

Christ  
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SUNDAY

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*November 26, 2023*

*“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world.”*

## **Service of Holy Communion**

(All Creation Sings—Setting 12)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. 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.*

*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 the parts 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**

*We stand.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the Father, ✙ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

To you, O God,  
all hearts are open,  
to you all desires known.  
We come to you,  
confessing our sins.  
Forgive us in your mercy,  
and remember us in your love.  
Show us your ways;  
teach us your paths;  
and lead us in justice and truth,  
for the sake of your goodness  
in Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**



By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✙ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;  
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

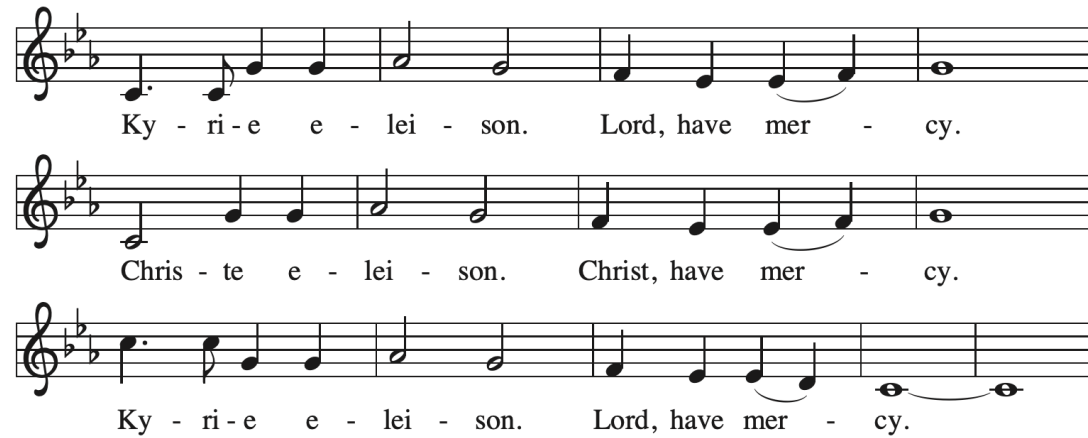
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## Greeting

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



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

# Kyrie

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

**Word**



### **First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

A reading from Ezekiel:

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

*Continued*

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

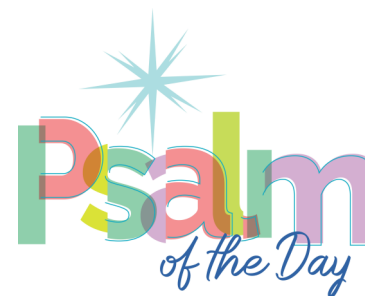
<sup>4</sup>**In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

<sup>6</sup>**O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

**O that today you would listen to his voice!**





**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23**

A reading from 1 Ephesians:

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.

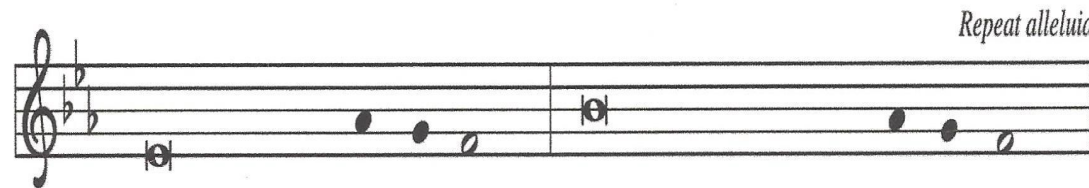
**Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**



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



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**Children’s Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand.*

**Hymn of the Day:** “O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us”

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## O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -

king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
 all, you said the first must be the last and  
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with

praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
 we might rise and live. To break the law of  
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the

glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
 death you came, the law of love to bring; a  
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for

walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

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### Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic  
church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Apostle's Creed in Swahili

**Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,  
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;**

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira  
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio  
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,  
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,  
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,  
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa  
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,  
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena  
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.**

**Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa  
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,  
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na  
uzima wa milele. Amina.**

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

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

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Peace**

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

*We sit.*

**Meal**

### **Offertory**

*We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.*

*(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)*

*We stand.*



Offertory Song

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. 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.

**God of all goodness,  
generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.  
Number us among them  
that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
Amen.**



### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

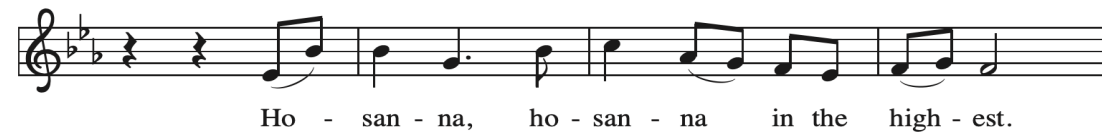
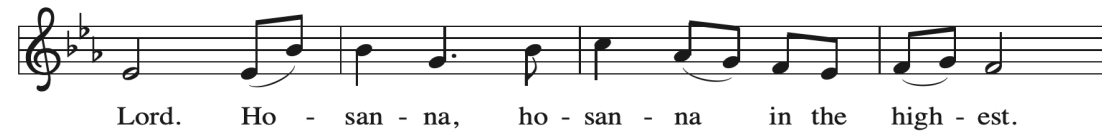
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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



# Sanctus





## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God,  
you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us  
on the way,  
at the table,  
and to the end,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.  
**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

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

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

### Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit.*

### Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako ufike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.



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, grant us peace.

### The Holy Communion

**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)*

*Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

**We stand.**

**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.

**Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.  
Amen.**

**Sending**

**Blessing**

May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** *“Jesus Shall Reign”*

**#434, Page 21, Verses 1,3,4,5**

# Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 thron'g to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

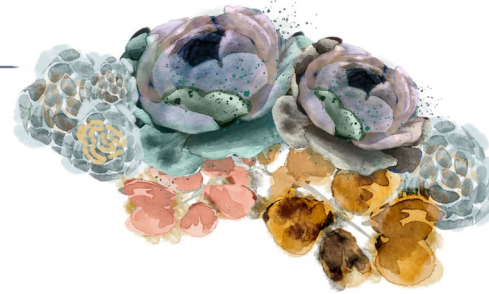
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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**Dismissal**

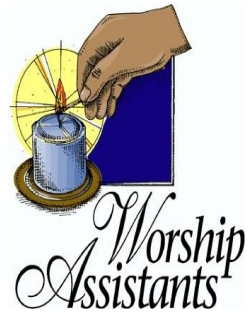
Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**



*Blessed*  
shall you be when  
you come in,  
*and Blessed*  
shall you be when  
you go out.

Deuteronomy 28:6



**Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today**

<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Gail Johnson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Kathy Meicke
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Ron Almarode
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	Carolyn Hite Gloria Nelson
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	Jean Morgan
<b>Offering Steward:</b>	Pat Brady David Proctor
<b>Ushers:</b>	Karen Walck Rew Walck



**December 3 Schedule and Lessons**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m.

**Pastor Paul Pingel**  
Presiding and Preaching

**Isaiah 64:1-9**  
**Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19**  
**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**  
**Mark 13:24-37**



*Chancel flowers are given this morning to the glory of God and in memory of Peggy R. Johnson by her children.*



**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.

✠✠✠✠ Please be Praying for... ✠✠✠✠  
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Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

Berenice Archambeault Chuck Goodrich  
 Ron Knicely

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

Lou Lanier, Friend of the Nelsons  
 Pat Nabers, Friend of Many Grace Members  
 Carrie Peters, Niece of the Schwiesows  
 Judy Simpson, Sister of Sharon Lynch

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Emily Almarode Marge Cloutier  
 Sandy Johnson Glenn Myers  
 Genevieve Arneson  
 Phyllis Kite  
 Tom and Carol Varner

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**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Sherry Aldinger**, Friend of Tami Radecke  
**Rebekah Bircher**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Caitlin Binda Bomar**, Friend of Many in Our Community  
**Stephen Cohen**, Friend of the Schwiesows  
**Nina Crow**, Mother of Cathy Crowder  
**Natalie Dodge and Family**, Friends of the Almarodes  
**Dorothy Getler**, Mother of Bill Meicke  
**Sandie Hammel**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Neil Harris**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Marcy Haywood**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Joshua Horn**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Carrie Humphreys**, Former Grace Member  
**Jennifer McDonald**, Friend of the Radeckes  
**Phoenix Oberg**, Friend of Sarah Kite  
**Melissa Oskrig**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Ruth Phelke**, Mother of Lisa Edens and Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson  
**Charles and Ruth Ann Williams**, Friends of Gail and Sandy Johnson  
**Charlie Wood**, Friend of the Almarodes

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

**Family of Pastor Lane Doerring**, Father of Beth Ann Doerring  
**Family of Imogene Hull**, Member of Grace  
**Family of Ann Hyden**, Grandmother of Kirk Hyden

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

<b>Robert Moyer (11/22)</b>	<b>Tripp Franklin (11/25)</b>
<b>Woody Graf (11/27)</b>	<b>Kathy Bump (11/27)</b>
<b>David Schwiesow (11/28)</b>	<b>Wyatt Carper (11/30)</b>
<b>Charlie Wilson (12/2)</b>	

 IN OUR   
*Thoughts and Prayers*

**Prayers for the World**

**The Israeli and Palestine conflict - that ancient hatreds might be overcome by God's Grace, even and especially among those who invoke God's name in the conflict.**

Safety in travel over the holidays for many: for transportation workers, postal and delivery company workers, those who work for airlines, airports

**Peace in the World—Those whose lives are shattered by war; those victimized by human trafficking**

For those with mental health problems, especially during the holiday season

**Our elected officials, we pray for leadership to serve the common good**

**The Church**

Indigenous Peoples and the ELCA's Truth and Healing Movement

**Christ Tabernacle Church of God and our CCE&J Group**

**Our Neighbors**

**Our neighbors in Augusta County**



**Youth Host First Sunday Fellowship is December 3.** Our youth will be sharing a short presentation on their faith journey to New Orleans, what they hope to get out the experience, and how Grace Congregants can contribute to their efforts by investing in "shares" of their trip. If you can't make the Sunday presentation, it still possible to contribute by visiting the Grace website, [www.gracewaynesboro.org](http://www.gracewaynesboro.org), click on "MORE..." at the top of the page, then click on "Tithely Donation," making sure to credit your donation (Give To:) to "2024 National Youth Gathering"



**It's A Wrap!** In December, our Youth will be wrapping Christmas Presents for you! Please bring your presents to the youth room at Grace and youth will wrap them in exchange for a donation to the mission trip. Presents can be dropped off December 17th after worship. You can wait for your freshly wrapped package, or drop it off and pick it up December 22nd.

## **Advent/Christmas at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**The Season of Advent** - Yes, soon, a New Church Year, and the Season of Advent will be upon us! We celebrate the Season once again with a series of Wednesday Advent Services with a focus on the prophecies of Isaiah as they point us toward our salvation through the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Plan to join in worship with our Lutheran sisters and brothers in Christ this Advent!

**Outdoor Christmas Wreath Assembly** - *We will assemble the Advent Wreath that gives witness to our community that we are looking for Jesus the Messiah in the days leading to Christmas on **Wednesday, November 29.***

**Wednesdays in Advent** - *Evening Prayer and reflection on the theme: Our Salvation Through the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We share these worship services with our Lutheran brothers and sisters in the Waynesboro area:*

- **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** – at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – at Grace Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** – at St. James Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 21** - at Bethlehem Lutheran Church with Blue Christmas emphasis at 7:00 p.m.

**Christmas Decorating!** - *This annual Sunday activity transforms our worship space in preparation for Christmas Eve and will take place Sunday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>**; we'll finalize time and details.*

**Christmas Eve - December 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.**

**Christmas Eve - December 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.** - *Our children and adult choir will present a wonderful program of music and assist in the telling of the Good News of Jesus' birth, as families "build" the manger scene. We will celebrate Holy Communion and sing Silent Night by candlelight.*





**Today is Commitment Sunday AND Grace's 130th Anniversary! - Embracing Grace, Generous, Loving, Caring** - For 130 years, God has blessed Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and we are grateful! Together, we can continue to grow in Grace through generosity, deepening our love in Christ, and by caring for those in need with open hearts. Please make your commitment today!



The **Giving Tree** has been put up in the Nave. If you would like to participate, please come by the church to pick up one or more tags, sign your name and the gift tag(s) taken in the book, purchase appropriate gift(s), and bring unwrapped gift(s) with the original tag attached back to the Nave by Sunday, **December 3**. If you have questions, please contact Jane Stein, 540-649-0979.



**Altar Flowers**—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for December Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



**WARM Grace - Cold Weather Shelter (CWS): Starts next week - December 4 - 11 - WE NEED YOU! Volunteers** - Please call/text Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or email [sparkelmyers@gmail.com](mailto:sparkelmyers@gmail.com). **We are collecting food items:** cereal, fruit cups, SOFT nutra-grain/breakfast/snack bars, fruit juice boxes, nabs, individual-portion bags of chips/cookies, pickles. Where should you place items? In the box in the Nave or in the box outside church offices; OR, please mark the bags/boxes "For WARM CWS " and place them on the kitchen counter downstairs.

Starting Sunday, December 3 - please bring fresh fruit, luncheon meats/cheese, sandwich bread.

**We are also collecting toiletries:** travel/hotel size shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, combs/brushes, disposable razors.

**QUESTIONS?** see/call/text/email Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or [sparkelmyers@gmail.com](mailto:sparkelmyers@gmail.com) or Donna Yobs 650-248-4882



**Community Potluck at Grace**—This meal is for community members and Grace members to gather for fellowship and build relationships on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.! Come and eat—sign-up is in the Narthex, bring a dish and a friend!



**Sanitary Kits for Africa** - We continue to make these kits from 9x9 flannel square at Grace! Please continue donating 9x9 Prewashed Flannel (no fleece, felt or plush) squares at the back of the Nave. Contact Gloria Nelson if you have questions.



**Be a "HERO" this Holiday season!** HERO of Waynesboro is a coalition of churches, including Grace, who have formed a non-profit organization to pool our resources to help families facing eviction or cut-off utilities. Your donation at [www.herowaynesboro.org](http://www.herowaynesboro.org) can help a family keep a roof over their heads, or a warm place to say as cold weather approaches.



**All God's Children** has resumed meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m. We are always delighted to welcome new members. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please let Rick Bump know ([rcbump0621@gmail.com](mailto:rcbump0621@gmail.com)). In November, we will be reading *US: The Resurrection of American Terror* by ELCA Pastor Kenneth Wheeler, who is black. Though challenging, it will help us see an important perspective of the ELCA.



**Columbarium**—As you make your final plans, remember that Grace has a Columbarium on the North side of the building. Each niche will hold two (2) of our brass urns, which are included in the cost of \$2,250 per niche. There are also Memorial Bricks available for the patio, which can be engraved with the name of a loved one who may be buried elsewhere. For more information, contact Bradley Keefer at 540-942-4290 or the Church Office.



**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 pantries. We have made thirty-eight deliveries thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-two to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 4,005 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



**A Word You Don't Want to Say, but We Must!** That word is **COVID**. We've had a number of members who have been sick in recent days and weeks. We are coming into a time when Health experts tell us to expect more cases. With this in mind please note the following:

1. If you have any symptoms, or have tested positive, please stay at home. YouTube worship services are available Live every Sunday for those who are sick.
2. If you have COVID, please wait until you test negative - usually 5-10 days - until you return to worship.
3. Please note that FREE tests kits are available from **covid.gov**. Or you can find test kits at local pharmacies or grocery stores for about \$8 - \$10.



**Monday**

Zachariah 1:7-17  
Revelation 1:4-20  
Matthew 12:43-50  
Morning Psalm 5, Evening 82

**Tuesday**

Ezra 5:1-17  
Revelation 4:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9  
Morning Psalm 42, Evening 102

**Wednesday**

Ezra 6:1-22  
Revelation 5:1-10  
Matthew 13:10-17  
Morning Psalm 89:1-18, Evening 1

**Thursday**

Nehemiah 1:1-11  
Revelation 5:11—6:11  
Matthew 13:18-23  
Morning 97, Evening 16

**Friday**

Nehemiah 2:1-20  
Revelation 6:12—7:4  
Matthew 13:24-30  
Morning Psalm 51, Evening 142

**Saturday**

Nehemiah 4:1-23  
Revelation 7:(4-8) 9-17  
Matthew 13:31-35  
Morning Psalm 104, Evening 138



**November 26—December 3**

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	11/26	10:00 a.m.	 <b>Christ the King Commitment Sunday</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding  <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>K-5 Sunday School</b> (Sunday School Classroom)
		11:10 a.m.	
		11:15 a.m.	
Monday	11/27	7:00 p.m.	<b>All God's Children Book Study</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	11/28	9:30 a.m.	 <b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Church Council</b> (Conference Room)
		7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday	11/29	8:00 a.m.	 <b>Set Up Advent Wreath</b> <b>Backpacking Group</b> <b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Community Potluck</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Choir Practice</b>  <b>POTLUCK</b>
		10:00 a.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	
		7:00 p.m.	
Thursday	11/30	8:30 a.m.	 <b>Grace Walkers</b> <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		12:30 p.m.	
Saturday	12/02	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	12/03	8:30 a.m.	 <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent Celebration Sunday</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding  <b>First Sunday Fellowship</b> - Youth Group-National Youth Gathering <b>Confirmation Class</b> <b>K-5 Sunday School</b> (Sunday School Classroom)
		10:00 a.m.	
		11:00 a.m.	
		11:10 a.m.	
		11:15 a.m.	



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