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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**December 4, 2022**

### **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!**

Second Sunday in Advent  
December 4, 2022 – Divine Service, Setting Four

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪When All the World Was Cursed	LSB 346
Invocation	LSB 203
Confession of Sins and Absolution	LSB 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit

*Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b*



- P** In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.
- C** **Seek the LORD | and his strength;\*  
seek his presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,\*  
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,  
O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,\*  
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!
- C** **He is the | LORD our God;\*  
his judgments are in | all the earth.**
- P** He remembers his covenant for- | ever,\*  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- 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** In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;\*  
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

♪Kyrie

LSB 204

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 205

**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading – *Isaiah 11:1–10*

*Pew Bible, p. 575-576*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

## **Epistle – Romans 15:4–13**

*Pew Bible, p. 949*

<sup>4</sup>For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup>And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## **♪ Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 205*

## **Holy Gospel – Matthew 3:1–12**

*Pew Bible, p. 808*

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

<sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We

have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**Catechism Time – *The Creed***

*Luther's Small Catechism, LSB 322*

## **The Second Article**

*Redemption*

**P** [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 redeemed me] that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

♪ **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

**LSB 344**

**Sermon – Theme: “Personally for All” – Romans 15:4-13**

**Nicene Creed**

*LSB 206 or inside back cover of hymnal*

**Prayer of the Church**

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♪**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**

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

**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:**

♪ <b>What Hope! An Eden Prophesied</b>	<b>LSB 342</b>
♪ <b>Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming</b>	<b>LSB 359</b>
♪ <b>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</b>	<b>LSB 347</b>
♪ <b>Nunc Dimittis</b>	<b>LSB 211</b>
<b>Post-Communion Collect</b>	<b>LSB 212</b>
<b>Benedicamus and Benediction</b>	<b>LSB 212</b>
♪ <b>Sing Praise to the God of Israel</b>	<b>LSB 936</b>

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +



**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF December 4th THROUGH December 11th**

<b><u>TODAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	5:15 PM	Advent “Brown Bag” Meals
	6:30 PM	<b>MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP</b>
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b>	11:30 AM	Ladies of Grace Luncheon (Olive Garden) Office Closed
<b><u>SUNDAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	<b>DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION</b>
	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	11:30 AM	Council Meeting

**About the Bulletin Cover:** : Earlier in Isaiah, God’s people were compared to a great tree that had been felled, leaving only the stump. However, just as large roots draw their sustenance and nutrients from the earth, this stump of Jesse was rooted in the promises of God’s Word. Christ is that promise that grew forth from these roots in order to bear the fruit of salvation, making the cross into a life-giving tree.

**Lectionary Summary:** *By the Preaching of Repentance, We Are Prepared for the Coming of the Lord* - “John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent’” (Matt. 3:1–2). His preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepared people for the coming of Christ into the world. St. John’s work was historically complete with the incarnate advent of Jesus, but his vital ministry continues in preaching Law and Gospel. The Son of God has come in the flesh, “a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots” (Is. 11:1), and continues to bear the fruits of righteousness. His good tree of the cross is “a signal for the peoples” (Is. 11:10), by which He calls the nations to repentance. “With the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips” (Is. 11:4), He slays the wicked and brings the dead to life, making sons of Abraham out of lifeless stones. So also the “root of Jesse” comes to us, “even he who arises to rule the Gentiles” (Rom. 15:12), that “we might have hope” and be filled “with all joy and peace in believing” (Rom. 15:4, 13).

## **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 23, 24 & 27, 2022:** 120 (35/25/60)