



*The Festival of Michael & All Angels*  
Worship with Holy Communion  
September 29, 2024

# ***Good morning & Welcome to Grace in the time after Pentecost.***

***Our mission is to invite and welcome all  
to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.***

We do not live as the people God has claimed us to be. Our lives lose their center. Our faith practices focus on surface things rather than the core. We fail to be what God has created and is creating us to be – vessels poured out for others. We look at ourselves in the mirror and upon walking away forget who and whose we are. At the heart of the Christian assembly is Jesus – in word, in song, in prayer, in the neighbor, in water, bread, and wine. Jesus, who embodies forgiveness and mercy, is the heart. Again and again, life becomes misshapen. Again and again, the potter reshapes the clay. The splash of a watery cross, the taste of bread and wine: these things center life in Christ. God's mercy washes over us. God's mercy is implanted in us. God creates life anew; deformed hearts are reformed for works of mercy and love.

**We are glad you are with us for worship today, and we offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.**

**Children are welcome in worship at Grace!** The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! There is a Children's Corner in the sanctuary and, if needed, a nursery off the lobby.

**In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to all of us in the death and resurrection of Christ, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table.** We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Gluten free bread is available – just ask when you come forward. Finally, communion assistants are located on both sides of the sanctuary, with both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)**. Please place your empty cup in the bowl on your way back to your seat after you commune.

**For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune.** When we come to the Meal portion of the service, and the people who are present in person are coming forward, please eat your bread and drink your cup as you are moved to do so. You may say the words: This is the body of Christ; this is the blood of Christ, as you commune yourself, and/or others.

**If you have questions** about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

**Again, we're glad you're here! Welcome to worship!**



⌘ OFFERING PRAYER

⌘ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Those moved to do so may rise.)

⌘ *The minister continues with the proper preface:*

⌘ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (THE SANCTUS)

ELW 191

⌘ THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE & THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

⌘ THE LORD'S PRAYER

⌘ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION – *Those joining us by live stream are invited to commune at this time.*

⌘ LAMB OF GOD

ELW 195

COMMUNION HYMNS

*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent”*

ELW 490

*“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*

ELW 750

⌘ BLESSING & PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**SENDING ~ GOD blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.**

⌘ BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

*“Blessed Assurance”*

ELW 638

⌘ DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

*“We're Marching to Zion”*

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