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Welcome to Grace!

November 28, 2021

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.

Friendship Pad: Please sign the Friendship Pad when it is passed during the service.

Offering: The offering plates are not passed. Rather, they are located at the back of the nave. Please place your offering in one of the plates as you enter or leave the church. You may also hand it to one of the ushers.

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

Large Print Hymnals: 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 28, 2021 – 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 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*



- P** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
- C** **Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?***
Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?
- P** Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;*
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.
- C** **Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,***
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,
- P** who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.
- C** **For our shield belongs | to the LORD,***
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

♪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 – Jeremiah 33:14–16*Pew Bible, p. 662*

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

Epistle – 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13*Pew Bible, p. 987*

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

♪ Alleluia*LSB 190***Holy Gospel – Luke 19:28–40***Pew Bible, p. 878*

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Apostles’ Creed*LSB 192 or inside back cover of hymnal*

The Sixth Commandment

P You shall not commit adultery.

P *What does this mean?*

C We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

♪ Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

Sermon

♪ Offertory

LSB 192

The offering plates are not passed. Please see note on the first page of the bulletin.

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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 cover of the Friendship Pad. 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:

♪ Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350

♪ O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334

♪ O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide

LSB 355

♪ Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353

♪Nunc Dimittis	<i>LSB 199</i>
♪Thanksgiving	<i>LSB 200</i>
♪Salutation and Benedicamus	<i>LSB 201</i>
♪Benediction	<i>LSB 202</i>
♪Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates	<i>LSB 341</i>

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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About the Bulletin Cover: A Palm Sunday Gospel reading, which may seem like the wrong text as we enter Advent, points us to the fact that Christ's arrival means our salvation. Christ's arrival as a little babe means His taking on of human flesh. Christ's arrival to His holy city means the cross and resurrection by which He defeated sin and death. Christ's arrival to us through Word and Sacraments means we receive the benefits of what He has accomplished. Christ's arrival on the Last Day means His completion of all things. Christ has come; Christ will come again.



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 28th THROUGH December 5th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE III WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
<u>MONDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	10:00 AM	Bible Study
	6:30 PM	Memorials Committee Meeting
<u>THURSDAY</u>	5:15 PM	Advent Pot-Bless
	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	Bible Study



Lectionary Summary: *The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us:* The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “*a righteous Branch*” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28–40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “*blameless in holiness before our God and Father*” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “*distress of nations in perplexity,*” with “*people fainting with fear.*” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “*Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

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.

2021 Theme: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

Our Worship Attendance:

November 18 & 21, 2021: 94 (23/71)