

WELCOME TO GRACE: We rejoice over your presence this day as we gather in the Name and in the worship of our Lord. If you are a GUEST with us today, we hope you feel welcome in our church family and invite you to worship with us again. If you are interested in membership at Grace or want to know more about our church and our faith, please indicate your interest on the ATTENDANCE FORM in the pew.

Grace's Mission

✝ Sharing God's Grace

✝ Living His Word

✝ Making Disciples

Grace Lutheran Church is one of more than six thousand congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

We Believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole source for all Christian teaching and practice. *II Timothy 3:16*

We Believe "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

We Believe "by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." *Ephesians 2:8-9*

We Believe our relationship with everyone is based upon Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you." *John 15:12*

Child Care We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available. A nursery is available for children age 3 and under. Ask an usher for directions.

Hearing Impaired For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.

 **WORSHIP FOLDER** 
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022
“ADVENT ADVERBS: TRUSTINGLY”

AS WE GATHER

“In God We Trust” is a familiar statement. It has been the official motto of the United States of America since 1956 and has appeared on American coins dating back to 1864. As God’s people, we trust that God will keep His promises. Centuries ago, the psalmist confidently stated, “In God I trust; I shall not be afraid” (Psalm 56:11). Today we begin a new Church Year—another year of God’s grace. We can celebrate that God has brought us to this time and place and together can look trustingly to blessings and surprises yet to come.

[If your health limits you, please don’t feel required to stand during the worship service.]



*In the Name of the
Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit*



PRELUDE

CHIMES CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

ENTRANCE HYMN

(please stand for last stanza)

LSB 331

“The Advent of Our King”



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

**5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.**

**6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.**

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 25:1–2a, 4–5, 21; Proverbs 3:5–6

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.

C **Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

P Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

C **May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for You.**

P Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

C **In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 2:1-5

(Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.)

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 122; ANTIPHON: V. 6

- P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!”
- P** I was glad when they said to me,
C “Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- P** Our feet have been standing
C within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- P** Jerusalem—built as a city
C that is bound firmly together,
P to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel,
C to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
- P** There thrones for judgment were set,
C the thrones of the house of David.
- P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
C “May they be secure who love you!”
- P** Peace be within your walls
C and security within your towers!”
- P** For my brothers and companions’ sake
C I will say, “Peace be within you!”
- P** For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
C I will seek your good.
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! “May they be secure who love you!”

EPISTLE

ROMANS 13:11-14

(Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await His coming.)

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

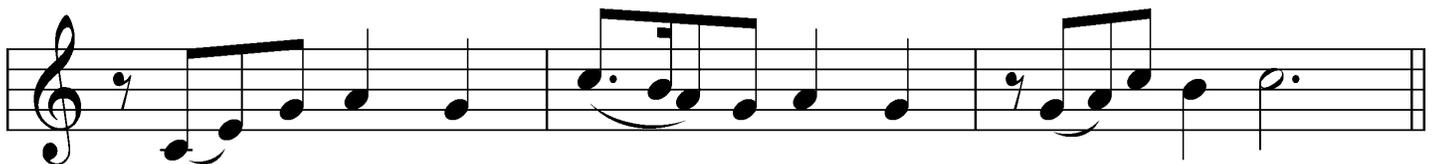
(please stand)

(Tradition dictates that our eyes follow the cross. Please remain standing until the cross has been returned to its original position. The Gospel is read from the center of the church to symbolize the Gospel in our midst.)

VERSE AND ALLELUIA

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:7; 118:26, alt.

P Alleluia! Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You. Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia!



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 21:1-11

(Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

“Savior of the Nations, Come!”



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

**5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.**

**6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.**

**7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.
 Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.**

**8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.**

(please be seated)

SERMON TEXT: **ROMANS 13:11-14**
SERMON TITLE: **“NEAR & HEAR”**

(please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

(please be seated)

WE OFFER OUR FIRST FRUITS

(Financial support of Grace Lutheran Church is considered a privilege of membership. Although all offerings are welcome, we do not expect them from our visitors.)

VOLUNTARY

JOYFUL CHORUS

“Neath Vine and Fig Tree”

(please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with,

P Let us pray to the Lord;

C Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C Amen.

(please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO DEPART

LSB 349

"Hark the Glad Sound"



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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POSTLUDE

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 *To God Alone Be the Glory* 
THOSE WHO SERVE

Presiding Minister Pastor Robert Pase
Organist..... Richelle Gengler
Joyful Chorus DirectorCindy Hilton
Acolyte..... William Wolfmueller
Elders Will Krueger / Todd Byars
UshersMac Hall
.....Dennis Wehmeyer
..... Brent Keesee
.....Josh Jones
Teller..... Jodie Hawkins
Altar Guild Virginia DeBerry / Pat Lufholm
Nursery Sharon Burks

GRACE PRAYS

We continue to pray for the following:

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation’s leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Ms. Carol.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS

- ❖ BJ Haley, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, Melinda Richmond, Eleen Schulze, David Stock, & Holly Walker.

ILL OR RECOVERING

- ❖ Serenity Hope Williams (5 yr. old daughter of Amy Turner's friend) is still trached and on the vent. She will be transitioned home in a few weeks.
- ❖ Larry Nunnenkamp (Lisa Dalager's dad) continues with current meds to keep pain level at 1-2. Putting off surgery as long as possible
- ❖ Kamey Grabowski (Jason Hawkins' sister) has chemo every 2 weeks. 2 meds have been discontinued and she's feeling good.
- ❖ Charles Colgan is in rehab at Ashton Medical Lodge.
- ❖ Chuck Wolfmueller (Thomas' dad) PET scan shows a spot on his liver. A biopsy will be done. Pancreas surgery depends on those results. Still having Chemo.
- ❖ Royce Holder (friend of Rhonda Shutts) has a brain tumor. Still no diagnoses from tests for seizures.
- ❖ Gil Gregory (Casey Gregory's (Werner) father in law) is in Baylor, Scott, White, Temple having tests to get a diagnosis.
- ❖ Caden Perz (Rachel Pelletier's great nephew in Wisconsin) is in the hospital on IV antibiotics with a staph infection & RSV. Awaiting test results.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

- ❖ Bill Braden's is at home continuing his recovery.

PRAYERS OF MOURNING

- ❖ Janice Quent (Dawn Martin's mother) died 11/8.
- ❖ Gene (Jennifer Cox's dad) died 11/14.

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PLEASE SEE GRACE IN ACTION FOR THE WEEK’S CALENDAR
AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE
MINISTRY OF OUR CONGREGATION!