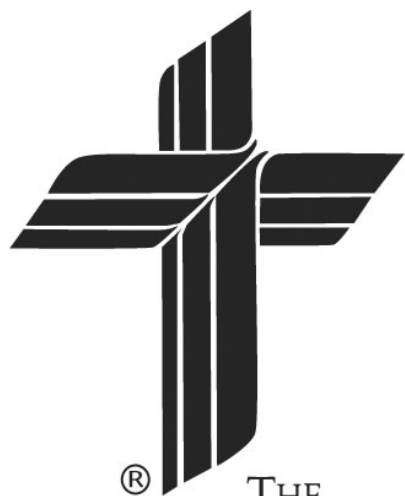


**OCTOBER 27, 2024
REFORMATION SUNDAY**



THE
**LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
Missouri Synod

**Sunday Worship
9:00AM
Sunday School
& Bible Class
10:30AM**

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"Caring For People By Connecting Them With Christ Jesus"

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN as we gather for worship of our loving God, who spared not His own Son, but put Him upon the cross in payment for our sins. May all that we give and receive this day resound to His honor and glory. Members and especially GUESTS are urged to complete the registration card located in the pew rack. If you are visiting with us, we cordially invite your return. Our Pastors will be happy to speak with you.

**THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE – LSB page 184
+ In Nomine Jesu +**

The Sacrament of the Altar will be celebrated today. Grace Lutheran practices closed communion, for God's Word teaches and we believe that communicants receive the very body and the very blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine. God's Word also teaches and we believe that one who eats and drinks while denying the real presence and the benefits and blessings of the Sacrament, eats and drinks judgment upon himself. As the Christian Church is charged with the responsibility of "stewardship of the mysteries of God," we therefore ask that all who are not communicant members of Grace Lutheran please speak with one of our Pastors before communing. Our Pastors will assist you in becoming a communicant member through instruction in all the articles of faith, give you opportunity to publicly confirm your faith, and shepherd you as a member in good standing of this congregation. Those guests who are members in good stead of a sister Missouri Synod congregation and have previously spoken to our Pastors need only sign a communion card which is located in the pew. We trust that all will respect God's Word and our practice in accordance with its teachings.

THE PRELUDE – RINGING OF THE BELL

(Please Stand and Face the Processional Cross)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN **“Crown Him with Many Crowns ”** # 525
THE DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE (Left Column) page 184-185
The Introit (*Psalm 131; Antiphon: Psalm 130:1-2*)

P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

C: O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

P: O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

C: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

P: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

C: Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

P: O Israel, hope in the LORD

C: From this time forth and forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

P: Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!

C: O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

The Gloria Patri - Kyrie	page 186
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THE FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.”

THE ANTHEM

“God Alone Be Praised”
Ad Lucem – Zebulon M. Highben
Natasha Wawarosky on flute

Adult Choir

THE SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

(Please stand and face the Processional Cross. We sing the hymn verses printed below as the cross travels to the center of the congregation and as the Processional Cross returns to the Sanctuary following the Gospel Lesson.)

THE HYMN VERSE

“O Word of God Incarnate”

523 vs. 1

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high, O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky: We praise You for the radiance That from the hallowed page, A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:12-19

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! “But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their companions, and saying: ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not lament.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.”

THE HYMN VERSE

“O Word of God Incarnate”

523 vs. 2

O make Your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold, To bear before the nations Your true light as of old! O teach Your wand’ring pilgrims By this their path to trace, Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see You face to face!

The Nicene Creed		page 191
THE HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”</i>	# 656
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The Nunc Dimittis		page 199-200
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SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Elders – David Dahmann, George Breland, Maurie Graeber, Fred Hein
Acolyte – Jakob Hudson
Usher Team – Doug Brown
Organist – Rev. Lee Kunkel
Altar Guild Assistants – Ruth Schoppe (Communion Ware)
Barbara Maurer and Bev Jaster (Parameters)



Every Pastor worth his salt seeks to know the condition of his flock. Please make sure to inform the church office of any health-related issues in need of Pastoral care.

It is a blessed opportunity and privilege to serve the true Body and Blood of Christ to those saints unable to approach the altar. God continues to bring such saints to Grace. Therefore, we humbly ask worshipers to consider leaving the back row open for those needing Holy Communion brought to them in the Divine Service.

Today’s Radio Broadcast has been sponsored by Maudie Bates. In thankfulness for GOD’s many blessings and in honor of her daughter and son-in-law, Sue & Marty Barton’s 48th Wedding Anniversary. This Sunday’s broadcast can be heard at 12:30p.m. over KWHI 1280 AM.



With Sincere Sympathy

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the family of Teddy Boehm. Teddy, a longtime member here at Grace Lutheran Church, passed away last Sunday, October 20. The Funeral was held here at Grace yesterday, Saturday, October 26. Please keep the Boehm family in your prayers.

Free Will Door Offering for Faith Mission TODAY, our local food bank. Please prayerfully consider giving to this organization committed to serving those in need within the community.

Church Directory – While updating records for the Pictorial Directory, we also updated the regular Church directory. If you would like an updated copy, please pick one up in the Narthex.



Quarterly Voters' Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m.



We Rejoice Along with Proud Grandparents Pastor & Tina Holzer for the birth of their new grandson, Elliott Marshall Locke. Elliott was born on October 22, 2024 to Miles & Emily Locke. Mom and baby are doing well.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” The Law of God is good — it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

Grace Lutheran School Students are holding a Food Drive from now until Wednesday, October 30. Church members are encouraged to participate if they so desire. Donations of non-perishable food items will be given to Bread Partners of Washington County. A donation box is set up in the Narthex hallway.



Food Collection

Please note: peanut butter and cereal are always popular.

Allan and Colleen Symmank would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers following the death of Allan’s brother Keith. We are so grateful to belong to this caring congregation.



The Board of Evangelism would like to thank everyone who attended the October 13 Mission Festival. We are grateful to all of those who brought a dish/dessert. Special thanks goes to all of the following:

The Afternoon and Evening LWML Circles for helping serve, Devon Day for setting up and taking down all the tables and chairs, Pastor Ogrodowicz for arranging

the guest speaker, and Pastor Rob Paul for preaching and teaching the Word of God. Grace Lutheran is truly blessed!



Gary & Pat Walch would like to thank everyone for praying for Pat about her shoulder surgery. It was a success and she is at home recovering.

Men's Bible Breakfast is held on Tuesdays at 6:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Jimmie Maurer is responsible for breakfast this week. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.

TIME CHANGE – Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** 1 hour on Saturday night, November 2, 2024. Time changes at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning!



Men's Club will NOT have a December meeting or meal (the Christmas Dinner) this year.



If anyone would like to help wash the nursery linens and flannel shawls for the Sanctuary, please contact Rebecca Moses

Nursery

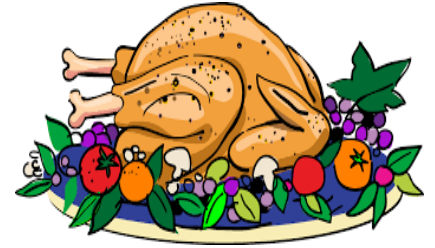
The PTL is hosting a Book Fair this year! It will be in the Parlor starting on 11/10/24. Dates listed below:

- 11/10/24 – 10:15 a.m. (immediately following service)
 - 11/11/24 –
 - 11/12/24 –
 - 11/13/24 –
 - 11/14/24 –
 - 11/15/24 –
- } *Start and end times to be determined*



THANK YOU for your support

Don't forget the 38th Annual LWML Turkey Supper and Country Store will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024. Tickets for the Annual Turkey Supper/Country Store are available to purchase after the worship service today.



COUNTRY STORE

LWML will hold a "Country Store" during the Turkey Supper on Thursday, Nov. 7.

All profit will go to fund LWML mission projects.

Do you have items that you would like to donate to be sold in the Country Store?

Typical items sold include handicrafts, gift items, home-canned goods and jellies, baked goods, plants, books, videos, home décor, yard décor, kitchen gadgets, toys, etc.

Donated items for Country Store may be brought to the FAC

Wednesday 11/6 between 1-3 p.m. and Thursday 11/7, preferably before 1:00 p.m. If you need to bring items before 11/6, call or text Deb to arrange a time. 979-743-1501.

Please mark donated items with a sales price.

If not marked, we will have to set a price, and we may not know the value as well as you do.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Country Store will include two quilts that will be sold through a silent auction: One quilt made and donated by Bernice Gaskamp and another quilt made and donated by the Graceful Quilters sewing group.



Thank you! ~Country Store Committee - Linda Wellmann, Deb Kunkel, Linda Montgomery

Birthdays This Week:

Today 10/27 – Adrienne Zientek, Kelsey Zientek
Mon. 10/28 – Tina Holzer, Ashley Jahnke
Tue. 10/29 – Gloria Hoppens
Thurs. 10/31 – Jacqueline Babb, Carrie Ross, Beth Sommer
Fri. 11/1 – Dorothy Holle, Mary-Janet Reyes, Mimi Wied
Sat. 11/2 – Carla Bates, Lori Lewis



Anniversaries This Week:

Mon. 10/28 – Matthew & Renee Brown, (18th)
Fri. 11/1 – Chad & Nichole Gandy, (16th)
Sat. 11/2 – Charles & Jean Blake, (56th); Micah & Melissa Salsbury, (11th);
Rodrick & Candace Watters, (21st)



Coffee and Doughnuts:



Today – The Henderson Family

Next Sunday – The Colanter Family



Grace Lutheran High School

➤ In Memory of Jerry Wayne Krumrey given by Shirley Boeker

Grace Lutheran School

➤ In Memory of Inell Partin given by William & Sue Krueger

Grace Lutheran Choir Fund

➤ In Memory of Sandra Camp given by Herbert & Diane Faske

You Have a Place at Grace

“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force” (Matthew 11:12).

This verse has received a fair share of interpretations, though the sources I consulted seemed settled on the New King James translation and the meaning in an “evil sense” (*in malam partem*). Some have posited the “violent take it by force” to mean some sense of striving for the Kingdom as witnessed in the great ascetic movements of the early church. However, the most sensible reading in the context is that Jesus is teaching on the suffering befalling the Church and the wicked trying to seize salvation on their own terms. An excellent commentary on Matthew puts it this way: “for Jesus and Matthew, as for the apocalyptic literature in general, the great redemption must be preceded by a conflict between the forces of good and the forces of Evil...further, this conflict has already been joined, from the days of John the Baptist until now.”

The trajectory of the Gospels leads to the cross. Jesus knows and prophesizes His death and teaches on the persecution of the Church as we bear our cross and follow our Savior. The violent think by force they can take what they want, including salvation when man thinks God will dance to his tune and mourn at his dirge. Jesus knew neither himself nor John did what the people wanted—either he was a demon possessed (John) or a drunkard and a glutton (Jesus). Without faith it’s impossible to please God. The reverse may also be true: without faith it’s impossible to please man. The man who has no faith knows not God and His gifts. Rather, he despises all of it.

Salvation is *extra nos*, a Latin phrase meaning “outside us.” It can’t be seized by force but is received by faith. Furthermore, God isn’t compelled or obliged to bend to our wills. He doesn’t take our cues on how to access heaven but sends John to call sinners to repentance and point to the Kingdom in Jesus. God incarnate comes in Christ to die, and that’s the way, the only way to salvation Jesus achieves by His cross and blood. We can’t persuade God otherwise and there’s no backdoor access to the Kingdom, as Jesus says: “he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber” (John 10:1).

-By Rev. Ryan J. Ogradowicz
You Have a Place at Grace, October 27th, 2024

Grace Lutheran Prayer Concerns For Church and Home



Members are encouraged to pray for each of the individuals on this list both in the times we gather together for worship and in our daily prayers.

"I urge first of all that, requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.... This is good and pleases God our Savior." – 1 Timothy 2:1&3

Members of Grace who are hospitalized, ill, or have on-going needs

Recovering from Surgery: Pat Walch, at home, shoulder surgery 10/24

Prayers for wisdom and peace: for Allan & Colleen Symmank and their whole family as they make tough decisions regarding Allan's father

Recuperating at Home: Wilma Boeker, broken right wrist; Shirley Paetz

Prayers for Healing: Mary Ann Hrnicko; Linda Tarver; Ruth Duvall; Sandra Addicks; Geraldine Gloyna; Pastor Jacobs; Amelia Jones; August Degner

On-going Needs: Shirley Boeker, Glenn Brenner, Russell Chambers, Onis Finke, Clarence Gaskamp, Butch Goldberg, Hanson family loved ones, Donald Hendrickson, Richard Jacobs, Karen Markwardt, Diane Merkel, Benjamin Moerbe, Kenneth Muchow, Blake Sacre, Marilyn Schroeder, Lisa Steck, Vernell Thane

Members of Grace in Nursing Homes or Homebound

Nelly Barby, Florence Boehnemann, B.Y. Boeker, Russell Chambers, David Diver, Kurt Duvall, Ruth Duvall, Geraldine Gloyna, Reuben & Darlene Grassl, Al Novosad, Laura Raitz, Harold Rietz, Lee Rogge, Sonny Schulte, Dorine Stoelke, Linda Tarver, Edy McCoy





Those Who are Serving our Country
in the Armed Forces

- Lt. Col. Matthew Moerbe – son of Mark & Anita Moerbe;
U.S. Air Force, stationed at the Pentagon
- LTC Erich Roberts – son of David & Rose Roberts;
U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Moore, GA
- Senior Airman Trenton Rylee Rutledge – grandson of Freddie & Linda Wellmann;
U.S. Air Force; now in North Dakota
- PFC Riley Baugh – grandson of Pastor & Tina Holzer;
U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Bliss, Texas
- SSGT Terrell Felder – son of Larry Felder;
U. S. Air Force, stationed at Goodfellow AFB, TX
- Cole Frazier – grandson of Tom & Doris Magee;
Offutt AFB, Nebraska
- 2LT Ivan R. Degner – grandson of August & Jo Ann Degner;
is serving in the 11th ACR at Ft. Irwin, CA.
- Sloan Snead – granddaughter of Allan & Colleen Symmank,
Navy Medic, stationed in Jacksonville, Fla (right now)

Those Serving in the Mission Field Abroad

- Rev. Charles St-Onge & Family,
Rev. Samuel Bobby & Family serving in Latvia,
Rev. Micah Wildauer & Family,
Pastor James May and family serving in Kenya with Lutherans in Africa



Friends of our Congregation



Elaine King – niece of Billie Rogas
Harris Kubos, Jr. and Toni Navarre – friends of Eunice Drews
Blanche McMullen – sister-in-law of Billie Rogas
Tim Andrews – neighbor of Knodt's & Roberts'
Regan, Lesley & Beckett Adams – cousins of Joe Green
Marjorie Schroeder, sister; Janis Stayton, sister-in-law; Rick Hammitt, nephew (ALS);
 Travis Bartay, grandson (Diabetes I) – relatives of Shirley Boeker
Brynley Frazier – great-granddaughter of Magee's
Carolyn Zibilski, Mark Marburger, Dean Winkelmann, Scott Hodde
 – friends of the Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder
Betty Maltby – aunt of Mike McArthur, sister of Mildred McArthur
Janice Eckhardt – daughter-in-law of Jimmie Eckhardt
Sue Engbrock – friend of Bob Markos
Marcie Brighton – mother of Elizabeth Schuller
Kathy Hudson – mother of Tim Hudson
Hunter Mitchell – friend of Freddie Wellmann family, baby, eye cancer
Rebecca Dahmann – sister-in-law of the David and Michael Dahmann families
Delano Klausmeyer, very good friend of Judy Rudloff
Gloria Hanath – sister of Eunice Drews – prayers for healing
Deonna Moses – daughter-in-law of Dorothy Moses – diagnosed with cancer
Tom Insley – friend of Michael & Kimberly Parks, cancer
Hank Voelter – grandson of Don & Karen Voelter, battling leukemia
Darlene (Dottie) Hermann – friend of Linda Wellmann
Jim Ripple – friend of Lance & Ashley Jahnke
Sherree Pence – niece of Delphine & Sandra Addicks, diagnosed with cancer
Donnie Eckhardt - son of Jimmie Eckhardt, Kimberly Parks' brother, in hospital in Houston
Tricia Kelm – friend of Richard & Diane Merkel
Edna Parks – mother of Michael Parks
Ernest Ware – friend of Cristine Weige, stroke, prayers for healing, long hard recovery
Caleb Reid – grandson of Alan & Linda Reid, home, still has issues, please keep praying
Tammy Hill – daughter of Elroy & Bonnie Wellmann – diagnosed with cancer
Bill & Peggy Miller – Johnnie Schroeder's sister & brother-in-law (prayers for healing);
 Troy Schroeder - Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder's son
Wanda Adams – sister of Carol Guebert & Nathan Walter - prayers for healing – she had major
 surgery and now is in Rehab in Ft. Worth
Angelea Richardson – niece of Colleen Symmank – loss of unborn baby
Stacie Erickson – daughter of Charles & Jean Blake
The Hicks family — friends of Pastor O. — prayers for spiritual strength
Emily Kimes – Aunt of Daniel Vaughn – stroke, long recovery ahead
Lincoln Tiemann – friend of the Grawunder family – heart condition
John Sanders - friend of Lance Jahnke
Charles & Laura Young- lifelong friends of the Symmanks - Laura had heart surgery on 10/22/24

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" *Please review this Prayer List and notify the Church office of any changes.* "
" *We would like this list to be as up-to-date & as accurate as possible.* "
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This Week at Grace...

Today, October 27

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Monday, October 28

8:15 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29

6:00 a.m.
8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, October 30

8:15 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 31

8:15 a.m.

Friday, November 1

8:15 a.m.
1:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 2

Sunday, November 3

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Reformation Sunday

Worship w/Holy Communion
Confirmation
Sunday School & Bible Class
(2 Chronicles 25:1 – 26:23)
Chapel
Council Meeting
(2 Chronicles 27:1 – 28:27)
Men's Bible Breakfast
Chapel
(2 Chronicles 29:1-36)
Chapel
Confirmation
Choir Practice
Voters Assembly
(2 Chronicles 30:1 – 31:21)
Chapel
(2 Chronicles 32:1-33)
Pastor Ogradowicz's Day Off
Chapel
GLS Track Meet in Warda
(2 Chronicles 33:1-25)
All Saints Day
Worship w/Holy Communion
Confirmation
Sunday School & Bible Class

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Rev. Ryan Ogradowicz – 530-2260

Rev. Isaac Schuller – 408-817-0358 Rev. William H. Holzer – 251-7036

Mr. Tom Knodt (Congregational President) – 203-5857

Mr. Aubrey Jaster (Elder's Chairman) – 421-2748

Mr. Casey Voskamp (S. S. Superintendent) – 251-2498

Mrs. Debbie Hintz (Caring Ministry Contact) – 203-3470
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ATTENDANCE

October 20: 251

Sunday School: 24 Teachers/Staff: 8 YABC: 6 ABC: 70 Visitors:

OFFERING

General Fund - \$8,193.00

Radio Ministry - \$85.00

Missions - \$

Building Fund - \$

Memorials - \$110.00

Other – \$199.50