

# Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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*Celebrate  
Teach  
Share  
God's Grace*

## Advent Midweek 3

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 the Low”**

By next week, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will have come and gone for another year. But we will have had another opportunity to celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Emmanuel, the One who comes “*with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor*” (LSB 349:3). By His grace, our coming King enriches us in every way. As we worship, we have one more chance to listen to the special sounds of Advent as we hear them echo in the readings from Scripture, in the voices singing the hymns of the season around us, and in our praying together as the redeemed of the Lord in hope await 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 331

### The Advent of Our King (vs. 1-6)



- 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



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.

- 5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

- D 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

*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*

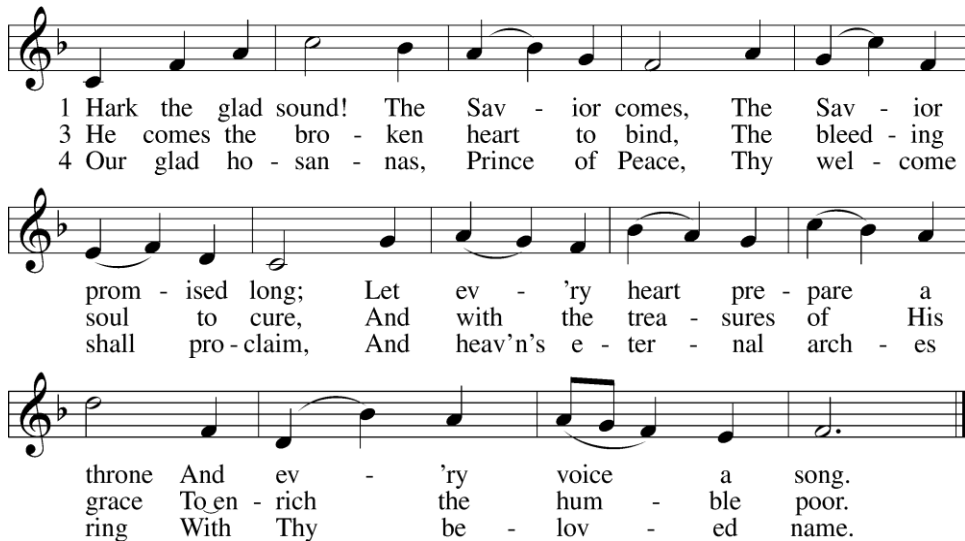
## Theme Sequence *Matthew 24:30-31*

Pastor: Many sounds compete for the attention of our ears. One sound that is promised to get our attention is the sound of the trumpet at the Last Day, when Jesus returns in glory. Our Lord says that at His returning, all on earth “*will see the Son of Man coming on the*

clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send out His angels with a loud trumpet call.” For all the redeemed of the Lord, the sound of the trumpet call will be a “glad sound” indeed! The glad sound of our Savior’s coming is the focus of the hymn “Hark the Glad Sound,” which was written by Philip Doddridge, an English clergyman. He wrote the words to accompany his Christmas sermon delivered on December 28, 1735. Although originally sung in British churches, it has been included in American Lutheran hymnals since early in the twentieth century.

## Hymn 349

## Hark the Glad Sound (vs. 1, 3-4)



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come

prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es

throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
 grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

## ✕ WORD ✕

## First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-17

*(The Lord makes a covenant with David.)*

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel,

saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”” Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’” In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm *Psalm 66***

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies come cringing to You.

**People: All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”**

Women: Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

Men: There did we rejoice in Him, who rules by His might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**People: Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

Women: For You, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; You laid a crushing burden on our backs;

Men: You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

**Pastor:** I will come into Your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to You, that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to You burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.

**People:** Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

**Pastor:** I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; He has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**People:** Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

**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 *Luke 1:26-38***

*(The birth of Jesus is announced.)*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 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, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

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. 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. For nothing will be impossible with God." 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.

**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 T everlasting. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 264

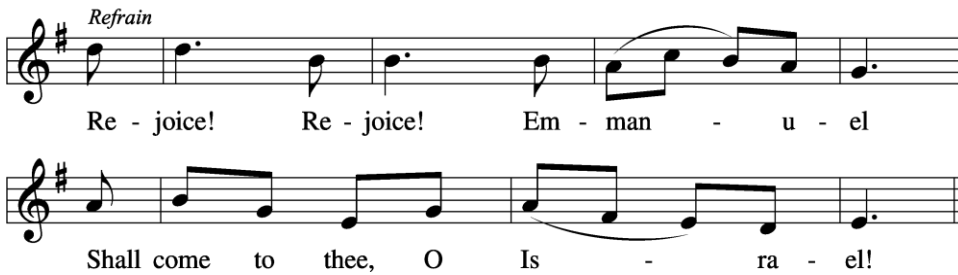
C Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
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, 4-5)

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.



## Sermon “Jesus: King of the Low” (2 Samuel 7:1-17; Luke 1:26-38)

### Catechism *Close of the Commandments* (Exodus 20:5-6)

**Pastor:** We speak the catechism section titled “The Close of the Commandments” from Luther’s Small Catechism: What does God say about all these commandments?

**People:** He says: “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

### 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*

- 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 seasonable 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 Canticale

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.

# Closing Hymn 352

## Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord (vs. 1-6)



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
 2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
 4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
 heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
 gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
 Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
 Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
 That, set free from doubt and dread,  
 I may cling to You in faith,  
 Safely kept through life and death.

6 Then when You will come again  
 As the glorious king to reign,  
 I with joy will see Your face,  
 Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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 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.

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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