

November 2022  
*Graceful Greetings*



## NOVEMBER 2022 WORSHIP SERVICES

If you prefer to worship online, our services can be found on our website under the "Worship" tab & on our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Sun., November 6—All Saints' Sunday  
Sun., November 13—Twenty Third Sunday in Pentecost  
Sun., November 20—Christ the King Sunday  
Sun., November 27—First Sunday of Advent



**On Sunday, November 6th at the 8:15 & 10:30am services,** we will remember not only the departed members of our congregation, but other loved ones as well. You are invited to submit the name(s) of those people to the church office, for inclusion in a special bulletin insert & as part of this special service, that will commemorate the faithful departed. Please look for the insert at the information tables in the Narthex & 6th Ave. entrance or call or email the church office (610-948-3684) to submit names.

Information must be received by 8am, Nov. 2nd for inclusion. Please join us for worship, prayer & the naming of all saints, including those especially beloved to us. If you will be worshipping with us virtually, you may wish to light a candle to remember & honor your own loved ones.

**On Sunday, November 6th we will also have the dedication of new white paraments for our worship space.** These paraments were hand-made by Angela Feist & her mother, Rose Stofflet. Design was done by Karen & Darrell Lewis and Deacon Allison Wilcox. A donation to cover the cost for these paraments was made by Mary Ellen Batman, in memory of Terry Piersol.



**The beautiful, hope-filled season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 27.**

Join us in worship for Advent 2022:  
The Coming of the LIGHT!

Nov 27: The Light as Promise

Dec 4: The Light as Purifier

Dec 11: The Light as Presence

Dec 18: (One service 10am) Children's Christmas Pageant!

**Pastor's Points:** There's something special about lights at Christmas time. As a child, I loved to look out over the valley of Roslyn to see the myriad of cheerful multi-colored house lights that made those dark evenings brighter. Our tree lights were the large bulbs that had to be screwed in over a reflector- it took forever, but I loved the time it required my family to work together - laughing and singing carols - to make those lights shine. My favorites were the candles in church on Christmas Eve - a holy glow on this night of such deeply-felt anticipation.



Maybe that's why this year's Advent theme - The Coming of the Light – feels so meaningful to me. Those lights that we illuminate in Advent are such powerful reminders of the season: the brightness Christ brings to our lives...the beauty of loving relationship...the soft sacred presence of God. I pray that the image of light will bring special meaning to you this Advent as we prepare for Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

O Lord, bless us with your light. Chase away the darkness and bring hope into this world. Shine your light always in our hearts. Amen.



***From the Deacon's Desk: Gratitude***

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Besides being the time for turkey, pumpkin pie, and stuffing (my personal favorite), it is the time when we usually reflect on all that we are grateful for. And in a time such as this - with pandemic, war, political divisions, racial strife, natural disasters - taking the time to acknowledge what we are grateful for is especially important, not simply as an act of faith, but also as an act of mental health.

Did you know that psychologists have done studies that show that gratitude is one of the best ways to improve our mood and mental disposition - even for those suffering from mental health issues? Gratitude helps free us from toxic emotions and lowers rates of depression. Though it takes time - and practice - the lasting effects of gratitude on our brain are significant and long lasting. In short, grateful people are happier people. And isn't church a wonderful place to begin practicing gratitude?

So what are you grateful for this year? Spend time each day this month - not just on Thanksgiving Day - making note of your gratitude and see what happens!



**Thank you to all for participating in a wonderful *Blessed to be a Blessing Sunday!*** Our guest speakers, Jim and Cylee Campbell, were an inspiration, and refreshments were delicious!! We do have so much to be grateful for here at Grace and your support of this community of faith is a huge blessing! To date, we have received Estimate of Giving cards totaling \$216,000 for 2023. THANK YOU! Our early budget estimate indicates a need for \$262,000 of congregational giving, so we are well on our way!

Please return your card today, if you have not done so and help Grace be confident in pursuing the ministries that God is calling us into! Your estimate is a huge blessing to us in our faithful planning.

**Our Prayer List Coordinator is Becky Leonard.** Becky is a wonderful addition to our volunteers, who help keep our church family connected and growing. Please send any prayer requests to Becky at [bellpn@aol.com](mailto:bellpn@aol.com) or you can call the church office at 610-948-3684 and leave a message. Thank you for sharing your joys & concerns and praying for others.



---

## YOUTH NEWS

On November 6th & 20th we will have G.R.A.C.E. Place for 2 year olds – 6th graders, from 9:30-10:15am!



December 18: (One service 10am) Children's Christmas Pageant - More info on auditions, etc. coming soon!!



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Grace Lutheran Youth Group  
"Like" us to see recent news & events

---

**Fundraiser for Lorraine's Hearing Fund** (provides financial assistance to those who have been diagnosed with a hearing impairment) - **Thurs., Nov. 17th, 10am-9:30pm, at Giovanni's Pizza & Restaurant, 466 Main St., Royersford.** Have someone else cook, while raising money for a great cause. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to Lorraine's Hearing Fund. It's a great date night or night out with family and/or friends! Join us!!!



### Fellowship News...

**CROP WALK** — Thank you to all who donated & walked! You helped Grace raise \$220 towards reducing world hunger!

### Fellowship

**NOAH SHOWING @ GRACE — When: Sun Nov 6th at 3pm**

Where: in the Sanctuary

Cost: Free Admission

Why: celebrate All Saints Day & our extra hour of sleep (Daylight Savings Day)

How: by viewing Noah (a live recording by Sight & Sound Theater)

We will have an intermission in the Welcome Center with snacks provided.

How can you show your faith like Noah? You will have the opportunity to make a free will donation towards purchasing meals for Grace's Rise Up Against Hunger event being held April 29, 2023.

**Fellowship Zoom Gathering**—Please join me on **Thur., November 17 at 7pm** for our "3rd Thurs Fellowship Zoom". We have a topic or theme to organize discussion/sharing each month. Our topic this month is "Being Thankful". I pray that you find some fellowship each week and remember that at Grace, we are here for each other, you just need to reach out. Contact myself or the church office to receive an email with Fellowship Zoom link.

Peace, Brenda Johnson

---

**Project Outreach invites you to a Community Thanksgiving Meal, on Thursday, Nov. 24th, at Royersford United Methodist Church, 380 Church St., Royersford. Doors open at 11:30am; meal is served at noon. Reservations are recommended & walk-ins are welcome. Call 610-948-5111 for reservations**



OFFERING  
COUNTERS

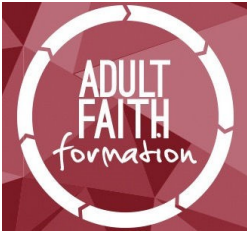
**We are looking for volunteers to help count the offerings on Sundays.** The commitment will be no more than once every 6 weeks. Training will be offered. A degree in mathematics not required. Please contact Kurt Meyers or the church office if interested in helping.

---



## Check Out These Other Great Ways to Stay Connected

### *Sunday morning Adult Faith Formation & Fellowship*



- Richard Harshaw's "What's on your heart & mind", discussion group meets at 9:15, in the choir room.
- Judy Stryker's book discussion group meets in the parlor. They will be reading the book, *"What if Jesus was Serious About the Church?"*, by Skye Jethani.
- If you have an idea about an adult group you'd like to see, please let Deacon Allison know.

**Our study of the Gospel of Luke continues.** Come join us! No experience necessary! On Sunday mornings we get only a taste of scripture. One of the things these groups have discovered is just how varied the books of the Bible are. One group meets via Zoom at 7:00 pm on Monday evenings. Groups will not meet the week of Thanksgiving.



Our other group now meets in person on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am in the All-purpose room. For those who still prefer to meet via Zoom, there will be a way to do that. We will set up a laptop for you so you can join us. Both groups study the same material. Anyone is welcome to join us at any time. Contact [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com) or the church office for a link.



**Facebook Live Opportunity** —Join either Pastor Kraiss or Deacon Allison for prayer time on **Sundays**. **Times will fluctuate** based on what is happening with our in-person Sunday morning schedule. The Thursday Facebook Live has ended, but Deacon Allison will occasionally host one at various times. Check the Facebook page for updates.

**Morning Grace Daily Devotions.** You can find our Morning Grace Devotions at [allisonwilcox.com](http://allisonwilcox.com). Sign up there to receive devotions in your email box Mondays through Fridays.

**New Members:** If you're interested in learning more about membership at Grace, contact Deacon Allison at [deaconallison12@gmail.com](mailto:deaconallison12@gmail.com). A membership information class will happen again soon.

**Grief Lectionary:** In the new year, Deacon Allison will be leading a 6-week course called "The Grief Lectionary." This small group study is meant to be a companion for grieving people of faith, using the Bible as a guide. Each study uses a scripture story & joins it to a part of the grief journey, loosely correlated with the 6 stages of grief. If you are interested in learning more about this series or taking part in it, contact Deacon Allison or Pastor Kraiss. We are happy to help you discern if this is right for you.



**Noon Coffee Hour & Get Real Link Info.!** Miss seeing your Grace friends? You don't have to! Join this zoom meeting just to chat and check in with one another. You'll be glad you did! Please call Angela Feist or the church office at 610-948-3684 for the new link or more info.



**Stay "connected" wherever you go! We're all over social media!!**

**Website:** [www.gracelutheranroyersford.com](http://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com)

**Email:** [gracelutrn@verizon.net](mailto:gracelutrn@verizon.net)

**YouTube Channel:** [gracelutheranroyersford](https://www.youtube.com/gracelutheranroyersford)

**Instagram search:** [grace.lutheran.royersford](https://www.instagram.com/grace.lutheran.royersford)

**Facebook search:** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Twitter search:** [@gracelutheran12](https://twitter.com/gracelutheran12)

- 

**DEADLINE FOR THE DECEMBER 2022  
ISSUE OF GRACEFUL GREETINGS  
IS Tuesday, November 15th**

Visit us on the web at [www.gracelutheranroyersford.com](http://www.gracelutheranroyersford.com)  
 Email: [GraceLutr@verizon.net](mailto:GraceLutr@verizon.net) Church Office: 610.948.3684 Fax: 610.948.3304