



**Welcome to
Grace Lutheran Church
December 21st, 2025
Founded 1924**

A Season of Peace



~Preservice Music: “Breath of Heaven”
“He Has Come for Us”

~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: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in
it, the world, and all who live in it;*

*C: for he founded it on the seas and
established it on the waters.*

*P: Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?
Who may stand in his holy place?*

*C: The one who has clean hands and a pure
heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by
a false god.*

*P: They will receive blessing from the LORD and
vindication from God their Savior.*

*C: Such is the generation of those who seek
him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.*

*P: Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you
ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.*

C: Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

P: Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

P: Who is he, this King of glory?

ALL: The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH -

The Candle of Peace

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

~Hymn of Praise: “Make Room”

~Confession of Our Sins:

Lord Jesus, I yield to your purpose for my life, no matter what. May I be prepared to be less, to have less, so that you might be more. May I be content, whether I am known or unknown, celebrated or sidelined, always to serve with humility and joy.

~Absolution

~Readings:

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Romans 1: 1,7

Matthew 1: 18-25

~Prayer:

Father, help me not to overrate my own importance. May I always remember that the glory belongs to Jesus; it's all about him, it's not about me.

Lord Jesus, I pray for your Church, in all its expressions, in the place where I live. Help us all to serve our community with humility and grace, remembering that the glory, the honour, and praise belong to you.

~Hymn of Praise:

"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"

~Sermon

~Nicene Creed

~Offering

~The Lord's Prayer

~Communion

~Hymn of Praise: *"Here With Us"*

"The First Noel"

~Benediction

~Closing Hymn of Praise:

"Mary's Little Boy Child"

Pray for Our Families

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

Art & Barb Steinhauer

Amy Stoltz

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

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Happenings This Week

December 22nd - CLC Closed

December 23rd - CLC Closed

December 24th - Christmas Eve Service 5pm

CLC Closed

Office Closed

December 25th - CHRISTMAS - CLOSED

December 26th - CLC Closed

Office Closed

January Service Schedule

Reader: Laura Keesler

Prayers: Michele Evers

January Altar Guild: Dana DiBlasi & Amber Mays

January Counters: Jim & Stacia Roggenbaum

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

Grace Lutheran Church will be holding their
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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 14th, 2025 Attendance and Giving:

Attendance: 48

Recycling:

Giving: \$9,192.00

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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