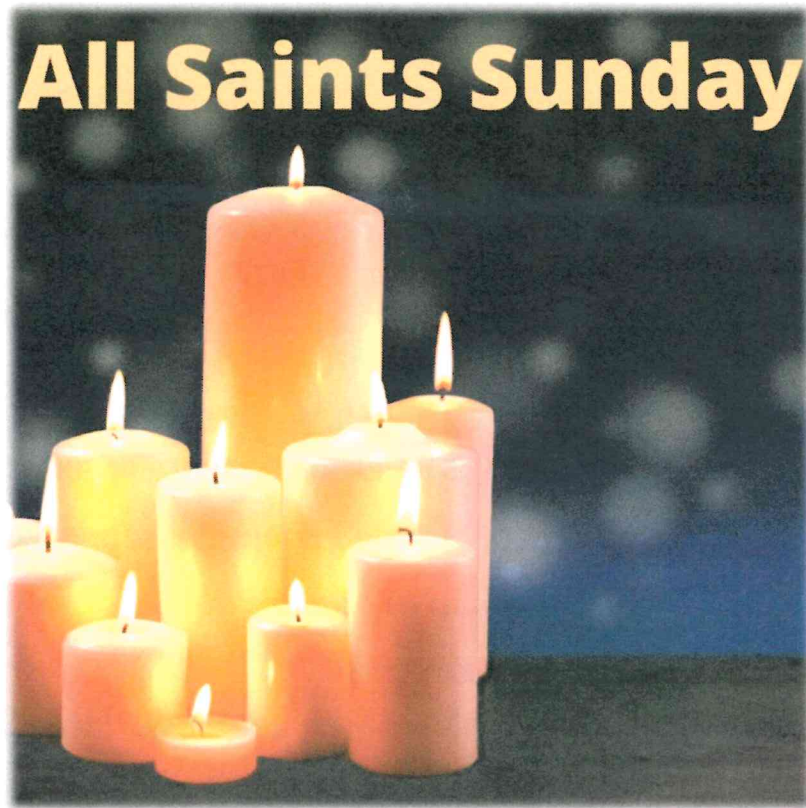


November 2, 2025

All Saints Sunday



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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We welcome you to worship here at Grace!

*Note that all text written in **bold** is for congregation participation.*

*Our hymn songs are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship
red hymnal found in the pews.*

GATHERING

Thank you for joining us as we worship our Lord together!

INTRODUCTION

“God loves us all, both big and small,” a child’s verse declares. The sins of the world are covered. We are able to stand tall before God our righteous judge because in the person of Jesus “salvation has come to this house”—to our house today. In Christ Jesus God seeks us out to save us.

WELCOME

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

LITANY FOR GATHERING

The church is not a building, **The church is not a steeple;**

The church is not a resting place, **The church is a people!**

PRELUDE *Lacrimosa [Day of Sorrow]* from Giuseppe Verdi’s Requiem

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, 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 and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the

entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN *Shall We Gather At The River*

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GREETING

Beloved, remembered by God and remembering both the call and the promises of God: the everlasting love of the Father, the gift of the Son, and the strength of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Take a brief moment to share the peace by greeting someone sitting near you. Verbal greetings are appropriate if you are not comfortable shaking hands or touching.

Please be seated.

READING : Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴

this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints. For this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 19th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Wendolyn Trozzo

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

For all The Saints
VERSES 1, 2, 3, & 4

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THE APOSTLES' CREED As we name the faith that gives us life, we reflect on those who have been baptized, received first Communion, or have died and grasped the promise of resurrection in this past year. With each person we name, a bell will sound to celebrate God's resounding love for them, experienced in the life of this community.
Gathered Church, do you believe in God, the Creator?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

P: Father in Heaven, you have created us in love and reach out to embrace all of your children. We give thanks for the children baptized here in the past year, for Johnathan and Jackson, made saints in baptism. Teach us to teach them the continuing power of your love.

Gathered Church, do you believe in God the Christ?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Christ our Savior, you feasted with many and gave your life that we may live. We give you thanks for those youth who newly experienced the communion of saints at this communion table in the past year: Rylie Davis and Anna Kreuz, and today: Sean Martin. Remind us that your life given up and your life restored are gifts that place us eternally in the Kingdom of God.

Gathered Church, do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

P: Holy Spirit, eternal and ever-present God, you hold us together in the one Body of Christ's Church. You pull us toward Your goodness in this life and in the life to come. We give you thanks for the lives of your saints (listed on next page). Even as we miss and mourn them, we look to the day when we will see you face to face and we will worship you alongside of them. In the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

C: Amen

Please be seated.

MEMBERS OF GRACE

**Else A. Fetter
 *Robert R. Grant
 *Lorraine Moore
 *John Neupauer
 Pam La Spina*

FRIENDS & LOVED ONES OF GRACE

**Tad Dildilian *Robert Rittenhouse
 *Jaon Frankel *Larry Rowland
 *Vito Franzone, Sr. *Tracy
 *Jeanne Gehring *Jean Loretta Walsh
 *Joan Love
 *Charlotte O'Neil
 Bill Preuter

BAPTISMS AT GRACE

*Johnathan Robert Bori
 Jackson Richard Horrox*

FIRST COMMUNION AT GRACE

*Rylie Rae Davis
 Anna Denise Kreuz*

FIRST COMMUNION TODAY

Sean Robert Martin

**Entered the Church Triumphant within the last year.*

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

*Our monthly special noisy offering for the month of November is ELCA
 WELCA- Thank Offering.*

OFFERING**OFFERTORY**

*Going Home adapt. and arr. by Robert Lehman
 Baritone: Andrew Ehrhardt*

*Goin' home, goin' home, I'm goin' home.
 Goin' home, goin' home, Lord I'm goin' home.
 No more tears, no more cares, no more grief to bear.
 Jesus, Jesus is waiting over there.
 All the saints in heav'n above, all the saints we knew,
 Gone home to Jesus, I am goin' too.*

Please stand as you are able.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS *Create in me a Clean Heart* [WOV page 732](#)

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, **you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.**

Please be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Let us pray; Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore. You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit you called to us through the life and death of Jesus. You bring to your table this beloved young person: Sean, and you remind us that:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture

in us all the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together, we pray as our Lord taught us, saying:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Saints of God, taste and see that the Lord is good. **Happy are they who trust in the Lord.**

We joyfully acknowledge the first Holy Communion of Sean Robert Martin, and invite him to come forward first to share in this meal with his family.

COMMUNION HYMN *Lamb of God* **ELW page 208**

COMMUNION HYMN *In Our Day of Thanksgiving* **ELW #429**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will invite worshippers forward to fill the altar railings. Once you have received the wafer and the red wine/white grape juice, place your empty cup in the container on your way to return to your pew. If you do not wish to receive communion, or are worshipping with children who have not had First Communion, we welcome you to come forward for a

blessing; as you kneel at the railing, cross your arms over your chest to show your preference to the pastor.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING

BLESSING

We serve a resurrected Lord, who calls both the living and the dead to new life. 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. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

For All The Saints
VERSES 5, 6, & 7

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*Please be seated. Enjoy the postlude music.
and meditate on how God spoke to your heart today.*

POSTLUDE *Blessed Are Ye; Faithful Souls* by Johannes Brahms

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

*We are glad for your presence today.
We hope you come again soon!*

We thank all those serving in worship today:
Reader: Ruth Bowden



The flowers, candles, wine, bulletins, and music sponsor this week is: Dick Fetter, given to the glory of God and in memory of Else Fetter, from Dick and their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Please join us immediately following worship for cake and fellowship to celebrate the First Holy Communion of Sean Martin.



HAPPENINGS AROUND GRACE THIS WEEK

November 2, 2024—November 9, 2024

All Saints Sunday 11/2/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship

8:45AM Adult Forum

10:15AM Traditional Worship

Joyful Noise Offering: ELCA WELCA

First Holy Communion: Sean Martin Fellowship

MONDAY 11/3/24

6:30PM Grief Support Group

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY 11/4/24

6:30PM Narcotics Anonymous

7:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

WEDNESDAY 11/5/24

11:30AM Bayside Duplicate Bridge

6:00PM AA Book Study

7:00PM Narcotics Anonymous

THURSDAY 11/6/24

12:00PM Alcoholics Anonymous

5:00PM Choir Rehearsal

6:00 AA 12-Step

7:00PM Al-Anon

FRIDAY 11/7/24

10:00AM Grace Stitchers

7:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous

SATURDAY 11/8/24

7:30AM & 8:30AM Weight Watchers

6:00PM Cape Shore Chorale

Fund Raiser

22nd Sunday of Pentecost 11/9/24

8:00AM Spoken Worship Service

8:45AM Adult Forum Group

10:15AM Traditional Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Tues 10:00AM-3:00PM

Thurs-Fri 10:00AM-3:00PM

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Present this bulletin on a Sunday and Shore Diner will donate 20% to Grace Lutheran Church. Present this on any other day, and we will donate 10%.

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