

# 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



# Online Giving

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

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Fred Lynk - Custodian

Brian Dearing - Organist/Music Director Shonda Schaff - Nursery Attendant Sunday School Coordinator - Kathryn Koppa

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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 <u>C</u>hildren of God rooted in the <u>E</u>nrichment 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 (Organ) from John A. Behnke, 5 Preludes of Praise, Set Six (2008)

- 1. Trio on All Depends on Our Possessing Tune: Alles ist an Gottes segen
- 2. I'm But a Stranger Here Tune: Heaven Is My Home
- 3. Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart Tune: Herlich lieb
- 4. For All the Saints ("The golden evening") Tune: Sine Nomine

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Chancel Choir) (Susan Naylor Callaway. "Everlasting Arms" (2010)

Vs. 1) What a fellowship, what a joy divine,

Leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus. What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,

Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on Jesus,

Chorus) Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on Jesus, Safe and secure from all alarms.
Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on Jesus, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

- Vs. 2) O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way.

  Leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus.

  O how bright the path grows from day to day,

  Leaning on the everlasting arms.
- Vs. 3) What have I to dread? What have I to fear Leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.

## **♦ 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.

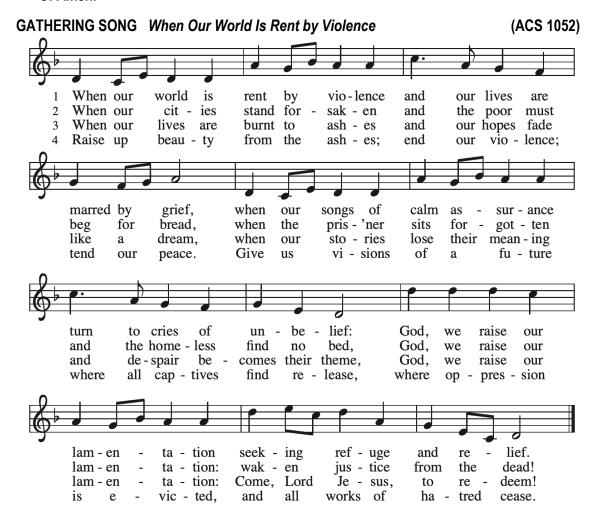
P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.** 

# ◆ **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 Amos 6:1a, 4-7

<sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

#### PSALM Psalm 146

#### Refrain:



The LORD gives jus-tice, the LORD gives jus-tice to those who are op - pressed.

- L: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- L: Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- C: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. R
- L: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God:
- C: who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- L: who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.
- C: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- L: The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C: The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R

# SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

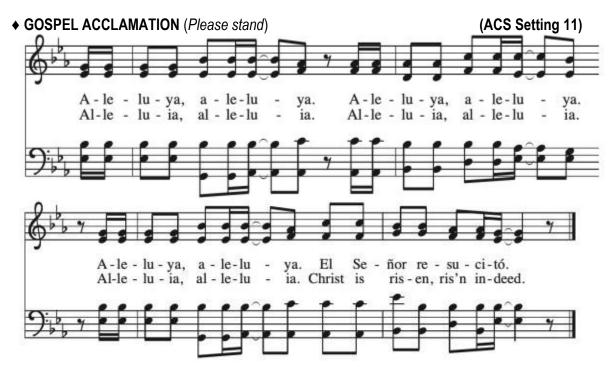
<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

#### CHILDREN'S TIME



### ♦ GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

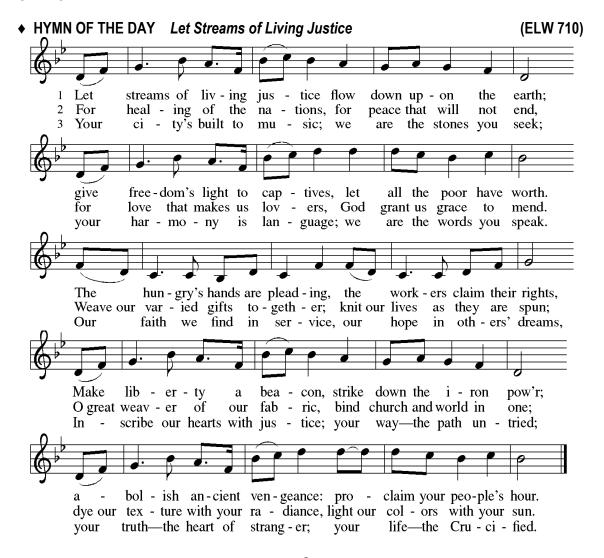
P: The holy gospel, according to Luke, the 16th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is

comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup> He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup> He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

#### **SERMON**



#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

P: We entrust these prayers....Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. 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.** 

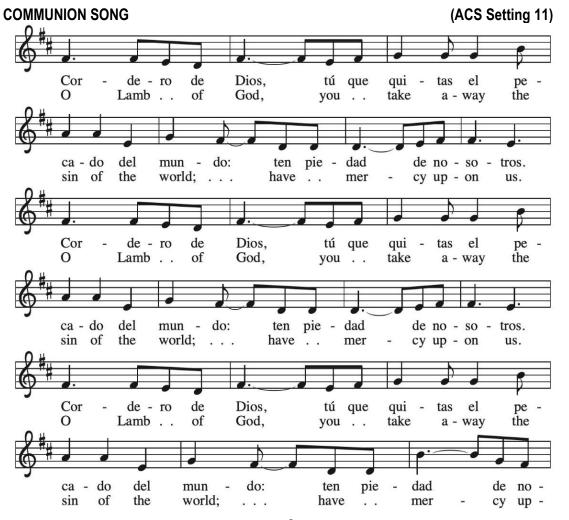
P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (ACS Setting 11)

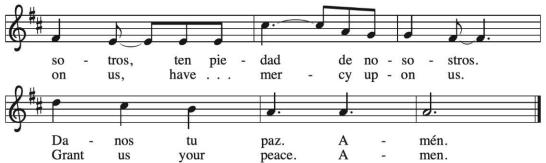


- P: Holy God, you alone are holy .....with every breath. C: We praise you, O God.
- P: Generations bless your faithfulness.....into the future. C: We bless you, O God.
- P: We give you thanks for your dear Son....with us now. C: We thank you, O God.
- P: In the night in which he was betrayed .... we 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.**

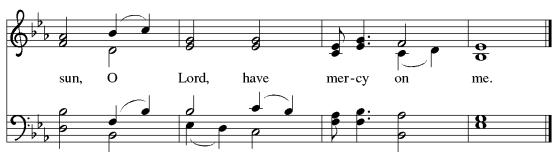
#### ◆ THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.











#### 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** (Organ) John A. Behnke, "Fanfare on 'Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus'" from 5 Preludes of Praise, Set Six (2008) – Tune: Webb

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#### **Music Notes:**

As the **Last Prelude**, the Chancel Choir presents an anthem by Susan Naylor Callaway based on the tune "Showalter" by Anthony J. Showalter (1858-1924) with words adapted by Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929). The melody is reminiscent of the familiar Gospel tune but doesn't follow it exactly. Ms. Callaway received her B.A. (1977) and M.A. (1979) degrees in Music Education from Samford University in Birmingham, AL. Her music is in the catalogs of nine different publishers.

The **Hymn of the Day** is by William Whitla (b. 1934), who wrote it in 1989 in the wake of the events in Tiananmen Square. At the same time, the mothers of the Disappeared in Argentina were bringing their campaign, and religious and racial disputes were happening worldwide. Whitla is Canadian Anglican priest who was Professor of English and Humanities at York University, Toronto. The tune is the familiar "Thaxted," the theme for "Jupiter" in Gustav Holst's (1874-1934) *The Planets* (1921)

The **Prelude** and **Postlude** organ music is by John Behnke, Emeritus Professor of Music at Mequon's Concordia University, where he taught organ and handbells, and directed the Alleluia Ringers, Concordia's touring handbell choir for 29 years. He received his M. Mus. and D. Mus. from Northwestern University and studied for a year at the Westphalian Church Music Institute in Hereford, Germany.

<u>Next week</u>: Bell Choir warms up at 8:00am and rings for worship at 9:00am. Chancel Choir rehearses after worship at 10:15am.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

This Sunday Worship Leaders Next Sunday Worship Leaders

Greeter: TBD Greeter: TBD

Reader: Dawn Omernik Reader: JoAnn Holdmann

Wine: Bobby Koppa, Kim Nagel Wine: DawnMark Bacon-Johnson, TBD

Usher: TBD Usher: TBD

Comm. Set Up: Anna Martin Comm. Set Up: TBD

Coffee Fellowship: JoAnn Holdmann & Coffee Fellowship: Chris & Karen Larsen

Lori Rauth

# This week at Grace

Sun 9/28 8:15am Chancel Choir Warmup

9:00am Worship ~ Chancel Choir

10:15am "What is Rapture?" Discussion

10:15am Education Class

Mon 9/29 2pm Violin Lessons

6pm Scouts

Tue 9/30 12:10pm Devotional Worship

3:30pm Violin Lessons

5:30pm Scouts

Wed 10/1 9am Guest House Sandwiches

3:30pm Violin Lessons

6:30pm SBG Vocalist Only Rehearsal

Thu 10/2 12pm Bible Study

Sat 10/4 9am SBG Band Practice

Sun 10/5 8am Bell Choir Warmup

9:00am Worship ~ Bell Choir Rings 10:15am Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:15am Community Life Team Meeting

10:15am Endowment Team Meeting

<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>September 14 Service</u>: In case you missed the September 14th service, it is now available online on our YouTube channel. Go to YouTube.com and search *Grace Lutheran Church Thiensville*.

<u>What is the Rapture</u>? Why didn't it happen on Tuesday like it was supposed to? This past week there was a lot of discussion about the Rapture. A theology based loosely on a few select passages of scripture. But it didn't happen. What went wrong? What can the rapture teach us? We will meet for this discussion following worship this morning. Confirmation students are asked to attend this discussion as part of their class for Sunday.



<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!

https://sites.google.com/view/growing-in-grace-thiensville/home You can also email Katy Koppa for updates at kathrynkoppa@gmail.com.

**Blood Drive**: Mark your calendars for the October 16 Blood drive in Fellowship Hall. There are slots available from 1-6pm. Call 877-232-2376 or use the QR code here.



<u>Winter Craft Fair</u>: The fair will be on November 15, 9am-2pm this year. Looking for original handmade artwork or crafts. Direct sale consultants are also welcome, provided handmade products are included in sales as well.

Booths available beginning at \$30/vendor. For information and to register as a vendor, visit <a href="https://bit.ly/GLTCF2025">https://bit.ly/GLTCF2025</a>



<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 **October 1 and 15**.

Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church): Thank you to those that have and plan to donate items. Usual items appreciated include pancake mix, syrup, tuna, tuna helper, spam, baked beans, spaghetti, canned pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, canned greens. Hygiene items needed include deodorant, toothpaste, single toothbrush, lip balm, body lotion (4-8oz), dental floss. You can drop items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.

<u>Mutual Ministry Team Members</u>: 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 David Rockwood: 262-389-4045

JoAnn Holdmann (Secretary): 262-290-1609

<u>Worship Volunteers</u>: 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 this week: Birthdays: Kathy Maciejewski - 9/28, Andrew Shannon - 9/28,

Ross Sibley – 9/28, Laura Petersen - 9/29, Robert Lohr - 10/2,

Holly Grassin-Kremmel – 10/3, David Rauth -10/3, Pam Stockbridge – 10/3

Anniversaries: Karl & Sandy Smith - 9/22, Matt & Veronica Junker - 9/23,

Mike and Beth Buczynski - 9/24, Janie Robbins & Kim Nagel - 9/27, Joby & Katrina Brown - 9/30,

Robert & Amy Ollman – 10/1, Tony & Mickey Feruson – 10/4, Paul & Doreen Goniu – 10/4

<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, Janie Robbins.

<u>Updated Sunday Coffee Fellowship Information</u>: 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



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