



GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FAMILY ALTAR – *God's Word at Home*

The Second to Last Sunday after the Church Year: November 17 through November 23, 2024

Daily Readings for the Week:

Sunday	Psalm 148:1-6	Jeremiah 33:1-22	Matt. 27:11-32
Monday	Psalm 22:1-5	Jeremiah 37:1-21	Matt. 27:33-56
Tuesday	Psalm 20	Jeremiah 38:1-28	Matt. 27:57-66
Wednesday	Psalm 118:19-29	Daniel 1:1-21	Matt. 28:1-20
Thursday	Psalm 114	Daniel 2:1-23	Rev. 18:1-24
Friday	Psalm 111	Daniel 2:24-49	Rev. 19:1-21
Saturday	Psalm 39:4-12	Daniel 3:1-30	Rev. 20:1-15

Catechism Reading for the Week:

The Apostles' Creed

What is the Third Article? 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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Bible Verse for the Week:

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. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

Collect for the Week:

O Lord, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of the end of all things and the day of Your just judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You forever hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Remember in Your Prayers:

those who are sick: Kathie Musson, James Ewald, Connie Gremel, Paul Hodgkinson, Susan Pfund, Carmella D'Addezio, Deanna Reinbold, Julie Louis, Carson Warren, Gary Hecht, Mark Rudey, Maria Bertoia, Dennis, Jameson Doud, Zachary Finta, Courtney, Doris Ann Brief, Amy

those recovering: Melissa Averill, Joe, Lenora Steinley

those who are shut in: Jean Adams, John & Ruth Ann Kaijala, Marge Montgomery, Don Carpenter

Hymn of the Month:

God's Rich Grace for All Is Flowing

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| 1 God's rich grace for all is flowing,
Love, all nations can be knowing,
Love in which we may abide.
On the cross, Christ claimed His station;
"Finished!" His sure declaration—
For all sin He bled and died! | 4 To disciples, fearful, shuttered,
"Peace be with you," Jesus uttered—
Living Lord, the Crucified!
Keys to them and us committing,
Loosing, binding sin as fitting,
Law and Gospel rightly plied. |
| 2 Come into God's presence, praising;
Hear Him speak His will amazing—
Holy ground and holy place!
Spirit-breathed, God's Word unerring,
Freely preached, good news declaring
God's forgiving, boundless grace. | 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. |
| 3 At the font, God's Word with water
Cleanses us as son or daughter
Baptized in His Triune Name;
Spirit-sealed for our protection,
Heirs of Jesus' resurrection,
Called His glory to proclaim. | 6 Life in Christ for all is flowing,
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! |