



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
*in Advent*

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

**December 22, 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: "Silent Night"

**Hand Bell Choir**

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

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen.**

Let us come before the living God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

**we open our hearts to you, O God.**

**Search us and know us.**

**Reveal all that we keep inside.**

**To you, O God, we confess our sins,**

**known and unknown.**

**Forgive us, renew us,**

**and lead us in your ways of justice and peace.**

**Make us reflections of the radiant love**

**of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Beloved children of the Most High,  
you are gathered before the righteous judge  
who has mercy on all.

Splash joyfully 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,

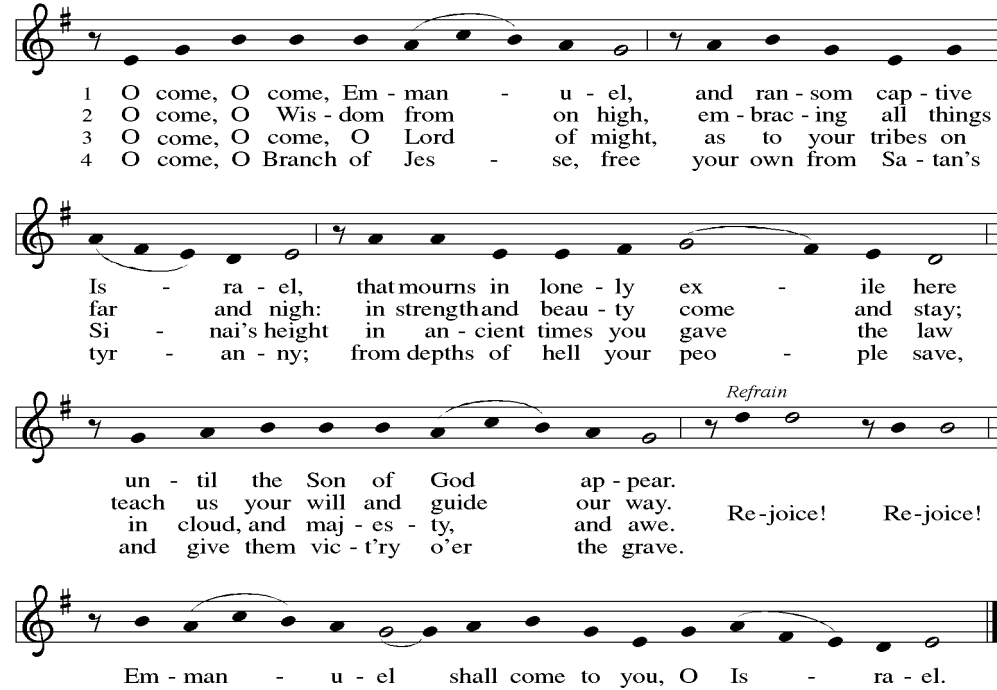
† Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**#257 Verses 1,2,4,6; Page 4**

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,

*Refrain*

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heav'nly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

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 Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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**Greeting:**

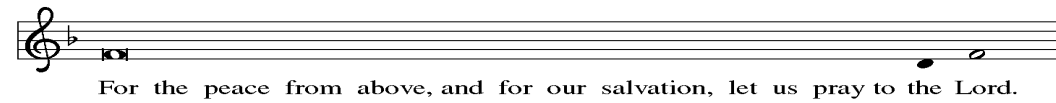
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie**



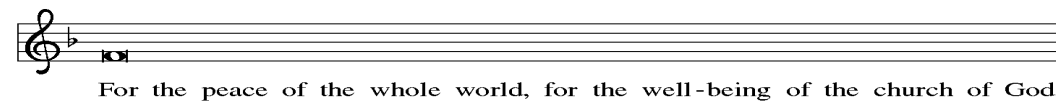
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



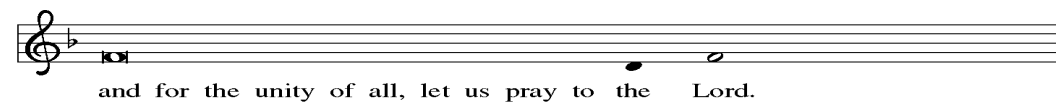
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



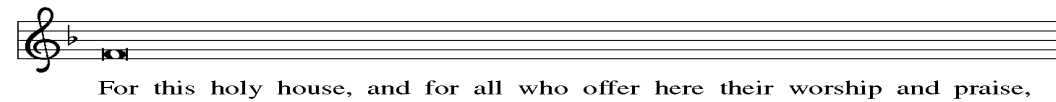
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



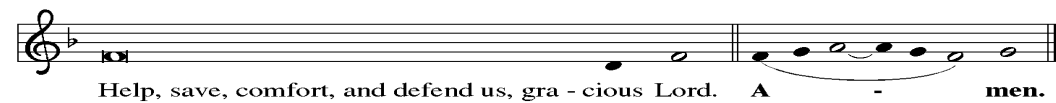
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, 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**

#### **Fourth Week of Advent**

Blessed are you, God of hosts, for you promised to send a son, Emmanuel, who brought your presence among us; and you promise through your Son Jesus to save us from our sin.

As we light these candles, turn again to us in mercy; strengthen our faith in the word spoken by your prophets; restore us and give us life that we may be saved.

O house of David, come,

**Let us rejoice, for the Son of God, Emmanuel, comes to be with us.**

**Amen**

### **Dona nobis pacem**

Choir: Refrain three (3) times

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

Choir: Refrain one (1) time

*Continued*

## Dona nobis pacem



Congregation and Choir: Refrain together

Choir: Dona nobis pacem  
Grant us peace.

### Word

#### **First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16**

A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup>Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. <sup>13</sup>Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

A reading from Romans:

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,  
<sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup>the gospel  
concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared  
to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead,  
Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about  
the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup>including yourselves  
who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

<sup>7</sup>To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 1:18-25

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew:

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

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

<sup>23</sup>"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us."<sup>24</sup>When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, <sup>25</sup>but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **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:** "Savior of the Nations, Come"

**#263, Verses 1, 2,3,5; Page 11**

### **Apostle's Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

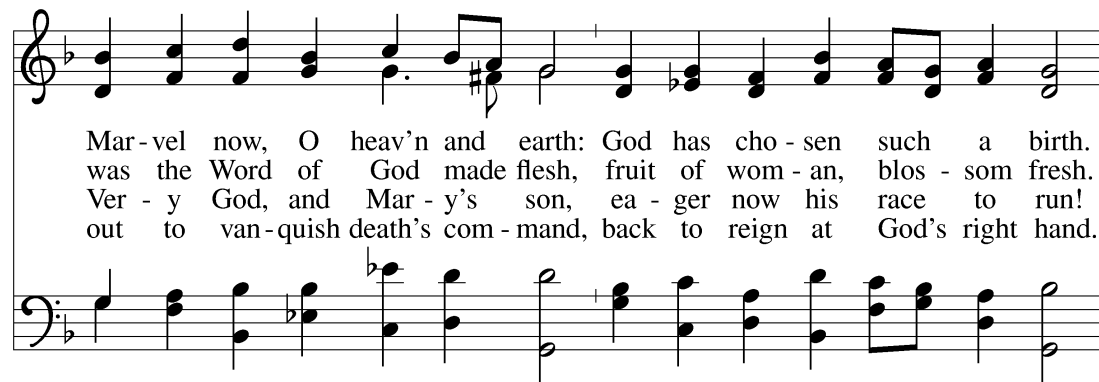
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right 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.**

## Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,  
 3 Won - drous birth— oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!  
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.  
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.  
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,  
 hallows night with newborn light.  
 Night cannot this light subdue;  
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,  
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
 To the holy Trinity  
 praise we sing eternally!

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version  
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### **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:** "The Holly and The Ivy"

**Hand Bell Choir**

**Arr. Kinyon**

*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

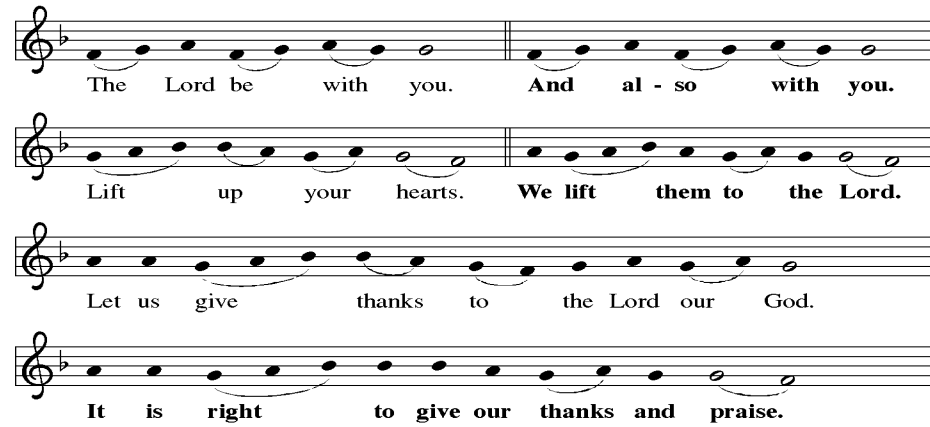
Let us pray.

**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**

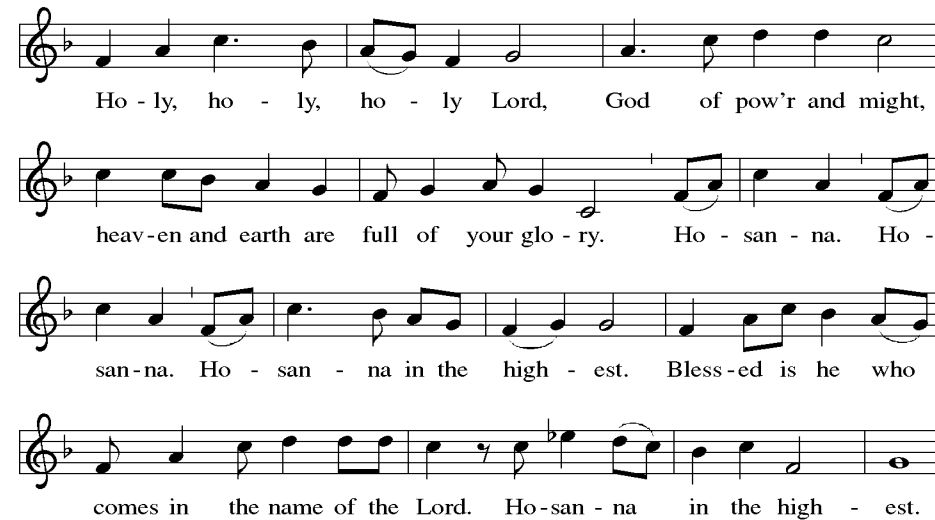
## Great Thanksgiving



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**

*“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness”*

**Hymn #251, Page 18**

*“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”*

**Hymn #256, Page 19**

*“Prepare the Royal Highway”*

**Hymn #264, Page 20**

## My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.  
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;

You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.  
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.

Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—  
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,

great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Text: *With One Voice*, 1995, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958  
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## 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

## Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing; your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:  
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
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*After all have returned to their places, the congregation **stands**.*

### **The Communion Blessing**

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

**Amen**

### **Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.

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

**Amen**

**Sending**

### **Blessing**

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

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“Joy to the World”*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *“Noel Provençal”*

**Candeille**

# Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
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 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<i>Linda Meyer</i>
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	<i>Lily Pingel and Hannah Pingel</i>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<i>Ron Knicely, Robert Shaw</i>
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	<i>Sharon Lynch and Ernestine Moomaw</i>
<b>Acolyte:</b>	<i>Brodie Franklin</i>
<b>Cup Gatherer:</b>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<i>Kathy Meicke</i>
<b>Nursery Caregivers:</b>	<i>Kim Hull and Jane Stein</i>
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<i>Jerry and Gwen Kite</i>
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	<i>Kim Hull</i>

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to  
to the Glory of God and in honor of  
Jerry and Gwen Kite's 50th anniversary*

**Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons**

**December 29, 2019**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding**

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

## Announcements

**Pledge Campaign Meets Expenses for Parking Lot** - Grace members have made pledges for the full \$48,000 cost of re-paving and expanding the parking lot \$49,134 has been pledged by 60 members. We are blessed by this response to be able to be good stewards of what God has given to us for the sake of the Mission God has for us in this community. We anticipate beginning on the repaving in Spring 2020. Thank you for the offerings you'll give over the next three years to make this renovation possible!

**Special Event Planned for January 19th in the New Year (2020)** - Good food, and learning about new friends - Come and enjoy fellowship, good food, and learning about the history of the Church as **Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ** comes back to Grace for a potluck dinner where we bring our best foods, and Christ Tabernacle brings theirs. In addition we'll share with Christ Tabernacle about our Lutheran history and heritage, and they'll share with us the History of the Church of God in Christ, a story that has some surprises in and of itself. Time to start will be finalized next week. Block out Sunday, January 19th afternoon to attend this important event!

**Pastor and Family away after Christmas:** Christmas Day eve through Sunday, December 28th, Pastor and family will be visiting family. In case of pastoral emergency, please call the Church Office during Office Hours, or Council Person of the Week, Kim Hull.



*Special*  
**Worship**  
*Schedule*



CAROLING

**Christmas Caroling for All Ages!** Today 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*  
*Worship*

**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\*)**

**Barbara Susen**

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

**Mary Bednarczyk**, Mother of Jean Franklin

**Nekoda Clayton**, Nephew of Cori Blosser

**Nick Gardner**, Nephew of Lisa Gray

**Richard Smith**, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

**Members/Friends Celebrating (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)**

**Birth of Clair Alyce Prilenski** on December 2, Granddaughter of Larry & Jackie Meeks

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

**Liz Ann Binns**

**Fred Brower**

**Jean Brower**

**Marie Brown**

**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)**

**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 Tessa Majors**, Friend of the Crowders

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

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

**Kathy Meicke  
Dwight Moomaw**

**LizAnn Binns  
Chuck Goodrich**

**The Needs of the World**

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

Our Stewardship of Creation in the midst of  
Climate Crisis

**New Zealand Volcanic Eruption**

Peace on Earth, peace among nations

**The United States of America and its  
leaders - President, Congress and  
Judiciary**



**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 22-29, 2019**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	12/22	9:00 a.m.  9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  1:30 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Children's Practice for Christmas Program— Worship Space</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Worship Choir Practice</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Children/Youth Christmas Caroling</b></p>
Monday	12/23		<i>No School</i>
Tuesday	12/24	5:00 p.m. 11:30 p.m.	 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Christmas Eve Worship</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>No School</i> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>Worship Service</b></p>
Wednesday	12/25		 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Christmas Day</b> Church Office Closed Pastor—Out of Town</p>
Thursday	12/26		<i>Pastor—Out of Town</i> Church Office Closed <i>No School</i>
Friday	12/27		<i>Pastor—Out of Town</i> Nancy Dowdy Vacation— Carolyn Hite in Church Office
Saturday	12/28		<i>Pastor—Out of Town</i>
Sunday	12/29	10:00 a.m.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>No Sunday School</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>First Sunday of Christmas</b> Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding</p>

## Daily Lectionary

### Monday

Psalm 7  
Amos 3:9—4:5  
James 2:1-7

### Tuesday

Psalm 7  
Amos 4:6-13  
1 John 3:11-17

### Wednesday

Psalm 7  
Amos 5:1-9  
Matthew 25:31-46

### Thursday

Psalm 52  
Amos 5:10-17  
Hebrews 5:1-6

### Friday

Psalm 52  
Amos 5:18-27  
Ephesians 3:14-21

### Saturday

Psalm 52  
Amos 6:1-14  
Luke 8:4-10



### Members of Grace, Ministers

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



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

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

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