

#### 75 YEARS OF GOD'S RICH GRACE

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

—Ephesians 1:7

God is rich in his grace. He is extravagant and overwhelming with his love toward sinners. His mercy endures forever. And because of that, our cup overflows. We do not deserve any of this. We do not deserve God's provision day in and day out. We don't deserve the giving of his Son on the cross. We don't deserve the faith given to us by the Spirit to believe all that our Triune God has done. That is why it's called grace. It's a gift, not earned but offered, not a paycheck but an inheritance. God is rich in his grace.

For the past seventy-five years, God has poured out his grace on the saints of this congregation. In 1945, a small group of likeminded Christians in the village of Fairgrove surveyed the area and decided there were enough Lutherans to worship together in their hometown. Despite various bumps in the road along the way, the group was able to purchase a piece of property in October 1949, and the next month, on November 8th, they chose the name Grace for their church.

Since that time, the congregation has remained faithful to her Lord, as the Word continues to be preached in all of its truth and purity and the Sacraments rightly administered according to Christ's command. Countless baptisms, weddings, and Christian burials have taken place. Children and adults have been catechized in the faith. The people of God have served one another within the congregation and those outside of it, in our neighborhoods and around the world.

All of this has taken place by God's grace. This church is not our doing nor anyone else's from the past. It's the Lord's work, just as it's always been since the day of Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord rose from the dead. As St. Paul writes, "It is God who works in you to will and to act on behalf of His good purpose" (Philippians 2:13).

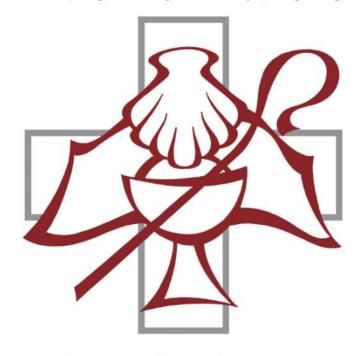
Let us give thanks to God for his faithfulness toward us sinners, that despite our many faults and shortcomings, he has still preserved a remnant in Fairgrove, a light shining in darkness, a city on a hill. And he will continue to do so for as long as he sees fits. No matter what the next seventy-years holds for this congregation, the Lord has promised for his Church: "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). In this confidence, we stand and move forward. We continue to preach and teach, to obey our Father and serve our neighbor, to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling" (Ephesians 4:1). We continue to receive God's grace as its freely handed out to us from pulpit, font, and altar, even as we freely hand it out to our family, friends, and neighbors.

God is rich in his grace, always has been and always will be.

In Christ,

Pastor Haller

# The Riches of His Grace



Grace Lutheran Church - Fairgrove, MI Celebrating 75 years of God's faithfulness.

Sunday, November 10, 2024
Divine Service at 9:15 am
Meal to follow

#### **ANNIVERSARY THEME**

Our congregation's anniversary theme is based off of Ephesians 1:7: "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace," as well as from our Lutheran Confessions: "the Gospel, which gives guidance and help against sin in more than one way, because God is extravagantly rich in his grace." God's rich grace is handed out in his Church through the means of grace, namely the Word and Sacraments of Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution, and the Holy Supper. All of this is made clear in the logo above, which pictures a cross as the foundation of it all, wherein our Savior bled and died for our sins. God's grace comes from the cross, as the victory of that cross is delivered to us through the Word (the Bible), Baptism (a shell), Confession and Absolution (shepherd's staff), and the Lord's Supper (bread and chalice).

To the glory of God on the 75th anniversary of Grace Lutheran Church —Fairgrove, Michigan "The Riches of Ilis Grace" (Ephesians 1:7)

# God's Rich Grace for All Is Flowing



- 5 Taste and see God's grace with wonder: Bread and wine—yet in and under, Gives Christ's body and His blood! As we kneel with thanks partaking, We in Christ true refuge making For our own eternal good.
- God's rich grace to nourish growing Branches grafted in the Vine; Cleansed by love beyond our reason, Pruned, we bear Love's fruit in season, Stewards of God's grand design!

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# A HOLY CONVERSATION

# One Generation Shall Commend Your Works to Another

How the hymnody and the liturgy of the Church hand off, like a baton in a relay, the riches of the past to the present.

# Saturday, November 9th

9:30 am Matins

10:15 am Session 1

11:30 am Lunch

12:30 pm Session 2

**THE SPEAKER:** William Weedon has served as a parish pastor for 26 years. He is currently an assistant pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Hamel IL.

Weedon served as Director of Worship and Chaplain for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from 2012-2019. He is the author of the books *Celebrating the Saints, Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey, See My Savior's Hands*, and *We Praise You, O God: The Te Deum Laduamus*. He is also the host of *The Word of the Lord Endures Forever*, a daily podcast of Lutheran Public Radio. He and his wife Cindi stay busy trying to keep up with their eleven grandchildren.



SIGN UP ON THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BULLETIN BOARD

#### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

6 Dave & Helene Weber

#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 James LaPouttre
- 16 Brandt LaPouttre
- 20 Chelsea Worden
- 21 Ashley Bublitz
  - David Weber
- 27 Thomas Reid
- 28 Lillian McAlpine
- 29 Jean Adams
  - Mary Masker
- 30 Joanne Hills

# Povember Divine Services (services with Holy Communion)

Sunday, November 3, 2024
The Feast of All Saints (observed)
Matthew 9:1-8

Sunday, November 10, 2024
Anniversary of Our Congregation
Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday, November 17, 2024
The Second to Last Sunday of the Church Year
Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, November 24, 2024
The Last Sunday of the Church Year
Matthew 25:1-13

Wednesday, November 27, 2024
Thanksgiving Eve
Luke 12:13-21

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Private Confession and Absolution is available on Saturday, November 23rd, from 9 to 10 am in the sanctuary or anytime by appointment.

NEXT VOTERS MEETING: SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 @ 11 AM



Check out our website: www.gracefairgrove.org









www. thewordendures.org

#### SHUT-IN ADDRESSES

Continue to pray for those who can't be with us on Sunday mornings.

#### Jean Adams

8678 W. Deckerville Rd. Reese, MI 48757

#### Don Carpenter

Tuscola County Medical Care Facility 1285 Cleaver Rd. Caro MI 48723

#### John & Ruth Ann Kaijala

6004 Gilford Rd. Fairgrove, MI 48733

#### Marge Montgomery

New Hope Bay 668 N Pine Road Bay City, MI 48708

# CHRISTIAN TRAINING

# SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Sunday School** 

**Adult Bible Study** 

11 am to 11:40 am

Lesson (preschool—4th grade)

Acts (also 5th—8th grade)

11:20 am to 12 pm

Music (preschool—8th grade)

Large Catechism

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE SINGING FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY (November 3rd)

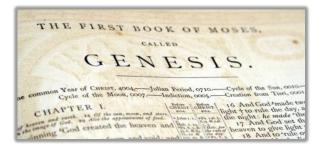
## THE MEN'S STUDY

November 23rd, 7:30 to 9 am breakfast + prayer + the Lutheran Confessions



## WEDNESDAYS AT GRACE

9:30 am 10 am Matins Bible Study



# JUNIOR HIGH CATECHESIS

November 6th, 13th, 20th, at 7 pm The Apostles' Creed

# HIGH SCHOOL CATECHESIS

November 17th, 6 to 8 pm at Pastor Haller's house The Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Commandments

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

—2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### —STEWARDSHIP—

November Coffee Money Seminary Student

Church Anniversary
Building Fund

<u>Thanksgiving Eve</u> Bethesda—Frankenmuth The Stewardship Board's quarterly mission for October through December will be to Orphan Grain Train. Orphan Grain Train is a 501c3 Nonprofit Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us. Our local branch is in Sebewaing and run by a good friend of our congregation, Pastor David Reed.

Orphan Grain Train 🕇

For those willing to support, specific envelopes can be found on the back table of the narthex.

**Dear Ministry Partner:** 

Thank you for your incredibly generous donation to Positive Alternatives. Your support is truly a blessing to the women and families who turn to us in their time of need. Because of caring people like you, we are able to offer compassion, hope, help, and practical resources to those navigating unexpected pregnancies and difficult circumstances. We are so fortunate to have you as part of our community, and your belief in our mission inspires us every day. Thank you for standing with us to make a real difference.

thank you

For the sake of His Kingdom, Positive Alternatives

April Woodall

Executive Director

#### Dear Saints at Grace:

Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society is very thankful for the gift of \$110.00 for work with the deaf. This gift will support St. Martin Lutheran School for the Deaf in Dearborn, Michigan. We thank God for faithful stewards who share their gifts for the benefit of the Church and its projects. Please keep us in your prayers as we provide Word and Sacrament ministry to the deaf community. Thanks again for your generosity and God's continued blessings for all you do in His Kingdom.

In Christ's Service, Rev. Brandt A. Engel President



#### Dear Friends of Life:

Thank you for your faithful ministry parternship and steadfast support in encouraging society to uphold the God-given value of human life and to speak and act on behalf of those who are vulnerable and defenseless. Your thoughts, prayers, and impactful financial offering of \$544 are a blessing to all of us, and we are excited to receive your assistance in flooding hearts and minds with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

In Truth and Love,

**David Probst** 

Development Director, Lutherans for Life



#### THE DAILY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

"God's Word is the treasure that makes everything holy. By it all the saints have themselves been made holy. At whatever time God's Word is taught, preached, heard, read, or pondered, there the person, the day, and the work is hallowed, not on account of the external work but on account of the Word that makes us all saints."

—Martin Luther, The Large Catechism, 91-92

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November 1st	Psalm 150	Deut. 34:1-12	Matt. 21:1-22
November 2nd	Psalm 118:22-24	Jeremiah 1:1-19	Matt. 21:23-46
November 3rd	Psalm 15	Jeremiah 3:6-4:2	Matt. 22:1-22
November 4th	Psalm 110	Jeremiah 5:1-19	Matt. 22:23-46
November 5th	Psalm 38:9-22	Jeremiah 7:1-29	Matt. 23:1-12
November 6th	Psalm 118:25-29	Jeremiah 8:18-9:12	Matt. 23:13-39
November 7th	Psalm 121	Jeremiah 11:1-23	Matt. 24:1-28
November 8th	Psalm 143	Jeremiah 20:1-18	Matt. 24:29-51
November 9th	Psalm 147:1-11	Jeremiah 22:1-23	Matt. 25:1-13
November 10th	Psalm 24	Jeremiah 23:1-20	Matt. 25:14-30
November 11th	Psalm 143:1-10	Jeremiah 23:21-40	Matt. 25:31-46
November 12th	Psalm 137	Jeremiah 25:1-18	Matt. 26:1-19
November 13th	Psalm 116:12-19	Jeremiah 26:1-19	Matt. 26:20-35
November 14th	Psalm 53	Jeremiah 29:1-19	Matt. 26:36-56
November 15th	Psalm 51:10-19	Jeremiah 30:1-24	Matt. 26:57-75
November 16th	Psalm 54	Jeremiah 31:1-17	Matt. 27:1-10
November 17th	Psalm 148:1-6	Jeremiah 33:1-22	Matt. 27:11-32
November 18th	Psalm 22:1-5	Jeremiah 37:1-21	Matt. 27:33-56
November 19th	Psalm 20	Jeremiah 38:1-28	Matt. 27:57-66
November 20th	Psalm 118:19-29	Daniel 1:1-21	Matt. 28:1-20
November 21st	Psalm 114	Daniel 2:1-23	Rev. 18:1-24
November 22nd	Psalm 111	Daniel 2:24-49	Rev. 19:1-21
November 23rd	Psalm 39:4-12	Daniel 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15
November 24th	Psalm 41:7-12	Daniel 4:1-37	Rev. 21:1-8
November 25th	Psalm 48:9-14	Daniel 5:1-30	Rev. 21:9-27
November 26th	Psalm 75	Daniel 6:1-28	Rev. 22:1-21
November 27th	Psalm 66:16-19	Isaiah 1:1-28	1 Peter 1:1-12
November 28th	Psalm 102:13-17	Isaiah 2:1-22	1 Peter 1:13-25
November 29th	Psalm 118:19-24	Isaiah 5:1-25	1 Peter 2:1-12
November 30th	Psalm 123	Isaiah 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25



#### VOTER'S MEETING October 13, 2024

Aaron Reinbold opened the meeting and Pastor Haller began with a devotion form Ephesians 5 and prayer.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT** ~ Mary Masker

Roll call was taken with 22 present and 1 excused. Irene Stange was added to the voting members. Minutes reviewed from July 14<sup>th</sup> voter's meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Diane Spencer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joanne Hills. Motion carried and approved to accept the meeting minutes.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT** ~ Mary Masker

• Checking account balance as of September 30, 2024 was \$6,340.84. Paid out the 2024-2025 school year tuition that was just over \$25K total between Trinity and Valley Lutheran. Mary Masker transferred \$15,000 from designated funds to cover checkbook.

#### **CHURCH PROPERTIES** ~ Aaron Reinbold

- Made adjustments to budget for increasing rates.
- Will check into the kitchen faucet leak.

#### **ELDERS** ~ Steve Reinbold

- Elders sending letters to a delinquent member encouraging them to attend services because they have not responded/communicated with the pastor or elders. Please pray for all to come receive God's gifts.
- Pastor Petersen will be guest preacher on October 20<sup>th</sup> followed by a potluck dinner.
- Pastor Starke has finished our 75<sup>th</sup> church anniversary hymn. Elders giving Pastor Starke a \$100 gift card to Old City Hall in Bay City
- Pastor Weedon's theme for November 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Holy Conversation, "One Generation Shall Commend Your Works to Another." Elders have paid for his travel expenses. Elders also providing a light lunch for Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Conversation session with subs, chips and cookies.
- Tuition Assistance was approved for \$25,605 for students attending Trinity Lutheran in Reese and Valley Lutheran High in Saginaw. This leaves a remaining balance of \$5,745 in the tuition budget.
- Reviewed and submitted Elders budget for 2025.
- Replaced copy machine with new one. About the same cost, \$152.29/mth with a 63-month agreement.
- October elders are Aaron and Steve Reinbold. November elders are Daniel Bublitz and Dan Reinbold.
- Next elders meeting will be on November 5, 2024.

#### **EVANGELISM AND MERCY** ~ Leslie Reinbold

- Clothing and school supplies give away was held July 20<sup>th</sup> and went very well.
- Had a float in the Bean Festival Parade. New t-shirts came just in time to wear in the parade.
- Planning a Family Game Night on the 5<sup>th</sup> Friday in January.

#### **LADIES AID** ~ **Diane Spencer**

- Still working on putting the church cookbook together.
- Sold pasties for \$7 each which were ready for pick up today.
- Sending Thanksgiving cards to all of our shut-ins.
- Will provide the altar flowers for the Anniversary service. Cindy Burnison also made a new banner.

#### **STEWARDSHIP** ~ **Joanne Hills**

- The board finalized their 2025 budget as well as the special missions and coffee money designations.
- October and December coffee money will go to the Good Samaritan Fund that benefits the Akron-Fairgrove Ministerial Fund. November coffee money will support our Seminary Student, Nathan Bublitz.
- Mission Sunday envelope goes to Luther Classical College. Thanksgiving Eve collection goes to Bethesda Project. Christmas Eve Choir service will go to Wellspring Lutheran Child and Family Services. The Candlelight service and the Christmas morning service proceeds will stay here at Grace. New Year's Eve collection will be to POBLO. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Special Mission donations will be going to Orphan Grain Train.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK ~ Tracey Reinbold

- VBS evening event was held for Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> grades on August 7<sup>th</sup> with 13 children attending and Sr High students assisting. Activities, music and dinner concluding with an evening service.
- Higher Things 2025 early registration starts November 1<sup>st</sup> with one location in Grand Rapids.

#### FELLOWSHIP ~ Tracey Reinbold

- Special treats served for Mother's and Father's Day and end of the school year with pies and floats.
- Good turnouts for the church picnic held on September 22<sup>nd</sup> with Aaron cooking pulled pork and the board supplying the sides and desserts.
- Pastor Petersen will be here next week and planning a potluck with chicken and ham supplied.
- Still finalizing plans for the church anniversary dinner.

#### **PASTOR'S REPORT**

- Held celebration of life service for Lillian Wheeler on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Performed baptism for Julian Worden on September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- We have six youth in catechesis and six in high school catechesis.
- Wednesday bible class studying Genesis at 10am with Matins service prior at 9:30am.
- Sunday bible class studying Acts and the Large Catechism.
- Pastor Haller will be attending a conference October 14<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Church Anniversary Choir will begin practicing Mondays at 7pm starting this week to sing for the Anniversary service. Joanne Reinbold looking for church newsletters to add to the history she is gathering for a presentation between the service and dinner.
- Kitchen updates Aaron and Tracey Reinbold and Joanne Hills visited several churches to look at their kitchens for ideas, took pictures and will discuss what will work best and what will be needed. They will be meeting on Friday at 8:30am.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2025 Budget: Dan Reinbold motioned to accept the proposed 2025 budget and Joe Bublitz supported. Elders increased their budget for devotions as they plan to continue to pay for Portals of Prayer, Lutheran Witness and the Lent and Advent devotions. Evangelism and Mercy was decreased by some of the amount set aside for this year's anniversary. Stewardship increased the Synod/District/Seminary Student missions by \$500 each as this has not increased in quite some time, as well as adding another \$100 to Mission Festival and eliminated the church anniversary allotment. Church Properties increased the janitor's salary by \$200 as well as increasing the insurance and boiler inspection due to rising costs. Sandy D'Addezio proposed a 3% increase to Pastor Haller's salary of \$1962, making his 2025 salary increase to \$67,362. Motion was supported by Joe Bublitz. Motion carried and approved. Final motion to approve the 2025 budget at \$198,147 was carried and approved.
- Diane Spencer motioned and Dan Reinbold supported to approve the Stewardship boards list of Special Missions and Coffee Money donations as presented. Motion was carried and approved.
- Joanne Hills made a motion to accept the Board nominations as presented and Diane Spencer supported.
   Motion carried and approved. Aaron Reinbold encouraged each board to meet before the January voter's meeting to elect their board chairman.

Next Parish Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Nest Voter's meeting will be held January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am after church and fellowship. Motion to adjourn made by Dan Reinbold and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Bublitz. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and singing of the Doxology.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Mary Masker, Secretary/Treasurer

# **NOVEMBER 2024**

Pastor Haller's cell phone: (248) 794-3703 Church Office: (989) 693-6322

Executive Director: Aaron Reinbold (989) 233-5105

Elders of the Month: Daniel Bublitz (989) 392-7805 & Daniel Reinbold (989) 670-9048

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					All Saints	
					Pastor's Day Off	
3	4	5	9	7	∞	6
The Feast of All Saints (observed)			9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study	9 am Ladies Aid	Pastor's Day Off	A HOLY CONVERSATION 9:30 am Matins
9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Chudy						10:15 am Session 1 11:30 am Lunch 12:30 pm Session 2
Dible Stady		7 pm Elders	7 pm Catechesis			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
The 75th Anniversary of Our Congregation		9 am Quilters			Pastor's Day Off	
9:15 am Divine Service Meal to follow						
		7 pm Properties	7 pm Catechesis			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
The Second to Last Sunday of the Church Year			9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study		Pastor's Day Off	7:30 am Men's Study 9 to 10 am
9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Study						rivate Collession
6 to 8 pm H.S. Catechesis			7 pm Catechesis			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
The Last Sunday of the Church Year		9 am Quilters	9:30 am Matins 10 am Bible Study	National Day of Thanksgiving	Pastor's Day Off	
9:15 am Divine Service 11 am Sunday School Bible Study						
			7 pm Divine Service			

#### Serving Our Lord in the Month of November

#### **Elders for November**

Daniel Bublitz & Daniel Reinbold

#### **Ladies Aid for November**

Joanne Bigham & Irene Stange

#### Sunday, November 3, 2024

Refreshments: Renee Hecht, Joanne Hills, Beth Hoppe

Propers Choir: Sunday School Choir

Acolyte: Winston Reinbold

Bible Study Babysitter: Julia Hargash & Isabella Reinbold

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Jennifer Bender

#### Sunday, November 10, 2024

Propers Choir: Adult Choir

Acolytes: Erwin Reinbold, Noah Reinbold, Winston Reinbold

#### Sunday, November 17, 2024

Refreshments: Pamela Ill, Susan Pfund, Sarah Reid Propers Choir: Hannah Haller, Hunter Reid, Sarah Reid

Acolyte: Wayne Seeley

Bible Study Babysitter: Ashley Bublitz

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Nicole Seeley

#### Sunday, November 24, 2024

Refreshments: Joanne Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold, Tracey Reinbold Propers Choir: Aaron Reinbold, Amelia Reinbold, Leslie Reinbold

Acolyte: Brandt La Pouttre

Bible Study Babysitter: Jennifer Bender

Youngers' Sunday School Teacher: Hannah Haller

#### Wednesday, November 27, 2024

Acolyte: Noah Reinbold

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

-Psalm 84:10

<sup>\*\*</sup>If your name is not on the refreshment list and you would like to serve, please contact the church office.

<sup>\*\*</sup>If you're not able to serve on a particular Sunday, please call someone to replace you.