# Gracious Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church



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***Mission Statement***

*By the grace of God, Gracious Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church being of one body in Christ Jesus, made up of many parts, and having many gifts; provides a place for all to worship, praise, and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. We teach the Word of God and spread the Good News through our service to one another and community. We encourage all to come and share their various gifts and talents.*

**THE 24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Call to Worship** **Veterans Day**

Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world's common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

**Opening Hymn** **Bless the Lord, O My Soul** **Tan #105**

**Prayer of the Day**
O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**First Reading – Amos 5:18-24** **Anesha Hamlin**
18 Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of
the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. 19 It will be as though a man fled
from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand
on the wall only to have a snake bite him. 20 Will not the day of the Lord be
darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? 21 "I hate, I despise
your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. 22 Even though you
bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you

bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. [23] Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. [24] But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

**Responsive Reading – Psalm 70**

[1] Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, Lord, to help me.
[2] **May those who want to take my life**
**be put to shame and confusion;**
**may all who desire my ruin**
**be turned back in disgrace.**
[3] May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
[4] **But may all who seek you**
**rejoice and be glad in you;**
**may those who long for your saving help always say,**
**"The Lord is great!"**
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
Lord, do not delay.

**Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** **Anesha Hamlin**

[13] Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. [14] For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. [15] According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:1-13. **Glory to you O Lord!**

**1** "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their
lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish and five
were wise. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with
them. **4** The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. **5** The
bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell
asleep. **6** "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him!' **7** "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish ones
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' **9** "'No,' they
replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell
oil and buy some for yourselves.' **10** "But while they were on their way to buy the
oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the
wedding banquet. And the door was shut. **11** "Later the others also came. 'Lord,
Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' **12** "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't
know you.' **13** "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the
hour.

**Devotional Music** **I Love You Lord Today** **Tan #580**

**Sermon……Minister Doshia Strong**

**Hymn of the Day** **Blessed Assurance** **Tan #508**

**The Apostle's Creed**
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the Community**
**Lay Assistant:** God, in your mercy,
**Congregation response: hear our prayer.**

**Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Offertory Prayer:** Eternal God, **our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**
The holy Trinity,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fill you with hope, joy, and peace, today and always.
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn God Be with You till We Meet Again Tan #634**

Go in peace. Encourage one another.
**Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good morning and welcome to Gracious Saviour. We are grateful that you have chosen to worship and honor the Lord's name with us. If you are new to this church, we would like to thank you for worshiping with us and we warmly welcome you into the Gracious Saviour family as our brothers and our sisters.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING THIS MONTH!!** God bless you and enjoy your day!!

## Christmas Concert Rehearsals

United Voices of Praise will rehearse on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir will rehearse on Saturdays at Noon.

## Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is now hybrid, in-person and on Zoom at 10:00 a.m.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83844644439?pwd=dkIxVitIbFhRVXpXNHBISU90WkYwQT09 Meeting ID: 83844644439 Passcode: 751445

## Monthly Food Pantry

The Gracious Saviour Community Food Pantry is open the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 11am – 1pm. The next food pantry day is Thursday, November 19, 2026. People can call the food pantry line at 313-634-1311.

## Health and Wellness

Gracious Saviour will host a Wellness Tea Making Class on Saturday, 11/21/26 at 11:00am. A flyer with details about the class can be found on the table in the Narthex.

## Save the Date

Annual Christmas Concert, December 20th at 5pm.

## Tithes and Offering

**–Ways to give –**

-Cash App - $GraciousSaviourLC
-PayPal – Gracious Saviour Lutheran Church
-https://www.gracioussaviourlutheran.org/donate/
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