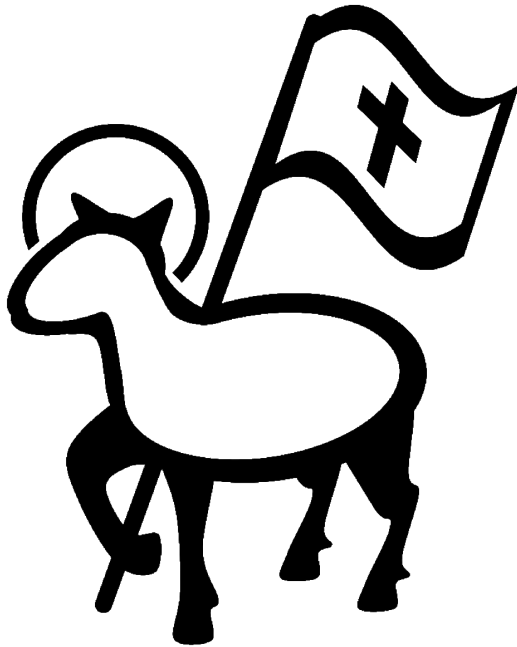


All Saints Sunday



November 5, 2023

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.

We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

All Saints Sunday

In the waters of baptism we were called by God and identified as "saints" even while we were still "sinners." Our saintliness comes through no work of our own, but on the holiness bestowed on us by Jesus. Out of our chosenness we experience trials and joy, but all are used by God to bring us closer to him. The theme of justice and judgment pervade today's readings as God works to bring salvation to his people.

PRELUDE

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" - arr. George Shearing

"Remembering" - John A. Behnke

**Linda Hoch - Organ
Grace Ringers Bell Choir**

Parish Concerns

Please stand and face the baptismal font.

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,

C **we confess that we are in bondage 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, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 "Wor- thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex- alt- ed thus!"
3 Je- sus is wor- thy to re-ceive hon- or and pow'r di- vine;
4 Let all cre- a- tion join in one to bless the sa- cred name



ten thou- sand thou- sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
"Wor- thy the Lamb," our lips re- ply, "for he was slain for us!"
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for- ev- er thine.
of him who sits up- on the throne, and to a- dore the Lamb.

The Gathering

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you!**

THIS IS THE FEAST



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia.



B Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo- ple of God. Pow- er and rich- es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon- or and bless- ing and glo- ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia.

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray.
C **Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The vision that came to John was filled with images of the holy ones of God. Dressed in white, the saints and angels surrounded the throne of God, who provided a place for them where there is no more hunger, thirst, excruciating heat or sorrowful tears.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, “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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1–10, 22

Refrain

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for
those who fear the LORD lack noth - ing.

**May be sung in canon.*

Psalm Tone

L I will bless the LORD ¹at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹in my mouth.

C ²I will glory ¹in the LORD;
let the lowly hear ¹and rejoice. Refrain

L ³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.

C ⁴**I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.**

L ⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

C ⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles. Refrain**

L ⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

C ⁸**Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!**

L ⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

C ¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

L ²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

Through God's love, those who believe and hope in the Lord are named "children" of God. When God reappears, his children will be like him and see him fully as he is already. This promise is something bestowed upon us and comes from outside ourselves. When we see the Lord, we will know him and be like him.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

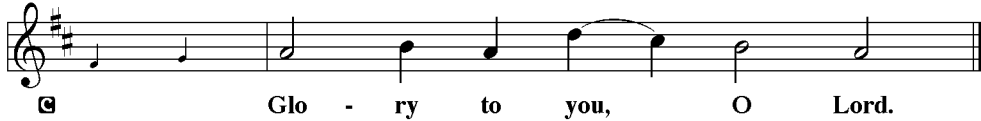
Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus urged the Jews who were following him to remain in his word of truth. This truth would set them free from sin and death. In their self-justification, they denied their bondage to sin and their need for help. Jesus insisted that he, himself, the Son, is the only one with the power to free them.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.



¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

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

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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

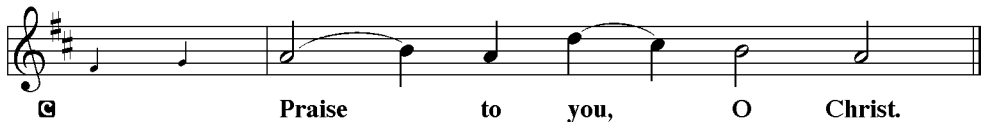
⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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

¹¹"Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus, the Very Thought of You"

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
 a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
 how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
 grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

NICENE CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.
 C **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,**
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A Let us pray for the Church, the world, and one another.
A brief silence

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

A Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C **And also with you.**

***You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,
and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.***

Please be seated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"For All the Saints" - arr. John A. Behnke

Grace Ringers Bell Choir

Please stand.

PREFACE

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 indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface,
concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

THE RITE FOR LAY OR DIACONAL DISTRIBUTION

P When our congregation gathered for the celebration of Holy Communion, we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts, and of the love shown to us in the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With thanksgiving, we remembered that “in the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.”

We were given assurance of our Lord’s presence through the gift of His Holy Spirit. Now, we receive this same bread of life and this same cup of blessing, that we may be strengthened through these gifts.

LORD’S PRAYER

P Together we pray.
 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.

Please be seated.

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, grant us peace.



All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

As no ordained pastor is present today, our worship will include distribution of those elements set apart earlier by Pastor Matt. In this sense, the Lord's body and blood offered today is an extension of the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar at that time.

Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.

You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.

As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it, everyone is also welcome to use the individual cups. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.

Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.

After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided (Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host.)

COMMUNION HYMN

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, would God I were in thee!



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
Would God my woes were at an end, thy joys that I might see!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Selected Communion Music by Larry Seifert

After communion is finished, please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through
the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you
would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent
love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SENDING OF OUR CARE TEAM

P Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him,
Bless those who go forth to share your Word and sacrament
With those who are sick or homebound.
May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through
the sharing of the body and blood of Christ,
all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"For All the Saints (v. 1-3, 4, 8)

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may your sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,

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8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through

All who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 You, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,

All who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 You, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old
 gates . . . of pearl streams in the count - less host,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, We fee - bly strug - gle,

they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are . . . one with - in your great de -

sign. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Children Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"For All the Saints" - arr. Charles W. Ore

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service.

Flowers are given by...


Lisa Kuhar in honor of the birthday of sons Nick and Scott.

Remember in our prayers... *Betty Lou Miliner, Janis Boughton, Evelyn Boughton, Tami Stone, Grace Sima, Rod Rice, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Rick Arreguin, Bob Bower, Barbara Muller, Clarence Clapham, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler*

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! *We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a*
WELCOME *welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.*

Service Recording: The recorded 8:30am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.

Nativity Fair: What is the difference between a nativity set and a creche? Really there is none, the word "creche" is French for crib or cradle, which is the main feature. They can contain any number of pieces and be made of almost any material. Did you know that in Australia the animals include koalas and kangaroos? What kind do you have?
 If you want to share your "creche" in our Nativity Fair, sign up at the welcome desk and bring it in between November 26 and December 1. You may set it up or leave it to the A&E Team. They will be on display from December 3 and 10 after which you may take them home for your own enjoyment. We are looking forward to seeing the many ways that the story of the birth of Christ is portrayed.
Direct your questions to Sue Mahrt or Karen Grant.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14) October Shopping List:*
Tissues; Diapers; Sugar – granulated, brown, powdered;



Coffee; Raisins; Alfredo Sauce; Soft Soap (liquid hand soap); Fruit juices (other than apple); Jello/Pudding Mixes; Toothbrushes/Toothpaste; and **Plastic shopping bags are needed.** We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.



Next Sunday, November 12 a box cake and box brownie mix collection will take place to send overseas for Rick Arreguin's Amy National Guard Unit. Please reach out to Jodie Arreguin or Karen Bale with any questions.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Grace is Tuesday, Nov.14, 2023 - 12 noon to 6 pm. Mark your calendars. You can schedule an appointment by contacting the Red Cross at RedCrossBlood.org and use our sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville or call 1-800-Red Cross. Questions? Contact Vanessa Stewart at 614-588-2712 or vschpn55@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

Nov. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Saints Sunday Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Deadline for WARM Thanksgiving Blessing Bags
Nov. 12	<i>Operation Air Mail:</i> Box cake and brownie mix collection to send overseas for Rick Arreguin's Amy National Guard Unit.
Nov. 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:15pm Annual Meeting Youth Christmas Program rehearsals begin (program during 11am service, Dec. 17) Angel Tree Kick-off A Joyful Noise! Community Concerts presents Nick Cosgrove "Home for Christmas" album debut, 4pm
Nov. 26	No Youth Sunday School
Dec. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception for Pr. Matt and Debbie Cox Nativity Showcase
Dec. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm: Supper 7pm: Advent Service
Dec. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Sunday School 10:00am Worship and Installation of Pr. David Wendel (Reception to follow)

CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Statement: To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

Operation Christmas Child kicks off today! Shoeboxes are available to pick up at both entrances. Turn in the shoeboxes TODAY.

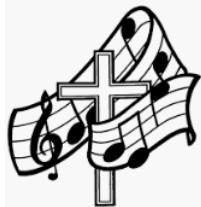


Make a donation to help us pay for shipping the shoeboxes. Return the M&M containers with a donation to the basket in the gathering space. Shipping is \$10 per box this year.

This fall, Sunday School's offering is being collected to purchase an Alpaca from World Vision. The cost to purchase an Alpaca is \$360. An alpaca is a great investment in a family's future! Your gift will make a big difference in the lives of farming families in Ecuador's Andean highlands. Alpaca wool can be knitted into hats, scarves, gloves, blankets, and other items to protect against harsh weather. Each week our 1-4 grade class will document collection progress by coloring in our Alpaca friend in the Sunday School hallway.



Grace Chancel Choir rehearsals are 7:00-8:15 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Jeff Daubenmire with questions or interest in singing.



Grace Youth Choir rehearsals are Sundays 9:30-9:45 AM. Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.

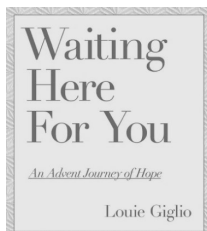
Grace Ringers Bell Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7PM. Contact Maria Laderman with questions or interest in ringing.

"That the World May Know" – Adult learning class: In volume 14, "The Mission of Jesus", Discover how Jesus triumphantly made God's presence known on earth, and how he asks you to do the same – bringing God's Peace to the chaos of others.

Renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the "That the World May Know" film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

This session will begin on November 5th and is facilitated by Bill Kulju. This class meets in fellowship hall between services beginning at 9:45.

The Women's Bible Study: Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 10:30am, the women's Bible study is "Waiting Here For You, An Advent Journey of Hope." By Louie Giglio. Louie Giglio reminds us that it's in the richness of Advent- a season of expectant waiting and preparation that we find our answer. It's throughout this waiting season that we prepare our hearts to greet December 25th with joy, peace, hope, and refreshed promise in our newborn King. Contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org, if interested.



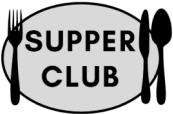
HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

NURSERY is open! The Nursery is open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages 6 and younger. Questions? Molly King, 614-882-3026 or m.king@grace43081.org.



Loaves and Fishes café is OPEN! Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with any questions or concerns.

Grace Supper Club had a wonderful evening at El Vaquero Mexican Restaurant last month. For November we have a reservation at The Whitney House on Thursday, November 16 at 6:15 p.m. The Whitney House is located at 666 High Street, Worthington 43085. You may want to arrive early as the lot behind the restaurant with access off New England Avenue East may fill up. There is also parking along High Street in front of the restaurant. A sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center Desk. **EVERYONE WELCOME!** Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions, please see either Bev Grubb or Tami Stone.



Dartball's 2023-2024 season is here! Contact Robert Bassett at 419.236.4293 or rgbassettiii@gmail.com with any questions. Upcoming matches:

11/9 Emmanuel 11/16 at FBGC 1 11/23 No Match



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8:30am: 86; 11:00am: 104, Total: 190

MUSIC NOTES

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" – arr. George Shearing

The twenty-six stanzas of this old-English hymn appear in a British Museum manuscript that

dates from about 1600. It has the title “A Song made by F.B.P. to the tune DIANA.” The initials are probably those of an unknown Roman Catholic priest, and the text closely resembles a passage in the meditations of St. Augustine, which was popular reading in the 16th century. The poem was first published in 1601 (in 19 verses) in *The Song of Mary the Mother of Christ, with a Description of Heavenly Jerusalem*.

“Remembering” – John A. Behnke

This is an original piece for bell choir by John A. Behnke to remember those who have passed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The music begins with a tolling bell, then the melody emerges which seeks to express the significance of each life lived, including their struggle with the virus.

“For All the Saints” – arr. John A. Behnke and Charles Ore

This hymn by William W. How (1823-1987) is based on the picture of a “cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1). The hymn gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ, a picture of the church in holy warfare, and a vision of the victorious Church. The tune SINE NOMINE is by English composer Ralph Vaughn Williams.

A Recommended Reading from Pr. Matt (week 4 of 5)

October 2, 2023

The New Wine Dream, Part 5

In the last four posts, we have been discussing a powerful dream Holy Spirit gave Dr. Greg Hood. The dream is long, very detailed, and filled with hope. It pictures satan’s plans to thwart God’s intentions for America and God’s recipe for victory over it. Greg and I have been given a package to deliver to Ekklesia leaders, which contains the recipe for this victory. The recipe is for a “new wine” - an outpouring of Holy Spirit - made from a mixing of previous wines - past revivals - spanning five centuries. So far, we have looked at ten of the wines/movements. Today, we will see the 5th and last pour, consisting of the final two wines (making a total of twelve). Then, we will see the results.

The Final Pour

Tim, assigned to place the filters, grabbed another one and said, "This filter seems to be transparent; it will allow what is poured through it to be seen, not hidden. We'll actually be able to see the wine mixing under the four filters."

Jim said, "This filter is more than a *Mamlakah*(1) filter; it's an Apostolic Moreh Mamlakah filter. This one is needed in the final stages of the merger so the blend can balance, and the taste of the new wine will have a strength that causes a contagious intoxication."

I continue to be surprised at the many words, numbers, and dates - most of them unknown to Greg - given in this dream. *Moreh*(2) is another. First, as a reminder, *mamlakah* means “kingdom.” All of the past wines/outpourings were poured through “Kingdom Filters.” Moreh is the Hebrew word for “teacher.” The coming new wine outpouring will need “apostolic, Kingdom-hearted teachers,” allowing it to:

be clearly “seen, not hidden.” This new wine will come with revelatory teaching.

be “balanced.” Anointed apostolic teachers bring balance, depth, and order, enabling

the church to build on a strong and pure foundation of Christ and His Word.

possess a “strength that will cause a contagious intoxication.” Many will want this new wine of the Spirit and, as Ephesians 5:18 instructs us, “Be filled with the Spirit.” The Message Translation of this verse is classic: “Don’t drink too much wine. That cheapens your life. Drink the Spirit of God, huge drafts of Him.”

Incredible.

The Wines

I turned to Greg and said, "Hood, you are holding the last two bottles. They are glowing a pure purple color. What are they?"

He responded, "One is a Lions Heart 1727 vintage from W. Tennent Log House Vineyard, and the other is an 1806 Thunderbolt from the Haystack Collection.

Purple, the color of the wines, symbolizes royalty and authority. This is consistent with the Lion Heart 1727 vintage from Tennent’s Log House Vineyard. Tennent was certainly a lion-hearted leader, and ministered in the First Great Awakening, challenging the clergy and the unbeliever alike. In 1727 he founded the Log College in Warminster, PA. Some have estimated that as many as 60 other schools were spawned from the fruit of Tennent’s Log College!

The 1806 Thunderbolt from the Haystack Collection is a humorous reference to the Haystack Prayer Meeting of 1806, which began at Williams College. Occurring during the Second Great Awakening, this prayer meeting launched the modern missions movement, resulting in thousands of missionaries being sent throughout the world.

In the summer of 1806, five students from the college met in a grove of trees to pray and discuss the needs of those in other countries. Their meeting was interrupted by a thunderstorm, and the students took shelter under a haystack and continued to pray until the sky cleared. (Thus, the name Haystack Prayer Meeting.) They and other students formed a group called The Brethren, to meet and discuss missions. This ultimately birthed a great missionary movement, that changed the world.

Jim informed Greg and me that he and I would make this pour together, one bottle each. Also, he said we would need to pour them simultaneously, just as with the previous pour. These two wines representing the First and Second Great Awakenings, prayer, training, missions, and much more, were poured together into one vat appropriately named the “Kingdom Ekklesia,” which already contained ten other wines/movements.

The New Wine Is Released

The new wine was ready! Jim referred to it as “a new, present-day, apostolic blend.” Then he added, “This blend has not yet been partaken of in the nation.”

We filled the new bottles, which pictures us, the church. Then he said, “The heat of the wine in the bottles will ignite them and transform them into rockets. NOW, Operation Paint the Target - Release Awakening is upon us. EVERYONE TO THE DOOR!”

This depiction of the heat/fire in the new wine and bottles pictures the fire of God coming to the Ekklesia through this fresh outpouring of Holy Spirit. We will be launched like rockets, carrying the new wine to targets, releasing awakening. “The battlefield is almost ready for us to launch,” I said.

A code from Scripture was decreed in order to open the door. It was Daniel 7:26-27: *“But the court will*

convene for judgment, and his dominion will be taken away, annihilated and destroyed forever. Then the sovereignty, the dominion, and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the HighestOne; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the empires will serve and obey Him” (NASB).

The New Wine Bottle Rockets ignited and launched onto the America-shaped battlefield. Explosions of new wine rained down on the battlefield - it was everywhere! The only exception was the church that earlier in the dream, had turned us away, uninterested in the recipe. Everything else was covered. There was so much of the new wine that it formed a river of wine in America.

We all wept. (End of dream)

Surely, this is coming. God is even now blending people, movements, and the anointings of past revivals. He is challenging us to allow Holy Spirit’s renewal of our wineskins and the filtering of our movements and congregations. That which is coming, the new wine, will stretch us all. Inflexible wineskins will be incapable of holding this new wine. But those who allow this preparation to occur are about to become part of the greatest outpouring of Holy Spirit in Earth’s history.

He has saved the best for last!

Pray with me:

Father, thank You for giving this incredible dream to Greg Hood. It is so full of healthy reminders, sobering warnings, confirmations, encouragement, prophetic enlightenment, and more. Though we find ourselves on the America-shaped battlefield, we do not fear the bullets; You have given your angels charge over us to keep us in all of our ways. We do not fear the religious spirit that opposes the new, satisfied with yesterday’s wine, rituals, and routines, nor do we despise them. We pray for the eyes of their understanding to be opened, their hearts to become hungry, and their minds to be opened.

We thank You for Jesus, our chief cornerstone. We pledge to measure everything we do from Him, and do all things through Him. In Him, we live and move and have our being. We pledge to be a Kingdom Ekklesia, focusing not on our own ministries and success, but on Your great cause and Kingdom. We pledge to submit to the Kingdom filter.

And we honor those in Your great cloud of witnesses. We thank them - through You - for their faithfulness, sacrifices, and tireless efforts. We are mindful and thankful for the legacy they gave us, for the “wine” they provided from their movements, a wine from which we drink today.

And now, we pray for the completion of the wine-making process. Mix the movements all together, making them one. Add the fire of Holy Spirit, sweeten it with the aroma of worship and prayer, and make it robust and strong. Pour it in the church, ignite us, and send us to the battlefield. We have painted the target, commanded the foreword, and anchored the states. Now, release the awakening, here and around the world. In Christ’s authority, His name, we ask. Amen.

Our Decree:

We decree that a mighty river of new wine is going to flow in America and the nations of the earth.

You can find out more about Dr. Greg Hood at GregHood.org.

James Strong, *The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1990), ref. no. 4467.
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The New Wine Dream, Part 5 - Greg Hood (9/2023)

Tim again grabs another filter in his hand; he says, "This filter seems to be transparent, but it's a filter nonetheless. It will allow what is poured through it to be seen, not hidden. You will be able now to see the wine as you have never before seen it."

Jim said, "This filter is more than a Mamlakah filter; it's an Apostolic Moreh Mamlakah filter. It's needed in the final stages of the merger so that the blend can balance and the taste of the new wine will have a strength that will cause a contagious intoxication."

Dutch turned to me (Greg) and said, "Hood, you are holding the last two bottles. They are glowing a pure purple color. What are they?"

I said, "One is a Lions Heart 1727 vintage from W. Tennent Log House Vineyard, and the other is a 1806 Thunderbolt from the Haystack Collection."

As Dutch was about to instruct me to make my way up the ladder as the others did, Jim interrupted him and said, "Boys, hang on a minute. You both will have to climb the ladder together. Greg, you must take and pour the 1727 Lions Heart from W. Tennent Log House Vineyard, and Dutch will carry the 1806 Thunderbolt from the Haystack Collection. Dutch, you will go up the ladder first, and Greg, you will follow. These bottles must be merged in the vat with the others in the same fashion as the ones Jones poured."

Dutch and I made our way up the ladder, stood at the opening of the vat, and began to merge both bottles of wine into the vat. As we poured through the transparent Moreh Mamlakah filter, Jim excitedly ordered Tim to swing an arm, attached to the vat below, over the new bottles on the table beside the vat. He said, "Timothy, open the spout and let the new wine fill the bottles." As he said this, we saw three men step out of the cloud of witnesses. We knew these men. Our hearts leaped with great excitement. As we all stood on the 264-inch by 22-inch catwalk, we continued praying, prophesying, decreeing, and praying in the Spirit.

The wine flowed into these new bottles. Jim said to us, "Come down quickly. The fermentation process is complete, the bottles are filled, and we must ready them to launch." He said, "This new blend is a new present-day apostolic blend. This blend has not been partaken of in the nation yet." He excitedly said, "The heat of the wine in the bottles will ignite them and transform them into rockets. NOW, "Operation Paint the Target - Release Awakening," is upon us." Jim commanded, "EVERYONE TO THE DOOR!"

We all quickly gathered at the door by which we entered the wine cellar, waiting for it to open to see these now "Bottle Rockets" launched. We stood there for what seemed like forever with great anticipation. Dutch said as he stared at his watch, "Just a few more minutes, folks. The battlefield is almost ready for us to launch." With a commanding voice, Dutch spoke, "Tim, this door and the New Wine Bottle rockets are voice-activated. You are holding the key. On my count, speak to the door and

the New Wine Bottle Rockets. Open the door and release the rockets into their assignment.” Dutch begin to count down, “10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2,1, DECLARE!”

Tim then begins to declare Daniel 7:26-27. The door to the wine cellar opened, and the New Wine Bottle Rockets ignited and launched onto the raging, America-shaped battlefield. As they traveled to their assignment, we could hear explosions of the New wine beginning to rain down on the nation. We all ran to the top of the staircase back onto the battlefield. We could see the new blend of wine everywhere. The only place that seemed not to be totally covered was the church that wouldn't let us inside. Everything else on the nation-shaped battlefield appeared to be covered with this new wine blend, so much so that we could see a new river forming in the nation.

We all wept.

(End of dream)

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Find the 38 **bold** words from Psalm 149 (ESV).

Y N P Q F E T T E R S E N T B
Y R X U F V E N G E A N C E I
L S O T N H A G R K L I V G P
D R O L W I S U W A V R R N Y
O O J U G O S T A M A U S O T
G S F X R A E H H K T O J S N
E N T E E X M D M R I B E D S
H O I L E D B Q G E O M R R T
I I P C H I L D R E N A T O Q
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K T E S I A R P T J J K S S U
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P K I N G N I S R A E L I V B
G L A D O R N S N I A H C C L
P U R T W E N S W L X N A M E

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the **assembly of the godly!** Let **Israel be glad in his Maker**; let the **children of Zion rejoice in their King!** Let them praise his **name** with **dancing**, making **melody** to him with **tambourine** and **lyre!** For the LORD takes **pleasure** in his people; he **adorns the humble** with **salvation**. Let the godly **exult in glory**; let them sing for **joy** on their **beds**. Let the high praises of God be in their **throats** and **two-edged swords** in their hands, to **execute vengeance** on the nations and **punishments** on the peoples, to **bind** their kings with **chains** and their nobles with **fetters of iron**, to execute on them the judgment **written!**

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This Week at Grace: November 5-12, 2023

- Nov. 5 **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**
MOLLY KING, COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER
8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Youth Choir
9:45 am Adult Learning and Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
2-4 pm Assemblée Chretienne La Parole
(Christian Assembly of the Word) (Sanctuary)
Thanksgiving Blessing Bags Deadline
Operation Christmas Child Deadline
- MON 1:00 pm Katharine Circle (Fellowship Hall)
- TUES 5:30 am Polling Location set-up (Loaves and Fishes Café)
6:30 am– 7:30pm Polling Location (Loaves and Fishes Café)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- WED. 10:30am Women’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
6:15 pm Grace Ringers (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Grace Singers (Sanctuary)
- THURS 6:30 pm Dartball vs. Emmanuel
- FRI. 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- SAT 9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Nov. 12 **24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
MOLLY KING, COMMISSIONED LAY MINISTER
8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Youth Choir
9:45 am Adult Learning and Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Y&F: Operation Christmas Child Event
2-4 pm Assemblée Chretienne La Parole
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