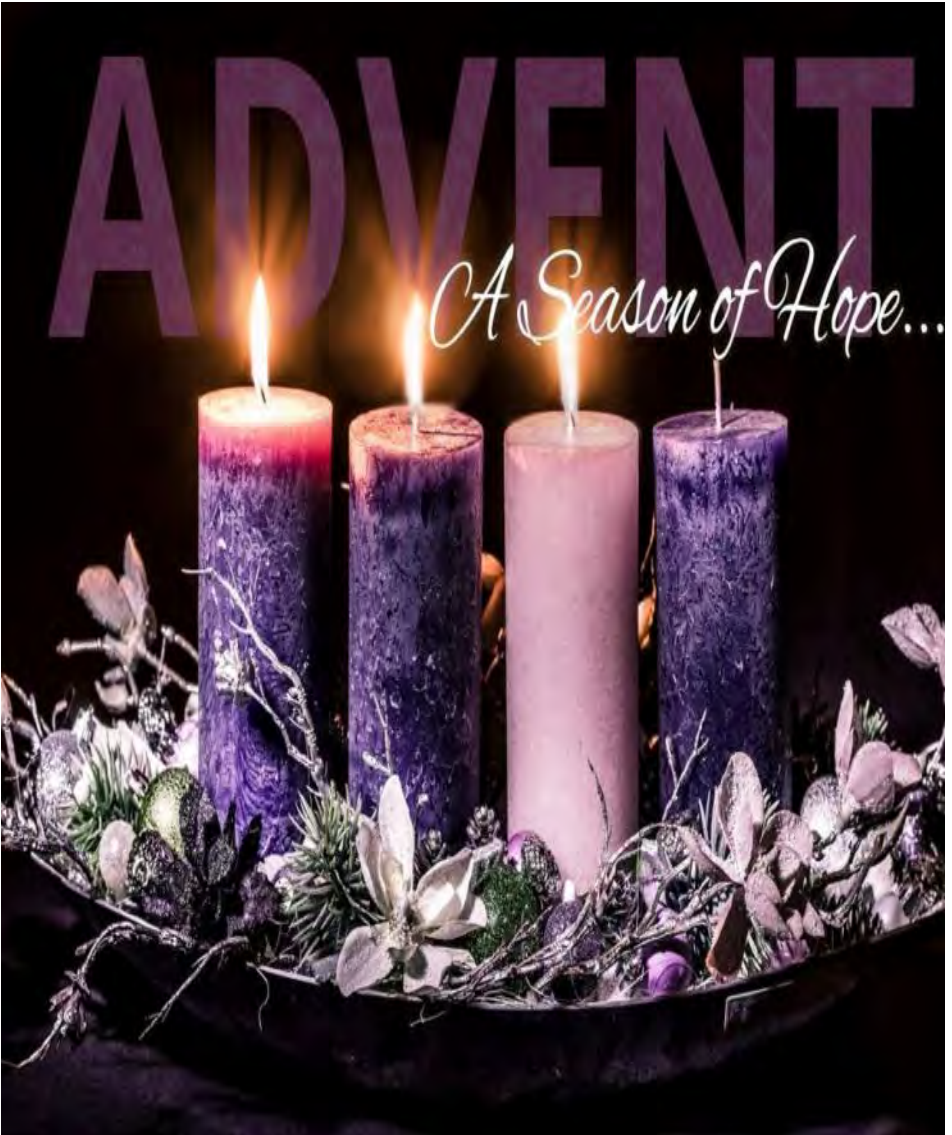




**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
December 14th, 2025
Founded 1924**



~Preservice Music: *“For Unto Us a Child is Born/Open the Eyes of My Heart” “Noel”*

~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: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

*C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will
sing praises to my God while I have my being.*

*P: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man,
in whom there is no salvation.*

*C: When his breath departs, he returns to the
earth; on that very day his plans perish.*

*P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of
Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,*

*C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and
all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;*

*P: who executes justice for the oppressed, who
gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the
prisoners free;*

*C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
the Lord loves the righteous.*

P: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH -
The Candle of Joy*

Three advent candles are lit before the congregation joins in prayer and singing the hymn verse.

~Hymn of Praise: “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

~Confession of Our Sins:

P: Almighty God,

C: you warn us to read the signs for the coming of your glory – in the sun, the moon, the stars, the roaring of the seas and the waves, the distress among the nations. We have seen it all before. Nothing seems to change. Help us live with courage in this age of confusion where wars are fought for peace and freedoms are stripped in the name of liberty. Forgive our lapse of focus, our sense that nothing ever really changes.

Teach us to wait with patience, that we may be ready as our redeemer draws near. Amen

~Absolution

~Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

James 5:7-11

Matthew 11:2-15

~Prayer:

P: God of joy and exultation,

C: you strengthen what is weak, you enrich the poor and give hope to those who live in fear.

Look upon our needs this day. Make us grateful for the good news of salvation and keep us faithful in your service until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives for ever and ever. Amen

~Hymn of Praise: *"He Has Come for Us"*

~Sermon

~Nicene Creed

~Offering

~Prayer: *DOXOLOGY (sung)*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

~The Lord's Prayer

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise: *"We Have a Savior"*

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise:

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven"

Pray for Our Families

The families of Grace that we will keep in our prayers this week are: **Ted & Kathy Sherrick**

Judy Signor

Pat Soper

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

Gardening/Landscaping Team

Happenings This Week

December 15th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

December 16th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

December 17th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Deep Roots 5pm

December 18th - Firm Foundations 3:30pm

Grace out Loud 5:30pm

December 19th - Piano Recital at GLC

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.**

Grace Lutheran Church will be holding their
Christmas Eve service on

To my Grace Family,
It is a honor to be given an impressive basket of
goodies. I am thankful to be a part of God's love and
Grace's Family.
-Janice Swanson

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."

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

December 7th, 2025 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 53

Recycling: \$47.00

Giving: \$5,672.78

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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