

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 19, 2021



AND MARY SAID,

MY SOUL
MAGNIFIES
THE LORD,
AND MY
SPIRIT
REJOICES IN
GOD MY
SAVIOR.

LUKE 1:46-47

Grace Lutheran Church

8:00 am: Spoken Service & 10:15 am: Liturgical Service

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² Welcome

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here whether you are here to worship with us as a first time visitor, friend, neighbor, or lifelong member. If you have any questions, concerns, or need pastoral care, Pastor Althea would love to talk with you. Feel free to speak with her after worship or contact her by email at: pastoralthea3@gmail.com or by phone 484-345-0399.

Mission Statement

Through God's Word and Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran Church will be...

- Inviting all people to *belong* to the church of Jesus Christ,
 - Equipping those who *believe* as faithful disciples of Jesus, and
 - Sending members to *become* caring servants of God in the world.
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Serving in Worship Today

Worship Assistant: Meg LaSpina

Altar Guild: Brenda Traa

Sound/Video Technician: Jim Foreman, Michael Piskun, Shawn Welfield

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Greetings members, friends, and family of Grace! We are trying a new way of listing our prayer concerns in the coming weeks. If you notice someone who is missing or if anyone has someone new to add, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Althea via phone, Facebook, or email or contact our secretary in the office to add people who are on our hearts each week and include our ongoing concerns.

Members of Grace: Betty N., John N., John S., Joyce B., Ruth T., Carol F., Mary G., & Carol F.

Family and friends: Family of Regina, (relative of Marlene Doer); Gage, Donna (friends of Pastor Althea); Jody (niece of Grings); Cecilia, and Richard (friends of Welfields); Shirley & Carl (Parents of Debbie Kleuser); Jim, Vicki, (friends of Meg LaSpina), Payton (friend of Joyce Bianco), Annmarie (friends of Marlene D.), Carol Waters (friend of Claire Brick), Dotte Currie, friend of Deborah Walker), Karen Gubilo (daughter of Sue Robinson); Lauree McArdle & Joann Wehrhan (family of Diana McArdle), Gwen (mother of Corinne Rhodes); Bernadette, Lou, Ron,

Those Serving Our Country: Matt Bilello, ANG; Daniel Casner 3rd, USN; Sgt. Joshua McArdle, USM; Cainan Johnson, USAF

At Home - Bonnie Condliff, Joan Glenz, Ruth Kruger, Dot Reichelt, Lois Rahme, Lois Reardon, & Skip Uhrmann

WITH ONE VOICE

Bread of Life - Setting 5

Congregation responses in bold print.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME

Rev. Althea Albright

PRELUDE

Gabriel's Message

by Paul Manz

Please stand as you are able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Almighty God, you know us inside and out. You are with us in our past, present, and future. We cannot escape your presence.

Pastor: You know us before we were born. You watch over us day and night, and always hear our prayers. We come before you now asking for forgiveness when we stray. Bring us closer to your Holy Spirit once again. **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pastor: God of Love,

We confess that we have turned away from you, God. We have not trusted your promises to hear us. We have doubts sometimes that you are by our side. We let worry and fear consume us. We do not always treat our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may know your deep love for us again and glorify your holy name in all that we say and do. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was crucified and died for us and for all our sins. As a minister of the church of Christ, I declare to you that God forgives all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. God has never left you. Return to the Lord your God, with joyful hearts, ready to accept God's gift of grace. **Amen.**



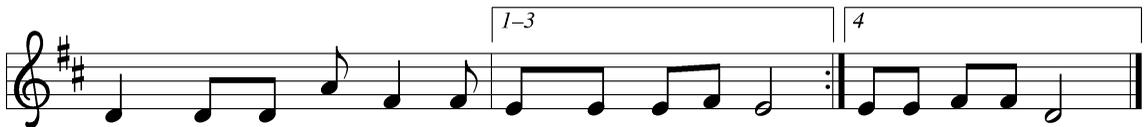
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell;
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



GLORY TO GOD



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



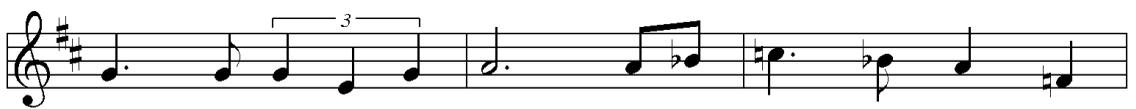
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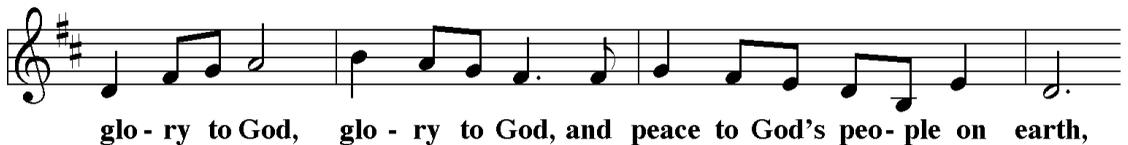
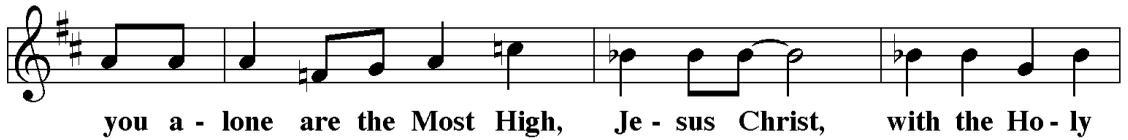
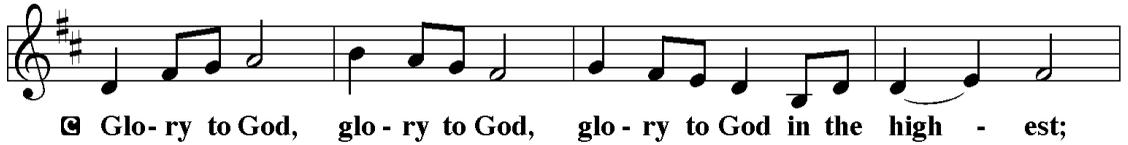
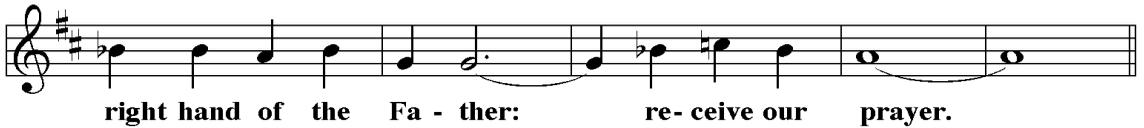
☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together....**Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: Advent 4

Fourth Week of Advent

Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin. As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved.
O house of David, come,
let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us. Amen.

HYMN

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

WOV # 630

Verse Four



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune

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Please be seated

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet Micah, having pronounced judgment upon Judah, speaks of a future shepherd-king who, like David, will come from the small town of Bethlehem. (Ephrathah refers to the area around Bethlehem.) This king will restore Israel and bring peace. New Testament writers understood this passage to be referring to Jesus.

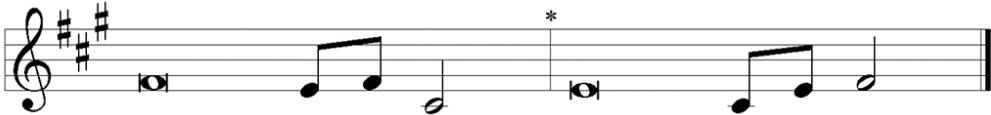
²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth; ^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,

⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,

⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your | lowly servant.**

From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great | things for me / and holy | is your name.

⁵⁰**You have mercy on | those who fear you, / from generation to | generation.**

⁵¹You have shown strength | with your arm / and scattered the proud in | their conceit,

⁵²**casting down the mighty | from their thrones / and lifting | up the lowly.**

⁵³You have filled the hungry | with good things / and sent the rich | away empty.

⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your | servant Israel,**

to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,

⁵⁵the promise made | to our forebears, / to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

The author of Hebrews uses the image of religious sacrifice to convey the significance of Christ's coming. Through obedient acceptance of God's will, Christ allows his own body to become the greatest sacrifice of all, one through which we are made a holy people.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

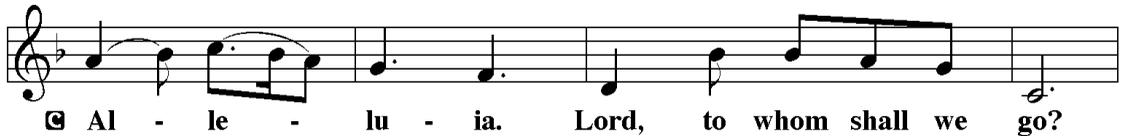
⁷Then I said, ‘See, God, I have come to do your will, O God’
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law),

⁹then he added, “See, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-55

Elizabeth, John's mother, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, are two women filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith. In Elizabeth's inspired greeting and Mary's song of praise we hear of a saving God who remembers, scatters, lifts up, and fulfills all things.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,
⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard
 Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of
 your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?
⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.
⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to
 her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you. O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**SERMON**

Rev. Althea Albright



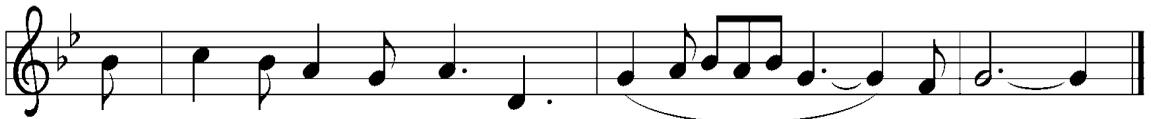
1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;
 4 Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born



with wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said.
 in Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



"All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,
 thy son shall be Em-man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
 "My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name."
 and Chris-tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."
 most high - ly fa - vored la - dy." Glo - ri - a!
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy,
 "Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy."

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING ELCA U.S. Tornado Disaster Relief

Monthly special offering for a designated local, national and international ministry.

Our Third-Sunday usher team takes a few extra minutes before our regular weekly offering to collect this special offering of coin donations.

WEEKLY OFFERING

We are thankful for however you are able to continue supporting our ministry at Grace. Offering may be received through the mail, church office, or Simply Giving online. Please call the church office if you need assistance with Simply Giving, or have any questions or concerns.

OFFERTORY

My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord

By Joseph M. Martin & David Angerman

Please stand as you are able

*Blessed is she who
has believed that
the Lord would fulfill
his promises to her!*

Luke 1:45



PRESENTATION OF GIFTS Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

We pray together for however we have made offerings to God in our lives.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God,

You are Creator of all that is in heaven and on earth. We rejoice that we have many blessings to be thankful for in our lives. You have changed our lives forever with your Word made flesh. Grant us courage to change the lives of others with your Good News. Bless our congregation, this community, and all the offerings we give back to you for your holy work, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Leader: Nurturing God, you give us life and care for our every need. Use the church's gifts and ministries for your service, bringing your word to all who seek your transforming grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Creator God, you proclaim your boundless love for all that you have made. Renew barren lands, polluted waters, and melting ice caps. Make us servants of your creation that we may do better and support all those who bring forth abundant life on our planet. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Righteous God, you bring down the mighty and lift up the lowly. Strengthen those who seek justice. Bless the work of community organizers, activists, journalists, and all leaders who work to bring peace in places with imbalances of power. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Compassionate God, you proclaim your love and mercy to all. Show your lovingkindness to teen parents and all those who are pregnant or who struggle with infertility. We pray for all those who struggle with chronic pain and other health problems. Be with all who are in any kind of need especially those whom we name now or in our hearts... Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Gracious God, you fill the hungry with good things. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation and community. Guide us to share your bounty with those who hunger or live in poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pastor: God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

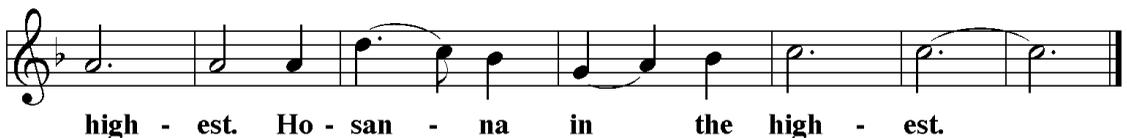
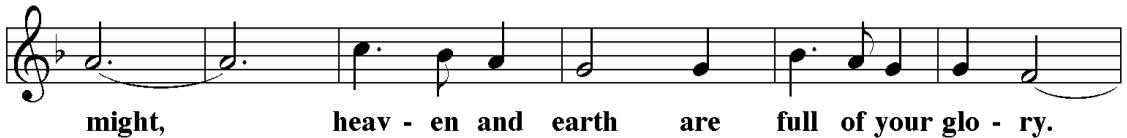
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together we celebrate this holy meal. May all praise and thanks be to you, Holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by Christ, let us pray.

**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**

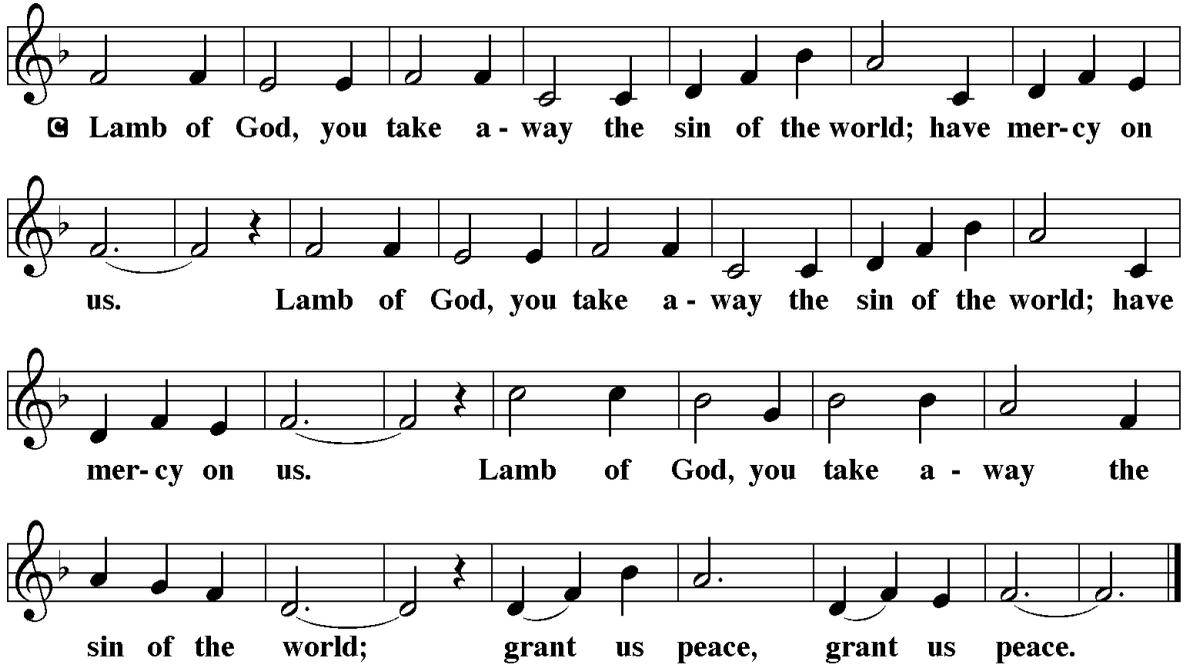
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.

Communion will be offered in two ways, continuous at the chancel step, and at the direction of Pastor after everyone has come forward (for those at home online and those who choose to remain seated).

Follow the direction of the ushers to come to the front or remain seated and after all have come forward, direction for the prefilled host and grape juice will be given.

COMMUNION HYMN



☒ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

IF YOU CHOOSE TO COME FORWARD:

Follow the directions of Pastor and the Ushers.

IF YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN AT YOUR SEAT OR YOU ARE ONLINE:

Prepare your elements after all have come forward and wait for direction from Pastor.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

As we have experienced Christ, our Savior, in this meal, may Almighty God continue to nourish you and encourage you as you continue your journey in faith. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together... **Most High God, you have come among us at this table.**

By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING *We are blessed and encouraged as we depart from our gathering.*

Pastor: May God bless you and hold you close.

May Christ's presence guide you in all you do. May the Holy Spirit shine
in you and bring others closer to God's love and ✠ give you everlasting hope.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Please be seated for the postlude.

Take this time to listen to the music and contemplate the message presented today.

POSTLUDE

Veni, Emmanuel

by Robert J. Powell

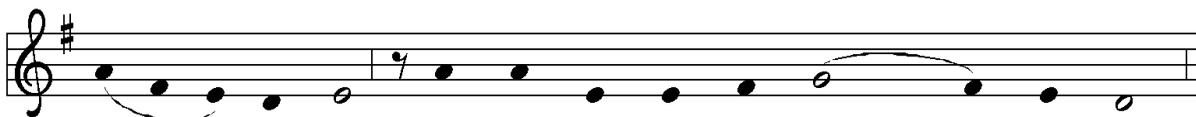
DISMISSAL

Leader: Go and spread God's love as we prepare for the Messiah!

Thanks be to God!



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

VISITORS: Welcome to Grace.

Please sign the visitors book located in the Narthex/Lobby on the podium or sign a Connection Card located in the pews to let us know who you are.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
Every Sunday at 8:45 am.
Conference Room

This adult class consists of videos, Bible study, current event discussions, and other faith related topics.

Anyone and everyone is welcome!

“GRACE FRIENDS”
SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children will leave for their classes with their teachers following the children’s sermon.

2022 FLOWER CHART is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.

FOOD
PANTRY NEEDS

- ⇒ Mayonnaise,
- ⇒ Ketchup, Mustard
- ⇒ Crackers,
- ⇒ Chef Boyardee cans
- ⇒ Beets, Spinach
- ⇒ pudding cups , brownie mix,
- ⇒ cake mix & frosting
- ⇒ Bread, dairy products, Eggs, brown gravy, juice.



GRACE PLACE FOOD
PANTRY—OPEN

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am until 11:30 am. Pantry is closed the first full week of every month.

The Pantry will be closed from December 24th to December 31st.

The pantry will reopen January 3rd.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES HERE AT GRACE!

Diana has announced that she will be becoming part time beginning next year. We are very gracious for her many years of service!

This means that we are searching for two additional staff people. We have the OPEN POSITIONS of SECRETARY and SOUND TECHNICIAN. We will fill these positions as soon as appropriate persons are found. Anyone may apply.

Church membership not required.

Please PASS THE WORD TO ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED in these positions. Speak with Pastor Althea for more information and in order to apply for either position. Pastor Althea contact info - phone: 484-345-0399 and email: pastoralthea3@gmail.com

2022 GIVING ENVELOPES are ready and available for you to pick up this month. They are located in the Church Lobby and organized in alphabetical order for your convenience.



JOYFUL NOISE OFFERING

collected today will be sent to:

ELCA TORNADO
DISASTER RELIEF

Make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church write “U.S. Tornadoes” on memo line **or mail directly to**

Lutheran Disaster Response,
 Write "U.S. Tornadoes" on your check's memo line and send to:
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 ELCA Gift Processing Center
 P.O. Box 1809
 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

**God's Good Creation and
the Brokenness of Humanity:**

1. **Creation:**
Genesis 1-2, John 1:1-14
2. **Fall:**
Genesis 3
3. **The Flood:**
Genesis 6, 8:13-9:17
4. **Tower of Babel:**
Genesis 11

**God's Promise to Bless All Nations
Through His People:**

5. **Abraham:**
Genesis 12:1-9; 15; 17:1-13
6. **Isaac:**
Genesis 17:15-21; 21:1-7
7. **Sacrifice of Isaac:**
Genesis 22, Galatians 3:6-14, 29
8. **Jacob:**
Genesis 28, 35:1-15
9. **Joseph:**
Genesis 37, 50

God's Covenant with Israel:

10. **Passover:**

Exodus 12

11. **10 Commandments:**
Deuteronomy 5-6, Matthew 22:34-40
 12. **Joshua:** Joshua 3-4
**Israel's Broken Kingdom:
Kings and Prophets:**
 13. **David Anointed:** Judges 2:16-23,
1 Samuel 8:4-22; 16:1-13
 14. **King David:** 2 Samuel 5, 7
 15. **Solomon:** 1 Kings 8-9
 16. **Elijah:** 1 Kings 18
 17. **Micah:** Micah 5, 7
 18. **Isaiah:** Isaiah 9:1-7, Isaiah 11:1-11,
Jeremiah 31:27-40
 19. **Suffering Servant:** Isaiah 52-53
 20. **Exile:** 2 Chronicles 36:15-21;
Zechariah 9:9-17
 21. **Daniel:** Daniel 6-7
- Promised One Fulfilled in Jesus:**
22. **Jesus' birth foretold:**
Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 1

Events This Week - December 12 - 19, 2021



Sunday 12/19 ADVENT 4

8:00 am - Spoken Service - Lounge
 8:45 am - Adult Sunday School
 10:15 am - Liturgical Worship Service
 Holy Communion
 Grace Friends Sunday School
 4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Monday 12/20

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry
 7:00 pm - AA Meeting—Social Hall

Tuesday 12/21

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry
 6:30 pm - NA
 7:00 pm - Blue Christmas Service
 Sanctuary

Wednesday 12/22

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry
 11:30 - 3:30 - Bayside Duplicate Bridge
 7:00 pm—NA Meeting - Social Hall

Thursday 12/23

9:00—11:30 am - Food Pantry
 7:00 pm - Al-Anon Meeting - Lounge

Friday 12/24



*Candlelight &
 Holy Communion*

5:00 & 7:00 pm

7:30 pm - AA Meeting—Lounge

Saturday **MERRY**
CHRISTMAS 12/25

Sunday 12/26

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10:15 am

ON-LINE WORSHIP ONLY

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4:00 pm - AA Meeting - Lounge

Church Office will be CLOSED

Dedications

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

In Loving Memory of
 Father and Grandfather
 Abe Svindland

Given by Bob & Ingeborg Carlson



WINE

In Honor of our daughter-in-law
 Shelly Traa's Birthday
 Given by Brenda and Bob Traa