



**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
December 29th, 2024
100th YEAR
ANNIVERSARY**



~Preservice Music:

“Make Room”

“He Has Come For Us”

~Welcome and Announcements

~Prayers of the Day

~Hymn: “Go Tell It on the Mountain”

~Prayer of Invitation:

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~Confession of our sins:

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father. In today's epistle from Romans, the apostle Paul asks, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ... How can we who died to sin still live in it?"

ALL: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved God with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

~Absolution

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given us His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

~Scripture Readings:

Psalm 111

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2: 22-40

~Hymn of Praise: "For Unto Us A Child Is Born"

~The Message

~Profession of Our Faith:

C: believe 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.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, Innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

~Offering

~Prayers

~The Lord's Prayer

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise: "Breath of Heaven"

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

~Prayer:

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: he light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given and the government will be on his shoulders.

C: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise:

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Pray for Our Families

The families of Grace that we will keep in our prayers this week are: **Brian & Tina Dunkle**

Ray Eidson

Michele Evers

Remember to keep our **Grace Family**, and the **CLC** in your daily prayers. Pray for This Week's Ministry:

Christmas Volunteers

Happenings This Week

December 31st - New Years!

January 2nd - Soccer in CLC 6:30pm

January 3rd - Mennonites in CLC 6:30pm

January 4th - Social Hall rented 3pm-5pm

January Service Schedule

Reader: Laura Keesler

Prayers: Michele Evers

January Altar Guild: Stacia Roggenbaum

Laura Keesler

January Counters: Jackie Streb & Kathy Verbocy

**April 5, 2015:
The 'Sanctuary Praise Panels'
Dedicated.**

The Women's Bible Study group will be meeting January 9th and January 23rd 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.

December 24th, 2024 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 57

Recycling: \$20.00

Giving: \$2,914.00

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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