
Grace Lutheran Church

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Divine Service: Sunday 10:30 AM

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Our Vision: Welcoming people to grow in hope, love, and certainty through God's Word of grace.

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2025 ALL SAINTS' DAY

– based on Divine Service 1: LSB 151 –

Hymn of Invocation: “For All the Saints”

LSB 677 (Stz. 1-4)

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?
- C** **These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
- P** God has made us saints, but we choose to live as sinners. Let us therefore confess our sins to the Lord, that we may receive His mercy.
- C** **Father, I have sinned against heaven and against You. I am not worthy to be called your child. Yet while I am still a long way off, you run to me. For the sake of Jesus, have mercy on me, bring me back to Yourself, restore me in Your love, and help me to live in ways that give glory to Your name. Amen.**
- P** God our Father is more gracious and merciful than we could ever deserve. In His love, he gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die in our place, that we who believe in Him may not perish but have eternal life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Music found in LSB #155

- C** REFRAIN: **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**
Refrain
- Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**
Refrain
- Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**
Refrain
- For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**
Final Refrain

Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: "Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You"

Jay Althouse

Epistle Reading

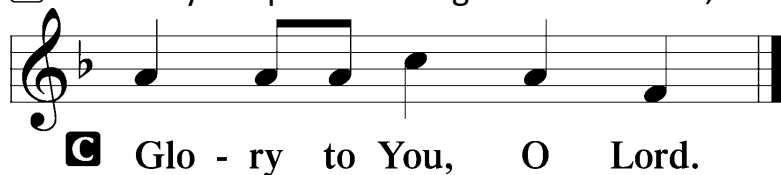
L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



P ... This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn of the Day: "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"

LSB 676

Sermon



The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Hymn: For All the Saints (LSB 677, Stanzas 5 & 6)

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| <p>5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |
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A Statement of Faith in our Christian Victory over Death

- P** Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)
- C** If Christ has not been raised, our faith *is* futile; we are still in our sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all people.
- P** But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. (1 Corinthians 15:17-21)
- C** We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
- P** For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”
- C** “Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?” ...Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P** Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:51-58)

Our Faithful Departed, Commended to God's Care

Joseph Síkula

October 3

Hymn: For All the Saints (LSB 677, Stanzas 7 & 8)

7 But, lo, there breaks

a yet more glorious day:

The saints triumphant rise in bright array;

The King of Glory passes on His way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds,

from ocean's farthest coast,

Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,

Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church

The Pastor will close each section: **P** Lord, in Your mercy,

Then please respond: **C** Hear our prayer.

Offering

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We believe what Jesus says about Holy Communion: that it is His body and blood, not symbolically but actually present, given to us for the forgiveness of sins. The Bible cautions that anyone who receives Communion without this understanding will be receiving it to their great harm.

For this reason, out of sincere love, we ask that those who commune at this altar are baptized Christians who, having been instructed in the faith, regret their sins and desire to receive Christ's real Body and Blood for forgiveness, trusting in God's Word as He revealed it in Scripture. If you are not a member of a Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregation, please speak with the pastor before you commune.

If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come forward for a pastoral blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest at the rail. There is non-alcoholic white wine on each tray for those who require it. Finally, those who have difficulty walking may indicate such to an usher and Communion will be brought to you.

In the timeless tradition of the Christian church, the Common Cup is offered to all. If you desire to commune using the common cup, raise your hand as the individual cups approach, then assist the Elder by holding the chalice at its base and guiding it as you receive.

Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

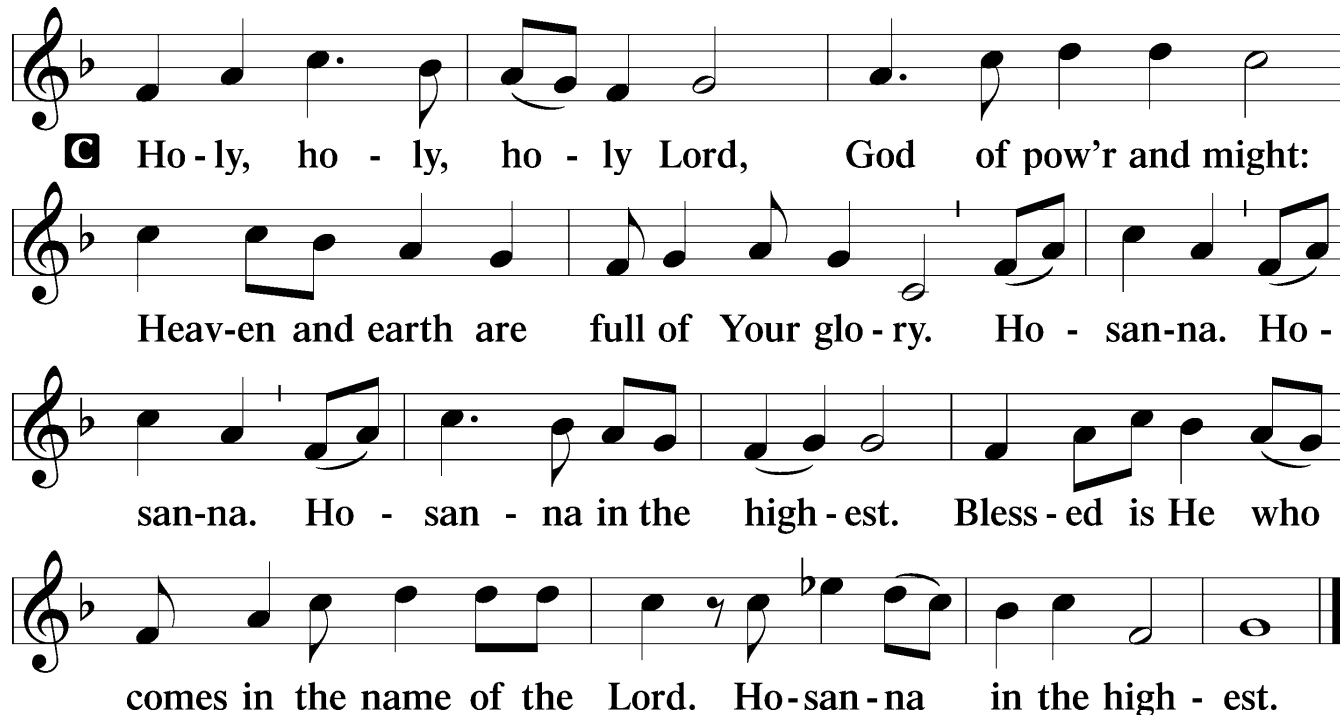
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

C 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.

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

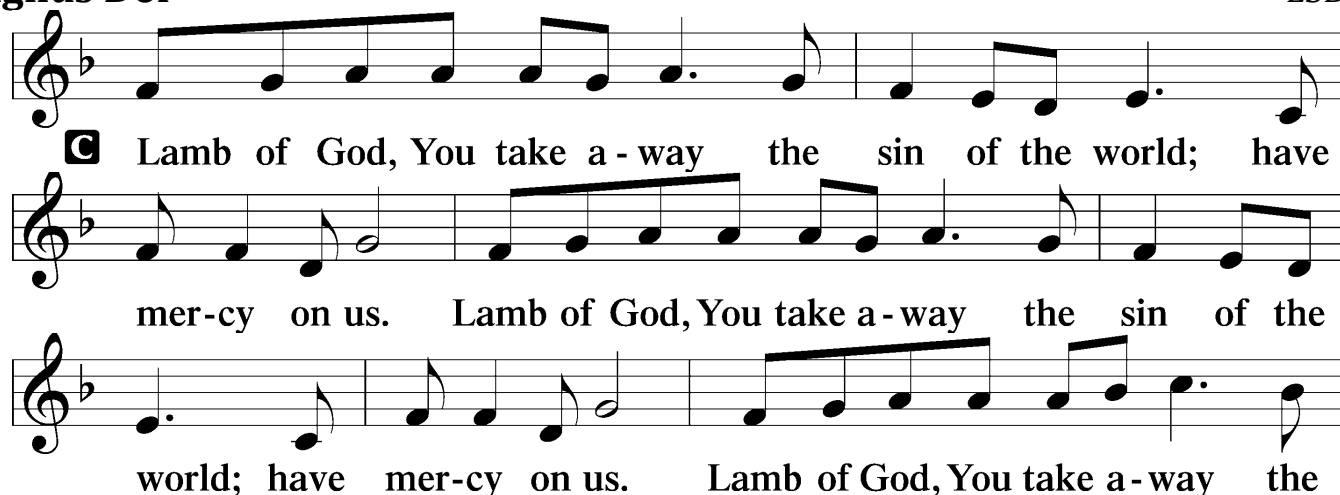
P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

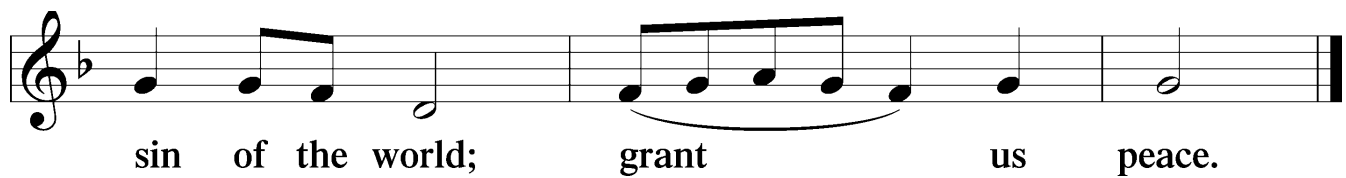
P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



Distribution Hymns:

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"

LSB 671

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

LSB 670

Post-Communion Canticle

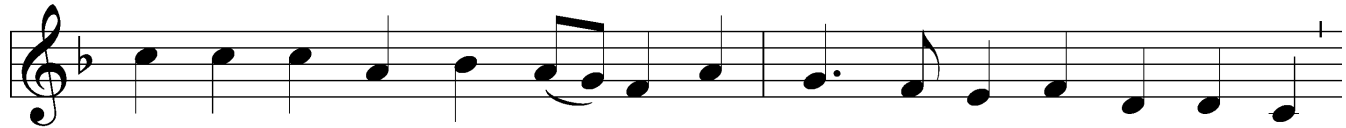
LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

LSB 940

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THOSE ASSISTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Guest Pastor: Rev. Ben Bahr

Organist: Maye Smith

Acolytes: Sherry Cassatt & Michael Bahr

Readers: Dillon Deskovic & Erika Tuscher

Head Ushers: Ross Folmsbee & John Loss

Communion Assistants: Jim Wolf & Mark Binkley

Tech Crew: Mark Binkley, John Goodnick & John Bahr

Altar Care: Alice Moll & Luann Pyska

TODAY – 11/2/25 – ALL SAINTS' DAY

9:00 am Christian Education

10:30 am Worship (HC)

11:30 am Social Ministries Meeting

MONDAY – 11/3/25

6:30 pm Survivors' Group

TUESDAY – 11/4/25

6:00 am General Election

NEXT SUNDAY – 11/9/25

9:00 am Christian Education

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Choir Practice

**Statistics for the week of
October 26, 2025**

Worship Service: 80 Attended, 46 Views

Adult Education: 25

Youth Education: 20

Education Staff: 6

Offering*: \$2,391.24

Mission of Month: \$30.00

Sunday School: \$13.00

Memorials: \$50.00

* Weekly budget needs \$4,206



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please submit new announcements

*by **Thursday 10AM:** office@gracenf.org.*

November Office Hours: First Sunday of Month 8:30-12:30, Th 9-4

GIVING: Options at www.gracenf.org

ALTAR FLOWER centerpiece this morning is given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Katelyn Pantano's 33rd birthday and Maisy Pantano's baptism birthday both on November 7th, by Jane Schulz.

CHURCH OFFICE will only be open Thursdays from 9am-4pm for the next few weeks. If there is an emergency outside that time please contact either Dick Crawford or Mark Andrews.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS are Exodus 3:1-15, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17, and Luke 20:27-40.

THE GLEANINGS submission deadline for the next issue is Thursday, November 13th.

ATTENDANCE SHEETS found in the bulletin assist us in making sure that all of our members are being cared for as needed. Please fill one out EACH WEEK and place it in the offering plate.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY lists have been posted at the narthex and parking lot entrances. We hope you will check out the list and offer birthday wishes and blessings to your friends at Grace. If you would like to request that we sing for a special milestone birthday or child's birthday, please speak to Dick Crawford or an usher prior to announcements.

SOCIAL MINISTRIES MEETING: There is a meeting in the chapel after worship today.

OUR TURKEY & HAM collection has resumed and our new freezer is ready for your donations. All donations will be delivered to local charities that offer free Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for those in need in Niagara Falls.

NOVEMBER MISSION ENVELOPES will benefit Niagara Falls Meals on Wheels. They are a non-profit group located in Niagara Falls that provides nutritious meals to our city's residents who cannot shop for or cook their own meals. They DO NOT receive any government funding for the services they provide. Because of this, they are able to serve people who do not qualify for other programs and might otherwise slip through the cracks. If you would like to support Meals on Wheels, use your mission envelope during November or give online by choosing "monthly mission".

HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION continues until Thanksgiving. Requests for assistance are expected to rise quickly as the government shut-down affects programs that assist people in need. SHOPPING LISTS are available on the tables in the narthex and chapel that offer suggestions for the most needed items, but all non-perishable foods are appreciated. Our donations will support St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on Military Road. Thank you for helping your neighbors.

ELECTIONS for the church council will be held after service on Sunday November 16, 2025. Positions up for election are President, Secretary, Financial Secretary and Trustee. If you have the desire to serve on the church council please speak to any member of the council, an elder or Pastor Bahr. Contacts are in the bulletin. Nominations will also be taken from the floor on the 16th.

Current contact information for
Church Council & Board of Elders

Church Council

President - Richard Crawford: richard.crawford.jr@gmail.com

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About the Cover

It can be discouraging to see a world that does not recognize the love of Christ.

All the saints of the Lord, past and present, know this reality. But we should not expect anything other than what the world and our own sin have done to Jesus. His arms were spread wide open on the cross as He took all of our sin. The resurrected Jesus still stands with His arms wide open, ready to receive repentant sinners in a world He still desires to save.

ALL SAINTS' DAY (OBSERVED)

First Reading: Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence."

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Epistle: 1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1–12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted."

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy."

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."