

## Worship Order - 8 am Traditional Service

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** Organ Prelude



### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 656

### INVOCATION

### OPENING SENTENCES

### CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

**HYMN** "How Can I Thank You, Lord" (v. 1, 3) LSB 703

### GOD'S WORD:

**Reading** Psalm 46, **Epistle** Romans 3:19-28, **Gospel** John 8:31-36

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed

**HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation" (v. 1-4) LSB 644

**THE MESSAGE** "Big Church – Big Audience"  
Pastor Paul Burtzlaff  
(Sermon Notes available on pages 5-6)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

PREFACE

PROPER PREFACE

**SANCTUS** LSB 161

WORDS OF OUR LORD/PAX DOMINI

**AGNUS DEI** LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION (Reflective instrumental music)

### POST COMMUNION COLLECT

### BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN** "Built on the Rock" (v. 1, 4, 5) LSB 645



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## Grace Guide

Sunday  
October 27, 2024



*Welcome to Amazing Grace!*

It is our joy to have you join with us as we worship the living God who made heaven and earth! May you feel God's presence in this place as you worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Our cover art this week is from Andy, age 4, one of the amazing 119 Early Learning Center preschoolers we are blessed to offer full-time Christian Education to each day.

**OUR MISSION** as a congregation of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is to "Experience Christ's Love. Live It. Share It."



Thanks for signing the pew pad to let us know you're here!  
Please leave your name badges in the basket by the door. If you need a badge, please sign the list by the badge board.



**“A ‘Brief’ History of the Reformation”  
Sundays, 9:15-10 am  
Led by Jere Greene**

The Reformation affected many aspects of life - religion, politics, war, economics, philosophy, publishing, and the settling of the New World. Monks, princes, kings, popes, preachers, and some of the greatest theologians are part of the story!



**Women of Grace  
This Bible Study is on break until  
December 2**

We will look at two questions that Jesus asked that we still need to answer today. Books are available in class. All are welcome to join this great group of ladies!



**Bethel Bible Study - New Testament  
AGLC, led by Eric Fehlau**

Understand what connects the books of the New Testament. Learn about who Jesus was, His purpose and mission on earth, and how the Bible fits into history. A great group started last week but you can still join them!  
**20-Week Course**



**Men's Bible Study  
Wednesdays, 8:45-10:00 am  
Bradenton Rec Center  
Led by Bill Donaldson**

This Bible Study is made up of men from Amazing Grace and other area churches. The book of **Romans** is the Apostle Paul's masterpiece, a carefully written book about what Christians believe and why.



**Five-Week Bible Study  
Wednesdays, 1-2:30 at AGLC OR  
6:30-8:00 pm on Zoom (new time)  
Led by Susan Gordon**

Learn about joy in Jesus no matter what your circumstances. The book of Philippians is full of wonderful life lessons!  
**Zoom ID: 841 5988 0663**



**Men's Bible Study  
Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 am  
AGLC, led by Butch Verbeck**

Join the men as they discuss and learn from **the 10 Commandments** as part of their study of the **Concordia Lutheran Confessions**. These commandments were given to us by God for our good!

Congregational Life

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

- Pastoral and Communion Assistants:**  
8:00 Stu Vogt & Christine Stabile  
10:15 Wanda Pierce & Mark Winka
- Readers:** 8:00 Robert Burnham  
10:15 Rev. Bruce Lamont
- Ushers:** 8:00 Gail Farr & Chuck Remus  
10:15 Rev. Greg Stringer-R, Trudi Stringer & Eric Seifert
- Altar Guild:** Adrienne Madison
- Worship Slides:** 8:00 Jere Greene  
10:15 Linda Robinson
- Welcome Center:**  
8:00 Teal & Kathy Trendowski  
10:15 Rev. Tim & Kathy Eichberger
- Coffee Hour:** Christine Stabile & Dian Jarvis
- Counters:** Ruth Bremer & Barb Montoya

We Pray for...

- + Kimberly Masters, one of our Early Learning Center Lead Teachers, who fell and fractured her hip. Kimberly teaches our 3-year-olds.
- + Our country as we prepare to elect a new president who will serve for the next four years.
- + Norma DeLair still recovering from a fall.
- + Lori Rockey's brother, Jeff, in recovery from cancer surgery.
- + Rae Witte, who is having heart issues.
- + All those who are struggling after hurricanes Milton and Helene. St. Petersburg was hit very hard. Temperatures are dropping in NC while many remain without adequate shelter. Pray for the many groups who are providing aid and comfort.

**MISSIONARY PARTNERS:** Gospel Mission of India, FL/GA District LCMS, Mission: Haiti, Trinity HOPE: Haiti Feeding Program, La Providencia Honduras, Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries (Maternity Home)

**COMMUNITY LEADERS & BUSINESSES:** Anytime Fitness, Wildwood; Physio Med, Oxford, Cora Physical Therapy Magnolia & Lake Center for Rehab - Colony, both in The Villages

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20*



*Long-term visitors are invited to join our amazing volunteers! There is a place for you!*

You will be trained in whatever role you take.

Communion Assistant is a vital role in our worship, as you serve the wine during Communion. If you would be willing to serve in this way, please contact Deacon Chair, Stu Vogt, stubefit@gmail.com or 352-446-9910.

Ushers and Welcome Center Hosts are great roles if you are a “people person!” You will be interacting with our members and visitors and helping them to see the love and welcome of Amazing Grace!

To volunteer as an usher, contact Wanda Pierce, 260-585-1054.

To serve at the Welcome Center, contact Karen Sanders, 314-591-5886.

*Burdens are lifted when the family of God prays for you!*

We have both an internal Prayer Team that prays confidentially for people and published prayers that are shared with the church.

To share a request with the confidential Prayer Team, contact Lois Clymer, 215-718-3570.

If you would like the church family to pray for you, please contact Susan Gordon in the office, 352-748-1201.



Our belief regarding the "Lord's Supper", also known as Holy Communion, is that it is a joyous sacred act established by Christ Himself and given as a gift to the Church. God's Word teaches: Let a man examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink of the cup. (1 Cor. 11:28-29).

Therefore, in accordance with Scripture, and out of loving care for all, we invite all to join us at His table who:

- Confess and sincerely repent of all your sins. (1 John 1:8-9)
- Believe that only through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, does God forgive your sins and give you newness of life (Is. 53:4-6; Rom. 6:23; 2 Cor 5:17)
- Believe that in, with and under the bread and wine, you receive not merely a symbol, but the true Body & Blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins and the strengthening of your faith. (1 Cor. 10:16; Matt. 26:28)
- Recognize that participation at the Lord's Table is a "proclaiming of the Lord's death" (1 Cor. 11:26) and indicates public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament and a oneness in faith in Christ alone as Savior.

If you cannot receive wine, apple juice is in the center of the tray. If you need gluten-free wafers, please let Pastor know. If you cannot come to the altar, please let the usher know so Pastor can serve you at your seat. Non-communing children may join their parents and receive a blessing.

### This Week's Church Calendar

<b>SUN 10/27</b>	Traditional Worship Bible Study Modern Worship Nursery & Kids Church	Worship Center Room 201 Worship Center ELC	8:00am 9:15am 10:15am
<b>MON 10/28</b>	Deacons Meeting	Room 101/102	10:30am
<b>TUE 10/29</b>	Bethel Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	1:30pm
<b>WED 10/30</b>	Men's Bible Study Philippians Bible Study Philippians Bible Study	Bradenton Rec Fellowship Hall Zoom	8:45am 1:00pm <b>6:30pm</b>
<i>(email office for Zoom link and materials)</i>			
<b>THU 10/31</b>	Men's Bible Study Prayerful Chair Yoga Trunk or Treat	Fellowship Hall Worship Center Outside	7:30am 3:00pm <b>4-7:00pm</b>
<b>SUN 11/3</b>	Regular Worship Schedule plus Youth Group at 9:15 am		

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/27 **Baby Bottle Collection**
- 10/27 **Reformation Sunday**
- 10/31 **Trunk or Treat**
- 11/3 **Pastor/Staff Appreciation Sunday**  
**Daylight Savings Time**
- 11/10 **Big Red Bus**
- 11/11 **Ladies Lunch**
- 11/20 **ELC Thanksgiving Chapel**
- 11/27 **Thanksgiving Eve Worship—4 pm**



**Ladies Second Monday Lunch Bunch!**  
November 11, 1 pm  
**Francesco's Ristorante in Summerfield!**  
Sign up at the Connect Center so we can give the restaurant an accurate count.



**Please place your boxes on the table in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Thanks!**




# TRUNK or TREAT

**THIS THURSDAY!**  
**October 31**  
**4-7 pm**

Bring the kiddos to enjoy visiting the decorated cars and SUVs and fill their sacks with treats!

There will be a bounce house and other activities for them to enjoy.



**Pastor and Staff Appreciation**  
Sunday, November 3rd

Bring your cards of thanks for:

- Paul Burztlaff, Pastor
- Susan Gordon, Office Manager
- Aimee Knoepfel, ELC Director
- Kerri Shpur, ELC Asst. Director



**Big Red Bus at Amazing Grace**  
**Nov. 10th 8 am-Noon**

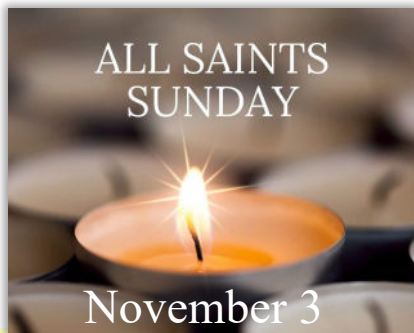
### Did you know?

Instead of taking an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) take a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution)! QCD's are not taxable.

You can start them at age 70.5. You can give up to \$105,000 in 2024. From a tax perspective...it's like it never happened!

P.S. Qualified Charitable Distributions must go directly to a qualified charity (like AGLC) and not paid directly to you. Talk with your financial professional.





We typically **wear white** to honor those in our church who have gone to be with the Lord in the last year.

Wearing white also helps us quietly remember those in our own family and friends who are now with God.



**Surviving the Holidays**  
Thursday, November 14, 1-3 pm  
at Amazing Grace.  
“The holiday season presents unique challenges for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Come and learn tools to navigate through these difficult times.”

Please sign up at the Connect Center or call the church office to register, 352-748-1201.



**ADVENT by CANDLELIGHT**  
**Saturday**  
Dec. 7th, 4:00-7:15 pm  
Sign up at the Connect Center.

**AGLC Women’s Ministry invites you to Advent By Candlelight (ABC)!**

This event is an opportunity to introduce your friends and family to the amazing women of AGLC. Invite those who may not know the true meaning of Christmas.

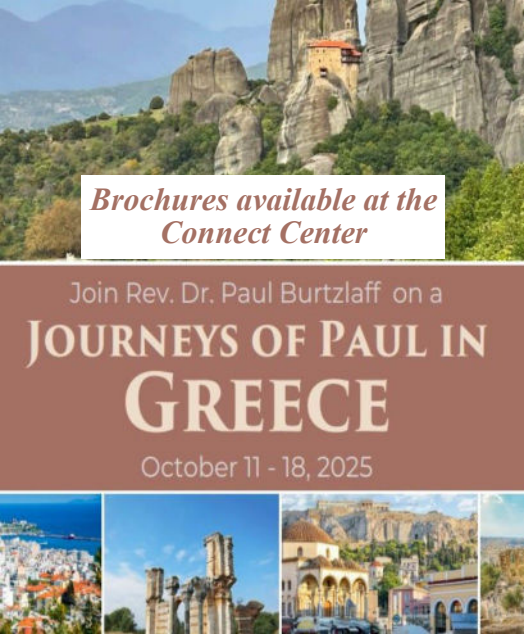
**We need Hostesses for 14 tables of from 6-8 ladies.**

As a hostess, you invite your guests and decorate your table. *This can be as fancy or casual as you choose.* You will get an info packet with instructions.

**YES, it is on Saturday this year! There will be a short meaningful program, a delicious dinner, and entertainment to put us in the holiday spirit!**

**Sign up today to be a hostess or baker. Men - sign up to serve dinner or help with parking**

**Registration will begin Sunday, Nov. 3 for those who are not hosting but want to attend.**  
Questions? Contact Bunny Gowell, 207-286-6786 or Chris Rebeck, 248-505-7583



Brochures available at the Connect Center

Join Rev. Dr. Paul Burtzloff on a **JOURNEYS OF PAUL IN GREECE**  
October 11 - 18, 2025


**INTERESTED IN BECOMING a MEMBER OF AMAZING GRACE?**

*Please fill out a Membership Information form, available at the Connect Center.*

Drop your completed form in the box provided at the Connect Center by Sunday, November 10.

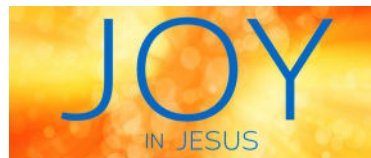
Then, join us for **New Members Class! Monday, November 18 5-8 pm**

*(Dinner and childcare will be provided)*

**Next Sunday, 11/3, 9:15, Rm.101/102**  
*(Every month, 1st & 3rd Sunday)*  
**Grades 8-12**

Join our own Tyler Porter and Olivia Romo for this student-led group guided by Katie Porter.



**Five-Week Bible Study Wednesdays, 1-2:30 at AGLC OR**

We have just gotten started with an intro to the book of Philippians last week and will dive into Chapter 1 this week!

It’s not too late to join us in person or on Zoom. See page 2 for details and a new Zoom time.

**HURRICANE HELENE and MILTON DISASTER RESPONSE**

Donate to our Lutheran Churches and congregations in Florida and Georgia who have suffered damages and loss of homes. This link will also let you sign up to do physical clean up work. <https://flgadistrict.org/lerf>

[samaritanspurse.org](https://samaritanspurse.org) - Samaritan’s Purse is on the ground in the hardest-hit areas administering physical & spiritual help in the name of Jesus.

**Make a special gift** to Amazing Grace that we can share in areas or cases of greatest need. Check should be made out to “Amazing Grace Lutheran Church” and designated “Hurricane Relief”.



**Big CHURCH**  
**October 27, 2024**

The church began as a \_\_\_\_\_ fueled by an event: THE \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus!

A simply message boldly proclaimed and the church got big, fast.

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants **to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs** and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:29-30

They were not hiding in \_\_\_\_\_ wondering why bad things happen to good people. They continued to boldly proclaim the Gospel.

You cannot scare man and women who do not \_\_\_\_\_ death.

**Acts 6: Stephen—The first martyr.**

In Acts 6 organizational structure develops and Stephen was a \_\_\_\_\_ or one who serves.

A Martyr is an individual who:

“When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God...**” Acts 7:54ff

Why do you think Jesus was standing?

“While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, **he fell asleep.**”

**Saul-Paul**

“And Saul was there, giving approval to his death.” Acts 8:1

“On that day a great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.” Acts 8:2-3

**The commission of Acts:** “You shall be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

“Those who had been **scattered preached the word \_\_\_\_\_ they went.**” Acts 8:4

The church is not an \_\_\_\_\_. It’s not an institution or a building. The church is a movement.

Bad things can happen to really, really good people & God is still \_\_\_\_\_.

We never see the early church cowering in \_\_\_\_\_ and thinking the world/life is spinning out of \_\_\_\_\_.

**The early church had a Bold \_\_\_\_\_ to sharing the Gospel.**

*“For what I received I passed on to you as of **first importance**: that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, that **he was buried**, that **he was raised** on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that **he appeared** to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he **appeared** to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.”* 1 Corinthians 15

GRACE is God’s Undeserved \_\_\_\_\_.

The bottom line: **Christ Died for our sins and was buried He rose from the dead and was seen**

**Next Steps**

1. Read Acts 9:1-19. Saul (Paul) experiences a dramatic conversion. Did your relationship with God spark in one climactic moment or was it a more gradual process?
2. Much of the Book of Acts chronicles Paul’s missionary travels to spread the message of Jesus Christ in unreached regions.  
  
Have you ever tried to share your faith with someone who had never heard the message of Christianity before?  
  
What was that experience like for you?
3. In 1 Corinthians 15:1-10, Paul clarifies the gospel message very succinctly. Why do Christians often add additional “requirements” to that gospel message?

Take some time and memorize the verse this week: *“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.”* 1 Corinthians 15:3-5