



1st Sunday in Advent

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 1, 2019

**“ A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus”**

HOLY COMMUNION

(Based on ELW Setting Three)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and then discovering God's love and forgiveness have already been waiting for us as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to **stand**, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir Sing

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation stands.

Prelude: "Prelude in G Minor"

Deigendesch

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, † one God, the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gathers us on the holy mountain, the deliverer who sets us free.

Amen

Let us come before the living God in confession.

Silence is kept for reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,
we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation. Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, † Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen

Gathering Song: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



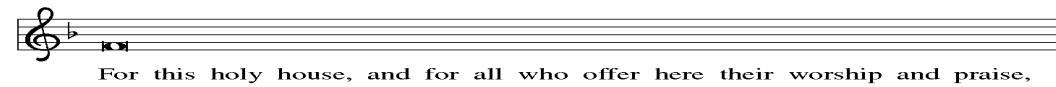
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



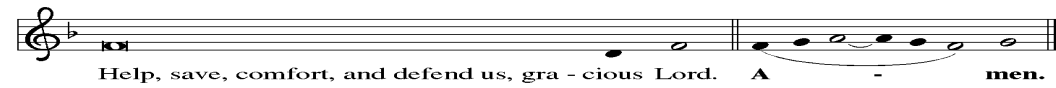
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

After the prayer the congregation responds:

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Week of Advent

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle of this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.
Amen

Dona nobis pacem

Choir: Refrain three (3) times

Choir: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you, and be gracious to you, turn his face unto you, and give you peace. Grant us peace.

Choir: Refrain one (1) time

Continued

Dona nobis pacem

1 *Canon*



Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Congregation and Choir: Refrain together

Choir: Dona nobis pacem
Grant us peace.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah:

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 122

¹I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house | of the LORD."

²**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans:

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation **stands** to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Children's Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-9 are invited to attend Children's Church, which is held on the same floor as this worship space in the Library, and Chapel. Here the children will learn more about the same Bible readings as were heard in worship, and will be taught songs and about the way we worship. Children's Church will return to worship around the time of the Sharing of the Peace, in order to take part in Holy Communion.

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 not attending Children's Church will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.) Children 10 and over will join in regular Worship.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

Hymn #242, Page 11

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world , and all in need.
Hear us, O God.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Offering

(The offering is gathered by the ushers. Please place visitor cards in the offering plate)

Offertory: "From Heaven Above"

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The congregation **stands**

(The Ushers bring the offering to the Altar, as we sing)

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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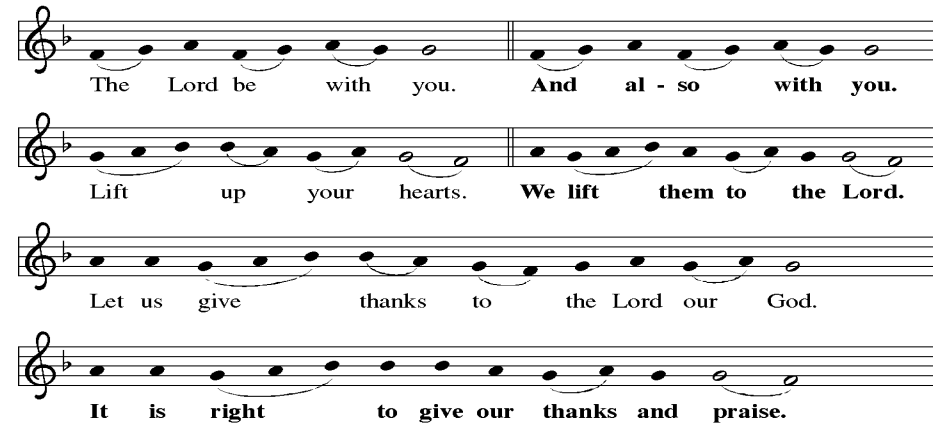
Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony of the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

Amen

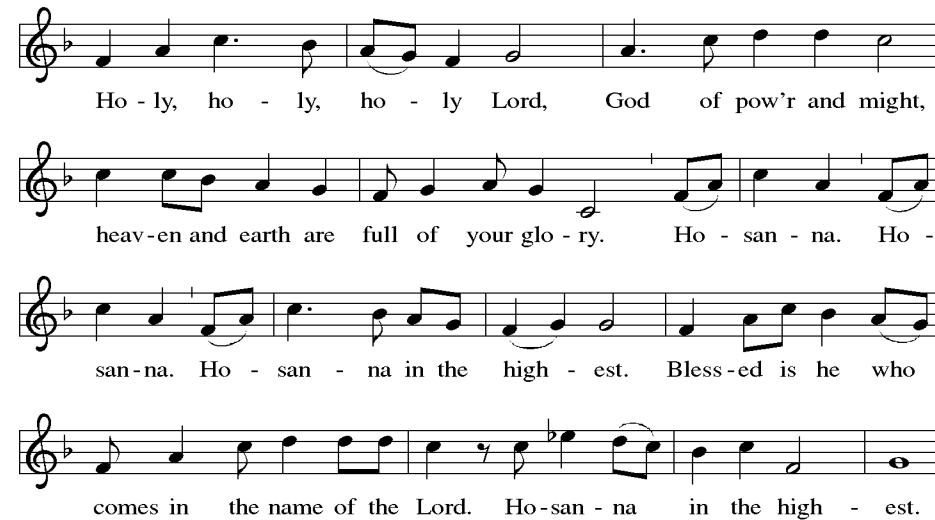
Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life; Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

Thanks be to God.

*The congregation may be **seated**.*

The Holy Communion

*The congregation may be **seated**.*

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Communion Distribution: *One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, you may respond as follows:*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

As the ministers commune the congregation may sing the following:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

There will be a time of silence as the choir comes down for Holy Communion. Please use this time for prayer and preparation, then join in the singing of the hymns....

Communion Hymns

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

Hymn #245, Page 18

“Each Winter As the Year Grows Older”

Hymn #252, Page 19

“He Came Down”

Hymn #253, Page 20

Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
 Music: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM, plainsong mode IV
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Each Winter As the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
 2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
 4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
 5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
 war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
 north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
 pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
 scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
 kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
 new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

Text: William Gay, b. 1920, alt.
 Music: CAROL OF HOPE, Annabeth Gay, b. 1925
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He Came Down

- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

- he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le - lu - jah for-ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell, b. 1949

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*After all have returned to their places, the congregation **stands**.*

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

Amen

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent. The presiding minister may say this or a similar prayer of sending.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteousness and justice.

May God, who knows more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in the pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in the pathways of equality and abundance.

The blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, † one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”*

Hymn #244, Page 23

Dismissal

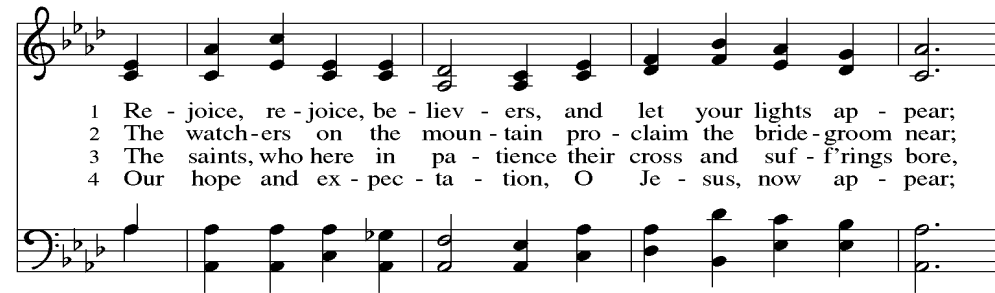
Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

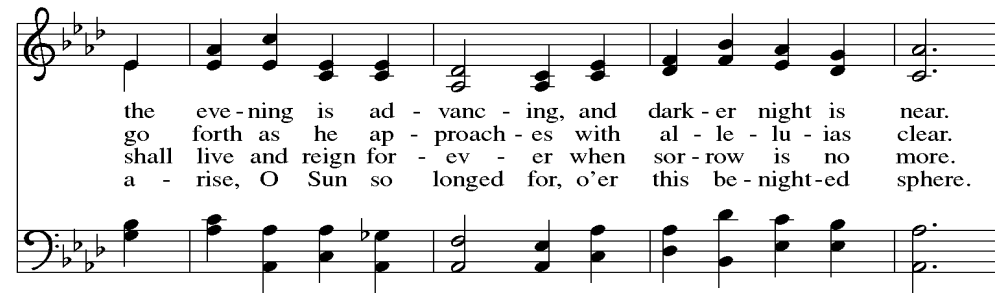
Postlude: *“Moderato”*

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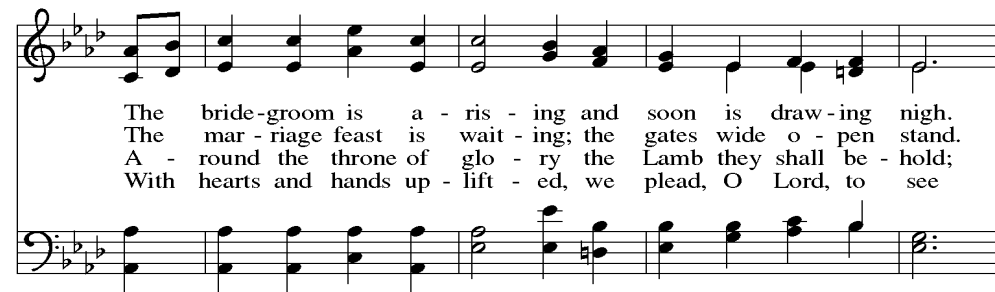
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



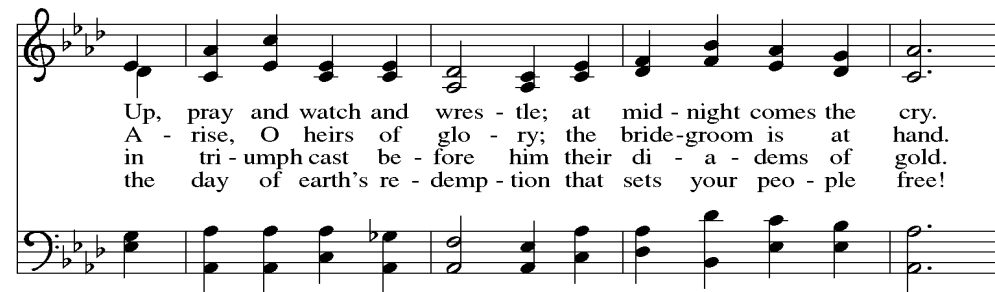
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister:	<i>Tripp Franklin</i>
Communion Assistants:	<i>Brian Lundstrom and Mike Trauscht</i>
Ushers:	<i>Bill Meicke, Pat Brady, Chris Carper, Tom Carper</i>
Offering Stewards:	<i>Sharon Lynch and Ernestine Moomaw</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Kaitlyn Hull</i>
Cup Gatherer:	<i>Sarah Kite</i>
Altar Guild:	<i>Jane Stein</i>
Nursery Caregivers:	<i>Lisa Gray and Eleanor Sampson</i>
Altar Flowers:	<i>Ingrid Sevigny</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Carrie Jones</i>

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to
to the glory of God*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Announcements



Budget Meeting

Congregational Meeting—There will be a called meeting Sunday, December 8, following worship for the purpose of voting on the 2020 Budget. Please plan to attend.

Round Table - our "all committees meeting" is this Tuesday, December 3rd, 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall!



Grace Lutheran will again have the Giving Tree for needy families at Christmas. We have received names of families from the Salvation Army. The Tree is in the back of the Nave. Please take one or more tags, sign your name and the gift tag taken in the book, and purchase gift. **Return wrapped gift with original tag attached to the Church by Sunday, December 15th.** If you have any questions regarding your gift ornament, please contact Jane Stein 943-3327 or Sharon Lynch 943-4294. Thanks for your support in helping these families

to have a Happier & Blessed Christmas.



Offering Envelopes for the Year Available: Please pick up your set of envelopes for 2020 from the back of the church, they are in alphabetical order.



ELCA Good Gifts- There are a couple catalogs on the table in the back of the church that have gift ideas for Christmas (or anytime) that can make a difference in someone's life. ELCA Good Gifts is a way we can share God's love in Jesus with others. ELCA.org/goodgifts is their website that also offers gift suggestions.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

ELCA Bishop issues statement - Because of our close relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land, and concern not only for that Church, but their other Palestinian Christian and Muslim neighbors, Bishop Eaton has issued a statement on the latest decision by

the State Department to support Israeli settlements in the West Bank. To get it on line, read her statement at <https://elca.org/News-and-Events/8014>



Weekday Bible Class on hiatus through Advent, Christmas - We will resume in January, and as we determine our next area of study, look for an email during December asking **you** to help shape the class for the sake of more Grace people attending both morning and evening class.






Meals on Wheels DELIVERIES

Meals on Wheels thanks! Thanks to the 32 volunteers from Grace who helped the poor and elderly in our community receive meals each day during the month of November. This is the fourth decade that Grace has helped with this important ministry!



Advent "Presence Jar" - Advent is a season where we are asked to be more present with God and neighbor, to listen, look, notice and attend to life within and outside ourselves with integrity, and as God's people. The Presence Jar is an easy and fun way to "keep awake and aware" in the busyness of life. Look for the instruction and materials sheet in the narthex.

**Life of Grace Church
December 1—8, 2019**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY—SUNDAY	12/01	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice First Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding  Vespers at Summit Square
Tuesday	12/03	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	 Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) Roundtable Meeting
Wednesday	12/04	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	 Advent Vespers at Zion Lutheran Church Handbell Choir Practice Worship Choir Practice
Thursday	12/05	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	12/08	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice Second Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Called Congregational Budget Meeting

Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Beth Ann Doerring

Donna Gum

Barb Susen

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Larry Fridley, Son of Linda Tomey

Eloise Hartzell, Aunt of Schwiesows

Regina Lambert, Cousin of Schwiesows

Amy Vaus, Cousin of Brad Hull

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns
Nancy Fitzgerald
Bob and Carol Knemoller
Glenn and Flossie Myers

Fred Brower
Sandra R. Hoy
Peggy Lucas

Jean Brower
Sandy Johnson
Janet Lunger

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Marie Brown, Mother of Janet Parmer and Jane McGehee

Delmar Carlson, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Barbara and Jeff Eagle, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Bobby Haywood, Friend of Trauschts

Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trausch's Brother-In-Law

Katherine Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Joshua Scott, Friend of the Jones Family

Krista Traynor and Her Children, Daughter of the Proctors

Keith Weller, Son of Wellers

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Morris Elliott, Grace Member

Family of Jennifer Higgs, Homeless Friend of WARM

Family of Lee Honeycutt, Friend of the Pingels

The Needs of the World

Racial Reconciliation in the Church

California Fire Victims

The work of Lutheran World Relief around

the world (see <https://lwr.org/news>)

Victims of super-typhoon Hagibis in Japan, India

Victims of Greenville, Texas Shooting

The deaths of nine family members due
to drug violence

**The crisis of drug abuse in the U.S. that
leads to such violence**

The Homeless in our area, and the work of WARM,
as the Cold Weather Shelter opens

The Crisis of Addiction in our Nation

Natural Disasters in our World in October/November;
Flooding in Djibouti, El Salvador, Kenya, Somalia and
Tanzania; Earthquakes in the Philippines

Measles Outbreak in Oregon

The increase of White Supremacy movements in the U.S.

The Church

Our Virginia Synod, ELCA, Bishop Bob

**Humphrey, and our sharing of the
good news of Jesus Christ**

Our Jewish brothers and sisters
remembering the anniversary at the
Tree of Life Synagogue shooting

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Jordan and the Holy Land
(see announcement)**

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of Jordan and the Holy Land

**Congregations participating in the
WARM Cold Weather Shelter this year**

Our Lutheran brothers and Sisters at
Zion, St. James, Bethlehem
and Bethany

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Jane Blosser
Sandy Johnson

Holly Carper
Pat Giesen

Daily Lectionary

Monday

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:1-13
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tuesday

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:14-26
Ephesians 2:11-22

Wednesday

Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:30-37
Luke 9:37-43a

Thursday

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Friday

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:1-12
Galatians 4:8-20

Saturday

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5
Luke 9:21-27



Members of Grace, Ministers

Linda Meyer, President
Gordon Putnam, Vice President
Zach Bandy, Holly Carper, Pete Giesen,
Kim Hull, Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson,
Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, and
Rudolph Yobs
Deloris Wertman, Secretary
Ron Almarode, Treasurer
Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor
Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music
Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday;
8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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