

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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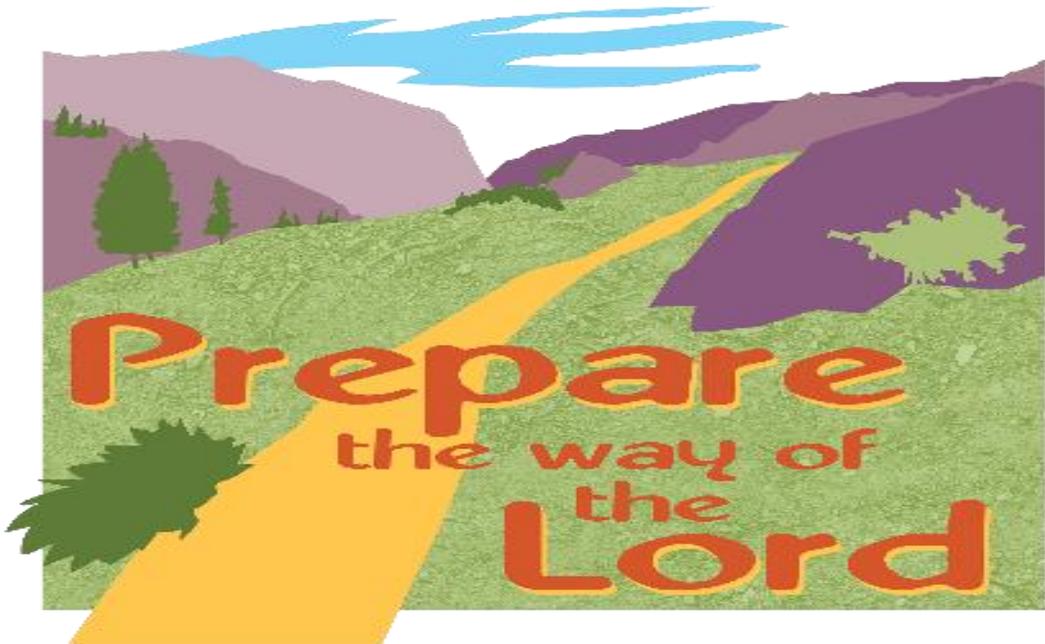
*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## The Second Sunday in Advent

December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

Ephesians 2:8



**Image:** “A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.” (Isaiah 40:3-4)

# 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-*"God's Gift of Faith"***

What was it that made not only a couple or a few but, as Mark says, "*all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem*" come out to be baptized by the Baptist and to confess their sins? Well, what is it that made you get up and come to church today? Notice that today not all do come. Though occasionally during wartime or some great catastrophe more tend to come, the catechism explains, "*I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.*" "*But,*" it continues, "*the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel.*" Some think believing is impossible for them. But believing is not on you; it is a gift from God, overflowing with forgiveness, life, and salvation. God was with John by the Jordan River. God is here with you by His Word and Sacraments.

## Order of Service—*“Special Trim the Tree Service”*

### 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 ✘

#### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** Blessing on Him who comes as King.

**People:** **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**

**Pastor:** I will hear what the Lord God has to say.

**People:** **A voice that speaks for peace.**

**Pastor:** Peace for all people and for His friends...

**People:** **and those who turn to Him in their hearts.**

**Pastor:** His help is near for those who fear Him...

**People:** **and His glory will live in our land.**

**Pastor:** Blessing on Him who comes as King, who comes in the name of the Lord.

**ALL:** **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** Prepare the way of the Lord. Recalling our Baptism into Christ, we confess our sins to God in the full assurance of the gift of forgiveness by the mighty sacrifice of His Son.

**People:** O God, from the wilderness of lives disfigured and crushed by the devil, our own sin, and the sins of others, we cry out to You for the forgiveness of our sins, those that trouble us as well as those of which we are not aware. Restore our life and faith by Your own command for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Pastor:** Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And 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.

**People:** Amen

## ✠ WORD ✠

### Children

**Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-3

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

*(The children are asked to come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung. Children grades Preschool through Kindergarten are invited to come up first, then First through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, and finally 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade to put an ornament on the Christmas tree... )*

**HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357 vs. 1-2)

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

*ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord’rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

## January, February, & March

### Reading: Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God."

<sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

*(Those with birthdays in January, February, and March come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

### HYMN "On Jordan's Banks..." (LSB 344, vs. 1-3)

- 1      On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
  
- 2      Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.
  
- 3      We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

## April

### **Reading: Matthew 1:18-23**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

*(Those with birthdays in April come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

### **HYMN “What Child is This” (LSB 370, vs. 1 & 3)**

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| 1 | What child is this, who, laid to rest,<br>On Mary’s lap is sleeping?<br>Whom angels greet with anthems sweet<br>While shepherds watch are keeping?<br>This, this is Christ the king,<br>Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;<br>Haste, haste to bring Him laud,<br>The babe, the son of Mary! | 3 | So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;<br>Come, peasant, king, to own Him.<br>The King of kings salvation brings;<br>Let loving hearts enthrone Him.<br>Raise, raise the song on high,<br>The virgin sings her lullaby;<br>Joy, joy, for Christ is born,<br>The babe, the son of Mary! |
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## May

### **Reading: Luke 1:39-42**

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

*(Those with birthdays in May come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

**HYMN “Let us All with Gladsome Voice” (LSB 390, vs. 1 & 3)**

1	Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven, Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.	3	We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder? Therefore praise God evermore Here on earth and yonder.
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**June**

**Reading: Luke 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

*(Those with birthdays in June come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

**HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (LSB 361, vs. 1-2)**

1	O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;	Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2	For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond’ring love.	O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

**July**

**Reading: Luke 2:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

*(Those with birthdays in July come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

**HYMN “Away in a Manger” (LSB 364, vs. 1 & 3)**

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| 1 | Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,<br>The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet<br>head.<br>The stars in the [bright] sky looked down<br>where He lay,<br>The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay. | 3 | Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay<br>Close by me forever and love me, I pray.<br>Bless all the dear children in Thy tender<br>care,<br>And take us to heaven to live with Thee<br>there. |
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**August**

**Reading: Luke 2:8-12**

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

*(Those with birthdays in August come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

**HYMN “Where Shepherds Lately Knel” (LSB 369, vs. 1 & 3)**

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| 1 | Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel’s word,<br>I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;<br>But there is room and welcome there for me,<br>But there is room and welcome there for me. | 3 | How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,<br>His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:<br>A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,<br>A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me. |
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**September**

**Reading: Luke 2:13-14**

<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

*(Those with birthdays in September come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

**HYMN “Angels We Have Heard on High” (LSB 368, vs. 1 & 3)**

1 Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

ref Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

**October**

**Reading: Luke 2:15-16**

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

*(Those with birthdays in October come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

**HYMN “A Great and Mighty Wonder” (LSB 383, vs. 1 & 3)**

1 A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant  
With virgin honor pure! *Refrain*

ref *Proclaim the Savior’s birth:  
“To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth!”*

3 While thus they sing your Monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, O vales and mountains,  
And oceans, clap your hands. *Refrain.*

## November

### **Reading: Luke 2:17-20**

<sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*(Those with birthdays in November come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

### **HYMN “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful” (LSB 379, vs. 1 & 3)**

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| 1 O come, all ye faithful,<br>Joyful and triumphant!<br>O come ye, O come ye to<br>Bethlehem;<br>Come and behold Him<br>Born the king of angels: <i>Refrain</i> | 3 Sing, choirs of angels,<br>Sing in exultation,<br>Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!<br>Glory to God<br>In the highest: <i>Refrain</i> |
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*ref O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!*

## December

### **Reading: Luke 2:34-35**

<sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

*(Those with birthdays in December come forward and put a decoration on the Christmas tree as the next hymn is sung)*

### **HYMN “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear” (LSB 366, vs. 1 & 4)**

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| 1 It came upon the midnight clear,<br>That glorious song of old,<br>From angels bending near the earth<br>To touch their harps of gold:<br>“Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,<br>From heav’n’s all-gracious king.”<br>The world in solemn stillness lay<br>To hear the angels sing. | 4 For lo, the days have come to pass<br>By prophets seen of old,<br>When down into the circling years<br>Came Christ as was foretold.<br>His word of peace shall to the earth<br>God’s ancient promise bring,<br>And all who take this gift will hear<br>The song the angels sing. |
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## Remembering the family and friends not present

### Reading: Matthew 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup>When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup>“‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup>After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup>And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

*(Anyone wishing to put a decoration on the Christmas tree for other family members not present here today or in memory of those now with the Lord in heaven come forward as the next hymn is sung)*

### HYMN “Joy to the World” (LSB 387, vs. 1 & 4)

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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**C 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 “The Voice That’s All About Jesus” (Mark 1.1-8)

### Sermon Text: *Mark 1:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight, ’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

## OFFERINGS

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** (*Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”*)

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### Preface

*LSB 194*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### 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.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

P 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.

C **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

P 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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## 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.

*Sit*

## 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

### ***Instrumental Music***

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of  
all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C and His mercy endureth forever.
- A Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,  
and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith  
toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## Salutation and Benedicamus

- P The Lord be with you.  
C And with thy spirit.
- A Bless we the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

LSB 202

- 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 T give you peace.  
C Amen.

## Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!  
People: Thanks be to God!

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.*

**Logan (healing & strength)** Great Grandson of Pauline Parker

**Pastor Bill Wurm**, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law

**Angela Strasse (cancer)** friend of Taggatz family

**Leigh Schmeiser (healing)**

**Mark Pulkownik (hospice)**

**Rev Paul Pett (awaiting kidney transplant surgery)**

**Dave Vitek (serving on the Greenfield Police Department) and Milw. Police Officers**

**Norma Manoil (cancer)**

**Jeanne Meyer (healing & strength)**

**Eleanor Taggatz (healing & strength)** Pastor Taggatz's Grandma

**Tom Janes (healing & strength)** Diane Pielsnik's brother

**Cindy Riemer (cancer)**

**Pat Toman (healing & strength)**

**Valerie (fighting cancer)**, Cathy Week's niece

**Paul Carpenter (hospitalized)** relative of Stephanie Gulizia

**Ronnie Boyd (healing & strength)**

**Aleksander (hospitalized)** Karina Penn's father

**Artur (hospitalized)** Karina Penn's brother

**Art Hartsmandorfer (healing & strength)** friend of Doc Medek

**Paul Carpenter (COVID-19)** relative of Stephanie Gulizia

### **For our Homebound Members at Grace:**

Betty Lemmer, Gertrude Wenzel, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, Gloria Kilponen, and Mark Pulkownik.

**We mourn with the family of Rachel Spaeth Jordahl**, as they grieve over her recent death.

Oh Lord, we pray that we may not grieve as those who have no hope, but that we may rejoice in the promise of the resurrection to life everlasting, and that we may encourage one another with these words, *we pray especially for Rachel's* family as they mourn her death, that casting every care upon you, they may know the consolation of your love. Amen.

***All those on the Grace Prayer Line dealing with long term health and medical issue;  
Hear our prayer.***

**We encourage you to submit prayer requests for worship and/or our prayer line by emailing:**

Paulinemom@aol.com

If you do not have access to a computer you may call:

Prayers for worship:		Church Office	414-762-8990
Requests on prayer line:	10am-3 pm	Carol Thurber	414-762-9615
	3pm-9 pm	Pauline Parker	414-764-5574

## **Assisting with the Divine Service**

We thank God for all those individuals who have been involved in supporting our worship services this week. If you are interested in assisting in any of the ways shown below, please speak with pastor or one of our elders.

	<u>Thursday 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Lance Kopperud	Glenn Dotson	Greg Nowakowski
<u>Readers</u>	Bev Buretta	Cris Evers	Derek Poellet
<u>Acolytes</u>		Evie Gamroth	Dachs Poellet
<u>Communion Set Up</u>	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Char Klipfel
<u>Linen Care</u>			Jennifer Olen

## **Pastor Taggatz Office Hours for Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Monday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**  
**Tuesday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**  
**Wednesday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**  
**Thursday 8:30 am-1:00 pm**  
**Friday (Pastor's Day Off)**

**Visitations: Monday-Thursday afternoons**

*For appointments, call Grace Lutheran's church office or Pastor's cell phone.  
For emergencies, call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231*

**Church Secretary, Sarah Anderson: Tuesday-Thursday, 8:15 am-1:15 pm**

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** —"Seek My Face" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. We sometimes hear the voice before we see the face that goes with it. Seek God's face where you hear God's Word. (Daniel)

**The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)** scroll down the page and click on, "listen now." Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	103.3	FM	Sun	6:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	5:30 AM
WTMJ	Milwaukee, WI	620	AM	Sun	6:30 AM

**Scrip Coordinator needed for the church.** If you are interested please contact our church office at 414.762.8990. It will require only a minimal amount of work. Scrip is Fundraising while you shop. Grace Lutheran Church will raise money instantly when families use retail gift cards to pay for everyday purchases, like gas and groceries, instead of credit or debit cards, cash or check. *This volunteer must be a member of Grace Lutheran Church.*

### **Private Communion Service**

We would like to encourage those that have not been attending worship services due to COVID-19 to come and partake in private communion. We will provide this service once per month starting on Monday, December 7 from 10:00am-12:00 noon. We have eight 15-minute time slots available so that you and/or your family can come and take communion. Social distancing and thorough cleaning will occur between each visit. Please contact Sarah Anderson Tuesday-Thursday between 8:15am-1:15pm to reserve your slot. If this date does not work for you please contact Pastor Taggatz directly at 715.467.1231.

### **Power Point Team**

Pastor Taggatz is looking for a few people that would like to help him with running the Power Point during our worship services and possibly editing the Power Point slides for worship each week. If interested, please contact him directly at 715-467-1231 or [jtaggatz@yahoo.com](mailto:jtaggatz@yahoo.com).

grace Early Childhood Center Christmas Fundraiser

**CHRISTMAS  
WREATHS**

Order today- December 18th

Colors:  
All red  
All gold  
Red and gold mix  
or custom!



Order forms can be found in  
the back of church or at ECC.

**We are very excited to announce our Grace Lutheran Early Childcare Center Christmas fundraiser for the year!**

Our teachers and kids are excited to put wreaths together for you! Please check the display in the Narthex of the Church and order today before they sell out!

\*We are able to ship!\*

\*\*We can add shipping costs to the total\*\*

## **2021 Altar Flowers**

- The sign-up sheet for 2021 Altar Flowers is posted on the white board in the narthex.
- Place your flower order directly with Parkway Floral: 414.762.0246
- Flowers should be brought or delivered to church before the Thursday service
- You can also supply your own arrangement. Rachel Miliacca will provide you with a vase liner.
- Your flowers will be refrigerated after the Thursday service so they will stay fresh for Sunday's services.

**Your 2021 Grace Lutheran Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex of the Church.** Please feel free to pick your envelopes up and we thank you for your continued support of our Church, School, and Early Childcare Center through the stewardship of your time, talents, and treasures! God bless you!  
\*\*Please do not use until January 2021.\*\*

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT IS A GREAT COOK?** We are still looking to hire a hot lunch coordinator for our school hot lunch program. Duties would include, but not limited to:

- Creating a healthy, well balanced monthly hot lunch menu.
- Order food and supplies required for daily meals.
- Cook, serve, and clean up daily for the hot lunch program.

Interested individuals should contact Mr. Gettelman directly at: [principal@graceoakcreek.org](mailto:principal@graceoakcreek.org) or 414-762-3655

## **Mitten Tree**

For the month of December, we will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to keep others warm this winter. Items will be donated to South Milwaukee Human Concerns.



## **Altar Guild**

There are a few openings on the Linen Care and Communion Set-up team we are looking to fill for the upcoming year. If you are interested in serving the Lord and Grace church in this way, please contact Jennifer Olen at 414.305.3740, [olenjennifer@aol.com](mailto:olenjennifer@aol.com)

## **Greeting Card Ministry**

The greeting-card ministry consists of volunteers mailing cards and notes of encouragement to people in nursing facilities, who are homebound, or otherwise can't be at church regularly. *'Think of your neighbor, love your neighbor.'* This is the way people answer that message, letting people know they haven't been forgotten. If you would like to share in this ministry please take a card which is provided for you on the table in the narthex. Remember...you are giving joy to these people.

## **DURING ADVENT, WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH AND HIS COMING AGAIN.**

“ ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’ says the Lord God, ‘Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty’ ”  
(Revelation 1:8).



## **Stewardship Minute**

The four Sundays prior to Christmas are the four Sundays of Advent, which begin the Church year. The purpose of Advent is not only to prepare us to celebrate the birth of Jesus which occurred over two thousand years ago but also to prepare us for His second coming. Jesus, Who came to us in a stable, will come again when the trumpet sounds in glory on the Last Day. The New Testament stresses that Christians must be ready at all times for the second coming. We are to live with joyful expectation. Whether by Jesus' return or our own deaths, we should always be prepared to meet Him. Peter wrote, *“The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers”* (1 Peter 4:7).

**Advent Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries, “*God with Us*”** What better news is there than to know that God is always by our side! In *God with Us*, we learn again what God the Father has done—He has kept His promise. In so doing, He has announced that grace and forgiveness are available to all, freely given in the birth of Jesus: God's Son, our Savior. He is Immanuel, “God with us.” The story of God coming to earth as a human child is a profound one. In *God with Us*, we find no aloof divinity who is unconcerned and remote somewhere in the cosmos. Rather, He is deeply involved in all our affairs—our joys as well as our heartaches. He *knows* us for He became one of us. At Christmastime, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Lord of the universe, Savior of the world, Shepherd of our lives. *These Advent Devotions are available in the Narthex of our Church and include our Holiday Worship times here at Grace.* Please feel free to pick one up and share it with a neighbor, coworker, friend, or family member to invite them to worship with us at Grace during this Holiday Season as we celebrate the birth of our dear Savior Jesus Christ.

## IN THE WORD FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Catechism:** Lord's Prayer—Fourth Petition

**Verse of the week:** Matthew 24:27, “44 As the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**Psalm of the week:** 102:1-13

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 347) “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” (stanza 1-2)

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

Sunday— The Coming of the Son of Man—Luke 21:25-36

Monday— Gabriel Appears to Zachariah—Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday— The Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday— Fearfully and Wonderfully Made—Psalm 139

Thursday— The Visitation—Luke 1:39-56

Friday— The Nativity of St. John the Baptist—Luke 1:57-80

Saturday— Comfort My People—Isaiah 40:1-11

“This Christmas, let us continue to pray for mothers who are afraid and aren’t sure where to turn when they discover they are unexpectedly pregnant. Let us pray that, like Mary, they may find the courage to bring life into the world.” *Right to Life of Michigan - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

### HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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



## Growing In Grace November 25 & 29, 2020

<u>Offering</u>			<i>Attendance</i>	
General Offering		\$4,206.00		130
On-Line Giving		825.89	<b>Communed</b>	85
Missions		0.00		
Debt Fund		0.00		
Mortgage Offering		0.00		
Lutheran High		0.00		
Bible Study/Sunday School		0.00		
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$5,031.89</b>		

### OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday</b>	12/6	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study @ church <b>Divine Worship Service/Trim the Tree Service</b>
Monday	12/7	2:30 pm 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class, school children Confirmation Class, public school @ church
Tuesday	12/8	7:00 am 6:30 pm	Men's Bible Breakfast @ OC Diner Stephen Ministry Meeting @ church
Wednesday	12/9	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study @ church Council Meeting @ church
Saturday	12/12	8:00 am 10:00 am	Rise & Sonshine Bible Study @ church Ladies Guild Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	12/13	<b>8:00 am</b> 9:15 am 9:15 am <b>10:30 am</b> 10:45 am	<b>Divine Worship Service</b> Sunday School @ church Adult Bible Study <b>Divine Worship/Trim the tree Service</b> Maximus Mendez Baptism

## 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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