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Welcome to Grace!

November 29, 2020

What We Believe:

✝ As Lutheran Christians we stand with the church of the ages and confess the faith of the **Holy Bible**, which is **God's Word**.

✝ We believe that our **Triune God** created man and woman holy; however, since we sinned and still sin we cannot free ourselves from **sin and death**. Therefore God sent His Son **Jesus Christ**, who is our **only way to salvation**. By His death and resurrection and through no work or decision of our own, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation.

✝ We joyfully receive these gifts in His Word, and in the holy sacraments of **Baptism** and the **Lord's Supper**.

✝ In all our teaching and preaching we seek to be faithful to God's holy **Law** which shows our sin, and to proclaim His precious **Gospel**, which is the good news of our **salvation in Christ!**

✝ We subscribe also to **Luther's Small Catechism** and the other documents in the Book of Concord of 1580 because they faithfully confess these biblical truths.

Guests and Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood, in, with and under the bread and wine. When received in faith, it brings forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Holy Communion is also a statement of our unity in Christ (*community*). Those who receive the Lord's Supper at Grace Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

For this reason, *only members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* are ordinarily communed at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine of Close Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the service.

Nursery: If your child becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Nursery downstairs.

Fellowship Time: Immediately following the 9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Large Print Hymns: Are available from the ushers!

Electronic Devices: PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

May the Lord bless your worship today!

First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2020 – Divine Service, Setting Three

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

♪The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

Invocation

LSB 184

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit

Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.



P Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

C To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

C Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

♪Gloria Patri

LSB 186

♪Kyrie

LSB 186

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

♪Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 189

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 64:1–9

Pew Bible, p. 623

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Pew Bible, p. 952

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given
you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all
knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that
you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus
Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Holy Gospel – Mark 11:1–10

Pew Bible, p. 847

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Nicene Creed

LSB 191 or inside back cover of hymnal

Catechism Time – Confession

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 326

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (*John 20:22–23*)

♪ **Savior of the Nations, Come**

LSB 332

Sermon

♪ **Offertory**

LSB 192

Reception of New Member

Prayer of the Church

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪Preface	LSB 194
♪Sanctus	LSB 195
Lord's Prayer	LSB 196
The Words of Our Lord	LSB 197
♪Pax Domini	LSB 197
♪Agnus Dei	LSB 198

Distribution – *If you are visiting with us, please read “Guests and Holy Communion,” printed on the inside page of the worship bulletin. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. If possible, please sit near the center aisle, and it will be brought to you at the conclusion of the distribution. Wine greatly diluted with water is available in purple-tinted cups in the center of each Communion tray for those with alcohol sensitivities.*

Distribution Hymns:

♪O Lord, How Shall I Meet You	LSB 334
♪Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates	LSB 341
♪Nunc Dimittis	LSB 199
♪Thanksgiving	LSB 200
♪Salutation and Benedicamus	LSB 201
♪Benediction	LSB 202
♪The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns	LSB 348

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 29th THROUGH December 6th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School and Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	7:00 PM	Elders' Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	10:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:15 PM	Advent Fellowship
	6:30 PM	MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
<u>SATURDAY</u>		Aluminum Cans until 10:30 AM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School and Bible Study



Lectionary Summary: *The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us:* Although we pray that God “*would rend the heavens and come down*” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “*have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment*” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “*a long time, and shall we be saved?*” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4–8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “*enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,*” and so He will “*sustain you to the end*” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “*heaven and earth will pass away,*” His words “*will not pass away*” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “*send out the angels*” to gather us and all of His elect “*from the ends of the earth*” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

Our Partnership in the Gospel

Grace's Mission: We are friends in God's family through Jesus, strengthened by His Spirit to represent Christ in our daily lives, our community and the world.

Grace's Vision: To be an active, growing Christ-centered congregation offering youth and adults traditional Lutheran worship, Bible study and fellowship while reaching out especially to our neighbors, families and friends with the Gospel invitation.

2020 Theme: *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11*

Our Worship Attendance:

November 19 & 22, 2020: 80 (30/50)