



**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
December 7th, 2025
Founded 1924**



~Preservice Music: *“Here with Us” “Make Room”*

~Welcome and Announcements

~Prayers of the Day

*~In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.~*

~Prayer of Invitation:

*P: Give the king your justice, O God, and your
righteousness to the royal son!*

*C: May he judge your people with
righteousness, and your poor with justice!*

*P: Let the mountains bear prosperity for the
people, and the hills, in righteousness!*

*C: May he defend the cause of the poor of the
people, give deliverance to the children of the
needy, and crush the oppressor!*

*P: May they fear you while the sun endures, and
as long as the moon, throughout all
generations!*

*C: May he be like rain that falls on the mown
grass, like showers that water the earth!*

*All: In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no
more!*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - The Candle of Love
Two advent candles are lit before the congregation joins in prayer and singing the hymn verse.

All: O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness. May we pause often and give thanks for your amazing love. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~Hymn of Praise: "Magnificat, My Soul Rejoices"

~Confession of Our Sins:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

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

~Readings:

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

~Prayer:

P: Dear Father,

C: with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another. Amen.

~Hymn of Praise: *“Mary, Did You Know?”*

~Sermon - *“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

~Apostles' Creed

~Offering

~Prayer:

P: God of Hope, you raised up John the baptizer as a herald who calls us to conversion. As we joyfully await the glorious coming of Christ, we pray to you for the needs of the church and the world.

C: Hear our humble prayer that we may serve you in holiness and faith and give voice to your presence among us until the day of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ, who live and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

~The Lord's Prayer

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise: *"Do You Hear What I Hear?"*

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise:

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Pray for Our Families

The families of Grace that we will keep in our prayers this week are: **Jeff & Katie Schneider**

Bruce & Chris Schuessler

David & Cheryl Sheneman

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

Women's Bible Study Group

Happenings This Week

December 8th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

December 9th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Council Meeting 6pm

December 10th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Deep Roots 5pm

December 11th - Women's Bible Study 10:30am

Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Grace out Loud 5:30pm

December 13th - Food Auction @ CLC

December Service Schedule

Reader: Amy Coffman

Prayers: Vicki Sander

December Altar Guild: Dana DiBlasi & Amber Mays

December Counters: Jim & Mary Paterniti

Month of December Canned Meat & Water
Please place your donations in the red bin.

Women's Bible Study

We will be meeting Dec. 11th at 10:30 AM in the church social hall.

We will only meet once in Dec due to Christmas.

Our Old Testament woman for this session is Ruth. What keeps us from being loyal to our family and friends and even God? In January we will be meeting on Jan 8 and 22. Open to all women. Bring a friend. A time to strengthen our relationship with God and our sisters in Christ.

For further information, call:

Vicki Sander (814-465-3137) or Laura Keesler (814-465-9388)

Please take the time to fill out and turn in the **Voters' Assembly Ballot 2026- 2027** that is inserted in your bulletin. Extra copies are located in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

While Advent is a season of Hope, and Christmas a season of Joy, not everyone feels hopeful or like celebrating. Grief, illness, aging, depression, loneliness, unemployment, and loss are magnified. Join with Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, on December 21st, 2025 at 6pm, as we gather for an hour of worship, song, praise, love, and in support for one another as we gather to remember the Birth of Our Savior, as well as pray and support those who may need it most during this time. Let our Light Shine on the "Longest Night of the Year."

Grace Lutheran Church will be holding their **Christmas Eve** service on December 24th, 2025 at 6pm

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

November 30th, 2025 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 51

Recycling:

Giving: \$1,631.40

Destinations: \$39.05



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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