OF GRACE

*John P. Dunn
*Carol A. Kearney
*Dr. Robert D. Carlson
*Frederick (Fritz) Foster
Pam LaSpina
Robert F. Traa
John Brick

FRIENDS & LOVED ONES OF GRACE

*Rev. Nancy E Betz
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*Anthony Desiderioscioli
*Sally Dietz
*Gwendolyn R. Freed
*Harold Hoffman
*Anne Louise
Margot Carey
Jacquelin Pitts
Patrick Syx
Alexander Toth
Gerogan Toth
Doris Venuti

FIRST COMMUNION AT GRACE

Nathan J. Bilello
Zander N. Bilello

CONFIRMED AT GRACE

Alexander J. Piskun
Zavier D. Shea

*Entered the Church Triumphant within the last year.