

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.

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Call to Worship

FAITHFULNESS

Tan Hymnal #10 Order B

No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Finally, brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere, just as it is among you, and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people; for not all have faith.

But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one.

The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us;

If we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Opening Hymn

God is so Good

Tan #156

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

First Reading – Daniel 12:1-3

Marilyn Sanders

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise^[a] will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Responsive Reading – Psalm 16

¹ Vindicate me, Lord,

for I have led a blameless life;

I have trusted in the Lord

and have not faltered.

² **Test me, Lord, and try me,**

examine my heart and my mind;

³ for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love

and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

⁴ **I do not sit with the deceitful,**

nor do I associate with hypocrites.

⁵ I abhor the assembly of evildoers

and refuse to sit with the wicked.

⁶ **I wash my hands in innocence,**

and go about your altar, Lord,

⁷ proclaiming aloud your praise

and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **Lord, I love the house where you live,**

the place where your glory dwells.

⁹ Do not take away my soul along with sinners,

my life with those who are bloodthirsty,

¹⁰ **in whose hands are wicked schemes,**

whose right hands are full of bribes.

¹¹ I lead a blameless life;

deliver me and be merciful to me.

¹² **My feet stand on level ground;**

in the great congregation I will praise the Lord.

Second Reading – Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Marilyn Sanders

¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear

children because she^[b] considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And

so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own.

¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death. ²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones. ²³ By faith Moses' parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Gospel Acclamation

Spirit of the Living God

Tan #320

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me, Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 13:1-8. Glory to you O Lord!

¹As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" ²"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." ³As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?" ⁵Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

Devotional Music

Great is thy Faithfulness

Tan #158

Sermon.....Minister Doshia Strong

Hymn of the Day

I Shall Not Be Moved

Tan #479

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 of grace,

Congregation response: hear our prayer.

Announcements

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace. + **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

God Has Smiled on Me

Tan #152

Go in peace. Share the good news.

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 worshipping with us and we warmly welcome you into the Gracious Saviour family as our brothers and our sisters.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH!! God bless you and enjoy your day!!

Mrs. Hill is now at The Rivers in Grosse Pointe for physical rehabilitation. Get well cards can be sent to: Barbara Hill, 900 Cook Road, Room 1058, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.

Rehearsal Times for Christmas Concert

Thursdays

Handbells 3:30 pm

UVOP 5:30 PM

Saturdays

Handbell Choir 12 noon

Children's Choir 1:00 pm

Turkey Donations

The Gracious Saviour Community Food Pantry is asking for turkey donations. Please contact Clara Dawkins or Joyce Brooks to donate.

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 21, 2024**. People can call the food pantry line at 313-634-1311.

Support the Jerusalem Ministry

The Jerusalem Ministry will be selling RAFFLE TICKETS to help raise funds to support its community outreach!! Last Minute Christmas is coming up, and we want to get started early. Raffle tickets are \$3.00 each. The prizes are a \$150 Master Card and a \$150 Visa Card. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 8th. Call Loris Allen to get your tickets!

Tithes and Offering

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Ways to give –

-Offering basket on the table in the Narthex

-Cash App - \$GraciousSaviourLC

-<https://www.gracioussaviourlutheran.org/donate/>

-Mail to the church: 19484 James Couzens Hwy., Detroit, 48235.

Thank you to our visitors. Thank you, family, for your continued support.

Gracious Saviour Meeting and Worship Links

Zoom Dial-in Numbers are the same for **ALL** Zoom Worship Services and meetings:
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago); +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Adult Sunday School (Sundays, 9:00 a.m.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83844644439?pwd=dkIxVitIbFhRVXpXNHBISU90WkYwQT09>
Meeting ID: 83844644439 Passcode: 751445

Gracious Saviour Worship Service (Sundays, 11am)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83956719308?pwd=SXd2K1VLbmdHMmZtVFdla0VjVWtaUT09>
Meeting ID: 83956719308 Password: 363447

Gracious Saviour Church Council Meeting (2nd Tuesdays at 6:30 pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85253404622?pwd=YnN2WVFTQjZoK3pta2JOb2F6UW1SZz09>
Meeting ID: 85253404622 Passcode: 087661

Gracious Saviour Wednesday noon Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87955430045?pwd=Wk93dCtjNGtIMUI3c2wrSnJwaWZZdz09>
Meeting ID: 87955430045 Passcode: 879423

Gracious Saviour Jerusalem Ministry Meeting (2nd Fridays at 6:30 pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87130015039?pwd=SVo1bEg2eGRHWtB5c2o1cTFsdml1Zz09>
Meeting ID: 87130015039 Passcode: 672576