

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**“By His Grace you are saved through faith”**

Ephesians 2:8



*Image: “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)*

# Welcome to Grace! We're Glad You've Joined Us!

## WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS

**Worship bulletins** (age 3-6) are available for your children to use during the service. Please see an usher if you need assistance finding them.

Children are **always** welcome - we don't want anything to keep families from attending! From time to time a child will naturally have a difficult moment in worship. If that happens and you feel a need to step out, please make use of our Church Narthex and Entrance, so you may still be able to follow along in worship until your child is ready to return again!

If you would like to include a **prayer for someone** in our worship today, please add it to the Prayer Request Sheet found on the podium in the narthex.

**A few minutes prior to the start of worship**, our organist will begin playing the "Prelude". At this time we set aside our personal conversations and use this as a time to prepare for worship. Consider offering a silent prayer (sample prayers are offered on the opening page of our hymnal), reading through the Scripture lessons for the day, or listening to the music as we prepare ourselves to enter God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

**We're glad you're with us.** Please introduce yourself to Pastor Taggatz. If you are in search of a new church home, or are interested in learning more about Grace, we would be happy to visit with you. We hope you'll be back and give us an opportunity to know you!

### **As We Gather-***"Enter into the Joy of Your Master"*

We read today about three servants. Two were good and faithful. One was evil and faithless. Two enter into the joy of their master. One does not. Our Lord has entrusted us with many good and gracious gifts and sends us into the world to make disciples and multiply the gifts we have received. Yet, it is not our own work that leads us into the joy of our Master; rather, it is our Master's work on our behalf. Jesus' saving work of death and resurrection brings us into the joy of our Master.

## Order of Service-as outlined in your bulletin

### We Invite a moment of silence during the prelude for Prayer

As our organist begins the prelude we move from our regular conversations and the happenings of the world around us in order to turn our attention to worship. **Please take these moments as an opportunity to focus on prayer** (Suggested prayers prior to worship may be found on the opening page of your hymnal) and meditation. Make use of this time to look through our service in anticipation of the scripture we will share and the hymns we will sing. God richly bless us as we gather in God's presence today! We hope you will take these moments as a time to transition into worship as we have entered into God's presence through Word and Sacrament.

#### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

#### OPENING HYMN 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath-ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,  
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide For our wants to be sup-plied.  
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap-pear.  
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har-vest, grant that we Whole-some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come with all Thine an-gels, come, Raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: Amen.

**✕ WORD ✕**

**HYMN OF PRAISE 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart**

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the  
 Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_ Je - sus  
 Christ His Son, Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give  
 thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks \_\_\_\_\_ be - cause He's giv - en\_\_

Je-sus Christ His Son, And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks.

**SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Let us pray. O Lord, Your giving knows no ending. Keep us from the sin of ingratitude, from taking for granted Your blessings, and from forgetting to offer You the thanks and praise You are due. Fill us with thankfulness, that we may praise Your goodness and learn true contentment, both for this life and for eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING—Deuteronomy 8:1-10**  
*(Give thanks to God for His gift of the land.)*

<sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup>And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE—1 Timothy 2:1-4**  
*(We give thanks for freedom and good government, and we pray for those in authority.)*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL Psalm 145:15-16; 118:1 (spoken responsively)**

Pastor: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord,

**People: and You give them their food in due season.**

Pastor: You open Your hand

**People: and satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

**People:** His steadfast love endures forever.

**HOLY GOSPEL**—Luke 17:11-19

*(Jesus gives healing to ten, but only one returns to give thanks.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CREED**—*Nicene Creed*

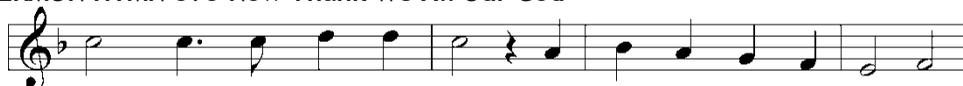
**ALL:** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN 895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,  
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us  
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav-en,



Who from our moth-ers' arms Has blest us on our way  
 And keep us in His grace And guide us when per-plexed  
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.  
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next!  
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

**SERMON "Give Thanks to Whom???" (1 Thess. 5.18)**

Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:18, *"<sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

**OFFERTORY 789 Praise and Thanksgiving**



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.  
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

**OFFERING**

During this Covid-19 Pandemic, we will not be passing the offering plates during worship, but will have them at the entrance of the church for people to drop their offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Jesus Christ our Lord's Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!

You can now give online. It's easy, fast, and secure. If you're able, we also encourage you to set up recurring giving. Thank you for supporting our mission. Text the word: graceoc to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site: graceoakcreek.org. You may give a on etime gift or set up your regular weekly/ monthly offering. Those using this method of giving may still bring their envelope if they wish and simply write 'online giving' on the outside and place it in the offering plate.)



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new unto us every morning, and though we have not deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have established Your Church to be a temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks that You continue to provide shepherds to feed and serve Your flock of which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly implore You ever to strengthen the labors of Your ministers, that through their ministry of Word and Sacrament Your people may increase in Your knowledge and service and grow up into Him who is the Head, even Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Merciful God, graciously take into Your fatherly care the sick and needy, those who are widowed and orphaned, the homeless and homebound, the lonely and forgotten, and all who are in any trouble, temptation, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity [*especially . . .*] Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that they may patiently endure their afflictions and acknowledge them as a manifestation of Your fatherly will. Preserve them from faintheartedness and despondency, and help them to seek You, the great physician of their souls. If any pass through the valley of the shadow of death, do not allow them in the last hour, for any pain or fear of death, to fall away from You, but let Your everlasting arms be underneath them, and grant them a peaceful departure and a joyful entrance into Your eternal kingdom in the resurrection of all flesh; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is good and right, our duty and our delight, to give thanks to You, Lord God, our heavenly Father, from whom all things come, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Word through whom all things came into being. Mindful of all Your gifts and gathered by the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we offer You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and for Your kindness in bestowing upon us everlasting life. Therefore with all the angels and the company of heaven we offer You thanks and praise, singing:

### SANCTUS

*LSB 195*

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** We give You thanks, almighty God, for Your patient love that bore with us sinners, who deserved only Your wrath. You gave us Your Law to protect us from harm and sent forth Your promise through the prophets to sustain us in the hope of a Savior. In the fullness of days, You delivered up Your own Son, born of the Virgin by the Holy Spirit, to fulfill all righteousness for us and to offer Himself as the one, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sin and for the sin of the whole world. Before He was betrayed to His voluntary sufferings, He established a memorial of His death, through which He offers to us His body in bread and His blood in wine, that we might be forgiven of our sins and strengthened by His grace to everlasting life.

**People:** Amen.

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD—*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25***

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**Pastor:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD’S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)**

**People:** 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.

#### **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

#### **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.  
Amen.

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

##### **We celebrate the Lord's Supper**

Members of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us for communion. Guests to our Lutheran Church are invited to first speak with Pastor before joining at our Lord's Table. We hope you will learn more about us as we gather to "Celebrate, Teach, and Confess" the Good News of God's Grace!

**Grace Continuous Line Communion**—*During this Covid-19 Pandemic we are doing continuous line communion here at Grace, we will do the Pulpit side first and then the lectern side, Pastor Taggatz and the Elder on duty will be using a mask and hand sanitizer before and after communion, and if you would like the Elder and Pastor to commune you in the pew, please be sure to let an Elder or an Usher know.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



*Refrain*  
 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** O Lord, all things are Yours, and yet Your goodness provides for us more than we deserve or dare ask. Equip our hearts with Your Spirit, that we may learn gratitude and offer You the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all that You have provided, most of all for the treasure of salvation that is ours through the merits of Christ, our Savior, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, You are one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have again assured us of the forgiveness of our sins won for us by our Savior Jesus. And we pray that Your Holy Spirit would keep us strong in faith so that we may not see and claim the bounty around us as our sole possession, but know and believe that we belong to You---people richly blessed and filled with thanks now in time and in eternity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

### **BENEDICTION—*Based on Psalm 113:3; Philippians 4:6-7***

**Pastor:** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People:** may the name of the Lord be praised.

**Pastor:** Without anxiety or fear, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, offer Your requests to God.

**People:** And may the peace of God which surpasses all our understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**Pastor:** The blessing of almighty God—Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit—remain with you now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN 803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.  
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.  
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap-py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.  
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!!!



### *Altar Flowers*

Altar flowers today are given by Pauline Parker for Morgan's birthday and in memory of Chet's birthday.

### **“O Come, Emmanuel: Come, We Pray”**

On Thursday nights @ 6:30pm at Grace Lutheran Church during the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek services. We will be following the Service of Prayer & Preaching from Lutheran Service Book. But, we will also be observing the theme for our Advent Midweek Services on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and for our New Year’s Eve Service.

The theme for our special Advent Midweek and Christmas services is “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” derived from both the popular hymn version and the original antiphon version. Maybe a thousand years old or older, it was translated from Latin into rhymed poetry in the mid-nineteenth century by Anglican clergyman Rev. John Mason Neale. The popular version, translated by Rev. Neale in rhymed poetry, often departs from the original Latin. Originally, one antiphon was chanted on each of the seven days before Christmas. The first letter of each Latin title of Christ when put together and read in reverse order spells ERO CRAS, or “Tomorrow I come.” The antiphons generally derive from the prophecies of Isaiah. For centuries, one of the most beloved Advent or Christmas songs of the Church has been “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” Not only is the common tune appropriate for the Advent and Christmas season, but so are the lyrics. Each stanza is a prayer for Christ to come according to attributes prophetically ascribed to him, largely in the Old Testament book of Isaiah. It is my prayer that our members of Grace Lutheran Church will be edified and grow to cherish our Savior Jesus who has come, who comes in Word and Sacrament, and who will come on the Last Day.

#### **Holiday Worship Service Schedule**

*Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion-Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm*

*Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm–Advent Midweek\_ 1 “O Come, Wisdom” Isaiah 11:2*

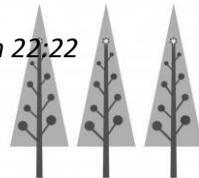
*Thursday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm–Advent Midweek 2 “O Come, Adonai” Isaiah 33:22*

*Thursday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm–Advent Midweek 3 “O Come, Branch of Jesse” Isaiah 11:1*

*Thursday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm, 5:30pm–Christmas Eve “O Come, Key of David” Isaiah 22:22*

*Friday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am–Christmas Day “O Come, Dayspring” Isaiah 9:2*

*Thursday Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00pm–New Year’s Eve “O King of the Nations, You Have Come” Matthew 2:2*



## SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We have gathered today to celebrate the most precious gifts and treasures our Lord gives us: His forgiveness, life and salvation. It would be our honor to have you join us again next week as we “Celebrate, Teach, and Share” the Good News of God’s Grace among all people.

Grace is committed to supporting families through our Early Childhood Center, Day School, and High School. We are blessed to be a member of the Lutheran High School Association of Milwaukee.

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