

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
November 25, 2018

THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Gracious God and Lord, Your salvation is forever, Your righteousness alone gives me everlasting life. By Your Holy Spirit's power You will keep me blameless until the coming of my Lord Jesus Christ. Keep me alert, awake to Your will and grace, and keep me steadfast in my confession of faith until I behold Jesus face to face. In His holy name I pray. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to Grace! Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year which speaks of Christ's second coming. Next week we begin a New Church Year with the First Sunday in Advent as we prepare to celebrate His first coming. Grace is a family of believers dedicated to sharing the Good News of salvation in Jesus. We believe and confess that this is done as the Means of Grace, God's Word and Sacraments, are shared and administered in their truth and purity. Living as His people we bear witness to His love and mercy shown to us and to all. We recognize that others will know that we are Christians by our love shared in word and deed which is our response to His love for us. If you are visiting it is our prayer that you will realize these things about us as God's people gathered in this place. **We are glad you are here and we invite you to come and worship with us again.**

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. We have a staffed nursery facility for infants and toddlers located downstairs in this building for anyone who has need. Restroom facilities are located downstairs as well as on this floor level across the bridge before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher or greeter.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our 8:15 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

AS WE GATHER

"Wake up!" Those are usually words we hear from someone in the morning as they urge us to get up from a night's rest. Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. Next week will turn our attention to Advent and preparations for the celebration of Christ's incarnation. But as we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming, we also anticipate His second coming. Christ's return in glory is the focus of this Service. Jesus calls on His followers to stay awake and remain prepared for His coming. He warns that no one knows the day or the hour of His return. But He promises He is returning and returning soon. He calls us to remain faithful, strengthened in our faith by Word and Sacrament, for He who calls us is faithful and He will do it.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Donna Langlais in memory of loved ones who have gone before and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Seminarian:		Seminarian Joshua Ralston
Director of Parish Music:		Charles Russell
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Emma Schnackenberg
Cantor:	(8:15)	Paula Walter
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Raymond Harrill
Ushers:	(8:15)	Tommy Borchert, Chuck Fandrei Jim Marvin, Paul Nichols, Carter Stein
Greeters:	(8:15)	Tommy and Judy Borchert
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Bev Sanders
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Elijah Goodrich
Cantor:	(10:45)	Ron Krueger
Ushers:	(10:45)	Paul Krueger, Gervais LeBlanc Jeff Ralston, Ken Ross
Greeter:	(10:45)	Chris and Betty Pils
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ken and Becky Ross and Karolyn Ziemer
Choirs:		Adult Choir, Handbell Choir
Coffee Host:		Bev Samders
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle, Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - The appointed readings for next Sunday, December 2, 2018, the First Sunday in Advent, are: The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 , The Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, and The Gospel Reading: Luke 19:28-40.

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THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Prelude

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying ~ John A. Behnke
Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme (BWV 645) ~ Johann Sebastian Bach

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

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

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

Confession of Sins

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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**

- P** Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
- C** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;*
hold not your peace | at my tears!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

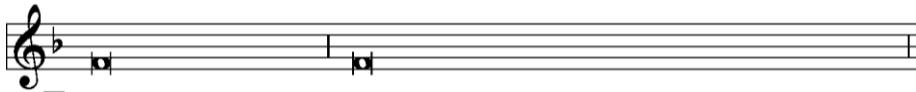
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



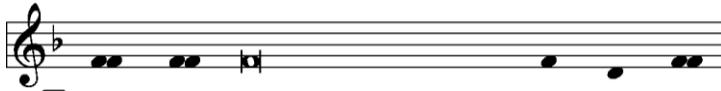
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



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

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:4-6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5



These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Epistle

Jude 20–25

P This is the Word of the Lord.

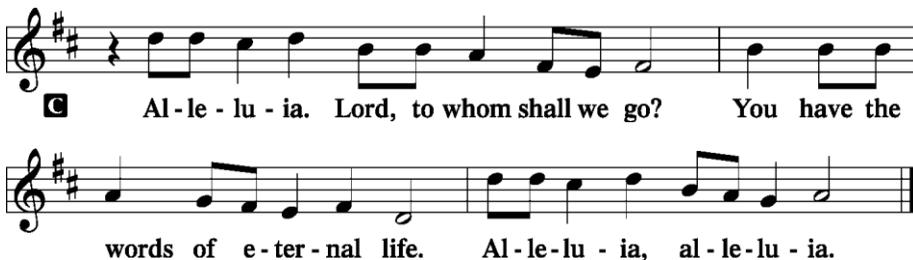
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Rev. 22:13

P Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.
Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

**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**

Apostles' Creed (10:45)

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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. Amen**

Prayer of the Church

☐ Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with the following:

☐ Lord, in Your mercy,
☐ hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with the following:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

Sit

Offering

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying ~ Paul Manz

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



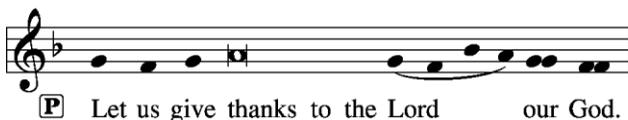
C Was soll ich den - der zu dem Herrn für alle His ben - e - fits zu
me? Ich will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

10:45 service continues on page 17

Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen

The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

- 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**

Pax Domini

John 20:19



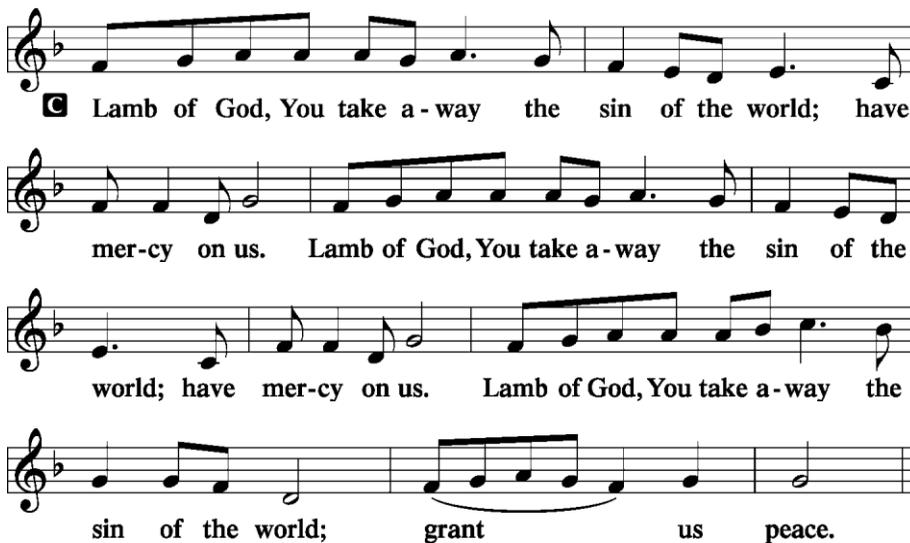
P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



☐ 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.

Sit

Distribution

Communion Instructions: The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

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Hymn: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

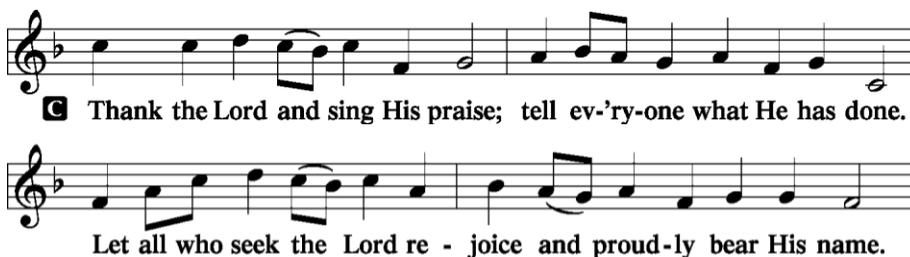
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Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

Stand

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

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

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

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

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

C A - men.

Closing Hymn: From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LSB 816

Postlude

From All That Dwell Below the Skies ~ John A. Behnke



Service Concludes (10:45)

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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**

Collect

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C **Amen**

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall
9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service
- MON - FR:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- MONDAY:** 6:30 p.m. – Parish Planning
- TUESDAY:** 5:15 p.m. – Confirmation Class
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (**Grace Parlor**)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service with Holy Communion

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - Today in Sunday School, students will study “Worship in the Tabernacle.” In the tabernacle, God dwelled with His people, cleansing them and making them holy through the blood of sacrifices. In Christ, God now dwells among us, cleansing us and making us holy through His blood, sacrificed for us on the cross. Ask students, “Why did God direct the people to build the tabernacle? Where do we worship God today?”

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. Pastor Walter has been leading a study of St. Peter’s Epistles with the current study in 2 Peter. This morning Seminarian Josh Ralston will lead the class and share some of his experiences from his Vicarage and then what he will be doing in his last year at the Seminary before he receives his first Call into the Office of Holy Ministry.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES for children ages 3 years through 6th grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center and will continue practices for their Christmas program. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in their classrooms downstairs in the church.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY to the family of Leo O’day Esget who died Thursday, November 22nd, in Hot Springs. Leo is survived by his wife Eileen, daughter Emily, and son the Rev. Christopher Esget, his wife Kassie and son James. Leo’s Funeral will be here at Grace on Wednesday, November 28th at 11:00 a.m. with a Visitation at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor before the Service. Please keep the Esget family in your thoughts and prayers.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 27 – Sue and James Hulsey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Nov. 25 – Randy Yovanovich

Nov. 26 – David Jones, Emma Schnackenberg

Nov. 29 – Morgan Yovanovich

Nov. 30 – Mary Ellen McAllister

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Kay Jenkins is in rehab at St Vincent, North Little Rock.

Dave Roberts continues his recovery following surgery.

Sammye Sue Harrill continues her recovery following knee surgery.

Bob Nichols continues his recovery.

Mona DeMilt is in rehabilitative care.

Emma Louise Lile is in hospice care at Briarwood Nursing Center.

GRACE WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - Attendance: Sunday 11/18 167 (8:15 – 97 and 10:45 – 70). Thanksgiving Service 11/22: 77. **Offerings:** Sunday 11/18: \$8,968.00. Missions: \$80.00. Memorial Fund: \$290.00. Scholarship Fund: \$100.00. Building Fund: \$50.00.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF ZACHARY ARNOLD

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Janet Killough

TO THE GRACE MUSIC FUND

By Sherry Clawitter

TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND

By Carroll and Doris Holzhauser

TO THE GRACE MEMBER ASSISTANT FUND

By Dorris Deislinger

Robert and Carole Nichols

