



✠ Sharing God's Grace

✠ Living His Word

✠ Making Disciples

Sunday School – 9:10 am
Sunday Divine Worship – 10:30 am

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For the Week Beginning December 22, 2024

Holy Communion is no longer being offered on the 2nd, 4th, or 5th Sundays of each month unless there is a special occasion/holiday.

TODAY IS THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. We worship together today reading Micah 5:2-5a | Psalm 80:1-7 | Hebrews 10:5-10 | Luke 1:39-45 *He Shall Be Their Peace*

Advent Devotions Are Available: Don't forget to get your copy from the Usher's stand at the back of the Nave. *His Name Shall Be Called* is 2024 theme. Enter through the circle-drive door for the noon service.

Portals of Prayer: The January-March edition is laid out on the ushers stand in the back of the nave. Take a couple (or more!), for yourself and give away as a witness to your Lord.

Christmas Eve begins December 24th at 6 pm with our children-led divine service. Our Candlelight service is at 10:00 pm. *His Name Shall Be Called...Prince of Peace.*

Christmas Day Service w/Communion is December 25th at 10:00 am. We will conclude our Advent series; *The Word Becomes Flesh.*

Poinsettias: Please pick up your poinsettias after the Christmas Day service or after church next Sunday. Thank you to those that purchased one or more to beautify our alter area.

And The Winner Is.... Kelli, Kyndall & Allison Jones, who received a \$50 gift card from the Family Life Team.

Gingerbread Houses: Please take yours home today! They are in the Fellowship Hall. On Monday they go in the trash.

2025 Contribution Envelopes are laid out alphabetically for you in the east hallway Across from the Community Room. Please make sure to take yours today.

The Church Office Will Be Closed December 25th – December 27th. We'll be back on December 30th.

Thank You from Grace Quilters: We were able to donate \$2,000 to the Altar Guild from the sale of quilts in December. In addition, we donated 8 full-size quilts to Midland Fair Havens & 4 lap quilts to Texas Oncology. Thanks to Grace members, staff and ECP teachers for your generous contributions!

This Week's Bible Verse



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS! PARTY was held in Bibleville today during the Sunday School hour. Birthday cake and Christmas Bingo for the Bibleville kids to celebrate our Savior's birth!

There are no Midweek Meal or Ministries: We look forward to seeing everyone back on January 8, 2025.

Donuts: Are you willing to pick up donuts for a month? They need to be at the church no later than 8:45 each Sunday. T & T Donuts on Wadley and Garfield is the location. Please see Margie Norton if you have questions. Sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you can help out.

Firemen Desserts and Dinner Gift Cards were delivered to the 11 Fire Stations on Dec. 13th. Thank you to all who baked desserts! I needed 13 and got 24! The Firemen were overwhelmed and greatly appreciative!

2024 Sunday School Offerings: We did it! We set a goal for \$3,000.00 and we reached it, plus. There is still one week left to donate before year's end. Let's add as much to the pot as possible to help support the Lutheran Church Charities K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry. The Grand Total will be in the January newsletter and next week's GIA.

Pastor Ramey's last Bible Study on December 29th It's on the Book of Zechariah entitled, *Zechariah - A Call to Repent and Rebuild* on Sunday mornings at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your Bible with you. - **Victory (12-14) A look at the prophecy regarding the Messiah's Second Coming.**

Pastor Ramey will begin a new Bible class entitled *The Way of the Kingdom*, a study of Matthew 5-7 known as Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount." The class will run January-February 2025 on Sunday mornings (9:15 – 10:15 am). Booklets will be made available beginning this Sunday; we are asking for a \$5 donation to offset the cost of preparing the materials.

Remember to Check Your Email where you will find your January 2025 newsletter. We will no longer print out copies for every member. It will be sent out via e-mail. The Grace calendar and Pray For Us Calendar will be included as pages in the newsletter. A limited number of newsletters, & calendars will be printed and placed on the Resource Center.

Lectors/Readers: Pastor Ramey will hold a second session of training for individuals interested in serving as Lectors/Readers for the Sunday morning lessons on **Saturday, January 11th at 10:00 am** in the Sanctuary. Please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** if you plan on attending.

Grace Quilters: The Quilters continue to meet on Thursdays (excluding holidays) from **1 – 3pm** in the Community Room. Contact Gina Zimmerman at 432-553-2263 or Margaret Cloyd at 432-638-3358 with any questions. Come join us!

Women of Grace: This casual, yet meaningful gathering encourages the women of Grace to bring a lunch or snack. Whether you have a little lunch break, are in between appointments or simply want to come and enjoy each other’s company, please join us on **Thursdays from 1 – 2pm in the Parlor**. For more information, please contact Gwen McWhorter (903) 641-1966 or Rachel Schimank (979) 595-3095.

2025 Flower Chart: is up and on the wall across from the Community Room. Please help keep expenses down for our Altar Guild by signing up today for your special dates. Each vase is \$50. Complete an envelope next to the flower chart and **make sure to include your dedication**. Also, let us know if you want to keep your flowers or not by checking “yes” or “no” at the bottom of the envelope. Flowers need to be picked up by Tuesday morning. **Make your checks payable to Grace Altar Guild.**

Living in the Light of the Lord: Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.” The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

Life Quotes: “Merry Christmas! And may the certainty of God’s love for you in Jesus Christ give you strength, comfort, and confidence this day to face whatever comes tomorrow. For, nothing can overpower the persevering power and blessing of Christmas.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lutheran Hour: "Does It Matter If Jesus Is God?"
Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#). Jesus sets a good example, but good examples can’t help dead people. Only God’s Son can made us alive again. (Luke 2:10-11)

Family Shield Ministries: "Imagine Heaven" Guest: Dr. John Burke. Guest Host: Rev. Mark Femmel. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM. Airs at 8:00am on KWEL AM 1070 & 107.1 FM.

Coming January 6th: Our 2025 Discipleship Series begins and is based on Luke & Acts every Sunday morning.

2025 Tellers Needed: Servants are needed to assist Jim Raven in counting the tithes collected after Sunday services. There are several months in 2025 currently open. So, please sign up on the **PINK SHEET** indicating which month(s) you are available.

Father-Daughter Dance: “Sock Hop” is the theme for this year’s dance! Save the date, February 7th 6:30 – 8:00, for this special evening. Watch for the **PINK SHEET** so you can sign up and the Family Life Team can get an accurate count.

Last Week at Grace

Advent Midweek Service Noon (12/11).....	11
Advent Midweek Service 7pm (12/11).....	29
Sunday Divine Service (12/15).....	120
Sunday School Attendance (12/15).....	62
Adults	38
Bibleville	17
Youth.....	3
First Fruit Giving (12/11 & 12/15).....	\$14,492.38

Sunday Morning Sunday School

Adult	Fellowship Hall
.....	<i>Pastor Mike Ramey</i>
Adult	Parlor
<i>Bible Stories</i>	<i>Josh/Kelli Jones</i>
Grades 7-8	Youth Room
.....	<i>Ryan & Tiffani Hamilton</i>
Grades 9-12	Youth Room
.....	<i>Chad & Lisa Dalager</i>
Adventure Zones in Bibleville	
.....	<i>Ages 3 years – 6th Grade</i>

Graceful Living This Week

This Sunday	12.22.24
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
.....	1070 & 107.1 FM
8:00.....	<i>Family Shield</i> KWEL AM
.....	AM 1070 & 107.1 FM
9:15.....	Sunday School
10:30.....	Divine Service
Tuesday	
6:00.....	Children Led Christmas Service
10:00.....	Candlelight Service
Wednesday	
10:00.....	Christmas Day Service w/Communion
Next Sunday	12.29.24
7:30.....	<i>The Lutheran Hour</i> KWEL AM
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*ECP 2024-2025: Continue to GROW
while we are on Christmas Break.
We will return to class January 8, 2025.*