



# 1st Sunday in Advent

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 2, 2018

**“ 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 what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness 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!

### 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. Amen.**

### Welcome and Announcements

*The congregation stands.*

### Prelude:

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

**Amen**

Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

To you, O God,  
we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you.  
Remember not our sins; remember us with you steadfast love. Show us your ways;  
teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in  
Jesus Christ our Savior.  
Amen

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift  
of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are  
anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.  
Amen

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

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**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.

## 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

### **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 alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, 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 Sunday—*The Wonder of the Season***

Advent is a time to remember the wonders of our faith.

**God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

Advent is a time to be amazed at God's wondrous love.

**God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

Advent is a time to retrace our past, reclaim the hope of our future.

**God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

Advent is a time to be awed by God's unfolding plan for creation.

**God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago.**

### **Candle Lighting**

Today, we light the **first candle**. The first candle reminds us of the season of Advent is a time of unspeakable wonder. As we begin our advent journey, let us stand amazed at the promise God has fulfilled, the love God has shown, and the joy God has given through the birth of Christ.

# The Wonder of Christmas

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
JOEL RANEY

**Congregation:**

There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a  
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they  
sing. O - - come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and join us here.

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## Word

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

A reading from Jeremiah

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have trusted all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

A reading from 1 Thessalonians:

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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

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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: Luke 21:25-36**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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:** "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

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## **Apostle's Creed**

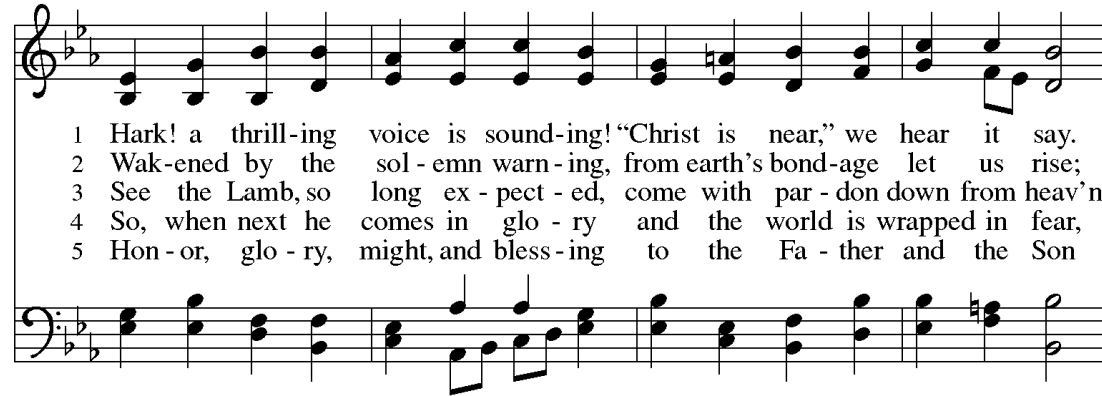
With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, come with par-don down from heav'n.  
4 So, when next he comes in glo-ry and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son



"Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, all you chil-dren of the day!"  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all, to be for-giv'n;  
he will shield us with his mer-cy and with words of love draw near.  
with the ev-er-last-ing Spir-it while un-end-ing a-ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878  
Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889

### **Prayers of Intercession**

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world and all creation.

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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)*

### **Offeratory:**

*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.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980  
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923  
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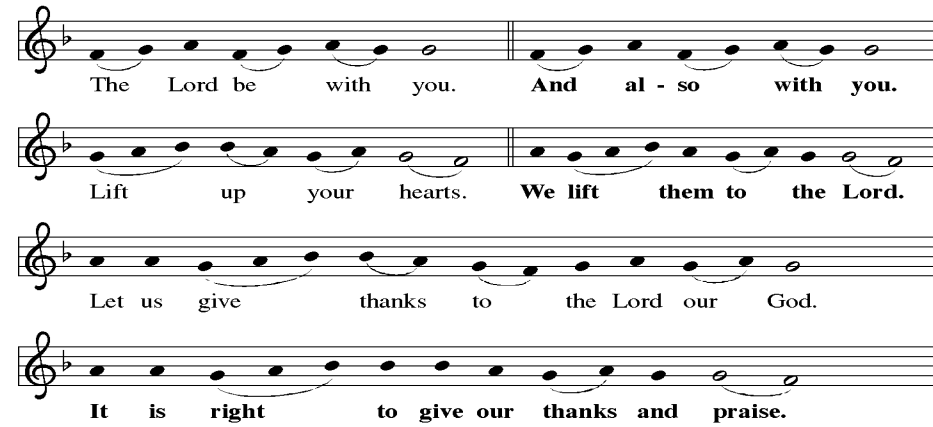
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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

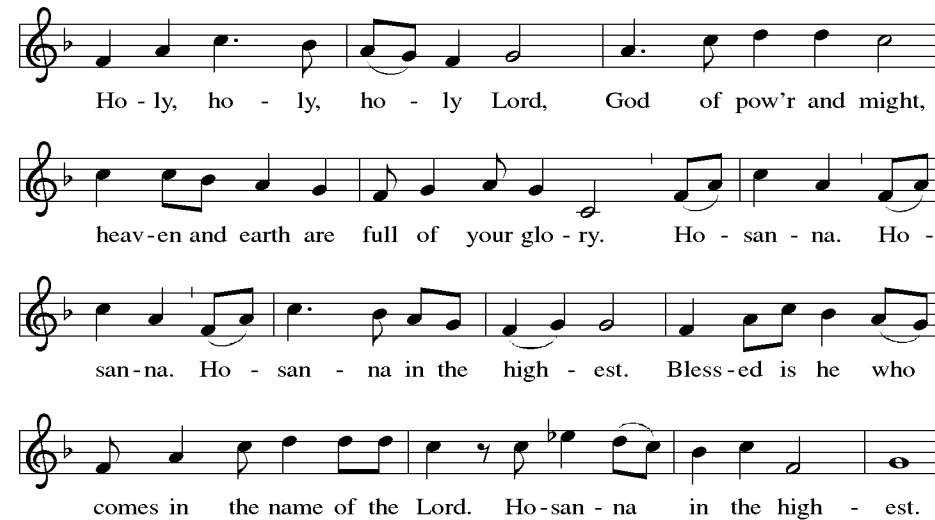
## Great Thanksgiving



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

God fills the hungry with good things. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**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”*

*“Wait for the Lord”*

*“My Lord, What a Morning”*

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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.

**Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal word, our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**



## 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

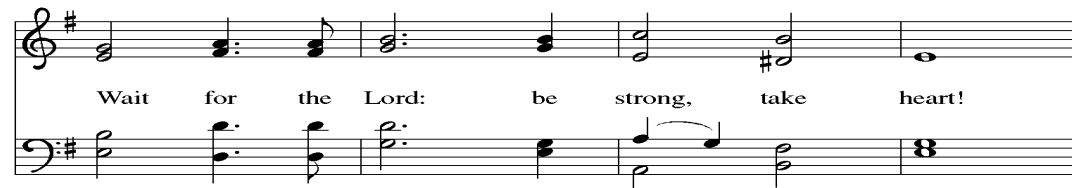


we pray you hear us when we call.  
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.  
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

## Wait for the Lord



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

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 Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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# My Lord, What a Morning

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

## **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.**

### **Sending of Disaster Relief Team to Danville**

#### **Blessing**

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“People, Look East”*

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#### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Postlude:**

## People, Look East

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing  
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is  
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the  
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,  
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,  
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,  
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look

east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.  
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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 Music: BESANÇON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934  
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**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

**Assisting Minister:** *Tripp Franklin*  
**Communion Assistants:** *Brodie Franklin and Jerry Kite*  
**Ushers:** *Bill Meicke, Tom Carper, Chris Carper  
and Pat Brady*  
**Greeters:** *Deloris Wertman and Tyler Wertman*  
**Offering Stewards:** *Sharon Lynch and Kate Van Bremen*  
**Acolyte:** *Thea Franklin*  
**Cup Gatherer:** *Donna Marshall*  
**Altar Guild:** *Jane Stein*  
**Nursery Caregivers:** *Jean Morgan and Susie Driskill*  
**Altar Flowers:**  
**Council Person of the Week &  
Sunday School Support:** *Linda Meyer*  
**Children's Church:** *Amber Bokelman and Jean Franklin*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**December 9, 2018**

**2nd Sunday in Advent**

Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.

**Reverend Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding**

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

## Announcements

**Called Congregation Meeting at Grace Sunday, December 16th**—There will be a called Congregation Meeting for the purpose of approving the 2019 Grace Budget after Worship, Sunday, December 16th. Please plan on staying for this important meeting in the life of Grace Congregation. Look for a copy of the budget to be sent either electronically or by U.S. Mail by this coming Thursday.

**Grace Council Special Meeting This Evening**—There will be a special called Grace Council meeting this evening, 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of approving the 2019 Grace budget to be presented at the Congregation meeting noted above.

**Invitation to Share our Unity in Christ - Sunday, December 9th**, Pastor Paul has been invited to preach at Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in Basic. You are invited to come and worship as well at Christ Tabernacle, with worship beginning at 10:30 a.m. This is a part of congregations in the Waynesboro area learning to grow in faith and love and knowledge with one another, so that the Church will be one, as "the Father and Son" are one (cf. John 17:11ff). *Note: there will also be regular 10 a.m. worship at Grace, if you are unable to go to Christ Tabernacle.*

**Hurricane Relief Trip to Danville:** Seven Grace members are heading to Danville to clean out houses devastated by Hurricane Michael on December 3-7. Please pray for our group this week!

**Volunteers Needed for WARM's Cold Weather Shelter January 21 to 28**—Grace will be hosting the WARM's Cold Weather Shelter the week of January 21th to 28th and we need volunteers to support and staff the shelter at Grace. We need help with check in host from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and overnight hosts from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. This year we will need only two overnight hosts per night of operation and we can use couples as overnight hosts or you may have a friend or member that you would like to coordinate with for hosting. The hosts take turns sleeping during the evening with one host staying awake at all times. Check in hosts assist WARM staff with nightly registration and other tasks. We also need help with meal preparation and serving the evening meals. Please contact Jerry Kite at 910-3372 or [jerrykite@ntelos.net](mailto:jerrykite@ntelos.net) if you have questions. Please see signup sheet on the table in the back of the church.

## Announcements

**Kettle Ringers needed this Holiday Season** - The Salvation Army is in *desperate* need of Kettle Ringers at various locations in the Waynesboro area! If you can help, please let the Church Office know at your earliest convenience, or you can call Patty directly at the Salvation Army, 943-7591 ext. 101.

**Clean Water in Honor of Gail Johnson!** We're please to report that **\$850** has been given by Grace in honor of Gail Johnson and her 40+ years service as Sunday School Superintendent! Added to what has been collected during Sunday School, as many as *500 Families* will now be able to enjoy safe water from a new water well in their community!

**Winter Celebration Virginia Synod Youth Event at Eagle Eyrie** - Friday, January 18 - Sunday, January 20 - This year Pastor will be the Chaplain for the event, which is for 9th - 12th graders from all the Lutheran congregations in Virginia. It's a great weekend, and is held at Eagle Eyrie outside of Lynchburg, VA. As we have over the years, Grace pays for 2/3, and asks for 1/3 of the cost from families - \$50/student. The early bird cost (\$50) ends December 18th, so we need to put our paperwork in by then. See <https://www.vasynod.org/event/winter-celebration/> or <https://www.vasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/registration-form-WC2019.pdf>

The **Quilting Group** will not meet on Tuesday, December 4th.

**Meals on Wheels**—Thanks to all who have served this November by delivering meals to the homebound served by the Waynesboro Senior Center.

## Advent/Christmas at Grace

**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 to the book, and purchase gift. **Return wrapped gift with original tag attached to the Church by Sunday, December 16th**. 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.

**Advent Begins Today** - *"Prepare the way of the Lord!" John the Baptist cries out! What does that look like in 21st Century America? It's our faithful task to find out as we enter our 126th year as God's people here at Grace!*

## Advent/Christmas at Grace Continued

**Wednesday Advent Bible Study with St. John Roman Catholic** - at Grace, 12:00 noon, during Wednesdays in Advent: December 5th, 12th and 19th—location, the Seminar Room, on the same floor as the Worship Space. We had nineteen participants this past Wednesday! Hope you can be a part of this engaging ecumenical study of the Gospels of Advent! (This class takes the place of our other Wednesday/night Bible Studies in December).

**Wednesdays in Advent** - Evening Prayer with Reflections from Martin Luther on the meaning of Christmas. We share these worship services with our Lutheran neighbors in the Waynesboro area:

- **December 5** - at Zion Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m.
- **December 12** - at St. James Lutheran Church, 7:00 p.m.
- **December 19** - Annual Blue Christmas Worship Service at Bethlehem, 7:00 p.m.

**Youth Christmas Party at Salem Lutheran Church, Mt. Sidney** - *This afternoon, December 2nd*, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. (**revised time**) - complete with gag gift exchange, Advent/Christmas devotions, and a meal together. We'll meet at Grace at 12:15 p.m. to drive together.

**Children/Youth Christmas Caroling** - **Sunday, December 16th**; visiting homebound members of Grace, giving them cookies and singing the Good News of Christmas to them through favorite carols. Then, a Christmas gathering at the Pingel home afterward! Time to start should be after Christmas decorating, 4 p.m. We are joined by children of all ages for this event, so hope to have a good crew to bring "comfort and joy" to those we meet.

**Christmas Decorating!** - *This annual Sunday activity transforms our worship space in preparation for Christmas Eve and will take place* **Sunday, December 16th**.

**Christmas Eve** - December 24th, 5:00 p.m. - *Our annual tradition of telling the Story and "building" the manger with the help of families and children, and a festival worship of carols, anthems and the sharing of Holy Communion continues this year.*



**Life of Grace Church  
December 2—9, 2018**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	12/02	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  4:00—6:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m..	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice 1st Sunday in Advent Holy Communion Reverend Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding  <b><i>Youth Christmas Party at Salem Lutheran</i></b> <i>(Meet at Grace at 12:15 p.m.)</i>  <b><i>Called Council Meeting</i></b>
Tuesday	12/04		<b>NO QUILTING GROUP</b>
Wednesday	12/05	12:00 Noon  <b>7:00 p.m.</b>  7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pastor's Bible Study  <b>Advent Service at Zion Lutheran</b>  Handbell Choir Practice Worship Choir Practice
Thursday	12/06	9:00 a.m.  12:30 p.m.	Backpacks  Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	12/09	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  10:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice 2nd Sunday in Advent Holy Communion Reverend Cynthia Long, Preaching and Presiding  <b><i>Pastor Pingel Preaching at</i></b> <b><i>Christ Tabernacle</i></b>

**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**

**Marge Cloutier  
Anne Putnam  
Tom Sheaffer  
Barb Susen**

**Members/Friends Grieving**

**The Family of Kenny Keener**, Cousin of Cindy Trauscht  
**The Family of Paul Posey**, Grace Member

**Members/Friends Celebrations**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer**

**Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns**, Grace Members      **Beth Brady**, Grace Member  
**Jean Brower**, Grace Member      **Rev. Delmar Carlson**, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich  
**Barbara and Jeff Eagle**, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow  
**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative      **Faye Glover**, Grace Member  
**Sandy Johnson**, Grace Member      **Myrtle Kite**, Grace Member  
**Bob and Carol Knemoller**, Grace Members      **Shirley Krizovsky**, Grace Member  
**Peggy Lucas**, Grace Member      **Janet Lunger**, Grace Member  
**Steve Meicke and Lisa Hall**, wife of Steve Meicke, on their mission in Bolivia,  
Son and daughter-in-Law of Bill and Kathy Meicke  
**Glenn and Flossie Myers**, Grace Members      **Maxine Pierce**, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends**

**Samuel Anish**, Friend of Zachary Rankin

**Marie Brown**, Mother of Janet Parmer and Jane McGehee

**Jocelyn Crowder and Stuart Crowder**, Daughter-In-Law and Son of Robin and Cathy Crowder

**Reuben Harris**, Friend of the Dick and Linda Tomey

**Connie Henson** "Nana", Great Grandmother of Mandy

**Laura Hull**, Daughter-in-Law of Bobby and Imogene Hull

**Linda Owens**, Daughter-In-Law of Jimmy Owens

**Cooper Trueblood**, Friend of Ron and Sylvia Almarode

**The Needs of the World**

The Victims and Families of Mass Shootings at:  
Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA;  
and Borderline Bar & Grill,  
Thousand Oaks, CA

**Our unity as a nation following National  
disagreements**

The hungry, those without clean water, and those  
who suffer in war torn areas of our world  
(Syria, Yemen, Ukraine)

**Gratitude to God for the abundance of  
blessing, even in uncertain times**

**The Church**

Our Blessings of Grace, and God's  
Foundation for our Future as we  
look toward year 126 of our unity  
as Christ's Church, and our witness  
to the Gospel in a world needing  
Good News

**Bishop Eaton, Bishop Humphrey  
Pope Francis, Bishop Mark  
Bourlakis (Episcopal, SW VA),  
and Bishop Sharma Lewis  
(UMC, VA) - Lutheran, Anglican,  
Roman Catholic and United  
Methodist (LARCUM) leaders in  
our area**

**Weekly Prayer for Congregation Members Throughout the Year**

*Jane Blosser*

*Pat Giesen*

*Angelica Martinez*

*Holly Carper*

*Sandy Johnson*

*David Schwiesow*

## Daily Lectionary

### Monday

Psalm 108  
1 Samuel 7:3-15  
Revelation 20:1-6

### Tuesday

Psalm 108  
1 Samuel 8:1-22  
Revelation 20:7-15

### Wednesday

Psalm 108  
1 Samuel 9:1-14  
Luke 11:14-28

### Thursday

Psalm 20  
1 Samuel 9:15-27  
Hebrews 2:5-9

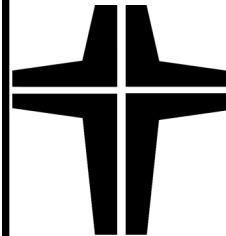
### Friday

Psalm 20  
1 Samuel 10:1-8  
Hebrews 11:4-7

### Saturday

Psalm 20  
1 Samuel 13:1-15a  
Mark 4:1-20

### Members of Grace, Ministers



Robin Crowder, President  
Linda Meyer, Vice-President  
Deloris Wertman, Secretary

Jack Eckstrom, Pete Giesen, Kim Hull, Carrie Jones,  
Jerry Kite, Gordon Putnam, Marlene Shaw,  
Rudolph Yobs

Hannah Pingel/Laura Shaw, Youth  
Co-Representatives

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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