

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
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## First Sunday in Advent

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”

Ephesians 2:8



*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share*

*God's Grace*



**Image:** “My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.” (LSB 575:1a)

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

### **WORSHIP NOTES FOR OUR GUESTS**

**Worship bulletins & worship activity bags** (age 2-8) 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.

**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 "Days More Important Than Others"***

Some days in our lives stand out as more memorable than others. The birth of a child, a long-awaited graduation, a particular vacation, or a family gathering are all days of joy that become part of the stories of our lives. A terrible illness, the death of someone dear, the loss of a job—these days, too, stand out as moments seared in our memories of pain that never seems to go away entirely. Some days stand out more than others. Today's Readings declare the days when Jesus came into the midst of all our joys and sorrows to bring joy, restoration, and hope. Our salvation was won on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. And the day is still coming when Christ will return and all creation will be restored. Jesus fills our days—good or bad, joyful or sorrowful—with His gracious presence from now until He returns on that great Last Day.

### **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.** 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.

# Order of Service...Divine Service Setting 1

## ✕ PREPARATION ✕

Opening Hymn 334

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (vs. 1-5)



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.  
5 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, Can - not His love e - raise;



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
Your guilt the Lord will par - don And cov - er by His grace.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace  
He comes, for you pro - cur - ing The peace of sin for - giv'n,



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.  
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.  
His chil - dren thus se - cur - ing E - ter - nal life in heav'n.

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution**

LSB 151

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## ✘ WORD ✘

**Introit** *Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt. (sung responsively)*



Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

**Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?\***

**Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;\*  
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

**Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\***  
**who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,**

who exult in your name | all the day\*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.  
For our shield belongs | to the LORD,\*  
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the  
unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the  
Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## *During Advent the Hymn of Praise is Omitted*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

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

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16**

***(The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people.)***

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt. (read responsively)**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.**

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*

**righteous and having sal- | vation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*

**From the house of the Lord we | bless you.**

**Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

***(Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.)***

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

- C Alleluia.  
 Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of eternal life.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia Verse *Psalm 24:7*

*“Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.”*

Holy Gospel *Luke 19:28-40*

*(The kingdom of God is near.)*

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.  
 C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup>And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” <sup>40</sup>He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
 C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

- 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 of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**Children's Message "A Family Tree with a New King" (Jeremiah 33:14-16)** *The children of the congregation are invited to come up to the chancel area for a special message for them. Please note—parents of small children may also come up near the chancel area to accompany their children for the message)*





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



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

Sermon "The Reason I'm Here..." (Luke 19:28-40)

Offertory

LSB 159

- C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
 in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**Offering/Attendance** As the offerings are being passed to you by the ushers, we ask that you take this time to fill out the attendance pads located in your pews so that we can acknowledge your presence with us today. We are so glad that you have joined us in worship here at Grace!!! We also 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 by texting **graceoc** to 206-859-9405, use this QR Code or head to our web-site at [graceoakcreek.org](http://graceoakcreek.org). You may give a onetime gift or set up your regular weekly or 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.



*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church** (After each petition the Pastor will say, "Lord in Your mercy," and the congregation responds saying, "Hear our prayer.")

## ✘ SACRAMENT ✘

### Preface

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, 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 161

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P You, Lord Jesus Christ, are the Word made flesh. We give You all thanks, praise, and worship, for through Jeremiah and all the prophets Your Word continued to be spoken and lived at times when few people wanted to hear it. We give You all thanks, praise, and worship, for in the fullness of time, You entered this broken creation to take upon Yourself this world's sin and evil, to suffer and die, and then, in fulfillment of the ancient promise, to rise from the grave. We give You thanks, praise, and worship for letting Your Word come also to us, that we may live our days in Your kingdom and forever worship and adore You in the days to come. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

- 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."
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P 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

LSB 162

- C **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

LSB 163

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **Amen.**

- C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*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!

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION PRACTICE**—We are offering altar/rail communion as our communion practice. While you are at the altar, please let us know if you would like to receive the Common Cup. Individual communion cups are also available to you. You also have the option to kneel or remain standing during altar/rail communion. Gluten Free communion wafers are also available upon request.

**Distribution Hymns:**

**353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring (vs. 1-4)**



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from  
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are  
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of  
 4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,  
 worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer  
 sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,  
 hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

**348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (vs. 1-5)**



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phunt breaks,  
 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,  
 3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose  
 4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race  
 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.  
 But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.  
 And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.  
 The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.  
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

*Stand*

**Thank the Lord**

*LSB 164*

- C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
 with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

*LSB 166*

- 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 in 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.

## Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.

## Closing Hymn 332

## Savior of the Nations, Come (vs. 1-4 & 6)



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



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,  
vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole



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

## Announcements

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!



## ✿Altar Flowers✿

Altar flowers this week are given by Pauline Parker  
in celebration of Morgan's birthday and in memory of Chet's birthday.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*For all who worship this day, bless us through your Word, O Lord.* Pam Umaski (healing & strength); Terri Meyer (cancer); Michael Parker (healing) Pauline Parker's Son; Pastor Bill Wurm, Pastor Taggatz's father-in-law; Angela Strasse (cancer) friend of Taggatz family; Leigh Schmeiser (healing); Julia Oelke (Army National Guard Medic and her Unit deployed) Debbie Oelke's daughter; Milwaukee Police Officers; Tom Janes (healing & strength) Diane Pielsnik's brother; Bev Buretta (healing & strength); Donna Horkan (healing & strength) sister of June Roewer; Greg Puetz (healing & strength); Jay (cancer) friend of Lisa Kamprath; Randy (cancer) Lori Kachelmeier's brother; Tom Adams, relative of Pauline Parker; Shirley Stachowiak (cancer) Sharon Iseli's niece; Ken Dotson (healing & strength) Brother of Glenn Dotson; Larry Abelt Sr. (healing & strength) Leah Abelt's Father-in-Law; Kevin (upcoming surgery) Katie Nowack's friend; Dennis & Mary (healing & strength) friends of Joy Lussier; Andie (cancer) friend of Joy Lussier. Sindy Schmidt (back issues) friend of Lori Kachelmeier; Tim (cancer) Donna Dotson's brother; Gordon (healing) relative of Janine Pieper, Renee Lutzke (healing from surgery); Joe Handle; Michelle Stein (cancer) Sister in law of Pat Toman; Christine (healing) friend of Jill Nowack; Bryghtten (healing) relative of Carol Thurber.

*For our Homebound Members at Grace:* Carol Loveall, Betty Lemmer, Kathy Gaudian, Bernice Byklum, June Roewer, Art Steinborn, Ernst & Patricia Groth, and Gloria Kilponen.

*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](mailto: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>Wednesday 6:30 pm</u>	<u>Sunday 8:00 am</u>	<u>Sunday 10:30 am</u>
<u>Elders</u>	Mike Huber	Brandon Dachel	Derek Poellet
<u>Readers</u>	Kathryn Szefflinski	Glenn Dotson	Lisa Kamprath
<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss	Janine Pieper/ Marlene Voss
<u>Linens</u>	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel	Char Klipfel
<u>Acolytes</u>			Eddie Taggatz
<u>Ushers</u>	Char Klipfel Doug Klipfel	Bob Buzzell, Lynn Buzzell, Alyson Hengst, Payton Weirich	Ron Savarino, Lowell Johnson, Gabe Dachel, Madeline King, Carsen Serdynski

### **The Martin Luther High School Drama Department presents:**

*Friday and Saturday, December 3 & 4 at 7:00 p.m.*

*Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m.*

Everybody's favorite elf is coming to the Martin Luther stage. Join us for a magical show as Buddy journeys from the North Pole to New York City to save his dad, his half-brother, and the whole city from losing their Christmas Spirit. Martin Luther's talented performers are sure to get you in the holiday spirit with this show that's appropriate for all ages. Tickets can be bought in advance or at the door. Adults: \$6, Senior Citizen & K-12: \$4



**Special Trim the Tree Service on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>!!!** On Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> we will be having a special Trim the Tree Worship Service, where members of our congregation will have the opportunity to decorate our congregation's Christmas Tree during the Sunday morning worship services. This worship service will be a liturgy of Bible lessons for Advent & Christmas with special Christmas/Advent Hymns. Please join us for this special Christmas service!!!



## GRACE CRAFT NIGHT!

Join us for a Christmas themed craft!  
No crafting skills needed, come for the fun!

Cost - \$15 per picture

Bring a snack to share, drinks provided!

When: Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Dachel's House – 9728 S. Rustic Place, Oak Creek – 414.578.0457

The samples in the narthex are examples of the craft being made. This craft involves paint, stain and glue so make sure you wear clothes that can get messy (aprons are available).

## Please Help Support our Youth Trip to NYG 2022!

The youth attending the National Youth Gathering are taking special orders for tea towels with scripture and fun sayings on them from now until December 5th. Samples and order sheets are available in the church narthex and in the school office. All proceeds will go to the Youth & Leaders attending the 2022 National Youth Gathering to help cover the travel and Gathering costs.

Towel Saying Choices:

- Blessed Are those who do my dishes
- Give us this day our daily bread
- In All Things (Theme for NYG 2022)
- As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
- As for me and my house, we will serve tacos - Salsa 24:7

**Cost: 1 for \$10, 2 or more \$8 each**

Orders can be turned in at the Church & School office or can be collected at church. Contact Jen Poellet ([djpoellet@hotmail.com](mailto:djpoellet@hotmail.com) , 414-759-5685) or Tricia Dachel ([Tricia.Dachel@gmail.com](mailto:Tricia.Dachel@gmail.com), 414-578-0457) with any questions.



Martin Luther High School Music Department invites you to their annual Christmas Concert on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The concert, entitled “*Journey to the Manger*” will feature the Troubadours, Chorus, Concert Choir, Brass Choir, Spartan Band, Varsity Band, and Symphonic Band. Please join us for this festive event! Ticket reservations may be made by calling 414.421.4000. Tickets are also available at the door!

**RISE & SONSHINE BIBLE STUDY** - December 11<sup>th</sup>- 8:00-9:30 a.m. - at church  
We continue with our Deb Burma study-*Be Still and Know: A Study of Refuge and Rest.*

**Cookie Packing for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission is back!!**

Every year since 1956, Ladies Guild packs boxes of cookies to be donated to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Unfortunately, last year MRM was not accepting these types of donations. This year they eagerly look forward to our boxes of goodies to be distributed to those in need. So we need cookies and helpers to package and wrap!

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 am - at church**

Our goal is to pack 80+ boxes in celebration of LWML's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022. Join us for this fun event! Bring yourself and some cookies...see you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

**Christmas Cards:** Please consider sending Christmas cards to the homebound members and to those on the prayer line. There will be Christmas cards and stamps on the table in the back of church. Thank you!

**Mitten Tree**

Once again this year, the Mitten Tree has been placed in the narthex. Guild will be collecting mittens, hats, scarves and gloves which will be donated to the South Milwaukee Human Concerns group. Please help us to “decorate” the tree! *All sizes are needed!* If you are a knitter or crocheter...Pauline Parker has bins of yarn to be used for this project...please reach out to her if you need some.

**Your 2022 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 2022.\*\*

**2022 Altar Flowers**

- ❖ Sign-up for 2022 Altar Flowers! The sign-up sheet is posted on the white board in the narthex.
- ❖ Place your flower order directly with Parkway Floral in South Milwaukee: 414.762.0246
- ❖ Flowers will be delivered to church, free if charge, before the Thursday evening service.
- ❖ You can also supply your own arrangement. Rachel Miliacca at the ECC can provide you with a vase liner.
- ❖ Your flowers will be refrigerated after the Thursday service so they will be fresh for Sunday’s services.
- ❖ Take your flowers to enjoy at home after the 10:30am service on Sunday.

**Reminder:** If you want to put flowers on the altar, you must pay for it directly to the florist (Parkway Floral, South Milwaukee) if using a florist. Do not put money in an envelope and put it in the offering baskets. It gets too confusing for the counters to keep track of all that money coming in. Thank you.

**LUTHERAN HOUR - "A Response to the Problem of Evil"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler  
Why does God let evil happen? Will that question take us down the path of doubt or lead us to trust God more deeply? (Luke 1:1-4) **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

## 2021 Holiday Worship Schedule & Lutheran Hour Ministries Devotional for Advent

**YOUR KING IS COMING** - On Thursday nights during December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek Worship Services at 6:30pm. We will be following the Service of Prayer & Preaching from Lutheran Service Book. The theme this year is, “*Your King is Coming.*” In the season of Advent, we pray that Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, will bring light to the darkening world. We hear with joy the prophetic word “*Your king is coming to you,*” and we embrace the hope that it brings. Through our worship we find enlightenment as we prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of our eternal King. Together we walk in the path of holiness because the King who is coming to us has covered our shame and bids us welcome Him. The season of Advent calls to us to stop, look, and listen for the Lord. Here is the order of holiday worship for the coming month, we hope to see you in worship as we receive Christ’s gifts of Word and Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins, eternal life, and salvation. **Please note, there will be no Thursday night worship services on Thursdays December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> since Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve worship services will be held the next day. Also, there will only be ONE worship service on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

Thursday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 1 “Jesus: King of Shame” (*Zechariah 9:9b; Psalm 25:1-3*)

Thursday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 2 “Jesus: King of Guilt” (*Psalm 80*)

Thursday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-Advent Midweek 3 “Jesus: King of the Low” (*2 Samuel 7:1-17; Luke 1:26-38*)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 - NO WORSHIP**

Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm, 5:30pm-Christmas Eve “Shining in the Darkness” (*Isaiah 9.2-7*)

Saturday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-Christmas Day “Infinite Gifts in Finite Wrappings” (*John 1; Ex. 40; Titus 3*)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> - ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY - 9:00 AM**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - NO WORSHIP**

Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 4:00pm-New Year’s Eve “But Deliver Us This Day Our Daily Evil” (*Psalm 90*)

## IN THE WORD FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Catechism:** Lord's Prayer—Second and Third Petitions

**Verse of the week:** John 10:27-28, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 135

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 332) "Savior of the Nations Come" (stanzas 1-3)

**Bible Readings for the Week:**

**Sunday**— The Triumphal Entry—Matthew 21:1-9

**Monday**— Jesus Teaches Us to Pray in the Sermon on the Mount—Mt. 6:5-15

**Tuesday**— Jesus' High Priestly Prayer—John 17:1-26

**Wednesday**— St Andrew, Apostle—John 1:35-42a

**Thursday**— My House Is a House of Prayer—Mark 11:12-26

**Friday**— Watch and Pray—Luke 21:25-36

**Saturday**— Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane—Matthew 26:36-45

**Stewardship Minute**—*"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah...out of you will come for Me One Who will be ruler over Israel"* (Micah 5:2), so wrote the prophet Micah some 750 years before Jesus' birth took place. Have you ever waited for a prayer to be answered? Have you waited 750 years? Does your circumstance seem impossible? Think about the circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth. The young woman God chose to be His mother didn't even live in Bethlehem. Solution? Put a bug in the ruler's ear; have him call for a census. Mary and Joseph are on their way. The rest is history! Perhaps you're in an obscure place, waiting to be used by God. Your wait is not in vain. God isn't through yet, and He has a plan for you, too!

**IF THE WISE MEN, EVEN THOUGH  
THEY KNEW LITTLE ABOUT THE  
CHRIST CHILD, BROUGHT HIM  
GIFTS, HOW MUCH MORE SHOULD  
WE WHO KNOW HIM DO THE SAME?**

"They opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold, and of incense and of myrrh" (Matthew 2:11).



"Creation is preaching a message about its Creator. He is wise. Kind. Brilliant. Powerful. Limitless. Combine those qualities with His reckless love for us found on the cross, and you have a God who can strengthen trembling hearts and weak knees. You have a Creator worth worshiping." *Rev. Mike Novotny, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)* Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.

**Growing In Grace  
November 18 & 21, 2021**

**Offering**

<i>General Offering</i>	\$3,110.25	<b>Attendance</b>	117
<i>On-Line Giving</i>	1,394.59	<b>Communed</b>	83
<i>Missions</i>	0.00		
<i>Debt Fund</i>	25.00		
<i>Mortgage Offering</i>	0.00		
<i>Lutheran High</i>	0.00		
<i>Bible Study/Sunday School</i>	0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,529.84</b>		

**OPPORTUNITIES AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday</b>	11/28	8:00 am	<b>Divine Worship</b>
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Worship
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Divine Worship</b>
Monday	11/29	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class @ church
Tuesday	11/30	7:00 am	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast @ OC Diner
Wednesday	12/1	9:30 am	Ladies Bible Study
		6:30 pm	All Boards Meeting
Thursday	12/2	6:30 pm	Advent Worship – Week 1 (Mites)
		7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	12/5	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Trim the Tree Worship (Mites)</b>
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Bible Study (school library)
		10:00 am	Willowcrest Worship
		<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Trim the Tree Worship (Mites)</b>

## 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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