



Service Schedule

Sunday

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

1:30 p.m.

Evangelistic

Wednesday

7:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Super Church (Kids)

Friday

7:30 p.m.

Youth Service

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Military Appreciation Service

***A Patriotic Salute
to our Brave Soldiers –
Past, Present, and Fallen***

Military Appreciation Service Order

- Opening Prayer – Bishop Bill Garner
- Color Guard – Grace Veterans
- Pledge of Allegiance – Grace Sunday School Dept.
- National Anthem – Marcel Blaszyk
- Memorial Day Address – Associate Pastor Rodger Mangold
- Dismissal to East Parking Lot
- God Bless the USA – King’s Choir
- Release of Red, White & Blue Balloons
- Return to Sanctuary
- Multi-media – Bro. Doug Larsen
- Offering
- Grace Apostolic Sanctuary Choir
- Sermon – Pastor Stephen Trachsel, Sr.
- Free Refreshments after Altar Service

Proper Observance of Memorial Day

For all Christians, the most solemn day is **GOOD FRIDAY**. On this day most other activities should be set aside to mourn the death and loss of Jesus Christ. It is a time to remember that His Blood that was shed for us and we should honor Him for His sacrifice.

For all American citizens, the most solemn day for our Country is **MEMORIAL DAY**. On this day we should set aside all other activities to mourn and remember those who lost their lives while serving our Country. Their blood was shed in defense of this nation as well as other nations all over the world. We must not forget their sacrifice and honor them each year.

Sadly, it seems that many people have forgotten the primary purpose of Memorial Day. It has become a day filled with a variety of work or leisure activities. The day, other than the name “Memorial” only serves to fulfill one’s personal schedule.

Make it a priority to participate in some type of Memorial event. Join the parades, memorial services and church services, especially if you are a veteran. Make a trip to the local cemetery. Find a grave marked with an American Flag. Pray over that person and spend a few minutes at a couple of sites. If you have children, bring them along and explain to them why veterans are special and why it is important to do this each year. If you don’t teach them, who will?

Origins of Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a sacred day in the United States of America. It is a time for us to remember and honor those who have lost their lives in service to our country. American citizens who did not serve in the armed forces should observe this day as an expression of their gratitude to those that committed themselves to serve our country with honor. It was, and continues to be, the service and sacrifice of the few that allows all Americans to enjoy the freedom and security that is all too often taken for granted.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers. On May 5, 1868, Logan declared in General Order No. 11 that:

The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

It is our hope that each of you will take a few moments this Memorial day to reflect upon the sacrifice of the few, for the freedom of many.

Our Thanks

- We extend our heartfelt thanks to you for joining us at Grace as we endeavor to show our thankfulness and gratitude to our servicemen and women. By you being here today, you're showing that for you, Memorial Day is far more than just backyard barbecues and picnics. It's about being thankful for the men and women that are fighting to protect and defend the freedoms that make those family gatherings possible.
- Today Grace Apostolic Church salutes our brave servicemen and women of the United States Military that fearlessly, and sacrificially fight to defend our country's liberties and freedoms.
- We hold each of you up in prayer for safety, bravery, and courage during the tenuous battles you face daily that make our American way of life possible.
- May God grant you strength and cunning to defeat our foes, and may He pave the way for your safe return to your family and friends.
- God bless America and God bless our troops!

Lest We Forget

LOOKING for a quiet place, the cemetery I
found.

EVERYWHERE I looked, the flags were all
around.

SEEING the entrance to the gravesites I went

TO each grave did I visit, to the ground I was
bent.

WHISPERS in the wind saying, "Someone else
is there."

ECHOS of voices saying, "Look, others still
care."

FOR just a few come, yes, a few grateful ones,
ON certain days they come, faithful daughters
and sons,

Returning no more until another year ends.

GOD, where are the rest...Our countrymen,
our friends?

EACH day we await, listening from above

TO hear grateful voices that show us their love.

MANY times we pray that the young ones would
come,

EACH with their parents to learn what we've
done.

MANY times we hope that each year more would
say,

"*OH* let's go there to thank them, let us go there
and pray!"

REMEMBERING their service and commitment
they made.

IN turn we now honor them for the price that
they paid!"

ALL of us now must cherish this day,

LET us show them and others in some sacred way.

DUTY to country and respect for all those
AMERICAN Veterans and the path that they chose
YOU MUST NEVER FORGET...MAKE SURE
EVERYONE KNOWS!

Written by © Joseph M. Salvia Former First Sergeant May 1, 1998