



## **2nd Sunday in Advent**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

December 8, 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:** Reflection on "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

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

**John Carter**

## **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: “Fling Wide the Door”**

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# Fling Wide the Door

1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry  
 2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's  
 3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true  
 4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen

comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the  
 gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his  
 king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the  
 wide in - trust. Oh, show - us now your love - ly grace, up -

Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion  
 scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows  
 hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful  
 on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly

to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and  
 to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and  
 Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -  
 Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We

praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.  
 wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.  
 a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.  
 praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Gracia Grindal, b. 1943  
 Music: MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; arr. hymnal version  
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**Greeting:**

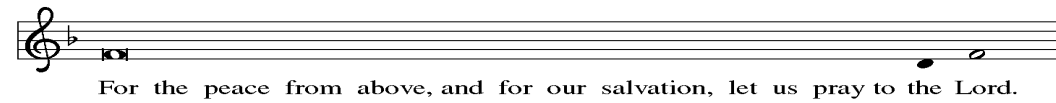
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie**



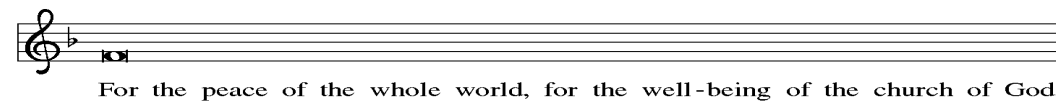
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



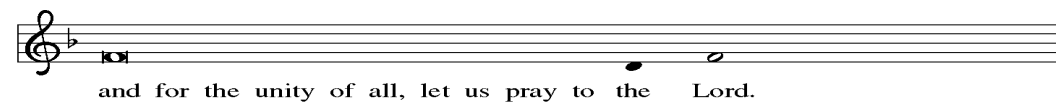
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



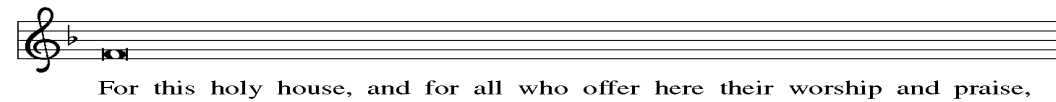
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,




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



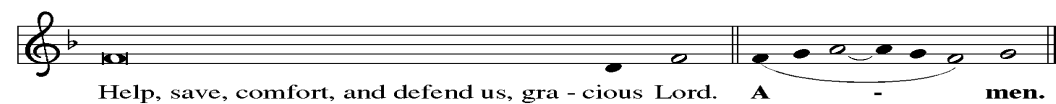
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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**

#### **Second Week of Advent**

Blessed are you, God of Hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

As we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come,  
**Let us rejoice in the faithfulness 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

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# Dona nobis pacem

1 *Canon*



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

The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, rhythmic style. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first canon is marked with a '1' and the word 'Canon' in italics.

Congregation and Choir: Refrain together

Choir: Dona nobis pacem  
Grant us peace.

## Word

### **First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10**

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

<sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

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<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

<sup>2</sup>**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

<sup>3</sup>that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor,  
and crush the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup>May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

<sup>6</sup>**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

<sup>7</sup>In his time may the righteous flourish;

and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

<sup>18</sup>**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel; you alone do wondrous deeds!**

<sup>19</sup>And blessed be your glorious name forever,

and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

**Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13**

A reading from Romans:

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Continued*



<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”;  
<sup>10</sup>and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;<sup>11</sup>and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”;<sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope. <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

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“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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**

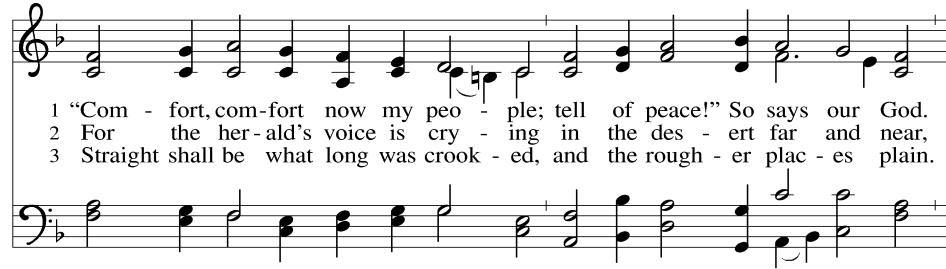
**Pastor Paul Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn of the Day:** “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”

**Hymn #256, Page 11**

# Comfort, Comfort Now My People



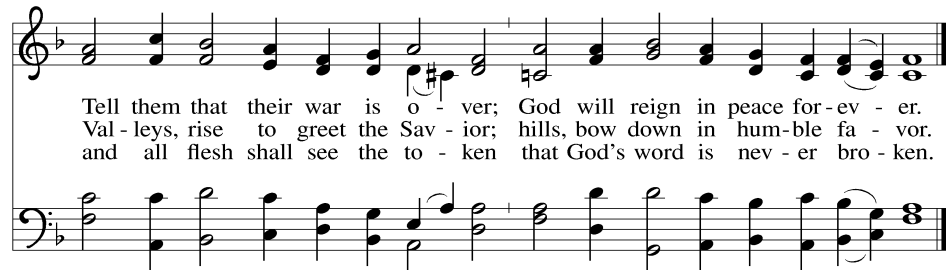
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

### **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.

*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)*

**Anthem:** "Advent Joy"


Gifford

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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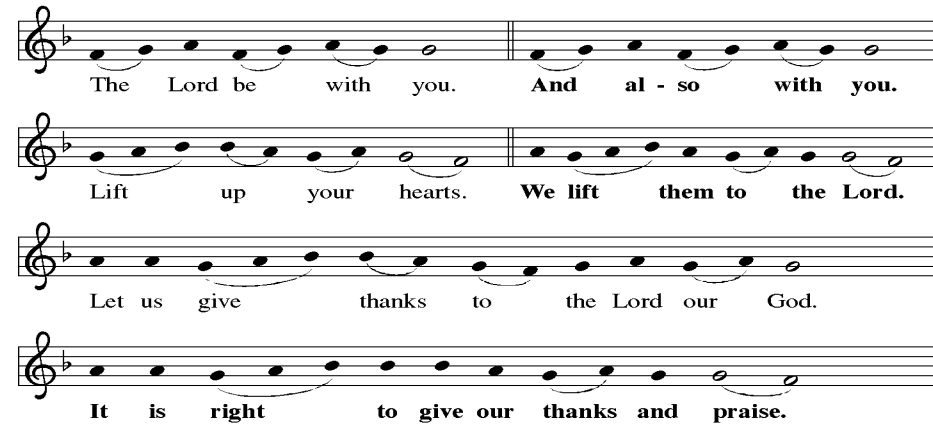
**Offering Prayer**

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 to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.**

**Amen**

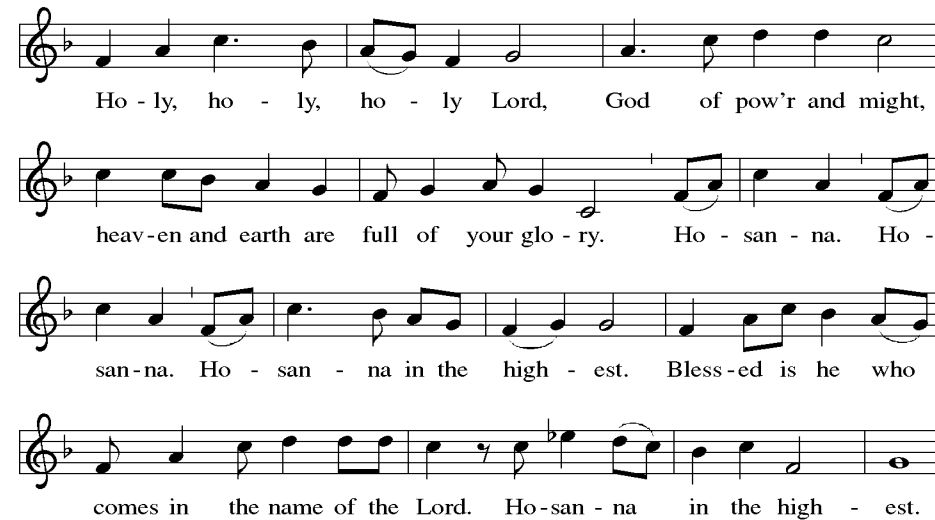
## Great Thanksgiving



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**

*“The King Shall Come”*

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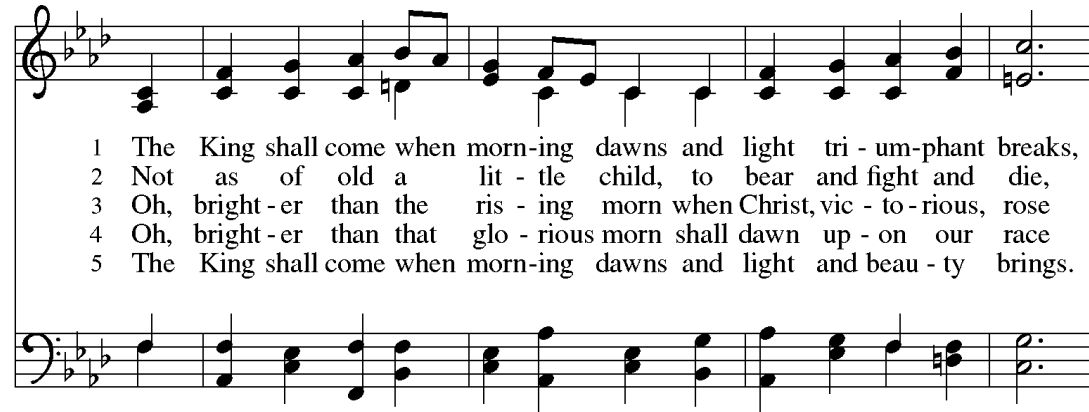
*“Wait for the Lord”*

**Hymn #262, Page 19**


*“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”*

**Hymn #272, Page 20**

# The King Shall Come



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,  
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,  
3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose  
4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race  
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.  
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.  
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.  
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925  
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## Wait for the Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Wait for the Lord'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/8. The first system contains the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' The second system contains the lyrics 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Taizé Community

Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth,  
 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4.

Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

*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**

### **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:** *“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”*

**Hymn #246, Page 22**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *“Postlude in E-Flat Major”*

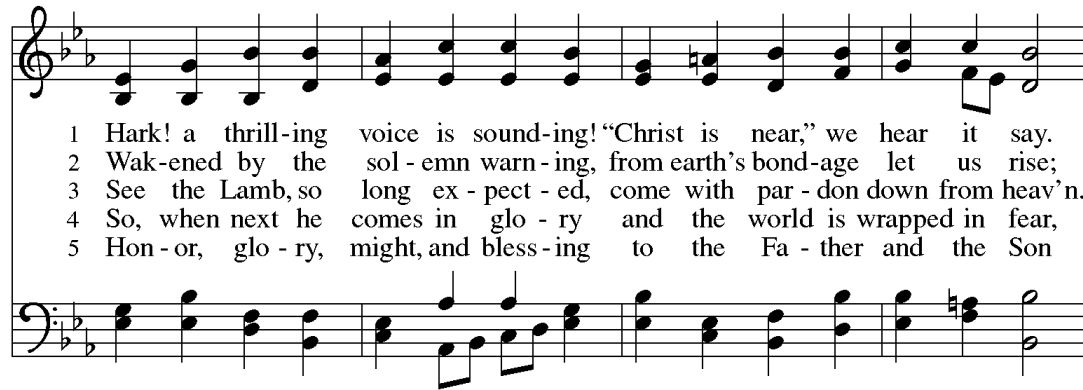
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## Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



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 wrapp-ed 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

**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<i>Cathy Crowder</i>
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	<i>Kathy Bump and Robin Crowder</i>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<i>Bob Moyer, Fred Biggers, Jerry Kite, E. G. Rankin and Zachary Rankin</i>
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	<i>Pat Brady and Eleanor Sampson</i>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<i>Thea Franklin</i>
<b>Cup Gatherer:</b>	<i>Donna Marshall</i>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<i>TBD</i>
<b>Nursery Caregivers:</b>	<i>Jill Pingel</i>
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<i>Gail Johnson</i>
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	<i>Kathryn Johnson</i>

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to  
to the Glory of our Lord and in honor of  
Sandy Johnson*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**December 15, 2019**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding**

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Psalm 146:5-10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

## Announcements



Budget Meeting

**Congregational Meeting**—There is a called meeting TODAY worship for the purpose of voting on the 2020 Budget. Please plan to attend.



**Grace Giving Tree** - A few "gift tags" remain on the tree in the Narthex. Please return wrapped gift with original tag attached to Church by NEXT SUNDAY. Call Jane Stein 943-3327 or Sharon Lynch 943-4294 if you have questions. Thanks for blessing these families with a Happy and Blessed Christmas!



**ELCA Good Gifts** - Check out the catalogs on the back table or go to [ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://ELCA.org/goodgifts) - great ideas that share God's love in Jesus with others and make a true difference in their lives. A great alternate way to give, and honor loved ones through your gift!



**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.



**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.



**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.

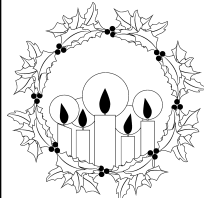


**Meals on Wheels thanks!** Thanks to the 32 volunteers from Grace who helped the poor and elderly in our community receive meals each day during the month of November. This is the fourth decade that Grace has helped with this important ministry!





# Special worship Schedule



**Advent Worship on Wednesdays** - This week we meet at St. James Lutheran, (320 St. James Rd, Fishersville), 7:00 p.m., to **Experience Wonder** - *How can we be fed by Wonder in the midst of this busy season?* Come and worship!



Decorating Party

**Christmas Decorating!** - Next Sunday after church, we decorate the worship space in preparation for the Christmas Season. Hope to see you then!



CAROLING

**Christmas Caroling for All Ages!** Sunday, December 22nd at 1:30 p.m., we'll bring "comfort and joy" to our homebound brothers and sisters in Christ (in various retirement and health care facilities, and individual Homes), and afterward enjoy time together for pizza and fellowship at the Pingels'. We'll start at Grace and carpool around. Come and be a part!



**Christmas Eve at Grace - 5:00 p.m.** - Children's Program, Choirs, Creche, Carols, Communion and Candlelight - Come and worship Christ the newborn King!

**11:30 p.m.** - We welcome Christmas Day and the birth of our Savior, whose life, death and resurrection makes all things new. We share the Eucharist and the joy of our new life in Christ!

**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**

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

**Larry Fridley**, Son of Linda Tomey

**Nick Gardner**, Nephew of Lisa Gray

**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**

**Fred Brower**

**Jean Brower**

**Nancy Fitzgerald**

**Sandra R. Hoy**

**Sandy Johnson**

**Bob and Carol Knemoller**

**Peggy Lucas**

**Janet Lunger**

**Glenn and Flossie Myers**

**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 Trauscht'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 Yesenia Cruz**, Friend of Brian Lundstrom

**Family of Eloise Hartzell**, Aunt of Schwiesows

**Family of Jennifer Higgs**, Homeless Friend of WARM

**Family of Ed Simpson**, Brother of Wilda Keefer

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year**

**Judi Goodrich**

**Larry Meeks**

**Deloris Wertman**

**Beth Ann Doerring**

**Donna Dodge**

**Richard Quickel**

**Continued**

**The Needs of the World**

**Victims of super-typhoon Hagibis in Japan, India**

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

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

Our stewardship of Creation in the midst of Climate Crisis



**The Church**

**The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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**

**Life of Grace Church  
December 8—15, 2019**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY—SUNDAY	12/08	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Called Congregational Budget Meeting</b>
Tuesday	12/10	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	 Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) <b>Mutual Ministry</b>
Wednesday	12/11	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Advent Vespers at St. James Lutheran Church</b>  Handbell Choir Practice Worship Choir Practice
Thursday	12/12	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	12/13	10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.	Youth 7th Day Planning (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	12/15	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Practice <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Christmas Decorating</b>

## Daily Lectionary

### Monday

Psalm 75  
2 Kings 2:15-22  
1 John 2:7-11

### Tuesday

Psalm 75  
2 Kings 3:4-20  
Ephesians 5:6-20

### Wednesday

Psalm 75  
2 Kings 4:1-7  
Matthew 10:16-25

### Thursday

Psalm 30  
1 Kings 4:8-17  
Romans 7:14-25

### Friday

Psalm 30  
2 Kings 4:18-31  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

### Saturday

Psalm 30  
2 Kings 4:32-37  
Luke 9:1-6



### Members of Grace, Ministers

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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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