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.

TIME AFTER PENTECOST— All Saints Sunday

Call to Worship **All Saints Day Litany**

God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God. For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

We praise you, O God.

For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely, and died in faith, who still are shining lights in the world,

We praise you, O God.

For those no longer remembered, who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held fast their faith in trial, and served others,

We praise you, O God.

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

Keep us grateful for their witness and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten.

Opening Hymn **We've Come to Praise Him**

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17 **Barbara Crews**

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could
count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding
palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation
belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." 11 All the angels
were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, 12 saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and
power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" 13 Then one of the
elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come
from?" 14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have
come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore, "they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will
shelter them with his presence. 16 'Never again will they hunger; never again will
they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. 17 For the
Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to
springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

Responsive Reading – Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
2 I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
3 Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
5 Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
6 This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
9 Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.
22 The LORD will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-3 **Barbara Crews**

1 See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called
children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us
is that it did not know him. 2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what
we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ
appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this
hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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 5:1-12. **Glory to you O Lord!**

1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His
disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said: 3 "Blessed are the
poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in
heart, for they will see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
children of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when people insult
you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of
me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same
way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Devotional Music **United of Voices of Praise**

Sermon……Minister Doshia Strong

Hymn of the Day **This is the Day** **Tan #108**

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 Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power Tan #256

Holy Communion
Everyone is invited to the Lord's Supper. Please raise your hand if you did not receive a communion kit, remain at your seat, an usher will bring a kit to you, and we will commune together. Children who do not receive communion may come forward for a blessing.

Post Communion Prayer
Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

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

Closing Hymn **What a Mighty God We Serve** **Tan #478**

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 beginning 10/31.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is now hybrid, in-person and on Zoom.
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 5, 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/
-Mail to the church: 19484 James Couzens Hwy., Detroit, 48235