

Holy Communion



We believe that Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, is a Sacrament of God, instituted by Christ himself, giving and sealing the Gift of forgiveness to his believing followers. In the Bible, it was a Gift that was shared only by those who had committed themselves to a unity in faith and practice.

Here is what the Bible says, 1 Corinthians 11:28-29, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the Body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." Therefore, each person should carefully examine their own heart before coming to the Altar of the Lord. Ask yourself:

1. Have I been baptized with water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe the Good News of Jesus' victory over sin and death on the cross for me?
3. Do I recognize the Body and Blood of Christ in and with the bread and wine of Communion?
4. Do I have a broken and sorrowful heart because of my sins and short-comings?
5. Do I truly desire, with Christ's help, to turn away from those sins and follow him more faithfully?

If you said "yes" in each of these faith areas and desire Holy Communion, the Lord welcomes you to his Holy Supper.

You may choose red wine or white grape juice for Communion.



Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church

December 16 & 17, 2017

Third Sunday
In Advent



WEEKEND WORSHIP

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Friday - 6:30pm Crosswalk in CLC

Saturday - 5:15pm Praise Service in Sanctuary

Sunday - 8:00am Breakfast Club in CLC

Sunday - 9:00am Praise Service in Sanctuary

Sunday - 10:15am Sunday School

Sunday - 11:15am Traditional Service in Sanctuary

Pray for Our Families

The families of Grace that we will keep in our prayers this week are:

Lynn & Pat Soper

Tina Stack and children Hailey & Aaron

Art & Barb Steinhauer

Remember to keep our Grace Family in your daily prayers.

Pray for This Week's Ministry

Small Groups

Happenings This Week

December 18	4:00pm - Women's Bible Study
December 19	10:30am - McCord Ministry Group 5:30pm - Grace Out Loud Rehearsal 7:00pm - Choir
December 20	6:00pm - Potluck Dinner 6:30pm - Bible Quiz Practice - CLC 7:00pm - Advent Service
December 21	10:00am - Holden Bible Study 5:30pm - Piano Recital
December 22	6:30pm - WHAM! Christmas Party 6:30pm - Crosswalk - CLC Happy Birthday Jesus Party



Growing with Grace Holiday Food Drive

Drop off your non-perishable goods in the basket in our hallway or leave in the church office.

DEADLINE: Monday, December 18th

The Real Heaven by Chip Ingram

Starting Monday, January 8th at 4pm in the Social Hall at Grace. Workbook required. For more information email or call Kathy at:

kathyverbocy@yahoo.com or (814) 598-2417

Last weekend's attendance and giving:

33 at Crosswalk; 93 at Weekend Services; \$3,456.00

WHAT: Christmas Musical

WATCHNIGHT by Rick Vale & Jay Rouse

WHO: Perfected Praise (a 45-voice ecumenical choir / representing 19 local churches) / Live Nativity Scene and drama includes children; directed by Kelly J. Card

WHEN: December 16 & 17 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: Sawyer Evangelical Church, 777 S. Kendall Avenue, Bradford, PA

WHAT ELSE: Free-Will Offering to benefit Mission Trip to Honduras

Everyone Is Invited

Dessert Bar Reception to follow both performances

Volunteers are needed for the Bible Quizzing program. Any adult can volunteer their time the second Saturday each month. You would be traveling by van to different churches assisting our quizzers. This would be an all day event and lunch will be provided. A background check is needed and can be done by **Selene** at the CLC. **Any questions please contact Brandon Baney at the CLC.**

WHAM! is doing a fundraiser for First Night Bradford in the CLC. In order to raise funds for our Youth Ministry, we are asking for your help. A sign has been placed in the Welcome Center for your convenience. Please feel free to take as many slips as you would like. **Money donations can be given to Selene Machuga, Jackie Streb, Jill Taylor or Brandon Baney. Donations can be dropped off in the church office or at the Community Life Center.**

79 Mechanic St.

Church office hours - 7:30am - 1:30pm: 362-3244

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