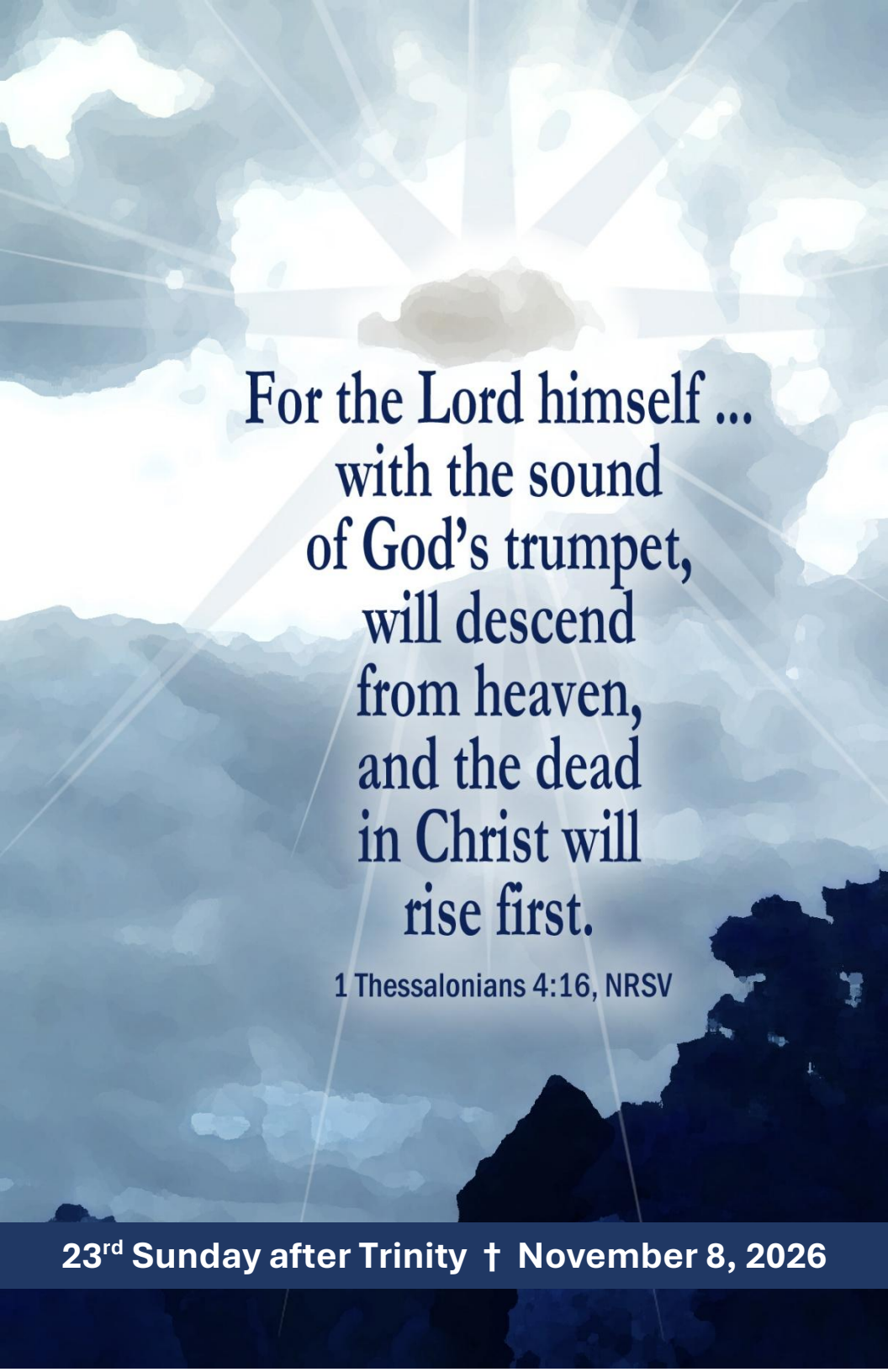


23rd Sunday after Trinity † November 8, 2026

The Opening

Today's service follows Setting 2 from the Worship Supplement 2000 p.12ff.

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn LSB 677:1-5 *For All the Saints*

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

C **Amen!**

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children**.** But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

♪ C ***Lord, have mercy on us.***
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

♪ C ***Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;***
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray… through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



The Scripture

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 52:1-6*

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your
beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no
more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. [2] Shake
yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the
bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. [3] For thus says the
LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed
without money." [4] For thus says the Lord GOD: "My people went
down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian
oppressed them for nothing. [5] Now therefore what have I here,"
declares the LORD, "seeing that my people are taken away for
nothing? Their rulers wail," declares the LORD, "and continually all
the day my name is despised. [6] Therefore my people shall know my
name. Therefore in that day they shall know that it is I who speak;
here am I."



Responsive Reading: *Psalm 70*

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

C Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!

P Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!

C Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

P May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

C But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:1-13*

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. [3] For when the foolish took their lamps,

they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8] And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10] And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11] Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

♪ C ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***
These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Hymn LSB 515 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

The Sermon

Sermon Reading: *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Theme: THE PERFECT REUNION

I. The planning is already finished. II. The whole family will be there.
III. The celebration will last forever.

Sermon Study Questions

What common Christian question does Paul address in these verses?

What does the Bible reveal about the following details of God's plans for the reunion described in these verses:

Location:

Timing:

Packing List:

What will happen to dead believers when Christ returns? (vv.15-16)

What major time-related difference is there between earthly reunions and the reunion described in our sermon text?

What did Jesus give to ensure "the perfect reunion"? (Rom. 14:9)

The Response

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

♪ C ***Create in me a clean heart,***
O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Hymn LSB 680 *Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your offering electronically, please scan the QR code on the announcement page.

Prayer of the Church † The Lord's Prayer

We boldly approach God's throne of grace, that we may find grace to help in time of need.

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.**

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto yo
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ C ***Amen, Amen, Amen!***

Closing Hymn LSB 677:6-8 *For All the Saints*

WELCOME!

We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

- **Restrooms** are located to the right after you exit down the main aisle.
- **Parent's Room** is located in the northeast corner of the sanctuary.
- **If you are visiting with us today**, please sign the guest book in the entryway and we invite you to join us again.
- **If you are looking for a church home,** ask Pastor about a free one-on-one Bible study for new people. Where & when? Your convenience.

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The Announcements

Church Boards and Church Council monthly meetings are today following the worship service.

Thanksgiving Eve Service: On Wednesday Nov. 25 at 7:00 pm, we will hold our Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to thank our gracious God for all that He has given us! *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so! Psalm 107:1-2*

Appreciation: Some thank-you cards are posted by Pastor's office from Grace high school students for the donations to the Tuition Aid Fund to support their Christian education at Immanuel Lutheran High School.

CLC Midwest Women's Retreat: Grace Lutheran Church is pleased to host the 2027 Midwest Women's Retreat, April 23–25, at Banquets of Minnesota in Fridley. Annette Kuehne is serving as one of this year's planners. Register at: www.womensretreat.clclutheran.net/midwest-womens-retreat. Theme: "Planted in the House of the Lord" (Psalm 92:12-14). Cost: $100 before February 15. If cost is a concern, please contact Annette. Financial assistance is available through the Dorcas Guild and the Midwest Women's Retreat. We hope all the ladies of Grace will join us for a wonderful time of growing in God's Word and enjoying fellowship with our sisters in Christ!

2027 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Nepal Postponed: Due to increased government scrutiny and restrictions on Christian activities and the recent arrest and deportation of several foreign Christians in Nepal, the 2027 Mission Helper Trip has been postponed until further notice. This decision was made with the advice of HCLC-Nepal church leaders to protect their ongoing Gospel ministry from government interference. Please keep our Nepali brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers. While no international Mission Helper Trips are planned for 2027, stateside TVBS opportunities will be available. A Mission Helper Trip to Mexico is also being planned as a trial run for future opportunities. Future trips, such as Bangladesh and the Philippines are also being considered as the Lord opens doors.

Immanuel Lutheran College Visitors' Day is Friday, November 13 on the ILC campus in Eau Claire, WI. Activities begin with chapel at 10:05am in the Field House, followed by presentations and classroom visits until 2:50pm. Come and learn more about your church's college and consider continuing your education in a solidly Christian setting! Speak with Pastor for more info.

CLC Call News: Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has **received** the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Serving Us † Today

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:10

Organist: Maureen Ochsner	*Church Cleaners*: Naumann
Usher Team 1: Gary Gunther, Daniel Hein, Bob Maki, Bill Rust, David Stifter, Jeff Stifter, Joel Stifter	*Counting Team 4*: Kyle Aymond, Thomas Graham, Kevin Hulke, Clint Welker

Serving Us † Next Sunday

Organist: Janelle Hein	*Church Cleaners*: Naumann
Usher Team 1: Gary Gunther, Daniel Hein, Bob Maki, Bill Rust, David Stifter, Jeff Stifter, Joel Stifter	*Counting Team 1*: Dale Enns, Larry Nelson, Phil Radichel, Dave Rust

Upcoming † Calendar

If the Lord wills, we will do this or that. James 4:15

Today	11:15am	Board and Council Meetings
Wed. 11/11	7:00pm	Midweek Bible Study (Galatians)
Sun. 11/15	8:30am	Choir Practice
	9:00am	Bible Class / Sunday School
	10:00am	Sunday Worship Service
Wed. 11/25	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Sun. 11/29	11:00am	Outreach Committee Meeting
Wed. 12/2	7:00pm	1st Midweek Advent Service

In Our Prayers † Encouragement List

Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:18

Jan Sandhoefner is home recovering from a kidney infection. **Barb Sydow** is home recovering from a heart infection. **Cindy Bruckbauer** remains mostly homebound due to a chronic illness. **Judy Dahlin** remains homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Cindy Degnan** remains mostly homebound due to severe, persistent seizures. **Jean Gunther** remains homebound due to a chronic illness. **Dorothy Hammond** remains mostly homebound due to the loss of her sight. **Bob Rust** is receiving treatment for cancer. **Daniel and Jessica Robin** are expecting their first child in Jan 2027. **Max Milbrandt and Julianna Hein** are engaged to be married in May 2027. **Need prayer?** Please inform Pastor and your need will be included in the next bulletin.

Our Response † to the Gospel

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Attendance 11/1: Worship = 114 <> Bible Class = 45 <> Sunday School = 23

Midweek Bible Study (11/4) = 26

Weekly Offering:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	235	QR Code for Online Giving:		
Weekly Need (est)	Grace:	5,400	CLC	1,440			
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Year-to-date Need	Grace:	237,600	CLC:	63,360			
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