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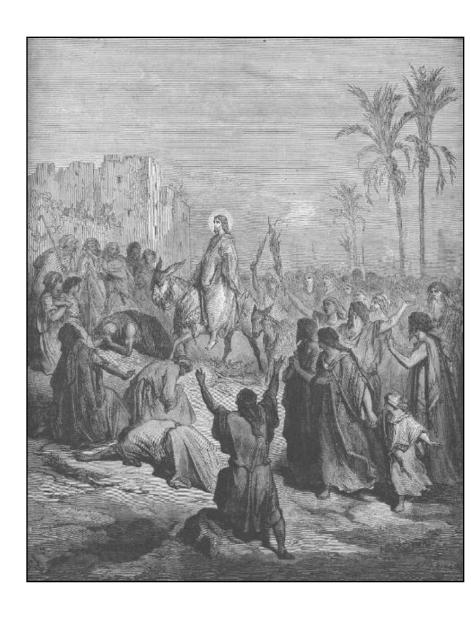
Sunday Worship 9:00AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30AM

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DECEMBER 1, 2024 THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Grace Lutheran Church and School

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WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN as we gather for worship of our loving God, who spared not His own Son, but put Him upon the cross in payment for our sins. May all that we give and receive this day resound to His honor and glory. Members and especially GUESTS are urged to complete the registration card located in the pew rack. If you are visiting with us, we cordially invite your return. Our Pastors will be happy to speak with you.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE – LSB page 184 + In Nomine Jesu +

The Sacrament of the Altar will be celebrated today. Grace Lutheran practices closed communion, for God's Word teaches and we believe that communicants receive the very body and the very blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine. God's Word also teaches and we believe that one who eats and drinks while denying the real presence and the benefits and blessings of the Sacrament, eats and drinks judgment upon himself. As the Christian Church is charged with the responsibility of "stewardship of the mysteries of God," we therefore ask that all who are not communicant members of Grace Lutheran please speak with one of our Pastors before communing. Our Pastors will assist you in becoming a communicant member through instruction in all the articles of faith, give you opportunity to publicly confirm your faith, and shepherd you as a member in good standing of this congregation. Those guests who are members in good stead of a sister Missouri Synod congregation and have previously spoken to our Pastors need only sign a communion card which is located in the pew. We trust that all will respect God's Word and our practice in accordance with its teachings.

THE PRELUDE

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" # 350
THE DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE (Left Column) page 184-185
The Introit (Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.)

P: Behold, your King is coming to you;

C: Righteous and having salvation.

P: Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

C: Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

P: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne;

C: Steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

P: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

C: Who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

P: Who exult in Your name all the day

C: And in Your righteousness are exalted.

P: For our shield belongs to the LORD,

C: Our King to the Holy One of Israel.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold, your King is coming to you; C: Righteous and having salvation.

The Gloria Patri - Kyrie page 186
The Gloria in Excelsis page 187
The Salutation and Collect of the Day page 189
The Lessons and Responses page 190-191

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

¹⁴ 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: ¹⁵ 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this *is the name* by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

THE EPISTLE LESSON

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

Jeremiah 33:14-16

⁹ For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, ¹⁰ night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹ Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you, ¹³ so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." ²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. ³⁴ "But take heed to

yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Nicene Creed THE HYMN OF THE DAY THE SERMON	"Savior of the Nations, Come"	page 191 # 332 Luke 21:25-36
"The Savior Comes" - Pastor Ogrodowicz		
The Offertory	3	page 192-193
The Prayer of the Church		. 3
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The Sanctus		page 195
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The Words of Institution – Pax Domini		page197
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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	"The Lamb"	# 547
"By Grace I'm Saved"		# 566
The Nunc Dimittis		page 199-200
The Thanksgiving –Salutation-Benedicamus-Benediction		page 200-202
THE CLOSING HYMN	"The Advent of Our King"	# 331
THE POSTLUDE		

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders – Mark Moerbe, Darrell Meier, Aubrey Jaster, Fred Hein

Acolyte – Jackson Havers

Usher Team - Billy Thaler

Organist - Rev. Lee Kunkel

Altar Guild Assistants – Diane Young (Communion Ware)

Barbara Maurer & Bev Jaster (Paraments)

Every Pastor worth his salt seeks to know the condition of his flock. Please make sure to inform the church office of any health-related issues in need of Pastoral care.

It is a blessed opportunity and privilege to serve the true Body and Blood of Christ to those saints unable to approach the altar. God continues to bring such saints to Grace. Therefore, we humbly ask worshipers to consider leaving the back row open for those needing Holy Communion brought to them in the Divine Service.



During the Advent Season, we again see the Advent wreath decorating the sanctuary. One candle is lit each week as we prepare for the celebration of our LORD's coming at His birth. May God bless your preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior and LORD.

Today's Radio Broadcast has been sponsored anonymously "To spread the Gospel". The Sunday broadcast can be heard at 12:30 p.m. over KWHI 1280 AM.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Advent I - Luke 19:31 – "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it," and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in). In each calling we have good work to do, which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

Contribution envelopes for 2025 are available for you to pick up. They are located on a table in the Narthex hallway. To avoid confusion, please do not use these envelopes until January of 2025.





Ladies Evening Circle is having their Annual Christmas Party TODAY, Sunday, December 1. It will be at the VFW Post at 1200 East Tom Green and will start at 11:30 a.m. with the meal starting at 12:00 p.m. noon.

Calling All Carolers: The Ladies Evening Circle will be going Christmas Caroling TODAY, Sunday, December 1st at 1:30pm. We are inviting the Congregation to join us. If you are interested, please go to the VFW Post, 1200 E. Tom Green St. by 1:30 pm. Any questions, please contact Marie Watson 512-966-5236.





Newsletters are available in the Narthex

Men's Bible Breakfast is on Tuesdays at 6:00am in the Parlor. David Dahmann is responsible for breakfast this week. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.





Mid-Week Advent Worship, is on Wednesday, December 4, at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

REMINDER: Men's Club will **NOT** have a December meeting (the Christmas Dinner) this year.





A Memorial Service for Darren Hinze, son of Dale & Carolyn Hinze, will be on Saturday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. at Memorial Oaks Chapel. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., right before the Memorial and then burial will be at Prairie Lea Cemetery immediately following the Memorial.

Poinsettia Orders - Members who wish to order poinsettias to be placed in church for Christmas are asked to fill out an envelope designated for this purpose. They are located on the counters in the Narthex. The cost per plant is \$13.00. Please



make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Altar Guild. You may place the envelope in the offering plate or turn it in to the office. The deadline to order is December 8.



INFORMATION NEEDED FOR MID-DECEMBER:

Do you have a pet friendly apartment for rent or know of someone that does? Ms. Obersat will need a PET FRIENDLY apartment for herself and ONE CAT to rent as of Mid-December. Please contact Pastor Schuller with information of anything available.

Birthdays This Week:

Today 12/1 – Benn McCurry

Mon. 12/2 - Callan Hinze, Dale Hinze, Diane Young

Tue. 12/3 – Harley Coghlan

Thurs. 12/5 - Morris Faske, David Roberts

Sat. 12/7 – Carol Guebert

Anniversaries This Week:

Thurs. 12/5 – Christopher & Yvonne Steinbach, (9th); Fri. 12/6 – Michael & Charlotte Dahmann, (44th)



Coffee and Doughnuts:



Today – Havers Family Next Sunday – Jerome & Marti Meyer

ATTENDANCE

November 24: 244

Sunday School: 24 Teachers/Staff: 7 YABC: 3 ABC: 70 Visitors:

OFFERING

General Fund - \$8,358.00 Radio Ministry - \$85.00 Missions - \$

Building Fund - \$ Memorials - \$420.00 Other - \$3.125.00



Grace Lutheran Church

- ➤ In Memory of Darren Hinze given by Delphine & Sandra Addicks
- > In Memory of Teddy Boehm given by JoAnn K. Brieden, Larry & Julie Taylor, Christie Hobart, Carolyn Fair & Mary Henderson

Grace Lutheran Altar Guild

- ➤ In Memory of Darren Hinze given by David & Lynette Dahmann **Grace Caring Ministry**
- ➤ In Memory of Darren Hinze given by Daryl & Mary Lueckemeyer **Grace Lutheran School**
 - In Memory of Teddy Boehm given by Bettie Tiemann
 - ➤ In Memory of Mary Ripper given by Bettie Tiemann
 - > In Memory of Darren Hinze given by Allan & Rebecca Moses, Sarita Mutscher, Aubrey & Bev Jaster

Grace Lutheran Prayer Concerns For Church and Home



Members are encouraged to pray for each of the individuals on this list both in the times we gather together for worship and in our daily prayers.

"I urge first of all that, requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.... This is good and pleases God our Savior." – I Timothy 2:1&3

Members of Grace who are hospitalized, ill, or have on-going needs

<u>Upcoming Surgery</u>: Stan Standlee – shoulder replacement on 12/4/24

In the Hospital: Diane Merkel, Baylor Scott & White in Brenham, knee

<u>Prayers for wisdom and peace</u>: for Allan & Colleen Symmank and their whole family as they make tough decisions regarding Allan's father

<u>Prayers for Healing:</u> Mary Ann Hrnicko; Linda Tarver; Ruth Duvall; Shirley Paetz; Geraldine Gloyna; Pastor Jacobs; Amelia Jones; August Degner; Bonnie Wellmann, Wilma Boeker, broken right wrist; Nancy Boecker, microdegeneration of the eyes

On-going Needs: Shirley Boeker, Glenn Brenner, Russell Chambers, Onis Finke, Clarence Gaskamp, Butch & Ann Goldberg, Hanson family loved ones, Donald Hendrickson, Richard Jacobs, Karen Markwardt, Diane Merkel, Benjamin Moerbe, Kenneth Muchow, Blake Sacre, Marilyn Schroeder, Lisa Steck, Vernell Thane

Members of Grace in Nursing Homes or Homebound

Nelly Barby, Florence Boehnemann, B.Y. Boeker, Russell Chambers, David Diver, Kurt Duvall, Ruth Duvall, Geraldine Gloyna, Reuben & Darlene Grassl, Al Novosad, Laura Raitz, Harold Rietz, Lee Rogge, Sonny Schulte, Dorine Stoelke, Linda Tarver, Edy McCoy



Those Who are Serving our Country in the Armed Forces

Lt. Col. Matthew Moerbe – son of Mark & Anita Moerbe;

U.S. Air Force, stationed at the Pentagon

LTC Erich Roberts – son of David & Rose Roberts;

U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Moore, GA

Senior Airman Trenton Rylee Rutledge – grandson of Freddie & Linda Wellmann;

U.S. Air Force; now in North Dakota

PFC Riley Baugh – grandson of Pastor & Tina Holzer;

U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX

SSGT Terrell Felder – son of Larry Felder;

U. S. Air Force, stationed at Goodfellow AFB, TX

Cole Frazier – grandson of Tom & Doris Magee;

Offutt AFB, Nebraska

2LT Ivan R. Degner – grandson of August & Jo Ann Degner;

is serving in the 11th ACR at Ft. Irwin, CA.

Sloan Snead – granddaughter of Allan & Colleen Symmank, Navy Medic, stationed in Jacksonville, Florida (right now)

SN Dylan James Hicks – grandson of James & Karen Studhalter

Just finished boot camp for Navy, stationed in Great Lakes, IL

Those Serving in the Mission Field Abroad

Rev. Charles St-Onge & Family,

Rev. Samuel Bobby & Family serving in Latvia,

Rev. Micah Wildauer & Family,

Pastor James May and family serving in Kenya with Lutherans in Africa



Friends of our Congregation

Elaine King – niece of Billie Rogas

Harris Kubos, Jr. and Toni Navarre – friends of Eunice Drews

Blanche McMullen – sister-in-law of Billie Rogas

Tim Andrews – neighbor of Knodt's & Roberts'

Regan, Lesley & Beckett Adams – cousins of Joe Green

Marjorie Schroeder, sister; Janis Stayton, sister-in-law; Rick Hammitt, nephew (ALS);

Travis Bartay, grandson (Diabetes I) - relatives of Shirley Boeker

Brynley Frazier – great-granddaughter of Magee's

Carolyn Zibilski, Mark Marburger, Dean Winkelmann, Scott Hodde

- friends of the Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder

Betty Maltby - aunt of Mike McArthur, sister of Mildred McArthur

Janice Eckhardt – daughter-in-law of Jimmie Eckhardt

Marcie Brighton - mother of Elizabeth Schuller

Kathy Hudson – mother of Tim Hudson

Hunter Mitchell - friend of Freddie Wellmann family, baby, eye cancer

Rebecca Dahmann - sister-in-law of the David and Michael Dahmann families

Delano Klausmeyer, very good friend of Judy Rudloff

Gloria Hanath – sister of Eunice Drews – prayers for healing

Deonna Moses – daughter-in-law of Dorothy Moses – diagnosed with cancer

Tom Insley – friend of Michael & Kimberly Parks, cancer

Hank Voelter - grandson of Don & Karen Voelter, battling leukemia

Darlene (Dottie) Hermann – friend of Linda Wellmann

Jim Ripple - friend of Lance & Ashley Jahnke

Sherree Pence - niece of Delphine & Sandra Addicks, diagnosed with cancer

Donnie Eckhardt - son of Jimmie Eckhardt, Kimberly Parks' brother, in hospital in Houston

Tricia Kelm – friend of Richard & Diane Merkel

Edna Parks - mother of Michael Parks

Ernest Ware - friend of Cristine Weige, stroke, prayers for healing, long hard recovery

Caleb Reid - grandson of Alan & Linda Reid, home, still has issues, please keep praying

Tammy Hill - daughter of Elroy & Bonnie Wellmann - diagnosed with cancer

Bill & Peggy Miller – Johnnie Schroeder's sister & brother-in-law (prayers for healing);

Troy Schroeder - Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder's son

Wanda Adams – sister of Carol Guebert & Nathan Walter - prayers for healing

- recovering at home in Ft. Worth

Angelea Richardson - niece of Colleen Symmank - loss of unborn baby

Stacie Erickson - daughter of Charles & Jean Blake

The Hicks family — friends of Pastor O. — prayers for spiritual strength

Emily Kimes - Aunt of Daniel Vaughn - stroke, long recovery ahead

Lincoln Tiemann – friend of the Grawunder family – heart condition

Charles & Laura Young- lifelong friends of the Symmanks - Laura had heart surgery on 10/22/24

Dottie Herrmann – friend of Linda Wellmann – stage 4 cancer & pneumonia, at MD Anderson

Please review this Prayer List and notify the Church office of any changes. "We would like this list to be as up-to-date & as accurate as possible."

In Our Thoughts & Prayer

This Week at Grace...

Today, December 1 First Sunday in Advent Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Ladies Evening Circle Christmas Party 11:00 a.m. Monday, December 2 (Job 15:1 – 17:16) 8:15 a.m. Chapel Archery Competition @ Warda Tuesday, December 3 (Job 18:1 - 19:29) Men's Bible Breakfast 6:00 a.m. 8:15 a.m. Chapel JV BB Game-Good Shepard @ Grace 3:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. PTL Meeting Wednesday, December 4 (Job 20:1 - 21:34)Mid-Week Advent Worship (Vivo) 10:00 a.m. Confirmation 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Advent Worship 8:00 p.m. **Elders Meeting** Thursday, December 5 (Job 22:1 - 24:25)Chapel 8:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Ladies Afternoon Circle Christmas Party HS Cross Country in Magnolia JV Basketball Game @ First Baptist 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 6 (Job 25:1 - 28:28)Pastor Ogrodowicz's Day Off 8:15 a.m. Chapel 3:00 p.m. Vespers (Job 29:1 - 31:40) Saturday, December 7 Christmas Parade - Downtown Sunday, December 8 **Second Sunday in Advent** Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Rev. Ryan Ogrodowicz - 530-2260

Rev. Isaac Schuller - 408-817-0358 Rev. William H. Holzer - 251-7036

Mr. Tom Knodt (Cong. President) 203-5857 Mr. Aubrey Jaster (Elder's Chair) 421-2748

Mr. Casey Voskamp (S. S. Superintendent) – 251-2498 Mrs. Debbie Hintz (Caring Ministry Contact) – 203-3470