



Grace

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **10:30a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.

You can follow the whole service here in this folder as well as on the displays. Some parts of the service will be found in the burgundy “Lutheran Service Book” hymnals in the pew back.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 28, 2021

Today in Worship

- Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today’s Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world’s foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away” (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God’s promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus’ coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.
- God’s Grace to you as you partake of Your one and only Savior Jesus this day.

Prelude

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Opening Song

“Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son (Repeat)

**And now let the weak say I am strong Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us (Repeat)**

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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son (Repeat)**

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Because of what the Lord has done for us (Repeat)**

Ending

Give thanks

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Invocation & Opening Sentences

Jer. 33:14-15; Lk. 21:27,33, adapt

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P The LORD says, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah."

C **We thank You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, "My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up."

C **We adore You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, "You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

C **We praise You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

C **We worship You, O Lord!**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One Advent candle is lit.

P Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution

Psalm 25:6-7

- P** Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed

- P** We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

Verse

“Kyrie for the Four Sundays in Advent” / Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

**Forgive us, Lord, for times when hope was lost,
And moments when we never thought to trust,
For times when we despair and forget
That You are where all joy and truth have met.
Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins
And help us hope and trust You without end.**

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Introit Psalm

Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18; *antiphon*: Zech. 9:9b, alt.

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.
- 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 before You.
- C** **Blessed 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 exalted.
- C** **For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**
- 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; righteous and having salvation.

Song

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

- 1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see**
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed**

Chorus

**My chains are gone I've been set free My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace**

- 3. The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures *(Chorus x2)***
- 4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine You are forever mine**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Ancient of Days, bring to all our days the hope and peace won for us by Jesus on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, that we may live by Your mercy until that day when Christ comes again to judge the living and the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

"The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people."

L The Old Testament Reading for the First Sunday in Advent is from Jeremiah, chapter 33.

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. ¹⁵ In 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. ¹⁶ In 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.'

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

"Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord."

L The Epistle Reading is from First Thessalonians, chapter three.

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

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³ so 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Psalm 24:7

P Alleluia! Alleluia!

C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

P Lift up your heads, O gates!

C **And be lifted up, O ancient doors,**

P that the King of glory may come in.

C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

“The kingdom of God is near.”

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵ “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

8:00 Service

The Apostles Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

10:30 Service

The Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven. And sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Message for Children from God's Word

Song of the Day

“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Rejoice Rejoice)”

**1. Joyful joyful we adore Thee God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness Fill us with the light of day (Repeat)**

Chorus

Rejoice rejoice our God is here with us Emmanuel our God is still with us

**2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee Center of unbroken praise
Ever singing march we onward Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward In the triumph song of life (Chorus x2)**

Sermon

Offering

“And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all.” – *1 Thessalonians 3:12*

We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord's Word this morning.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

- P** You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

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8:00 a.m. Service

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of your Son Jesus whose blood was shed on the cross for us. Grant that His presence with us in Your house this day fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...
... evermore praising You and saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini “The Peace of Our Lord”

Lutheran Service Book p. 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Alleluia Alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns
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Alleluia Holy, Holy are You Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb You are Holy, Holy
Are You Lord God, Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb Amen

Distribution Song

“Lord I Need You”

1. Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord I need You oh I need You Every hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

2. Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me (Chorus)

3. So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay (Chorus x2)

Ending

My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

Distribution Song

“You Are My All In All”

1. You are my strength When I am weak
You are the treasure That I seek You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Chorus

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

2. Taking my sin My cross my shame
Rising again I bless Your name You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all (Chorus x2)

Thanksgiving & Prayer

P O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good.

C **For His steadfast love endures forever!** *Psalm 106:1*

P Let us pray. Thank You, Lord, for the gift of your Son Jesus whose blood was shed on the cross for us. Grant that His presence with us in Your house this day fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

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C Amen.

Announcements

Closing Song

“Days of Elijah”

1. These are the days of Elijah Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days Of Your servant Moses Righteousness being restored
And though these are days Of great trials Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice In the desert crying Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun At the trumpet call
So lift your voice It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill Salvation comes

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days Of Your servant David Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers In Your vineyard Declaring the Word of the Lord (Chorus)

(Sing 2x)

There is no god like Jehovah There is no god like Jehovah
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Chorus x2

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