

Second Sunday of Christmas January 2, 2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Four Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this wonderful evening of light, music, the Holy Word and fellowship. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

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:

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. who sends the word with angels, who is made flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Swaddle our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.
Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

Amen.

<u>Greeting</u>

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.

<u>Kyrie</u>



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of all people,

You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WORD

First Reading: Psalm 66:1-5

A reading from Psalms:

¹Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

²sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

⁴All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name."

⁵Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel: John 1:35-51

The holy gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there

is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated

Sermon Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day: "Bright and Glorious Sky" #301, Page 9 Verses 1,2,6

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.

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



- 5 Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound. We too have a star to guide us, which forever will provide us with the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.
- 6 And this star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray with its message so appealing, is the Word of God, revealing Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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Prayers of Intercession

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation is seated.

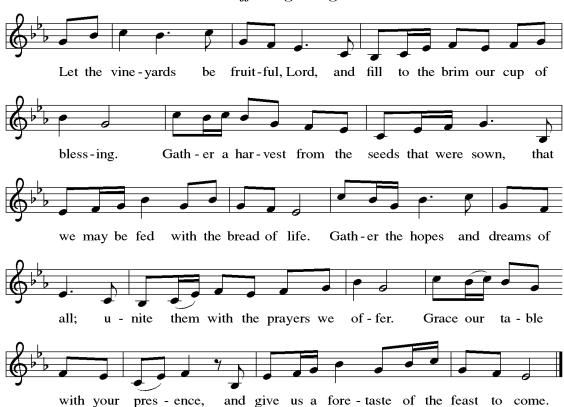
Offertory

The congregation stands

MEAL

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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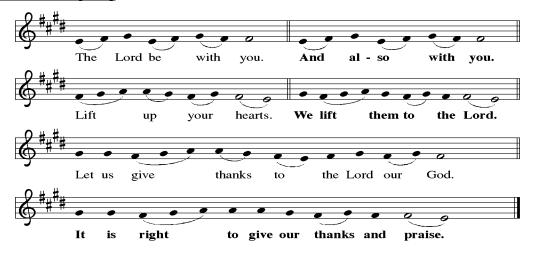
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

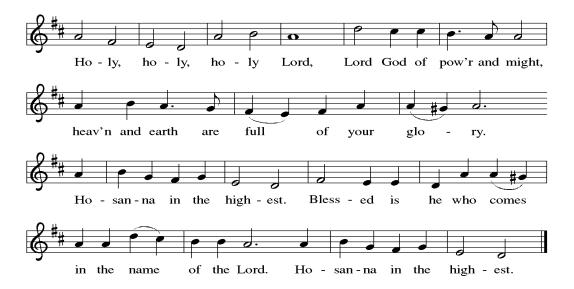
Great Thanksgiving



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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.

Continued

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be seated.

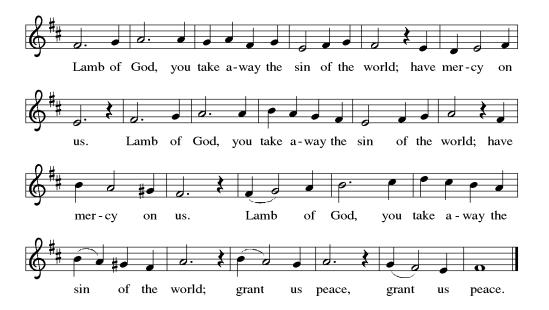
The Holy Communion

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.**



The Communion Blessing

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

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

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

Amen.

<u>Blessing</u>

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Sending Song: "The First Noel" #300, Page 17 Verses 1-3

Dismissal

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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The First Noel



Text: English traditional Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840–1901

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: Open

Altar Guild: Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister: Linda Meyer

Communion Assistant: Cathy Crowder

Council Person of the Week: Bob Barrette

Covid Monitor: Carolyn Hite

Offering Stewards: Jean Morgan

David Proctor

Ushers: Rick Bump

Linda Meyer

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

January 9, 2022 Baptism of Our Lord

Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Psalm 104:14-16 John 2:1-11



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 Need for Prayer" list.

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

Pat Giesen Janet Parmer Al McKechnie Dick Tomey

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

Janet Bess, Call in Request
Wanda Davenport, Friend of Fred, Caroline and Sam Biggers
Pam Fenlon, Friend of Gail Johnson
Yolanda Figueroa, Mother of a Dear Friend of Lily Pingel
Ginger Fries, Friend of Bob and Carolyn Barrette
Philip Giang, Friend of Bob and Carolyn Barrette
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Dr. Hammock, Friend of Many Members
Ron Hite, Brother of Bobby Hite
Garlin Howard, Friend of Beth Brady
Sharon McCarthy, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Lois Ostapczuk, Friend of Bob and Carolyn Barrette

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

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower
Marie Brown Nancy Fitzgerald
Sandra R. Hoy Phyllis Kite
Bob Knemoller Glenn and Flossie Myers

Barb Susen

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Sharon O'Hare, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Beth Ann Brady Easton Carper

Carol Wolf Paul Pingel

The Needs of the World

Health Crises-epidemic of drug overdoses and continuing mental health concerns

Tornado Devastation in Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri

Our Veterans who have served with selflessness

Our neighbors at Sherando United Methodist Church (fire destroyed the worship space)

The Church

Pray for (at least) five others from Grace this week - three who you know, or whose needs you are aware of, and two that you are less familiar with (pray for their daily walk of faith, and their blessing)

Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life together and witness and service to the Community

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors near Club Court



Welcome to Worship! We gather in praise, we hear a living Word from our God, and God nourishes us at the Table so we can go forth as Ambassadors, as Salt and Light, wherever we are! Please remember the following as we continue to worship and *bear with one another* with care and Christian friendship during Covid:

- We continue to mask during worship
- Fellowship is a blessing of our time together! Remember social distancing, and take good conversations outside.
- Smart phones are a marvel of our time! Please check your phone before worship and mute, silence or turn your phone off before the service begins.



Holy Communion Chalices remain available from the Church Office - Call the Church Office in order to pick up Communion Chalices for Sunday worship if you are watching via You Tube or Zoom.



Holy Communion at Grace—We have returned to a more "active" form of Holy Communion:

- Ushers will invite communicants by row to come down the center aisle, safely distanced.
- The Communicant will receive the bread (the body of Christ) from the Pastor, or Assisting Minister, who will be masked.
- The Communicant will pick up a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice from the trays, and hear the pronouncement of "the blood of Christ" from the (masked) communion assistant located on the other side of the communion rail.
- The Communicant will then put their glass in another tray located further down the aisle, and return to their seat via the side aisle.
- Those unable to come forward will have Communion brought to them by the Pastor and communion assistant.

In addition to participating more fully in Holy Communion, this will reduce the plastic waste from the use of chalices—or more recently, the bags and containers—used in Holy Communion.



Dear Friends in Christ—Thank you for your great generosity of heart and mind toward me and my family through your Christmas gift given on Christmas Eve by Treasurer Ron Almarode. We are grateful for this gift! May the Lord God continue to guide our path together in the New Year!

Pastor Paul and Family



Many Thanks, AND, <u>Christmas Un-Decorating!</u> Following today's worship service, we will need a crew (like the Wonderful group that put up Christmas decorations after the 19th service) to take down the decorations and put them away properly. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated. And THANKS to all the helpers on December 19th!



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 twenty-three deliveries thus far, ten to Main Street United Methodist, and thirteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Overall, we have given well over a TON of food! If you can help,













Giving envelopes for 2022 are available in the Nave. Please pick them up or contact the church office to have them mailed to you. In an effort to reduce waste, we did not get envelopes for those who have been giving electronically. And, as a result, many giving numbers have changed this year and not everyone will receive envelopes. If you have any questions, etc., please contact the church office.

Prayer Group on Wednesdays starting in January - Grace will offer a regular Prayer Group on Wednesday mornings beginning in January at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We will begin each time with an abbreviated Morning Prayer worship, and conclude with Prayers offered by all participants: for the World, for the Church and its Mission of the Gospel; for Creation, for Peace and Justice among the Nations, for those who are sick, poor, grieving, lonely; for Grace church, and for special concerns. You are invited to Prayer!

Grace Office Hours to Change starting January 2022:

Grace's Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with Nancy taking lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The office will then be **CLOSED** on Fridays. This extends office hours by 1/2 hour Monday through Thursday.

Lutheran Disaster Response is on the ground in Tornado stricken states. The reputation of LDR is they (we!) remain until the response to survivors is complete. Make check payable to Grace and put "LDR/Tornado" in the memo line.

Yoga Class Offered at Grace - Shelton Sprouse, who had the "Blue Moon Yoga" studio on Main Street until the pandemic, is offering a Yoga class Saturday mornings at Grace. It is designed for beginners and senior adults, for "physical activity and mindfulness." The class is offered at 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. Saturday mornings, in the Fellowship Hall. A donation may be given, but is not required. Classes will begin in earnest starting January 8th.

Time and Talent Surveys - We had 36 Time and Talent surveys filled out by Grace members! Thanks to Karen Walck for putting together a report, which is being shared with various ministry teams and leaders. Look for a contact based on your responses by the beginning of the New Year. Please contact the church office if you need a survey to fill out.



Life of Grace Church January 2-9, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	01/02	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Second Sunday of Christmas Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	01/03	CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	Church Office Closed No School
Tuesday	01/04		Pastor Pingel's Birthday No School
Wednesday	01/05	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall) Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	01/06	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom (CCE&J)
Saturday	01/08	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	01/09	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Monday

Proverbs 8:22-30 1 John 5:1-12 John 13:20-35

Psalm Morning, Evening

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:13-23 Isaiah 54:1-13 Matthew 18:1-14 Psalm Morning , Evening

Wednesday

2 Samuel 23:13-17b 2 John 1-13 John 2:1-11

Psalm Morning, Evening

Thursday

I Kings 17:17-24 3 John 1-15 John 4:46-54

Psalm Morning, Evening

Friday

I Kings 3:5-14

James 4:13-17; 5:7-11

John 5:1-15

Psalm Morning, Evening

Saturday

I Samuel 1:1-2, 7b-28 Colossians 19-20 Luke 2:22-40

Psalm Morning, Evening

Members of Grace

Congregational Council

Robin Crowder, President
Jerry Kite, Vice-President
Bob Barrette
Fred Biggers,
Kathy Bump
Kim Hull,
Jean Morgan
Nancy Schwiesow,

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