

SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 South Wayne Avenue
Waynesboro, VA 22980

December 6, 2020

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

Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.*

*MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, Father, **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving and forgiving God,
we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ.
Amen

People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, ✝ comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Musical Presentation

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.

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Loving Lord,
When we have strayed, you have called us to come home to you. "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing." With all our hearts we return to you, and gratefully accept your gentle love, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ, our loving savior.
Amen

Hymn: "As the Dark Awaits the Dawn"

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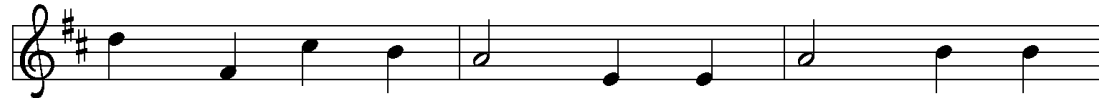
As the Dark Awaits the Dawn



1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour
3 As the moon re - flects the sun
4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to
un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and
heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

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Lighting the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness. Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

Amen

Word

First Reading: Joel 2:12-13, 28-29

A reading from Joel:

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD,
return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
¹³rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.

²⁸ Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
²⁹Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 11:13

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Bokelman Family

Sermon

Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Musical Offering

Apostles' 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

God of power and might, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Litany of Thanksgiving

For the vocations of pastor, deacon, and bishop, for those who lead churches and faith communities, for those whose life work is evangelical witness in word and deed,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For 50 years of women's ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor bodies,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For 40 years in which women of color have been called by you, O God, through ordination to serve this church,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For the faithful service of LGBTQIA+ pastors in the 10 years they have served publicly out and in partnered relationships in this church,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For the work of seminary professors and staff, chaplains and administrators, those who work for nonprofits, and those who are retired from paid ministries,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For those who are discerning a call to serve Christ's church, for those who are in candidacy, and for those in their internship congregations,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For the witness of Mary Magdalene, the dance of Miriam, the hospitality of Lydia, the prayer of Mary, the discernment of Deborah, the courage of Rahab, and the faithfulness of our biblical foremothers,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

For witness of women in Christ's church and this Virginia Synod Assistant to the Bishop Kelly Bayer Derrick, and many others, including those for whom their call to ministry began through Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church - Tonya Eza, Katie Gosswein, Janice Marie Ely Lowden, and Karen Van Stee currently serving ELCA congregations, and Linda Mitchell Motley and Pat Nabers, now retired. For your call to ordination of Word and Sacrament,

We rejoice and give thanks to God.

Gracious and living God, we rejoice and give you thanks for your power on display throughout all times and places, calling all kinds of people to be witnesses to your grace and power. We celebrate how the Spirit has blessed your church through the work of all whom you call, including in this time and place. Guide us, as your people, into welcoming your prophets and teachers among us and hearing Christ's good news through them. With gratitude, we pray.

Amen.

Peace

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

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long expected Savior fill you will love,
and unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✝ now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song: *"People, Look East"*

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.
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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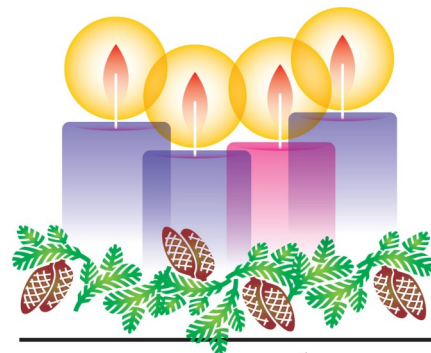
Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



- Assisting Minister:** Robin Crowder
Acolytes: Charlotte and Amelia Jones
Offering Steward: Pat Brady
Altar Flowers: Ingrid Sevigny
Council Person of the Week: Kim Hull
Children's Sermon: The Bokelman Family



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



Second SUNDAY OF *Advent*

**Next Sunday's Schedule
and Lessons**

December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent
Service of the Word via YouTube
10:00 a.m.

Assistant to the Bishop, Pr. Kelly Bayer Derrick
Preaching & Presiding

Spirit of the Lord Upon Me
Isaiah 61:1-11



Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, **names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks.** If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

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

**Caroline Biggers
Beth Ann Doerring**

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

Sarah Donnelly, Friend of the Almarodes
Curt Fitzhugh, Brother-in-Law of Holly Carper
Georgette North, Friend of Tomeys
Donna Rowley, Friend of Kathy Johnson

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

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| Liz Ann Binns | Fred Brower | Marie Brown |
| Nancy Fitzgerald | Pete Giesen | Sandra R. Hoy |
| Bob and Carol Knemoller | Bobby Moyer | Glenn and Flossie Myers |
| Janet Parmer | | |

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

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| Janice Collins , Friend of Grace | Nancy Delaney , Dave Delaney's Wife |
| Lisa Dofflemeyer , Daughter of Linda Tomey | Kyle Getler , Member Relative |
| Larry Hinebaugh , Friend of Donna Gum | Maxine Pierce , Mother of Cindy Trauscht |
| Barbara Shifflett and Family | George Toop , Friend of the Schwiesows |

Members/Friends Grieving

The Family of Ginger Hood, Sister-in-law of Kathy Johnson
The Family of Lula Lee, Mother of Pastor C. D. Brown
The Family of Billy Limbert, Ex-brother-in-law of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

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|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Jane Blosser | Holly Carper | Sandy Johnson |
| Pat Giesen | Judi Goodrich | Larry Meeks |

Congratulations

Hattie Ann Pultz, Daughter born to Lisa Marie and Justin Pultz,
Great-Granddaughter of Dick and Linda Tomey

The Needs of the World

Our Nation, newly elected leaders,
and those re-elected
**Veterans, and their service to our
nation**
The continuing Covid-19 Season
we are in, and those finalizing
safe vaccines
**Families affected by Covid-19 -
death, health, employment**
The Flu Season of this year
**Those affected by Wildfires and
Hurricane damage**
Those affected by earthquakes in Turkey
and Greece

The Church

Thanksgiving to our God for the blessings
of our lives - family, vocation,
friends, opportunities to love
our neighbors, and for God's
presence in difficult times
**Our sisters and brothers at St. John
Episcopal, First Baptist, First
Presbyterian and St. John the
Evangelist Roman Catholic
Churches**

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors on Arch and Market Streets,
and the Tree Streets



Assistant to the Bishop Kelly Bayer Derrick - Making up for a postponed Sunday earlier this year, Pastor Bayer Derrick is preaching today. In addition, we will mark this year 2020 as the 50/40/10 Celebration Year of Ordination for women, women of color, and LGBTQ clergy able to serve Churchwide in the ELCA, with a Litany as a part of

the service.



Christmas Eve at Grace: We will offer three worship services for **Christmas Eve at Grace:** We will offer up to three worship services for Thursday, December 24th:

NOTE: We will re-locate our Parking Lot Worship to the main parking lot for Christmas Eve. All cars will be parked on the newly re-paved asphalt on level ground.

1. **4:00 p.m. in the Parking Lot - Family Reading of the Christmas Story around the Star with Holy Communion** - In the tradition of many years at Grace, families of our congregation will read the Christmas Story, focused, on this outside service, on the Star that guided the shepherds and Magi to the place where Jesus lay. *There will be space for 22 cars to take part in the Worship Service outdoors. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (540-949-6171) to sign up* for one of the spots.
2. So far, all our Parking Lot sign-ups are for 4:00 p.m. We will add the 5:30 service of Holy Communion if we fill all 4:00 p.m. spots.
3. **7:00 p.m. You Tube and Zoom Worship Service - Family Reading of the Christmas Story and "building the crèche, "with Holy Communion** - We continue the tradition of families reading the Christmas Story while building the crèche scene that has been a central part of Grace's Christmas Eve worship for many years. Families will pre-record their readings, which will become a part of the worship service. Poinsettias and other greenery remind us of God's great love for the world in Jesus Christ! No sign-up necessary! Tune in via You Tube or Zoom.

Holy Communion will be offered as a part of all worship services. For any of the services, sign up via the email or letter to the Church Office letting Nancy know which service you plan to attend, virtual or car worship (# of parking spaces), and how many and type of chalices you need. Also, let her know if you need your chalices delivered.



Advent Worship this December - Watch, Wait and Wonder - We join with Bethlehem, St. James and Zion to worship on Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. via YouTube or Zoom beginning December 2nd. Pastors Gordon Putnam (12/9), Wes Smith (12/16) and Pastor Paul (12/23) will bring a message of watching, waiting and being open to the wonder of God's love in Jesus Christ, and we will sing the richness of the treasury of Advent hymns as a part of worship. Go to www.gracewaynesboro.org to find the link to our YouTube channel, and join us Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.



Budget Meeting

Grace Called Congregation Meeting on December 20th - there will be a called Congregation on Sunday December 20th after Worship via Zoom, for the purpose of voting on the recommended **2021 Budget** by Grace Council. Council will be finalizing their recommendation this coming Tuesday at a specially called Council meeting at 7pm. The Budget recommendation will then be sent to all Grace members on December 9th (those receiving by U.S. Mail will receive the budget later in the week).



In-Person Worship at Grace Update - Advent and Christmas

Because of the current resurgence of Covid-19, both nationwide AND in our area (Augusta Health declared a tripling of cases in the last week), we will continue to meet via You Tube and Zoom through the Season of Advent.



Contemporary Lord's Prayer during Advent - The four Sundays of Advent, we will use the Contemporary Lord's Prayer in worship. Being able to recite the Lord's Prayer without pause is important - Martin Luther spoke of the importance of knowing the Lord's Prayer, and being able to pray it without hesitation. What our times of praying the Contemporary version allow us is the opportunity to hear and remind ourselves - using slightly different language - **why** we pray this most important prayer that our Lord Jesus taught

us. It orients us to God, and our neighbor when we pray. We pray that God's will is done in our daily lives, ask God to give us what we need, and pray that we see our neighbor with the same regard we have for ourselves, acknowledging the times we sin, as well as the sin we see in others. We also pray to forgive in a world that encourages us to pay wrong back. So pray the Contemporary version boldly this Advent season!



Advent Calendars delivered to Grace Sunday School Children - Advent Calendars, which count down the days of Advent and help our children to watch and wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus; plus some other Bible Story materials, goodies - and a handcrafted star for each child made by Grace's master woodworker Bobby Hull - were distributed the weekend of November 29 by Gail and Sandy Johnson, and friends Dave Methaney and Connie Henson (Dave's mother). Thanks to each of them for reaching out to our Grace families, and sharing

the light of Christ this Advent Season!



Student Care Center at Grace - Our staff has recovered from Covid, and we have opened. It will be located in the Fellowship Hall, with use of kitchen and downstairs bathrooms, and will be from 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ***There is a need for transportation providers to bring younger children from local elementary schools to the Grace between 2:30 - 3:30 in the afternoon.***

If you can help, please contact the Church Office, or Pastor Paul.



Check out our Parking Lot and Yard! The newly paved Parking Lot has received most of its final touches: protective wood "curbing" around the new traffic islands; fourteen new trees - four for the traffic islands, and eleven surrounding parking lot on the street sides - lines and arrow painting are also complete. We will dedicate the parking lot to bless God's mission in and through Grace at our December 20th worship service.



A big **thank you** to all who contributed to the Giving Tree and to making someone's Christmas special. Thanks to Jane Stein for leading this effort.



Advent Devotion Booklet available - The Virginia Synod has compiled a devotional for Advent written by pastors, candidates for ministry, deacons, and other leaders of ministries within our Synod. Contact the Church Office (949-6171) if you would like either a hard copy, or an electronic file of the Booklet for your own personal devotions.



Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) to Wildfires and Hurricanes - Fires out West are newly threatened by high winds; Hurricanes Laura, Sally, Delta and Eta arriving through the Gulf of Mexico in a six week period, rocked the Gulf coast of Texas, Louisiana and Alabama, wreaking devastation across these states. You can help through LDR. Donate through elca.org, or through Grace, with "LDR Wildfire and Hurricane" in the memo line.

Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those



who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made **ten** deliveries thus far, six to Main Street United Methodist, and four to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



**Life of Grace Church
December 6– 13, 2020**

| | Date | Time | Meeting |
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| TODAY— SUNDAY | 12/06 | 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. | Second Sunday in Advent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Kelly Bayer-Derrick, Preaching Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |
| Monday | 12/07 | 7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. | Childcare in Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 12/08 | 7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Childcare in Fellowship Hall Called Council Meeting via Zoom—BUDGET |
| Wednesday | 12/09 | 7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Childcare in Fellowship Hall Advent Worship Service via YouTube Gordon Putnam—St. James |
| Thursday | 12/10 | 7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. | Childcare in Fellowship Hall Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom |
| Friday | 12/11 | 7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. | Childcare in Fellowship Hall |
| Sunday | 12/13 | 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. | Third Sunday in Advent Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom |



Monday

Isaiah 5:8-17
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 21:20-28

Tuesday

Isaiah 5:18-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Luke 21:29-38

Wednesday

Isaiah 6:1-13
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
John 7:53—8:11

Thursday

Isaiah 7:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Luke 22:1-13

Friday

Isaiah 7:10-25
2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5
Luke 22:14-30

Saturday

Isaiah 8:1-15
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18
Luke 22:31-38



Members of Grace Congregational Council

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