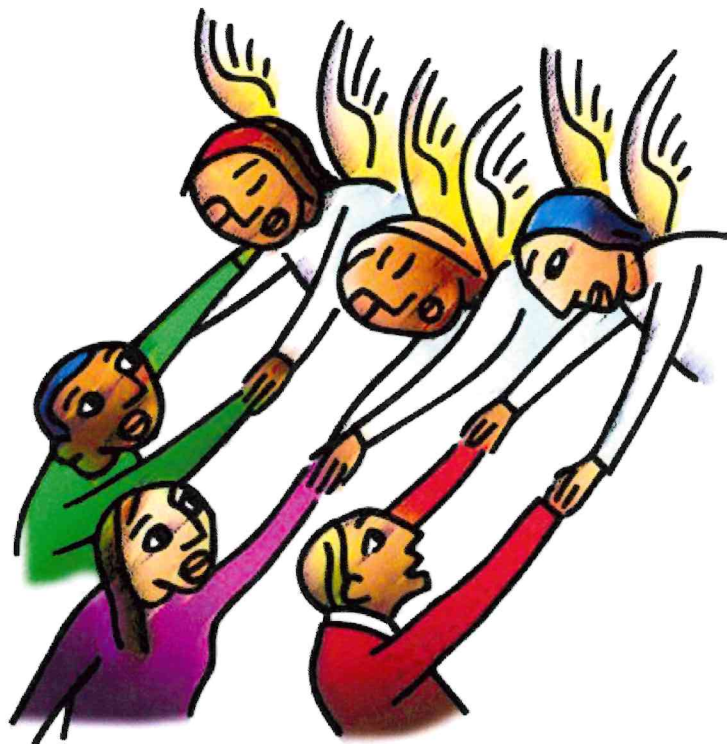


November 9, 2025 22nd Sunday After Pentecost



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

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

PRELUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

by Wilbur Held

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from You. We are stuck in sin that oppresses and we do not embrace the freedom given in your faithful promises. Forgive us, Lord. Repair our relationships, restore all that is broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, + in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
Verse 1, 2, 4 ALL, Verse 3 CHOIR

ELW #619

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

ELW S156

HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW S159

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please be seated.

PSALM 17:1-9 *(spoken)*

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; give heed to my cry;
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² **Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ **I have not regarded what others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.**
- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path;
and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶ **I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who
rise against them.
- ⁸ **Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- ⁹ from the wicked who assault me,
from my deadly enemies who surround me.

READING: Job 19:23-27a

Job suffers the loss of children, wealth, and health. Accused by his companions of wrongdoing, he knows himself to be innocent. Here, in the

midst of his suffering, Job clings to the radical hope that his vindicator, his redeemer, lives; and that one day he himself will see God.

- ²³ “O that my words were written down!
 O that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead
 they were engraved on a rock forever!
²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives
 and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed,
 then in my flesh I shall see God,
^{27a} whom I shall see on my side,
 and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Allelujah!

P: Lord, to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life. Allelujah!

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.”

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

Please stand as you are able.

THE APOSTLE’S 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 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* by Johann Michael Bach

*I know that my redeemer lives,
And he will raise me up on the last day.*

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

ELW #693 verse 1

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving, what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him, who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *Brief silence.*

At the end of each prayer petition when the worship assistant or pastor says, "Hear us, O God," please respond with "Your mercy is great."

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION (*Setting Five*)**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

ELW S161

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

ELW S162

WORDS OF INSTITUTION**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ELW S163

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

COMMUNION HYMN*Lamb of God*

ELW S164

COMMUNION HYMN*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*

ELW #619

Verse 5 & 8 ALL, Verse 6 WOMEN, Verse 7 MEN

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 container on your way to return to your pew. 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.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW #867

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

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

by J. S. Bach

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the harvest.
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:
Worship Assistant: Shirley Blankenship



The flowers sponsor this week is: Gay Rowland, “May God bless Cynthia on her 41st birthday.”

Home Reading of the Week: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

This portion of the letter provides encouragement for the church at Thessalonica during a time of confusion and opposition, as some allowed their concern over Jesus’ imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Grace Place Food Pantry will be receiving donations from St. Joseph's Catholic Church Food Drive, on **Saturday, November 15 at 10:00 AM.**

Volunteers are needed to help receive these items and restock the food pantry. If you are able to help, you may let Jim Cordery know, or just come to the church parking lot on Dawes Avenue at 10:00 on November 15.



COOKIE WALK HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of bakers for our 18th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on December 13! If you are willing and able to bake for this, please sign up in the narthex before or after church so we know what we can expect. We need cookies galore, as it usually sells out within the first hour!

Last year the White Elephant table nearly sold out, so we are greatly in need of an inventory replenishment. If you have any gently used Christmas decorations or kitchenware you no longer need or want, we can definitely use them!

Helpers are needed the day before the Cookie Walk to receive and organize trays of cookies and baked goods. Helpers are also needed the day of the event. If you or anyone you know would be interested in a vendor table, please let us know. Only \$25 per table!

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a vendor table, please contact Heidi Toth 609-233-4156 or Sandy Piskun 609-226-5591.



WELCA is asking for donations of children's hats, gloves, and mittens, to be collected throughout the months of November and December. These items will then be donated in January to an elementary school for children who are in need or who lose them this winter.



CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING & CAROLING
Thursday, December 11 4:00-5:30 PM



4:00-5:00 PM: Meet in the Fellowship Hall to make ornaments and enjoy hot cocoa and cider.

5:00-5:30 PM: Christmas Tree Lighting outside with caroling.

HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

November 9, 2025–November 16, 2025

22nd Sunday of Pentecost 11/9/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship
8:45AM Adult Forum
10:15AM Traditional Worship

MONDAY 11/10/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 11/11/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
12:00PM WELCA

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

WEDNESDAY 11/12/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge
6:00PM AA Book Study
6:30PM Compassionate Friends
7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 11/13/25

9:00AM-11:30AM Food Pantry
2:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous
5:00PM Choir Rehearsal
6:00 AA 12-Step
7:00PM Al-Anon
7:00PM Antique Collector's Club

FRIDAY 11/14/25

10:30AM Grace Stitchers
7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 11/15/25

7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers
**10:00AM Food Pantry Delivery
from St. Joe's**

23rd Sunday of Pentecost 11/16/25

8:00AM Spoken Worship
8:45AM Adult Forum
10:15AM Traditional Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

This week:

Mon-Tues 10:00-3:00

Wed 10:00-1:00

Thurs 10:00-1:00

Fri 10:00-3:00

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