

Grace Lutheran Church, School, ECC

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

Advent Midweek 1

November 30th, 2023

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



Image: “Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham, . . . the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.” (*Matthew 1:1, 16*)

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 your child is using the bathroom during the worship service, we ask that you monitor them so that they are using it in a timely manner. We are glad that you're here!!!

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 “*Jesus: The Son of David*”

In his Gospel, before Matthew tells us about the birth of Jesus, he provides Jesus' family tree, His genealogy. Today, we consider how Jesus is the Son of David. Jesus is not only David's descendant but also his Lord. Although we, like David, are flawed sinners, the promise to David that his kingdom would be eternal comes down to us. Our Lord entered human history to wear a crown of thorns and die on the cross, His wooden “*throne*,” so that we might enter heaven, the eternal Kingdom promised to His forebear David. The One whose birth we shall soon celebrate reigns today and forever in the Kingdom in which we are His grateful, forgiven subjects. Come quickly, Son of David.

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...as outlined in the bulletin...

✘ PREPARATION ✘

OPENING HYMN “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” (LSB 398 vs. 1-4)

Stand

OPENING SENTENCES *Jeremiah 23:5-6; Acts 2:34-35; Luke 1:32-33*

Pastor: Jeremiah wrote, “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

People: And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Pastor: David wrote, “The Lord said to my Lord,

People: ‘Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.’”

Pastor: Gabriel told Mary, “The Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,

People: and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

✘ PSALMODY ✘

PSALM *Psalms 145:1-13a; antiphon: v. 13a*

Pastor: David recognized that God’s kingdom is eternal, continuing beyond earthly governments.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.

People: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

People: One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.

Pastor: They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

People: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.

People: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

Pastor: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,

People: to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

GREAT O ANTIPHON

Pastor: One of the Great O Antiphons, to be used during the week preceding Christmas, calls Jesus the Key of David.

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close,
You close and no one can open:

People: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (Sts. 1, 5: LSB 357)

Sit

✠ READINGS ✠

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 23:3-6*

Lector: Jeremiah writes that David’s coming Son will provide the righteousness we so desperately need. A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Acts 2:22-36*

Lector: On Pentecost, Peter preaches that Jesus is greater than His ancestor David: He has conquered death. A reading from Acts, chapter 2.

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.
You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.’

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL READING *Luke 1:26-33*

Lector: The angel Gabriel tells Mary that her baby will sit on David’s throne to reign forever. A reading from Luke, chapter 1.

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.”

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

RESPONSORY *Based on Jeremiah 23:5-6; Acts 2:36; Luke 1:32-33*

Pastor: I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,

People: and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Pastor: God has made Him both Lord and Christ,

People: and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Pastor: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High,

People: and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Pastor: In the last stanza of the next hymn, we echo the acclamations of Palm Sunday and look toward praising our King in eternity.

Sit

SERMON HYMN “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” (LSB 350 vs. 1-4)

SERMON “Jesus: The Son of David” (Matthew 1:1, 6)

OFFERTORY HYMN “Sing Praise to the God of Israel” (LSB 936 vs. 1-4)

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.



✠ PRAYER ✠

Stand

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECTS

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders of Your Church. Enable them to lift people’s hearts and minds to look beyond global pandemics, natural disasters, and political upheavals to see the eternal Kingdom, which You have graciously opened to all people who trust in You for life and health and peace. Bless those who till the soil, manage farms, transport supplies, and distribute food and clothing where they are needed. Son of David,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty Lord, give wisdom and courage to those who lead governments, command armed forces, and maintain order in society. Give them hearts to seek peace so that warfare with neighbor states and civil strife within them give way to prosperity, health, and cooperation. Increase our faith to depend on Your eternal promises of the better country that awaits us by grace. Son of Abraham,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, Light of the world, open the hearts of all who are burdened by their scandals and other past sins. Surround them with faithful people to tell them about Your coming in human history to give Yourself for them. Protect and guide all law enforcement personnel, first responders, health care workers, and counselors. Help them balance justice, mercy, and compassionate care so that many may have their lives repaired and hope restored. Son of scandal,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, cared for by Your adopted human father, Joseph, remember people like him, those who have been forgotten, whether dispossessed, incarcerated, or isolated for any reason. Remember not their sins and iniquities but give them a sense of Your abiding presence. Nurture in us all a love for Your will so that we obediently do whatever You ask. Son of Joseph,

People:hear our prayer.

Pastor: Servant Savior, born in a stable to a lowly Virgin, remind us again that You turn the world's ways upside down. Give strength to the weak, lift up the downtrodden, provide hope for the despairing, announce peace to the distraught, and proclaim eternal forgiveness to all burdened by their sin. Son of Mary,

People:hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Son of David, in You the Father's promise of an eternal throne for David came true.

People:Grant us lively faith to serve You each day, aware of the citizenship in Your kingdom, which You won for us by Your obedient life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection.

Pastor: Son of David,

People:hear our prayer.

COLLECT FROM SUNDAY

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

People: that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

Pastor: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:Amen.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

People: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

People: Amen.

Sit

CLOSING HYMN "Abide with Me" (LSB 878 vs. 1-4)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!!!



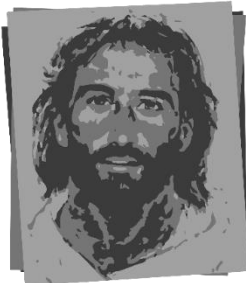
THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS *Matthew 1:1-16*

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of **David**, the son of **Abraham**.

Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by **Rahab**, and Boaz the father of Obed by **Ruth**, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the **wife of Uriah**, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of **Joseph** the husband of **Mary**, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.



Holiday Worship Schedule for 2023

“Jesus: The Son of David, the Son of Abraham”

On Thursday nights @ 6:30pm at Grace during the last Thursday in November and the month of December we will once again be having our Advent Midweek Worship Services. There is great interest in genealogies today. In the past, such interest was usually confined to one dutiful family member who would gather all the information together and begin reconstructing the family tree. However, genealogy websites have simplified such work so that even the most casual observers are able to explore their family histories and better understand their pasts. The scientific advances of DNA are also allowing people to explore more than just one or two branches of the family tree and also to understand how all the generations of the past have come together in each unique, individual family member. In these weeks of Advent, the sermons will help us unpack the significance of Jesus’ genealogy and how God was at work weaving his plan of salvation throughout the history of his chosen people—as he reveals in the *Old Testament* all the way through *Joseph and Mary*.

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 service on Thursday December 28th.

Thursday Nov. 30th 6:30pm–Advent Midweek 1— “Jesus: The Son of David” (Matthew 1:1, 6)

Thursday Dec. 7th 6:30pm –Advent Midweek 2— “Jesus: The Son of Abraham” (Matthew 1:1–2)

Sunday December 10th --Special Trim the Tree Service 2nd Sunday in Advent—Sunday worship services of 8am and 10:30am...

Thursday Dec. 14th 6:30pm –Advent Midweek 3— “Jesus: The Son of Scandal” (Matthew 1:1, 3, 5–6)

Thursday Dec. 21st 6:30pm –Advent Midweek 4— “Jesus: The Son of Joseph” (Matthew 1:16)

Sunday December 24th 9:30am 4th Sunday in Advent with Communion

Sunday Dec. 24th 4pm, 5:30pm–Christmas Eve: “Jesus: The Son of Mary” (Matthew 1:16)

Monday Dec. 25th 9:30am–Christmas Day: “Christmas, as John Writes It” (John 1:1–14)

No Thursday evening worship on Thursday December 28th

Sunday December 31st 9:30am New Year's Eve Worship— Guest Pastor Jim Klug

Sunday January 7th 8am & 10:30am Services— “People Who Don't Belong” (Matthew 2:1–12)

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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