



Saints Triumphant

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

God's Word for this week

Childbearing is an excruciating process. This shows that pain can be endured if we know it is temporary and that happier times come immediately after. Happier times *are* coming! That truth is made crystal clear on this Saints Triumphant Sunday. On this day we remember the saints who have gone on before us—all those who now rest from their labors. They all endured hardship and pain. But no more. Now they enjoy perfect glory, peace, and joy. We remember them and we focus on the future glory that waits for us.

Before Worship

Take time for prayer and to review the lessons and the service notes. For personal preparation for Communion, see Red Hymnal: p.156.

General Information

The restrooms are located in the fellowship hall. Visitors – welcome, and please take a moment and sign the guestbook in the fellowship hall. If you need special assistance for communion, please notify an usher and/or the pastor.

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T-Loop Hearing Assistance

If you have a hearing aid with a T-coil, you can connect it to the T-Loop device installed throughout the church building. Headsets are available for anyone needing hearing assistance. Personal earbuds can also be used with a head set. See Kris Martinson if you need assistance.



SAINTS TRIUMPHANT WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION

880 For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 1-3



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
3 Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold



who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old and



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
win with them the victor's crown of gold.



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

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Stand

Blessing

The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

We thank God for those at rest in Glory

Let us thank the Lord for all the saints throughout the ages who have held strongly to the Gospel truth and showed Christ to the world. In so doing they have made an incredible impact upon us and many others. They have set a wonderful example for us to follow. They fought many spiritual battles, but clung tightly to Jesus and held on until the end — now they enjoy the reward that Christ won for us all.

880 For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 4–5

4 Oh, blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph - song, and
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Confession & Absolution

O God Almighty, you know we have not acted like the saints you have called us to be. You expect us to love you and others perfectly; to act like your special, chosen, holy people - all the time.

We confess to you, O Lord, that by our attitudes and actions we have sinned against you. We have not acted as the saints you want us to be. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul and mind.

We have not poured our efforts into living and proclaiming your Gospel here or throughout the world.

Yet, for the sake of Jesus, who was perfect in our place, we beg you to have mercy on us.

**Because of his blood shed on the cross,
forgive all our sins we humbly pray:**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our Father, sent Jesus Christ who considered our souls worth the huge sacrifice he made. Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that through his poverty we might share in his eternal riches. Because of Jesus you are righteous in God's sight and are forgiven † for all your sins. That means you ARE saints in His eyes. Because of his resurrection from the dead, death itself has been swallowed up in victory. You are his people, and will live with him forever. Do you believe this?

Yes, we believe. We are the forgiven and righteous saints of God. We have the gift of eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus. We are citizens of Heaven. We are ready and equipped by the Holy Spirit to be the kind of people that God wants us to be.

We now have peace with God through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us then praise him for the victory he has given us, and the glorious heavenly future we now have to look forward to:

880 For All the Saints

CW 880 sts. 6-8



6 The gold - en eve - ning bright-ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



soon, soon, to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that 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.

Be seated

THE WORD

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

¹⁴I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

“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.

¹⁶Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

149A Sing to the LORD, Sing a New Song

Psalm 149A sts. Ref-1, 3-4

Refrain

Sing to the LORD, sing a new song.

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the LORD!

Verses



1 Sing praise to the LORD, come sing a new song;
3 In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the LORD;
4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,



a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
but o - ver the earth their faith shall pre - vail;



let Is - rael be glad in their mak - er and sing,
go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in his might
all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword—



let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
thus God shows great glo - ry, sing praise to the LORD.

Text (sts. 1, 3–4): Psalter, 1912, alt.; (Ref): Hal H. Hopson

Tune: English; Hal H. Hopson

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Second Reading

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Alleluia. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia.

837 When Will I Walk

CW 837 sts. 1, Ref

1 When will I walk the shin - ing streets of gold
which lie be - hind the mas - sive gates of pearl,
where saints tri - um - phant live in bliss un - told,
and all a - round the al - le - lu - ias swirl?

Refrain
My days, O Lord, are trou - ble - filled and few, and
I'm not home un - til I'm home with you.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music. The first five staves correspond to the main verses, and the sixth staff is the refrain. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them. He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

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

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

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

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

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

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

¹¹Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Reception of a new member:

We welcome Shelly Combs to Grace!

883 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

CW 883 sts. 1-2



1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; but now, how



snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; who is
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, a priest -



this band be - fore the throne of light? These are the
ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. So oft in



saints of glo - rious fame, who from the great af - flic - tion
trou - bled days gone by, in an - guish they would weep and



came and in the flood of Je - sus' blood are cleansed from
sigh; at home a - bove the God of love for - e'er their



guilt and blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
tears shall dry. They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,



their voic - es they in wor - ship raise; their an - thems
the heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; the Lamb, their



rise where God re - sides, mid an - gels' songs of praise.
Lord, at fes - tive board him - self is host and guest.

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Sermon

Revelation 7:13-17 *“Life is PAIN – but Heaven is coming!”*

883 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

CW 883 st. 3

- 3 O blessèd saints in bright array,
now safely home in endless day,
extol the Lord,
who with his Word
sustained you on the way.
The steep and narrow path you trod;
you toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
rejoice and bring
your fruits and sing
before the throne of God.
Swing high your palms, lift up your song,
yes, make it myriad voices strong!
Let heaven ring—
to Christ the King
all praise and thanks belong!**

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Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Prayer of the Church

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

That great cloud of witnesses whose living trust in you, recorded in your Word, becomes an example for us to imitate and follow.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us your blessing.

With grateful hearts, Lord,

We remember before you this day...

Your faithful followers of every age—among them our parents and grandparents and our mentors and models—whom your Spirit called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified to be your holy Church and by whose faithful words and deeds the gospel of your grace arrived also to us.

Inspire us as we remember them and grant us their resolve.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for all those hurting, suffering, and going through pain as they struggle through life right now:

Silent prayer

Empower us, Lord, to carry on the work you gave to your people of the past, trusting your Son, holding to your Word, confessing your truth, loving the lost, reaching out with your love, until you call us, too, by your great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them where painful memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy.

Amen.

Offering

THE SACRAMENT

Preface

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who opened paradise for us all. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise Him, the Lamb of God who has given us this future to look forward to:

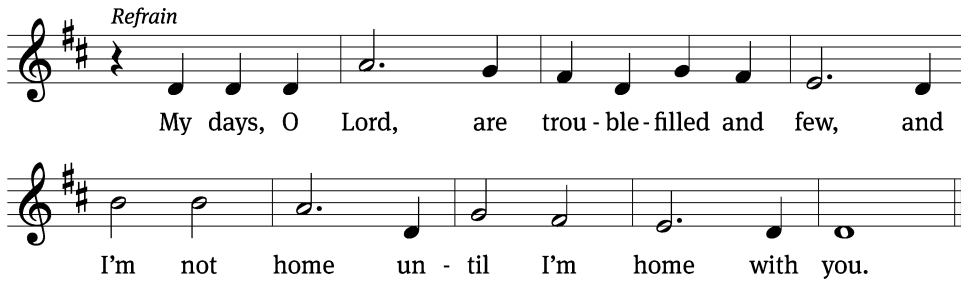
837 When Will I Walk

CW 837 sts. Ref, 2

2 When will I wear the robe of bril - liant white
and raise a - loft the vic - tor's branch of palm,
where long - for - got - ten is the no - ble fight
and glass - y seas be - tray a per - fect calm?

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a '2' indicating a second ending. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Refrain



My days, O Lord, are trou-ble-filled and few, and
I'm not home un-til I'm home with you.

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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.

Words of Institution

(Pastor consecrates the elements)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

1031 Agnus (Brit) - ST. CRISPIN

CW 1031

Tune: ST. CRISPIN



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Distribution

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in both Word and Sacrament. Through these gifts you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

853 I'm But a Stranger Here

CW 853



1 I'm but a stran - ger here, heav'n is my home;
2 What though the tem - pest rage, heav'n is my home;
3 There - fore I mur - mur not, heav'n is my home;



earth is a des - ert drear, heav'n is my home;
short is my pil - grim - age, heav'n is my home;
what - e'er my earth - ly lot, heav'n is my home;



dan - ger and sor - row stand round me on ev - 'ry hand;
and time's wild, win - try blast soon shall be o - ver - past;
and I shall sure - ly stand there at my Lord's right hand;



heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.
I shall reach home at last, heav'n is my home.
heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome New Member

We welcome Shelly Combes into the family of Grace Lutheran!

Ladies of Grace

The Ladies of grace will meet today after worship.

Outreach Event

We have scheduled our ***Crusade for the Chili Crown*** on November 18th. We need food pantry donations. Please bring your donations and place them into the storage room off of the fellowship hall.

We will invite the public to enter the chili cookoff, but Grace members are also welcome to sign up and compete. As always, pray that God will richly bless us this event.

Bible Classes

Please take advantage of the Bible Classes now offered at Grace: Sunday morning 9 am / Wednesday afternoon 3 pm / the last Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Talk to pastor if you'd like to join in one of the current BIC courses as well.

Pastor is planning to start a new Bible class on **Revelation** to be held Thursdays at 6:00 pm. We're going to take a few weeks to promote it in our community and hopefully get some visitors to attend. We plan to begin the class on the last Thursday of the month, November 30 (the week after Thanksgiving).

Upcoming Schedule

Today	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Worship + Communion
Today	11:00 am	Ladies of Grace
Nov. 15	3:00 pm	Genesis Bible Study
Nov. 16	10:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
Nov. 18	11 – 1:30 pm	Crusade for the Chili Crown
Nov. 19	9 / 10 am	Bible Class / Thanksgiving Worship