

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

Advent Midweek 2

December 9th, 2021

“By His Grace you are saved through faith”
Ephesians 2:8



Image: “Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is He.
(Zechariah 9:9)

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 “Your King Is Coming—Jesus: King of Guilt”

We look for the coming of the Lord. The Church looks upward and forward until that time “*Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest*” (LSB 644:4). Advent is that “*looking forward time*” that shares glimpses of that glorious vision of our returning King, the gracious King who comes to take upon Himself our guilt and bring us the gift of forgiveness. Faithfully He promises to renew and restore us to being the crown of His creation. With eager anticipation we look at the Word and at the world prepared to welcome Jesus, our Lord, and rejoice in the wonder of His coming.

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—Service of Prayer & Preaching

✧ PREPARATION ✧

Opening Hymn 338

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Vs. 1-2)



1 Come, Thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2 Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Stand

Opening Versicles for Advent

LSB 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
C Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

- L Prepare the way of the Lord.
- C **Make His paths straight.**

- L Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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

Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

- C **The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**

With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

**“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

**Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.**

**Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy
One of Israel.**

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

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

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Sit

Theme Sequence Revelation 1:4-5, 7

Pastor: Throughout the Scriptures there are words of encouragement to look for signs of the Lord and of His coming. One of the grandest invitations to look is written by John in the first chapter of Revelation as he writes: *“Grace to you and peace . . . from Jesus Christ*

the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. . . . Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him. “Every eye” includes our eyes! We are certain to see His return as we continue to look in faith.

The hymn “*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*” invites us to look for the coming of the Lord and was authored by Charles Wesley, one of the most prolific hymnwriters of the English language. Wesley, whose life spanned most of the eighteenth century, wrote over six thousand hymns, many of which are still sung today. He wrote this hymn specifically for this particular week in Advent, reminding Christians of the final coming of our Advent King in all His glory.

Hymn 336

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending (vs. 1-2 & 4)

1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,
 Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;
 Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,
 Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



✘ WORD ✘

First Reading *2 Peter 3:10-13*

(The coming of the day of the Lord)

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Psalm 80*

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your might and come to save us!

People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry with Your people's prayers?

Pastor: You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.

People: Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Men: You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.

Women: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

Pastor: Why then have You broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.

People: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that Your right hand planted, and for the son whom You made strong for Yourself.

Women: They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of Your face!

Men: But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand, the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!

People: Then we shall not turn back from You; give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

Pastor: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! Let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Second Reading *Matthew 26:59-64*
(*Jesus speaks of His return in glory.*)

Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.'" And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory for Advent

LSB 263

- L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
- C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

- L He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Stand

Ten Commandments

LSB 264

- C You shall have no other gods.
 You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
 Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
 Honor your father and your mother.
 You shall not murder.
 You shall not commit adultery.
 You shall not steal.
 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
 You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

LSB 264

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth.

- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

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.

Sit

Hymn 357

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 1, 6-7)

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 6 O come, Thou Day - spring from on high, And cheer us
 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the
 cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
 by Thy draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y
 hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -
 ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 clouds of night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

Refrain
 Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Sermon “Jesus: King of Guilt” (Psalm 80)

Catechism *The Third Petition*

Pastor: We speak the Third Petition of the Lord’s Prayer and its meaning from Luther’s Small Catechism:

People: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Pastor: What does this mean?

People: The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

Pastor: How is God’s will done?

People: God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

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. 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

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect for Peace

- L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for the Word

LSB 265

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Evening Prayer

LSB 266

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.
Raised from the dead, He will never die again.
Death has no more dominion over Him.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.
Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.

Blessing

LSB 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!!!



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 23rd and 30th since Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve worship services will be held the next day.

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 25th 10:30am-Christmas Day “Infinite Gifts in Finite Wrappings” (John 1; Ex. 40; Titus 3)

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

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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