Grace Lutheran Church

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1, 2026

"Rejoice and be glad, for
your reward is great in heaven,
for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets
who were before you."
~ Matthew 5:12

Service of Holy Communion
All Saints Sunday

(*) the assembly may stand
Congregation speaks responses in bold

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (*Presiding Minister)*

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

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

***<u>GATHERING HYMN</u> "All My Hope on God Is Founded!"**
ELW 757

***<u>GREETING</u>** *(Presiding Minister)*
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.

<u>CANTICLE OF PRAISE</u> **ELW PG. 140-141**

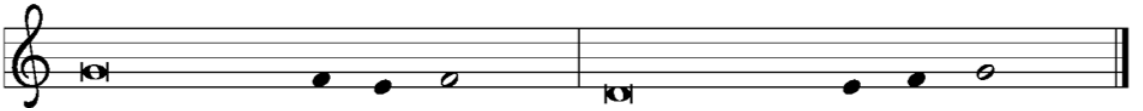
***<u>PRAYER OF THE DAY</u>** *(Presiding Minister)*
Let us pray.
A brief silence is kept before the prayer.
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, 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.

Reading continues next page

<u>FIRST READING</u>: Revelation 7:9-17
A reading from Revelation.
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with
palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the
Lamb!" 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the
elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before
the throne and worshiped God, 12 singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory
and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to
our God forever and ever! Amen." 13 Then one of the elders addressed
me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they
come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then
he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship
him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the
throne will shelter them.

16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not
strike them, nor any scorching heat,17 for the Lamb at the center of the
throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the
water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ANTHEM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

The psalm for the day is sung responsively.

1 I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 **I sought the LORD, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
5 Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
9 Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.
22 O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

1 See what love the Father has given 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. [2] Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. [3] And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

FAMILY MESSAGE Anne Corti, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Elementary children are welcome to join our teachers in Hillmer Chapel for a short, fun-filled lesson on the Gospel text. The children will exit as a group after Family Message and return as a group during the Peace. Parents are always welcome to join.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** **ELW PG. 142**

***GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[1] When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. [2] And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

[3] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4] "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
[5] "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
[6] "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
[7] "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
[8] "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
[9] "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
[10] "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

SERMON Rev. Jennifer S. Michael

***HYMN OF THE DAY "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" ELW 424**

CREED *(Assisting Minister)*
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith…

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Assisting Minister)*

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Lord God, you call your people to honor those in authority. Help us this week as we approach the mid-term elections to seek out trustworthy leaders, participate in wise decisions for our common life, and serve our neighbors in local communities. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness, especially… Vincenza, Monica, Tricia, Darlene, Kathy, Annette, and Adam. We also pray for those we name aloud now or those we name silently in our hearts.

A brief moment of private petitions is observed.

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, especially…

A single bell will ring after each name.

Lucia Stevens
David Frost
Sharon Sletkolen
Maggie Scott

We also lift up silently in our hearts the names of those saints we remember in our own lives that continue to serve as reminders of the cloud of witnesses that surround us…

God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *(Presiding Minister)*

At this time, the assembly is invited to come forward with their "Plan for Giving" cards and also to light a candle in honor of a saint from your lives that continues to serve as a witness to the promise from God that we are all one in the body of Christ perpetually supporting the church and one another.

If you are not able to come up to the altar, please ask an usher to bring you the offering plate to your seat.

PEACE *(Presiding Minister)*

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING ANTHEM "For All the Saints" by Kevin McChesney
Joyringers

***OFFERING PRAYER** *(Assisting Minister)*

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***DIALOGUE** (*Presiding Minister) Sung responsively*

The Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***
Lift up your hearts. ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE** (*Presiding Minister)*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW PG. 144 "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(Presiding Minister)*

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER** *(Assisting Minister)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray…
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** *(Presiding Minister)*

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Believing in Jesus Christ, we invite ALL to the sacrament of Holy Communion. Receive the host, then take one of the small cups. Wine is the outer rings and grape juice is the inner rings. Gluten-free wafers are available. Follow the directions of the ushers to return to your pew leaving cups in bowls provided.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD **ELW PG. 146**

COMMUNION ANTHEM "Welcome Table" by Mark Hayes
Choir

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING** *(Presiding Minister)*
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *(Assisting Minister)*

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION** (*Presiding Minister)*

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 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" ELW 659**

***DISMISSAL** (*Assisting Minister*)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church!

GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Grace is a place of faith, hope and healing for ALL.

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced,
LGBTQ+, rich, poor, black, brown or white.
We extend a special welcome to crying newborns, squirming children,
and frazzled moms and dads.
We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some of us,
who can't carry a note in a bucket.
You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", just woke up or just got out of jail.
We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Martin Luther,
or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

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We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet,
and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.
We welcome starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians and junk-food eaters.
We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.
We welcome you if you're having problems, down in the dumps
or if you don't like "organized religion",
we've been there too.

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We offer a special welcome to those who are left-wing, right-wing, or middle of the road.
If you are here only because you are visiting grandma
and she wanted you to go to church with her, we welcome you.
We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both.
We welcome those in flip flops or three-piece suits.

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We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now.
We welcome vacationers, snow-birds, year-rounders, seekers, doubters....and you!
We welcome you to Grace Lutheran Church,
because we are a "house for all sinners and saints",
Gathered by the grace of God.

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Connecting People to People, People to Christ,
and People to their role in the world

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