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"I Will Rise"

Verse 1
There's a peace I've come to know,
though my heart and flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul;
I can say "It is well."

Pre-Chorus
Jesus has overcome
and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won;
he is risen from the dead.

Chorus
And I will rise when he calls my name,
no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings,
before my God fall on my knees
and rise. I will rise.

Verse 2
There's a day that's drawing near
when this darkness breaks to light.
And the shadows disappear
and my faith shall be my eyes.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge x2
And I hear the voice of many angels sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb."
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb."

Chorus

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CONFESSION OF SINS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Through the Confession of Sins, we together confess our sins to God, expressing our need for God's forgiveness. As we hear the Announcement of God's Forgiveness, we see the mercy and love of God through the work of his Son Jesus, and enjoy forgiveness, peace, and joy through faith in him. Today's Confession of Sins and Announcement of God's Forgiveness are based on today's reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

Worship Leader: Jesus is coming back! Lord, we confess that we have not always lived trusting his promises or looking forward to his return.

Grace Family: **Lord, forgive us. We have allowed fear to be greater than your promises and earthly concerns to crowd out your Word. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions.**

Worship Leader: As sinful humankind, we cannot remove our guilt or rescue ourselves from death.

Grace Family: **Have mercy on us for Jesus' sake. Forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, and help us encourage one another with the hope we have in Jesus.**

Worship Leader: Jesus died and rose again! He carried your sins to the cross and conquered death for you. Because of his saving work and by his authority, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Grace Family: **Amen! In Jesus, we are forgiven.**

Worship Leader: When Jesus returns, he will gather all believers, and we will be with the Lord forever.

Grace Family: **We will encourage one another with these words. Come, Lord Jesus!**

FIRST READING *page 595 in the pew Bibles* Isaiah 35:3-10

GOSPEL READING *page 830 in the pew Bibles* Matthew 24:30-35

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

"Christ Our Hope In Life And Death"

Verse 1
What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong

Pre-Chorus
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us 'til the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand

Chorus
O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2
What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, our God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood

Pre-Chorus 2
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Chorus

Verse 3
Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
"Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him

Pre-Chorus 3
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

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TODAY'S MESSAGE:

JESUS IS COMING BACK!

based on 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; page 987 in the pew Bibles

Today begins the last month of the Christian Church Year. The Christian Church Year begins with the season of Advent (4 weeks leading to Christmas) and ends around Thanksgiving. The last weeks of the Christian Church Year are sometimes referred to as End Time.

This year's End Time message series is "Four Things We Need to Know." The series begins with this certainty: Jesus is coming back! Because Jesus died and rose again, we can face the future with confidence—even during problems, sadness and temptation. When Jesus returns, he will raise those who have believed in him and gather them—soul & body—to be with him forever. Jesus' return encourages us today and gives us hope—forever!

"Four Things We Need to Know" Message Series' themes:

Today: Part 1—Jesus Is Coming Back

Next Sunday: Part 2—This World Will Not Last Forever

November 15: Part 3—As Believers, We Win!

November 22: Part 4—Jesus Is King!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Following the Prayer of the Church:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"EVEN SO COME"

Verse 1
All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway,
a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon.

Verse 2
Call back the sinner,
wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King
We sing even so, come
Lord Jesus, come
Even so, come Lord Jesus, come.

Verse 3
There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus

Bridge x2
So we wait, we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon.

Chorus x2

Even so, come Lord Jesus, come.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

The full calendar can be found at **gracefallschurch.org/calendar**

Today	**8:00 a.m. Traditional Service** **9:30 a.m. Traditional Service with Communion** 9:00 a.m. Grace Choir Rehearsal (Classroom 6) 9:30 a.m. Children's Ministry (classrooms) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study (Classroom 4) **11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service** **12:30 p.m. Servicio de adoración** 1:45 p.m. Estudio Biblico (Fellowship Room)
Monday	4:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation Class (virtual)
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Bible Cafe (Sanctuary Entrance) 11:00 a.m. GCA resumes classes (Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:00-10:30 a.m.)
Friday	8:10 a.m. GCA Chapel (Sanctuary). Livestream at YouTube (GraceFallsChurch).
Saturday	11:00 a.m. Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:00 p.m. TORCH goes to Cox Farms! (see announcement)
Next Sunday	**8:00 a.m. Traditional Service** **9:30 a.m. Traditional Service** 9:00 a.m. Grace Choir Rehearsal (Classroom 6) 9:30 a.m. Children's Ministry (classrooms) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study (Classroom 4) **11:15 a.m. Contemporary Service** **12:30 p.m. Servicio de adoración** 1:45 p.m. Estudio Biblico (Fellowship Room)

SAVE THE DATE: Outdoor Clean-up (aka "Leaf-Raking Party") on Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. | Bring your work gloves and a rake and help clean up the Grace campus!

Jacob Price Receives Call | GCA Principal Jacob Price has received a Divine Call to serve as principal of St. Mark School, Depere/Green Bay, WI. As Jacob considers where the Lord would have him continue in the teaching ministry (at Grace or at St. Mark), pray that God bless him with discernment and clarity. Additionally, Jacob welcomes any comments that you would like to share with him regarding these Divine Calls.

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Financial Giving | If you would like to make a financial gift to Grace, you may do so via the following options:

- The collection plate – located at the back of the Sanctuary.
- Zelle – through your bank's website or app. Enter treasurer@gracefallschurch.org as the recipient.
- PayPal – scan the QR code on the left or visit gracefallschurch.org/donate

TORCH (**T**eens **O**utwardly **R**eflecting **CH**rist – Grace's high school ministry)
Fall Events:
COX FARMS: November 7, 5:00-10:00 p.m. Enjoy a trip to Cox Farms with friends!
FRIENDSGIVING: November 21, 5:00-9:00 p.m. Come & enjoy friends & great food!
CHRISTMAS PARTY & GIFT SWAP: December 12, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Questions? Please contact: Mikayla Botts, Chaisson Maheu, or Tricia Visscher (contact information on back page).

Support Grace Christian Academy's "30 Days of Thanksgiving" Campaign! | As Thanksgiving approaches, we thank God for his faithfulness and for the ministry of Grace Christian Academy—Grace's Junior Kindergarten–8th grade school ministry.
GCA has launched its annual "30 Days of Thanksgiving" fundraising campaign with the goal of raising $35,000 to enhance the educational experience each student at the Academy receives. You're invited to participate!

Give: Online at gracechristianacademy.org/support, through Zelle via your banking app (foundation@graceva.org), by mail (cash or check), or by dropping off your gift at Grace. All checks should be made payable to the *Grace Christian Academy Foundation.*
Encourage: Tell others—family, friends, and coworkers—about this opportunity to support Christ-centered education!
Pray: Ask God to bless this campaign and continue to bless the ministry of Grace Christian Academy.
Questions? Please contact GCA Principal Jacob Price or Development Director Bethany Kazakevicius (contact info on the back page).

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