

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

November 12, 2017 ♦ 9:00 am



“Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!”

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism)

Blessed be the † holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

**Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just,
and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven, † God’s love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God’s people who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Wake Awake for Night Is Flying”



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: “Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride-groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!”
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-'d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll



share; go, meet the bride-groom, who draws near.
 all, and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 know! There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, and Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951
 Music: WACHET AUFE, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This is the feast . . .” I= women; II= men

I This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
I This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **II** Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
I This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I** Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!
 Why do you want the day of the LORD?
 It is darkness, not light;
¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;
 or went into the house and rested a hand against the
 wall, and was bitten by a snake.
²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
 and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
 and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and
 grain offerings,
 I will not accept them;
 and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
 I will not look upon.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
 I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
 and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

SECOND READING I Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers
 and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may
 not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since
 we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so,
 through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have
 died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the
 Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the
 coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who

have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
 with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's
 trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in
 Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are
 left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them
 to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the
 Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with
 these words.

ALLELUIA VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

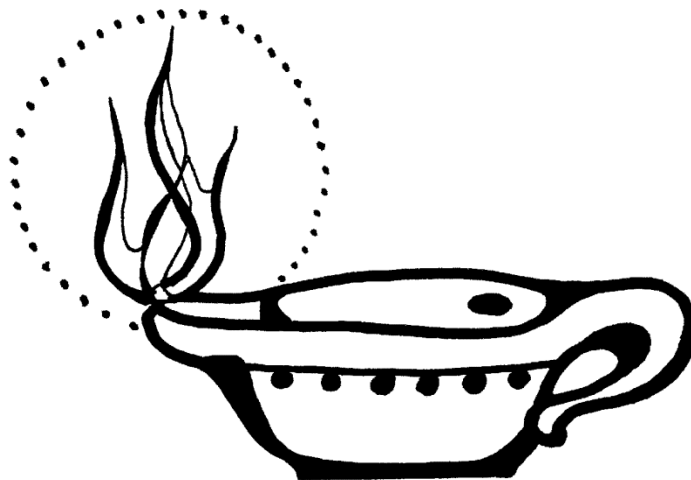
Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'⁹But

the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.'¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934

SERMON

PRAYERS

(Response to each petition)

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Let the vineyards . . .”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE MEAL

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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord. And now we give you thanks because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned, the long reign of sin is ended, a broken world is being renewed, and humanity is once again made whole. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ("Holy, holy, holy")



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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;

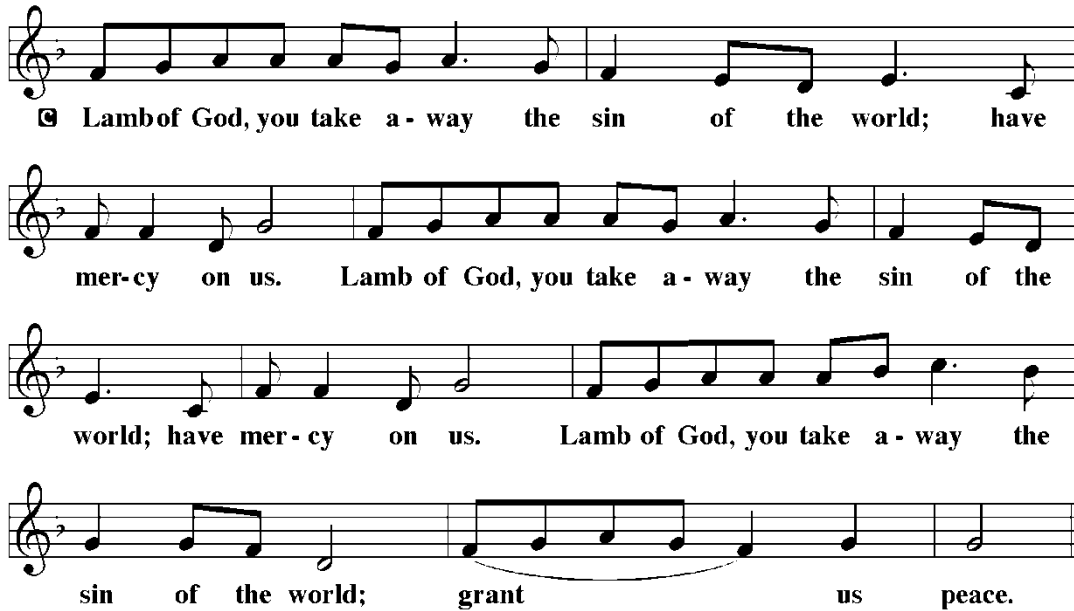
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

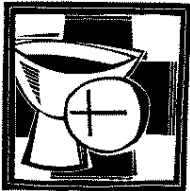
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

AGNUS DEI ("Lamb of God")



☞ 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
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



Scripture says, "Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26. Martin Luther's Small Catechism says, "Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and drink." All baptized Christians who have been instructed in this confession of faith and who share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are invited to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not received their first communion are invited to come to the table and receive a blessing.

As you approach the table down the aisles, receive an empty cup from the cart.

- Proceed to the left or the right and gather around the altar.
- After each gathered group has communed, they are dismissed in peace.
- As you return to your seat down the side aisles, place your cup in the racks on the tables to your left or right.
- **Non-alcoholic wine** is offered in pre-filled cups for those who cannot drink alcohol. These cups are marked in the rack.
- **Gluten-free** (and dairy-free and nut-free) **wafers** are offered in the small white bowl on the communion cart for those who prefer this option.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION “When Long Before Time”



1 When long be - fore time and the worlds were be - gun,
 2 The si - lence was bro - ken when God sang the Song,
 3 The sounds of the crea - tures were one with their Lord's,
 4 Though down through the a - ges the Song dis - ap - peared,



when there was no earth and no sky and no sun,
 and light pierced the dark - ness and rhy - thm be - gan,
 their har - mo - nies sweet and be - fit - ting the Word;
 its har - mo - nies bro - ken and al - most un - heard,



and all was deep si - lence and night reigned su - preme,
 and with its first birth - cries cre - a - tion was born,
 the Sing - er was pleased as the earth sang the Song,
 the Sing - er comes to us to sing it a - gain,



and e - ven our Mak - er had on - ly a dream—
 and crea - ture - ly voic - es sang praise to the morn.
 the choir of the crea - tures re - ech - oed it long,
 our God - is - with - us in the world now as then.

5 The Light has returned as it came once before,
 the Song of the Lord is our own song once more,
 so let us all sing with one heart and one voice
 the Song of the Singer in whom we rejoice.

6 To you, God the Singer, our voices we raise,
 to you, Song Incarnate, we give all our praise,
 to you, Holy Spirit, our life and our breath,
 be glory forever, through life and through death.

Text: Peter W. A. Davison, b. 1936
 Music: THE SINGER AND THE SONG, Peter W. A. Davison
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“When Peace Like a River”

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O, my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
it is well with my soul,

SENDING

DISMISSAL

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in his grace.
Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen

BENEDICTION

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.

Amen

Go in peace. Christ lives in you.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-king wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship leader and preacher	Jon Marxhausen
Elder	Paul Hartleben
Piano	Kathy Rehbein
Lector	Tom Schoenberg
Ushers	Darrel & Noel Smith
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jake Richter
Greeter	Roger & Nancy Prigge

DON'T FORGET YOUR 3-MINUTE MINISTRY

WELCOME TO GRACE OF GOD

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
 Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the basket on the table in the entryway.
 Help yourself to a welcome packet that will tell you more about the ministry at Grace of God.
 You are always welcome at Grace of God.



GRACE OF GOD MISSION STATEMENT

Grace of God is a Christ-centered community gathered around Word and Sacrament, preaching Christ crucified, serving our neighbor and discovering what it means to live under the grace of God.

SMALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP AT GRACE OF GOD

“Busy bags” for young children are available in the classroom adjacent to the worship space near the doors.
 That room also has a speaker to hear the worship service.



Fall 2017 Bible Study Series

“The Great Commissions”

*Six Biblical Calls to Make Known the Gospel
 (from Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts and Paul)*

Study led by Pastor Steven King

STARTING TODAY 10:15-11:15 am



SERVING IN WORSHIP

DATE	ELDER	ACOLYTE	LECTOR	USHERS	GREETERS
11/12/17	Paul Hartleben	Jake Richter	Tom Schoenberg	Darrel & Noel Smith	Roger & Nancy Prigge
11/19/17	Paul Hartleben	George Zetterwall	Jeff Olofson	Jerry Corson / Tom Schoenberg	Jim & Jan Roth
11/22/17 Thanksgiving Eve	Paul Hartleben	Cherish Frelix	Allen Warren	Lori Ruppel / Brenda Miller	Bob & Lori Koeritzer
11/26/17	Tom Schoenberg	Ella Fahey	Franklin Hotzel	Errol Bartz / Kathy Rehbein	Barb Fallert

grace happens

November 12- 19, 2017

Sunday, November 12

9:00 am PENTECOST 23
10:15 am Fellowship
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, November 14

9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study
7:30 pm Cantate Choir

Wednesday, November 15

6:00 pm Light Supper
Bible Blazers, Confirmation, Youth Bible Study
7:00 pm Handchime Practice

Saturday, November 18

6 - 9 pm Youth Game Night @ the Fahey's

Sunday, November 19

9:00 am PENTECOST 24
10:15 am Fellowship
Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

Upcoming opportunities to serve others in our community!

During Advent we'll be sponsoring 5 families through **Community Thread's Holiday Hope program**. Beginning Sunday, November 26 you'll see in the fellowship area, a decorated Christmas tree with the gift options the families we sponsor have requested. Please consider purchasing one or more gifts for the families. The families always appreciate the gifts they receive!

The 2018 dates we'll be serving at **Hope for the Journey Home Family Shelter** have been established. Please consider reserving time on your calendar now to help at the shelter. We'll be serving the weeks of January 14-January 20 and June 17-June 23. Watch for announcements regarding required safe environment training and background checks.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

Nov. 16 - Nov. 18	TEAM 7 Byron and Marilyn Epland/ Onken Family
Nov. 23 - 25	TEAM 8 Evenson Family/Dinesen Family
Nov. 30 - Dec. 2	TEAM 9 Wendy Bartz/Errol & Cindy Bartz/ Eileen Ocone

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 pm

Bring items to support *THE HELPING PLACE* in St. Paul (see details below)

Shopping lists available today.

Pie fellowship after worship



THANKSGIVING SERVICE PROJECT

Thanksgiving Eve we will collect food for The Helping Place at Our Saviours' Lutheran Church. Our friends, Kevin and Pam Bonine, have shared with us that their food shelf serves families once a month who struggle to feed their families at the end of the month. Along with the staples you will find on our shopping list this year, The Helping Place adds frozen meats purchased through Fare For All and by shopping the ads using gift cards they receive. Your gifts make a huge difference!

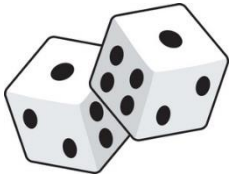
“You all have been so generous and thoughtful in your giving that people are very happy with whatever we can share with them to help them get to the beginning of the next month! Staples are the BEST 😊 God's blessings to you and everyone else at Grace of God! You are truly angels in disguise 😊
Love, Pam”

Shopping lists are available in the gathering area!

Please let the Warren Grace Group know if you have any questions!

Errol & Cindy Bartz, Steve & Becky King, Chris & Deb Kuhns, Vic & Sandy Pruesser, Kathy Rehbein and Allen & Sally Warren

YOUTH GAME NIGHT



Saturday, November 18 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Come for some “casino-type” fun!
At the FAHEY'S HOME 1642 Helmo Rd. N in Oakdale

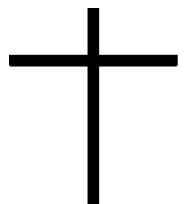


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waiting in
eager expectation

advent *evening* prayer

December 6, 13 and 20 at 7 pm