



**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
January 5th, 2025
Founded 1924**



~Preservice Music:

“Honey in the Rock”

“Goodness of God”

~Welcome and Announcements

~Prayers of the Day

~Prayer of Invitation:

P: Let the just rejoice,

C: for their Justifier is born.

P: Let the sick and infirm rejoice,

C: for their Savior is born.

P: Let the captives rejoice,

C: for their Redeemer is born.

P: Let slaves rejoice,

C: for their Master is born.

P: Let free men rejoice,

C: for their Liberator is born.

P: Let All Christians rejoice,

C: for Jesus Christ is born. Amen.

~Matthew 2: 1-12

~Hymn of Praise: *“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”*
“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”

“Joy to the World”

~Opening Prayer:

ALL: Gracious God, You help us to see your truth in a new way in this Advent of our lives. Thank you for this unexpected gift. Help me, Lord, to live in the past, to allow what you have done in the past to shape my life in every dimension. Help me, Lord, to live in the present as I experience your reality and power through your Holy Spirit. Help me, Lord, to live in the future, to be filled with confident hope for the coming of your kingdom. As I live in the past, present, and future, may every part of my life be formed by your Spirit, so that I might live confidently, joyously, and hopefully. Amen.

~Hymn of Praise: “He Has Come for Us”

~Confession of Our Sins:

P: O almighty God, merciful Father, LSB 184

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your

beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

~Absolution

~Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 7: 2-12

Luke 19: 1-10

~Hymn of Praise: *“For Unto Us a Child is Born”*

~Message: *“Keeping Christmas”*

~The Apostles’ Creed

~Offering

~Create in Me a Clean Heart

~Prayers

~The Lord’s Prayer

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise: *“We Three Kings”*

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise:

“Mary’s Little Boy Child”

As we leave one another let us go into this week with this refrain upon our hearts and our lips.

O Come, let us Adore Him

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O Come, let us Adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Pray for Our Families

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

Shirley Evers

Marianna Feldhaus

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

Happenings This Week

January 6th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

January 7th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Grace out Loud 5:30pm

January 8th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Deep Roots 5pm

January 9th - **Women's Bible Study 10:30am**

Firm Foundations 3:30pm

January Service Schedule

Reader: Laura Keesler

Prayers: Michele Evers

January Altar Guild: Stacia Roggenbaum

Laura Keesler

January Counters: Jackie Streb & Kathy Verbocy



HAPPY
New Year



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 29th, 2024 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 60

Recycling: \$30.00

Giving: \$2,460.00

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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