



Grace

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*The Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us.*



John 1:14

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”** You will find a red attendance folder at the end of your pew; please sign the form inside and pass the folder on to those seated next to you; ushers will collect the forms following the last service. Whether you are a first time visitor or have worshipped here often, we invite you to worship with us again.

ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICE

Wednesday, December 2, 2018

Series Theme: “The Genealogy of Jesus: God Keeps His Promises”

Today’s Theme: “Joseph: Of David’s Lineage”

Today in Worship

- The Genealogy of Jesus is full of promises and proof that God keeps them. The Scriptures help us see how the promise of a Savior made to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden led us to the days of King David and then through history to the birth of Jesus to the virgin Mary. Promises kept in Jesus’ birth and promises kept in His death and resurrection reassure us in our faith.
- God’s Grace to you as you come to the Lord’s house for worship this day.

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Opening Versicles

Lutheran Service Book p. 260

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** *Psalm 118:24*

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** *Psalm 113:3*

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.** *Psalm 50:2-3a*

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Make His paths straight.** *Isaiah 40:3*

- P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
- C** **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.** *Isaiah 45:8*
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.** *Psalms 113:3*
- C** **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.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

- P** On this first week of Advent we light a candle and call it Hope.

The acolyte lights the first Advent candle.

- P** Paul writes in Romans that creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
- C** **For creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the One who subjected it, in hope.**
- P** In hope that creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.
- C** **We call this candle Hope for it represents Paul's hope and ours as well.**
- P** We hope for liberation from sin's bondage and the glorious freedom which is ours in Jesus.
- C** **In His name we put our hope!**

Confession and Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **Out of the depths we cry to you.**
- P** O Lord, hear our prayer. Let your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy.
- C** **If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?**
- P** But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.
- C** **Merciful Father, we have placed our hope in people who cannot save, in promises that cannot deliver and in pleasures that will never satisfy. Let your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy.**

P I announce the grace of God to you, for in the name of Jesus you have this sure and certain hope—your sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed. All that well deserved his anger, he no more will see or heed. God will change your pining sadness into ever springing gladness.

C **We put our hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. In his name we put our hope!**

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. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, O Lord, that, as they rejoice in advent of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh, so when He comes a second time in His majesty, they may receive the reward of eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #331

“The Advent of Our King”

1. The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.
2. The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on To set His servants free.
3. O Zion’s daughter, rise To meet your lowly King,
Nor let your faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.
4. As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And His true members all unite With Him in heav’n to reign.
5. Before the dawning day Let sin’s dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.
6. All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Genesis 5:1-5, 28-32

L A reading from Genesis, chapter five.

^{5:1} This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ² Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. ³ When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴ The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵ Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹ and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands." ³⁰ Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹ Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

³² After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Luke 3:23-38

P A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 3

²³ Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli, ²⁴ the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, ²⁵ the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, ²⁶ the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda, ²⁷ the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri, ²⁸ the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er, ²⁹ the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, ³⁰ the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim, ³¹ the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David, ³² the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Sala, the son of Nahshon,

³³ the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, ³⁴ the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, ³⁵ the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, ³⁶ the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, ³⁷ the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, ³⁸ the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

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C Thanks be to God.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Matthew 1:18-21

L A reading from Matthew, chapter one.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Jeremiah 23:5, 6b

P Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our righteousness.

P He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our righteousness.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord is Our righteousness.

Catechism

P The Ten Commandments

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

P 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.

P The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #333
“Once He Came in Blessing”

1. Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.
2. Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.
3. Soon will come that hour When with mighty power
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.
4. Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You Till in heav’n we bless You.

Sermon

Canticle

Lutheran Service Book #934, **verses 1-2**
“My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord”

1. My soul now magnifies the Lord; My spirit leaps for joy in Him.
He keeps me in His kind regard, And I am blest for time to come.
2. For He alone who shows such might Has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows; His name like light Remains in time perpetually.

Offering

Please use this time to pray and to sign the Record of Fellowship. We ask that everyone—members and first-time or returning guests— please sign this folder for us. Pass it down the pew to others sitting near you. The ushers will pick them up after the last service.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

11:00 a.m. Service

Luther's Morning Prayer

C I thank Thee my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

7:00 p.m. Service

Luther's Evening Prayer

C I thank Thee my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ Thy dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. 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.

Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #357, vv. 1-3

“O Come O Come Emmanuel”

1. O Come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!
3. O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height
In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!



Midweek Worship ~ 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2

Wednesday, December 9

Wednesday, December 16

Christmas Eve Worship Services

Thursday, December 24, 2020

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship Services

Friday, December 25, 2020

10:00 am

