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Welcome to Grace!

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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 27, 2022 – Divine Service, Setting Four

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ Prepare the Royal Highway	LSB 343
Invocation	LSB 203
Confession of Sins and Absolution	LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ Introit

Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.



- P** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
- C** Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!
- P** Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!*
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.
- C** The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the | altar!
- P** You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.

♪ Kyrie

LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

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 2:1–5*

Pew Bible, p. 567

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

³and many peoples shall come, and say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Epistle – *Romans 13:8–14*

Pew Bible, p. 983

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

♫ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

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Divine Service, Setting One from Lutheran Service Book

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Holy Gospel – Matthew 24:36–44

Pew Bible, p. 830

³⁶[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Catechism Time – The Creed

Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 322

The Second Article

Redemption

P And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P *What does this mean?*

C [Jesus] has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death. This is most certainly true.

♪Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341

Sermon – Theme: “Past, Presence and Future” – Romans 13:8-14

Apostles’ Creed

LSB 159 or inside back cover of hymnal

Prayer of the Church

♪ **Offertory – We Give Thee But Thine Own**

LSB 781, vv. 1–2, 6

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface	LSB 208
♪ Sanctus	LSB 208
Prayer of Thanksgiving	LSB 209
Lord’s Prayer	LSB 209
The Words of Our Lord	LSB 209
Pax Domini	LSB 209
♪ Agnus Dei	LSB 210

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:

♪ Savior of the Nations, Come	LSB 332
♪ Once He Came in Blessing	LSB 333
♪ The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns	LSB 348
♪ Nunc Dimittis	LSB 211
Post-Communion Collect	LSB 212
Benedicamus and Benediction	LSB 212
♪ The Advent of Our King	LSB 331

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 27th THROUGH December 4th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION Bible Study
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Office Closed
<u>SATURDAY</u>		Aluminum Cans until 10:30 AM
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION Bible Study

About the Bulletin Cover: Behold (Christ Incarnate was able to be seen with human eyes and will be seen again, God in the flesh!), your king (Jesus is King of kings, who reigns over all, and at the same time is our king!) is coming (Jesus came on that first Christmas, He came into His Holy City to die and rise, and He will come again!) to you (He has done it all for you for your forgiveness and eternal life!).

Lectionary Summary: *The Lord Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us Now* - The Lord Jesus enters Jerusalem "*humble, and mounted on a donkey,*" riding on "*a beast of burden*" (Matt. 21:5), as He Himself bears the sins of the world in His body. Now He comes by the ministry of the Gospel to save us from sin, death, the devil and hell. Therefore, we sing, "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!*" (Matt. 21:9). For we are called "*to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob,*" His Holy Church, "*that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths*" (Is. 2:3). By His Word, we "*walk in the light of the LORD*" (Is. 2:5). That is to live in love, which "*does no wrong to a neighbor*" (Rom. 13:10). We "*cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light,*" for "*salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*" (Rom. 13:11, 12). Hence, the entire Christian life is a time to wake and watch, "*for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming*" (Matt. 24:42).

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.

2022 Theme: *"They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31*

Our Worship Attendance:

November 17 & 20, 2022: 59 (12/47)