



**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
December 1st, 2024
100th YEAR
ANNIVERSARY**

Happy 1st week of Advent!



~Preservice Music:

“Here With Us”

“For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart”

~Welcome and Announcements

~Opening Hymn: “Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”

Jesus invites his followers to participate in **The Lord’s Supper**. He gives His very body and blood in, with and under the bread and wine (Matthew 26:26-28). Paul encourages us to **examine** our hearts and our relationships as we prepare to share in this meal together (I Corinthians 11:27-29). **Children** who have not yet been instructed in communion can cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing (Mark 10:13-16). For those unable to drink wine, the center ring holds cups intinctured with wine. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to Pastor.

~Prayers of the Day

~Invocation

~Hymn: “Magnificat, My Soul Rejoices”

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND THE PROPHET’S CANDLE

P: We light this candle to remember all the prophets of old that God sent us to tell us of Christ coming.

C: We light this candle to remind ourselves that as Christ was foretold to come in the past so He is foretold to come in the future and, we, the church await His Second Coming.

ALL: We light this candle to remind ourselves that many people are still waiting for the coming of Christ in their lives.

P: A voice of one calling, "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord. Make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.' (*Isaiah 40:3*) To give his people the knowledge of Salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.
(*Luke 1:77-79*)

~Confession

~A time for silent confession~

ALL: Who better to release us from the captivity to sin, O Lord? Who has heard the chains that bind us to our past, the sinful deeds we wish we could forget? You, Jesus, hear the clanking of the metal and know how to save us from every sin that weighs us down. We were prisoners to sin. No matter what we tried, we could not escape. But you came to liberate us. You broke our chains. We are Free! Amen.

~Absolution

P: The Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim the liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound. (*Isaiah 61:1*)

~Hymn of Praise: *“Create in Me a Clean Heart”*

~Prayer of the Day

ALL: O Lord, you have searched us and know us better than we know ourselves. And yet, we give you thanks for you are good and your steadfast love endures forever, cleansing our heart and renewing our spirit, all through your Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

~Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: *Isaiah 1:18-20*

New Testament: *Romans 13:8-10*

Gospel: *Luke 12:13-21*

~Sermon

~Apostle's Creed

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

~The Lord's Prayer

~Offering

~Prayers

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise:

"Even So Come"

"On Jordan's Banks the Baptists Cry"

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise: *"Amazing Grace"*

Pray for Our Families

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

Glenn Bunce

Pete Christjohn

Remember to keep our **Grace Family** and the **CLC** in your daily prayers.

Happenings This Week

December 3rd - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Grace out Loud 5:30pm

December 4th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Deep Roots 5pm

Deacon's Meeting 6pm

December 5th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

December 6th - Mennonites in CLC @ 6pm

December 7th - Christmas Craft Show @ CLC

December Service Schedule

Reader: Amy Coffman

Prayers: Vicki Sander

December Altar Guild: Dana DiBlasi

Amber Mays

December Counters: Jim & Stacia Roggenbaum

Numbers 6:24-26. 'The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.'

The Women's Bible Study Group will be meeting again on December 12th at 10:30am in the Social Hall.

Thank you all for joining us today in celebrating the Good News of God our Father! Here at Grace Lutheran Church, we are excited to share God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ, with all who enter these walls. If you are interested in becoming a member or have questions, please reach out to **Pastor Barry, Al Dexter**, Church Council President or any one of the Deacons.

Items for the Bulletin are due to the church secretary by Noon on Wednesday of each week. Please write them out as you wish them to appear. You may drop them off at the office, email them to glmoffice@agraceplace.org

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
10am-2pm. Closed Wednesdays.

November 24th, 2024 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 66

Recycling:

Giving: \$5,129.00

Destinations:



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 those who believe and follow Him.

To help you to decide if you would like to join your brothers and sisters at the Communion table, ask yourself the following questions:

- 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 given for me for the forgiveness of sins?

If you said 'yes' to each of these questions and desire Holy Communion, the Lord welcomes you to His Holy Supper.

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