GRACE LUTHERAN CHAPEL

*Grace Chapel exists to make and keep disciples for Jesus Christ.*

All Saints Day

**Saturday, November, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, November 7, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.**

WELCOME/GREETING

OPENING HYMN “Alleluia! Let Praises Ring,” No. 822

**1 Alleluia! Let praises ring! To God the Father let us bring  
    Our songs of adoration.  
To Him through everlasting days Be worship, honor, pow’r, and praise,  
    Whose hand sustains creation.  
        Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy; Spread the story  
Of our God, the Lord of glory.**

**2 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Lamb of God we sing,  
    In whom we are elected.  
He bought His Church with His own blood,**

**He cleansed her in that blessèd flood, And as His bride selected.  
        Holy, holy Is our union And communion. His befriending  
Gives us joy and peace unending.**

**3 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto the Holy Ghost we sing  
    For our regeneration.  
The saving faith in us He wrought And us unto the Bridegroom brought,  
    Made us His chosen nation.  
        Glory! Glory! Joy eternal, Bliss supernal; There is manna  
And an endless, glad hosanna.**

**4 Alleluia! Let praises ring! Unto our triune God we sing;  
    Blest be His name forever!  
With angel hosts let us adore And sing His praises evermore  
    For all His grace and favor!  
        Singing, ringing: Holy, holy, God is holy;  Spread the story  
Of our God, the Lord of glory!**

INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

*Our rejoicing this day is tempered by the reality that although our gracious God has declared us to be saints-holy in His sight, one with those who have preceded us to heaven-while living on earth, we continue to sin. Let us therefore confess our sins, confident of God's mercy and grace for Jesus' sake.*

(*Silence for reflection on God*'*s Word and for self-examination*.)

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus called "blessed" those who are poor in spirit, meek, and hungering after righteousness.*

**We confess that we have sought our personal happiness; we have striven to gain power; and we have neglected the disadvantaged and oppressed people around us. Forgive us in Your mercy, Lord Jesus.**

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus called "blessed" those who are merciful, pure in heart, and peacemakers.*

**We confess that we have sought our own advantage; we have become distracted from God's will for us; and we have let conflicts go unresolved. Forgive us in Your mercy, Lord Jesus.**

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus called us "blessed" when we are persecuted for His sake.*

**We confess that we have sought to avoid persecution at all costs, seeking**

**approval from the people around us and failing to proclaim the faith inside us. Forgive us in Your mercy, Lord Jesus. Renew in us right spirits that we may walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

*“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” You have been blessed by Jesus with the purity of heart that comes from sins forgiven. Now we see God with eyes of faith; one day, we shall see Him face-to-face. This is all because of His mercy, which He has poured out upon you and all who trust in Him. It is my privilege to announce this grace to you and proclaim that Jesus forgives us all our sins.*

**Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise," No. 680, vv. 1,2, 5

**1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
 Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
 Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.**

**2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
 Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
 Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.**

**5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
 Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
 Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.**

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SALUTATION

*The Lord be with you.*

**And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray. Lord over all, Your Son, the Lamb on the throne, won the final victory for*

*us; our sins have been washed away in His blood. Grant us strength of faith in Him that*

*we may be comforted through our troubles while here on earth and join the saints who*

*have gone before us, celebrating Your eternal victory in heaven; through Jesus Christ,*

*Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now*

*and forever.*

**Amen.**

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

**9**After 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, **10**and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” **11**And 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, **12**saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

**13**Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” **14**I 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.”

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 149 *(Spoken responsively)*

1*Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!* **2Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

**3***Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!***4For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.**

**5***Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.***6Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,**

**7***to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,***8to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

**9***to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!*

EPISTLE READING 1 John 3:1-3

See 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. **2**Beloved, 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. **3**And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (8:00 a.m.) “Beautiful Savior” – Handbell Choir

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2**And 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. **12**Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

SERMON “Ringing Bells in the Lives of the Saints” – Pastor Eric Stacy

Revelation 7:9-17 with reference to Matthew 5:1-12

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

HYMN STANZAS “For All the Saints ,”No. 677, vv. 1 - 2

**1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
    Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
    Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*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 our Lord. Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with Him to our joyful resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

HYMN STANZAS "For All the Saints," No. 677, vv. 3-4

**3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old  
And win with them the victor’s crown of gold!  
    Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
    Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that Your Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

HYMN STANZAS "For All the Saints," No. 677, vv. 5-6

**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!**

**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!**

*Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in Your loving care that, casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*May we have strength to meet the days ahead in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those we love. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

HYMN STANZA "For All the Saints," No. 677, v. 7

**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!**

*We remember before You with thanks for the blessings of body and soul You gave those who have preceded us to glory. Likewise, our hearts are full, recalling the blessings You showered on us through these, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hear us as we name them aloud in each other's hearing:*

*[Names of those who have died since last All Saints' Day are read.]*

*Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death have taken away the sting of death: grant to us, Your servants, so to follow in faith where You have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in You and awake after Your likeness; to You, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all glory in the Church, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

HYMN STANZA "For All the Saints," No. 677, v. 8

**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

*Let us pray for our fellow saints of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.  
  
For all the nations of the world, that their leaders see with Your eyes of justice and mercy the needs of their people, and that Your blessed ones represent You among every nation, tribe, people, and language, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Bless us with Your mercy.**

*For Your Body, the Christian Church on earth, that we see in our service the coming of Your kingdom into our world, and that our love for others reflect the love our Savior has shown to all, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Bless us with Your mercy.**

*For all the families of our congregation, that in seeing the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the grieving, we see You in them, and welcome the opportunity to bless others as You have first blessed us, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Bless us with Your mercy.**

*For the sick, that they receive Your blessing through the healing that comes by Your power alone, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Bless us with Your mercy.**

*Into Your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, always relying upon Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

*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."*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Lord of the Church, in this Sacrament You call us to remember Your passion, death and resurrection, Your ascension and promise to return with saints and angels; so remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Life is Good Because God Is Great" arr. Ken Liszewski

"Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs," No. 812

**1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.**

**2 “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be exalted thus!”  
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “For He was slain for us!”**

**3 Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow’r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, forever Thine.**

**4 Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name  
Of Him who sits upon the throne And to adore the Lamb.**

"Wide Open Stand the Gates," No. 639

**1 Wide open stand the gates adorned with pearl,  
    While round God’s golden throne  
The choirs of saints in endless circles curl,  
    And joyous praise the Son!  
They watch Him now descending  
    To visit waiting earth.  
The Lord of Life unending  
    Brings dying hope new birth!**

**2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless:  
    “This is My flesh and blood!”  
He bids us eat and drink with thankfulness  
    This gift of holy food.  
All human thought must falter—  
    Our God stoops low to heal,  
Now present on the altar,  
    For us both host and meal!**

**3 The cherubim, their faces veiled from light,  
    While saints in wonder kneel,  
Sing praise to Him whose face with glory bright  
    No earthly masks conceal.  
This sacrament God gives us  
    Binds us in unity,  
Joins earth with heav’n beyond us,  
    Time with eternity!**

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DISMISSAL BLESSING

*The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.*

**Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.*

**His love endures forever.**

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless His holy name.*

**My soul, give thanks to the Lord, and never forget all His blessings.**

*It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion, who fills your life with good things, renewing your youth like an eagle's.*

**My soul, give thanks to the Lord! Give praise to the Father almighty, to His Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26*

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” No. 700

**1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav’n, to earth come down!  
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
 Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter ev’ry trembling heart.**

**2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into ev’ry troubled breast;  
 Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
 End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.**

**3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all Thy life receive;  
 Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
 Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**4 Finish then Thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;  
 Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav’n we take our place,  
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

POSTLUDE

*Grace is for all!*