

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA) 303 N. Green Bay Rd Thiensville, WI 53092

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Worship services: Sundays at 9am, Tuesdays at 12:10pm



CHURCH STAFF

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<u>Our Mission</u>: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

<u>Vision Statement</u>: At Grace, we strive to <u>G</u>uide and nurture all individuals to be <u>R</u>esilient, <u>A</u>ccepting Children of God rooted in the Enrichment of God's word.

<u>Welcome to Worship</u>: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

<u>Communion Instruction</u>: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. *Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free*. If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

<u>Offering</u>: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

<u>Hearing Assistance Available</u>: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

<u>Nursery Available</u>: We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

(♦ = The congregation is invited to stand)

PRELUDE (Saved By Grace Band) Phil Wickham and Chris Quilala, "Your Love Awakens Me" (2016; arr. by Dan Galbraith)

Vs. 1 There were walls between us.

By your cross You came and broke them down, You broke them down.

There were chains around us.

By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave, You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Chorus Your love is greater, Your love is stronger.

Your love awakens, awakens me.

Your love is greater, Your love is stronger.

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens me.

Vs. 2 Feel the darkness shaking.

All the dead are coming back to life, I'm back to life.

Hear the song awaken, all creation singing, "we're alive 'cause You're alive!"

You called me out of the grave, You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive.

Bridge And what a love we've found. Death can't hold us down.

We shout it out. We're alive 'cause You're alive!

WELCOME

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Saved by Grace Band) Joel Houston and Matt Crocker, "Relentless" (2012; arr. by Dan Galbraith)

Vs. 1 Salvation sounds a new beginning

As distant hearts being believing

Redemption's bid is unrelenting,

Your love goes on, Your love goes on.

Chorus You carry us, carry us when the world gives way.

You cover us, cover us with your endless grace.

Your love is relentless. Your love is relentless.

Your love is relentless. Your love is relentless.

Vs. 2 The time is up for chasing shadows,

You gave the world a light to follow.

A hope that shines beyond tomorrow,

Your love goes on, Your love goes on.

Bridge Tearing through the veil of darkness, Breaking ev'ry chain, You set us free.

Fighting for the furthest heart, You gave Your life for all to see.

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Please stand)

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin....Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

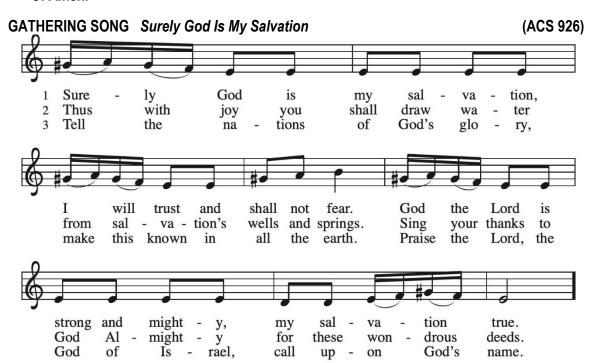
P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

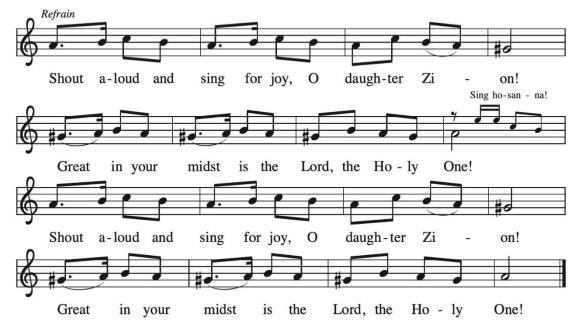
◆ **GREETING** (*Please stand*)

P: The grace of our Lord... be with you all.
C: And also with you.

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY (Please stand)

P: Let us pray. (Silence is kept for reflection) O God....Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**





FIRST READING Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 98

Refrain:



- L: Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C: O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- L: You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- C: Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. R
- L: Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- C: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.
- L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.

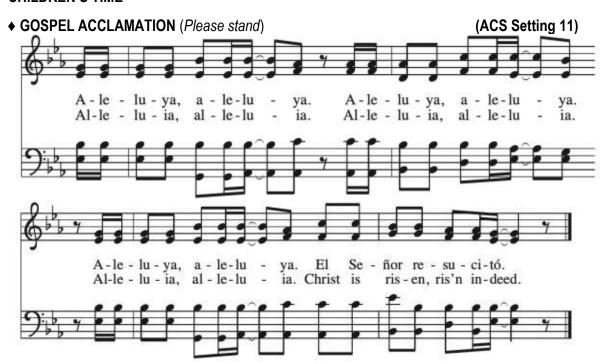
L: The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity. R

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

6 Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME



♦ GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

P: The holy gospel, according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

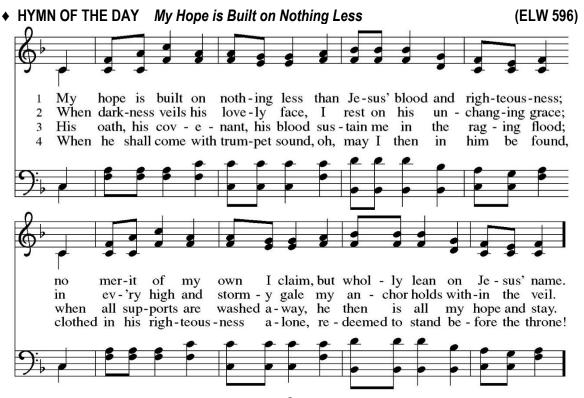
C: Glory to You, O Lord. (The gospel is announced)

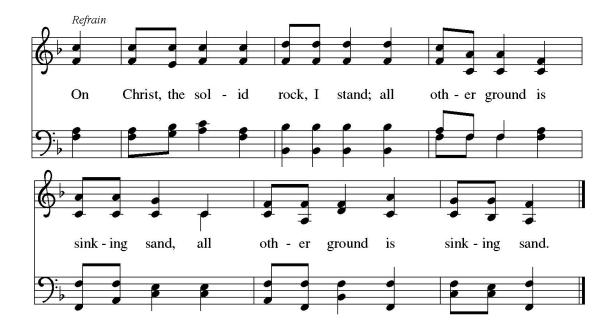
⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." ⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. ⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON





PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We offer these and all our prayers....through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

♦ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (*Please stand*)

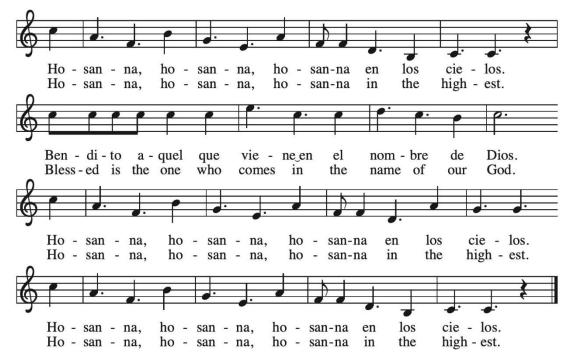
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (ACS Setting 11)





P: Holy God, you alone are holywith every breath. C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness.....into the future. C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son....with us now. C: We thank you, O God.

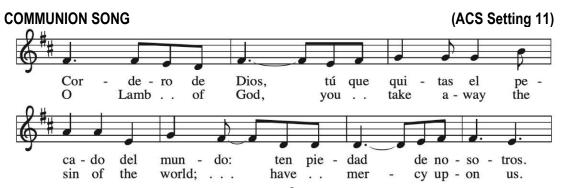
P: In the night in which he was betrayed we proclaim the mystery of faith:

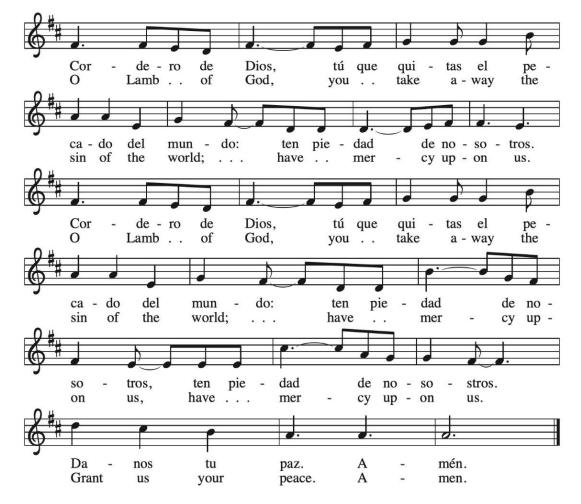
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit.... without end. **C: Amen.**

♦ THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.





COMMUNION SONG (Saved by Grace Band): Matt Redman and Beth Redman, "It Is Well With My Soul" (2015; arr. by Dan Galbraith)

Vs. 1 Our scars are a sign of grace in our lives, and Father,

How You brought us through.

When deep were the wounds and dark was the night,

The promise of Your love You proved.

Now ev'ry battle still to come, let this be our song.

Chorus It is well (It is well) with my soul. (with my soul.)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs. 2 Weeping may come, remain for a night.

But joy will paint the morning sky.

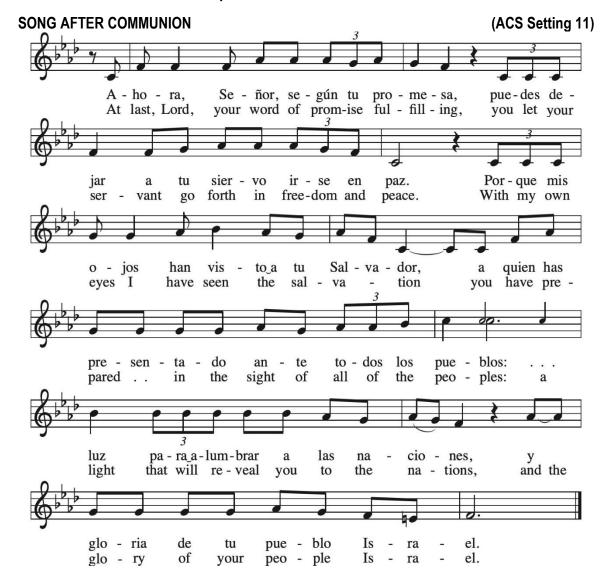
You're there in the fast, You're there in the feast,

Your faithfulness will always shine.

Now ev'ry blessing still to come, let this be our song.

Chorus 2 Trust Your ways (Trust Your ways) trust Your name. (trust Your name.) It is well, it is well with my soul.

Bridge You lead us through battles, (You lead us through battles,)
You lead us to blessing. (You lead us to blessing.)
And You make us fruitful (And You make us fruitful)
In the land of our suffring, God.
It is well, it is well with my soul.



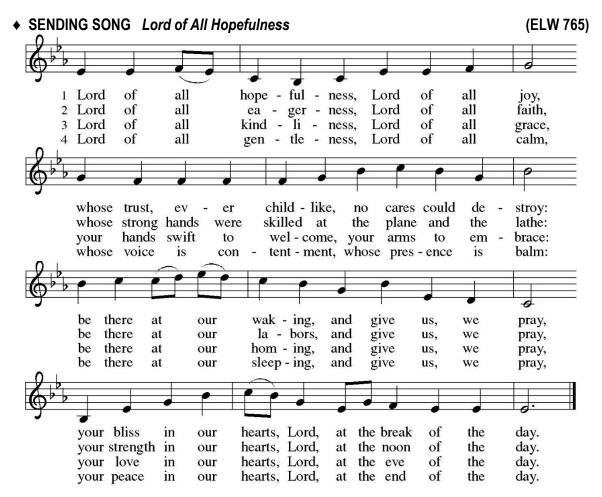
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, almighty God ... for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

♦ BLESSING

P: 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. **C: Amen.**



◆ DISMISSAL (Please stand)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Saved By Grace Band) Colby Wedgeworth, Ethan Huse and Zach Williams, "Old Church Choir" (2016; arr. by Jeff Moore and Dan Galbraith) See blue sheet for lyrics.

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Music Notes:

The **Prelude** is by Philip David Wickham (b. 1984) is a Contemporary Christian musician, singer and songwriter from San Diego, California. Wickham has released nine albums; the song we hear being taken from 2016 album, "Children of God."

The **Last Prelude** is an "ear worm" that will be going through your head "relentlessly" for the rest of the day: "Your love is relentless." This song is from Hillsong Church, which was founded in 1983 by Brian and Bobbie Houston in the western suburbs of Sydney, Australia and now has churches in 23 countries and an average global attendance of 130,000 weekly. Hillsong is closely associated with the Australian Christian Churches.

During **Distribution**, we hear a new song for the Band this year by Matt Redman and Beth Redman that includes a traditional hymn ("It Is Well With My Soul"). Matt Redman, who in addition to being a singer-songwriter, is a published author with multiple books on Christian worship, including <u>The Unquenchable Worshipper</u> and the book <u>Facedown</u> (which accompanied the album of the same name). His latest book, <u>Mirror Ball</u>, relays his thoughts and experiences of "living boldly and shining brightly for the glory of God." Beth, Matt's wife, leads Vine, a discipleship ministry for women. She is an author, speaker, and Dove Award winning songwriter. Matt and Beth have five children and reside in California.

The **Postlude** is a catchy song by Zach Williams. It's from Zach's album, "Chain Breaker." Born in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Williams took a detour from his "storybook childhood" through the "illusion of rock stardom," and the drug and alcohol excesses that can so often accompany that lifestyle. Now a husband and father, he is an established Contemporary Christian artist with three Grammy Awards.

The **Hymn of the Day** was written by Edward Mote (1797-1874) in 1834. Neglected as a child, he became a successful cabinet maker and ultimately pastor of the Baptist Church in Horsham, Sussex, England. The tune, "The Solid Rock," was written by William Bradbury (1816-1868) for this hymn in 1863. Bradbury was an American organist, singing teacher, piano retailer and music publisher.

<u>Next week</u>: 8:15am Chancel Choir warms up and sings for worship at 9:00am. There are no rehearsals after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday Worship Leaders Next Sunday Worship Leaders

Greeter: Marilyn DeMore Greeter: TBD

Reader: JoAnn Holdmann Reader: Michelle Hogan

Wine: Michelle Hogan, Nancy Perez
Usher: TBD
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Comm. Set Up: Michelle Hogan Comm. Set Up: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: Grateful Giving Team Coffee Fellowship: Ruth & Chuck Marks

This week at Grace

Sun 11/16 El Salvador Sunday

8:15am SBG Band Warmup

9:00am Worship ~ SBG Band Leads Music for Worship

10:15am Grateful Giving Team Meeting

10:15am WAM Team Meeting

Mon 11/17 Office Closed

Tue 11/18 12:10pm Devotional Worship ~ Cancelled

3:30pm Violin Lessons

5:30pm Scouts

6:30pm MAMCCO Rehearsal

Wed 11/19 9am Guest House Sandwiches

3:30pm Violin Lessons

6:30pm SBG Vocalists Only Rehearsal

Thu 11/20 12pm Bible Study

Sun 11/23 8:15am Chancel Choir Warmup

9:00am Worship ~ Chancel Choir Sings

10:15am Christian Education

<u>Grace's Welcome Statement</u>: Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.



<u>El Salvador Sunday</u>: This morning we will celebrate our ongoing relationship with Pastor Julio and our partner church, Mi Bien Jesus in Puerto Parada, El Salvador. We will be taking up a collection to support our college scholarship program for members of Pastor Julio's ministry.

Sermon Definitions from 11/9/2025:

Vindicator: A person who argues to defend and justify another person or a policy or institution. **Heed:** To pay attention to. ("Pay attention to my instructions" becomes "Heed my instructions.") **Sanctification:** The act of setting something apart as holy. When we bless the bread and wine we are sanctifying it and making it holy to us.

There were no questions this week.

<u>Cancellations Due to Weather</u>: With the cold weather here already, we want to remind you that when the M-T Schools cancel classes due to weather conditions, Tuesday worship, Bible Study, and Meals on Wheels will also be cancelled.

<u>Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church)</u>: Donations to the food pantry are appreciated more than ever as the need continues to increase. You may drop food and hygiene items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.



<u>Endowment Scholarship Applications</u>: The Grace Endowment Board is now accepting applications for 2025 from college students for a scholarship to help fund their college expenses. The program's requirements and directions about how to apply are set forth in the application, which is located on the communication desk, and can also be found on our website. We encourage all members who are enrolled in college to apply for this years' awards by December 1, 2025. Applications may be delivered to the church office or sent to Sandy by email.

<u>Growing in Grace</u>: Families involved in our children's education ministry, don't forget to check our ministry website for updates on events, Education classes, and volunteer opportunities! You can also email Katy Koppa for updates at kathrynkoppa@gmail.com.



Call 877-232-2376 or use the QR code here.



<u>Guest House Sandwiches</u>: We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays at 9am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on **November 19**.

Mutual Ministry Team Members: Below are the current Mutual Ministry Team members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

Dan Umhoefer Theresa Umhoefer Matt Junker Pam Stockbridge

2025 Council: Below are the 2025 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Ryan Bernard (President): 920-418-5235 Diana Koppa: 414-254-9983 Janie Robbins (VP): 262-646-4628 David Rockwood: 262-389-4045 Kevin Sibley (Treasurer): 262-302-8182 Geri Schesel: 262-227-9251

JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary): 262-290-1609

Sunday Coffee Fellowship Information: We're looking for friendly faces to help with coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings. It's an easy but important ministry towards hospitality. There is a great guideline to follow and support is provided!! Just set up coffee, bring a few treats, one always gluten free, and help create a warm, welcoming space for connection after worship.

If interested, please sign up using one of the following options:

- · Communication desk signup sheet
- · Online with SignupGenius using the link in the Grace Notes or the QR code here
- · Call the office and let Sandy know
- · Theresa and Jen will also be reaching out by phone as well
- · You can also reach out to: Jen Bartz ~ 414-550-5231. Theresa Umhoefer ~ 262-227-8840

Worship Volunteers: Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers! There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the communication desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the Signup Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!



Celebrations last week and this week:

Birthdays: Sheri Besag – 11/17, June Sibley – 11/17, Madalynne Baum – 11/20,

Libby Biggin – 11/20, Adam Hamm – 11/21, Neal Karthauser – 11/22

Anniversaries: None this week.

<u>Prayers</u>: Chevelle Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), Lana (Janie Robbins's cousin), Andy Roehrborn (cousin of Matt Junker), Debbie (friend of Dawn Omernik), Rick Chu (Veronica Junker's uncle), Jerry Karthauser, Judy Schwartz (friend of Delaine Jacobs), David Rauth, Hayley Kucharski, Tucker Kucharski.

Postlude: The Old Church Choir

Intro There's a revival, and it's spreading like wildfire in my heart.

Sunday morning, hallelujah, and it's lasting all week long.

Vs. 1 Can you hear it? Can you feel it? It's the rhythm of a gospel song.

Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it.

There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

Chorus I got an Old Church Choir singing in my soul.

I got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.

I've got a hear overflowing 'cause I've been restored.

There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

Vs. 2 When the valleys, that I wander turn to mountains that I can't climb.

Oh, you are with me, never leave me.

Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

Bridge Oh, oh, oh, oh...

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat

'Cause it's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need.

Tag Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.