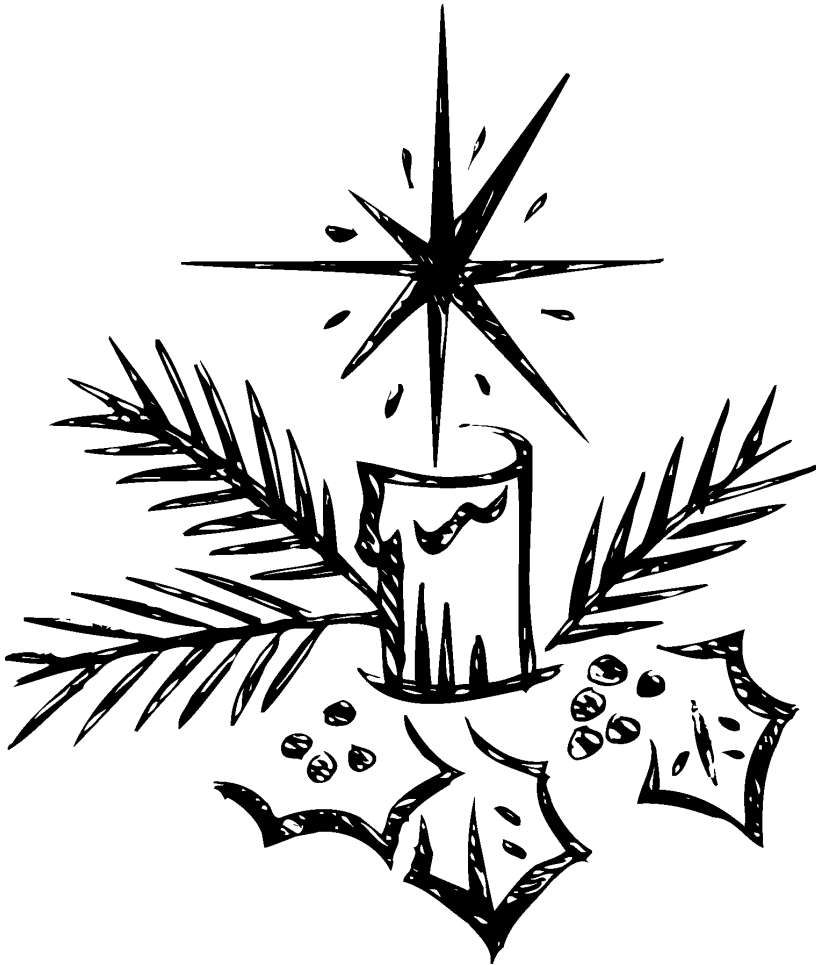


# *Grace Lutheran Worship Folder*

*December 9 & 10, 2023*



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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

## Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

*“We share God’s love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”*

### **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

#### **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** Bell Choir “Amazing Grace” arr. Douglas Wagner

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

*(the assembly stands as you are comfortable)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who opens the heavens and draws near to us with salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: God is patient and merciful, desiring all to come to repentance. Trusting this promise of grace, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Everlasting God,

**C: you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation’s bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

P: Hear these words of assurance: God clothes us with garments of salvation and covers us with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. God’s covenant is eternal, and God’s blessing rests upon us all.

**C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Come Now, O Prince of Peace”

R247



*O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ũi - im - gŭm*  
 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.  
 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.  
 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.  
 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



*u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.*  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.  
 Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

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ADVENT CANDLE “He Came Down” (two times through)

R253



3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;



he came down that we may have peace; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



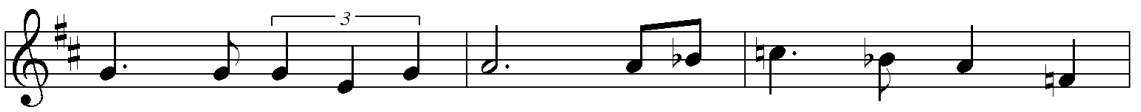
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☒ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.



☒ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I  
II For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(the assembly may be seated)*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Isaiah 40:1-11

*In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the word of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O LORD;  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
and blotted out all their sins.**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## **2 Peter 3:8-15a**

*This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. The author of the letter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.*

<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15a</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**



*(The assembly stands as they are comfortable for the Gospel)*

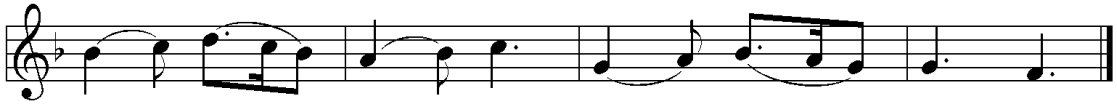
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

### Mark 1:1-8

*The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.*

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

(The assembly stands as they are comfortable)

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Comfort, Comfort Now My People"

**R256**



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.  
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again;**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*(Response after each petition)*

P: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** *(the assembly stands as they are comfortable & sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray...God our provider,

C: by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...*(concluding)*... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light . . .

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### 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.**

### HOLY COMMUNION

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)*

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together. Come, take your place at the table.



☞ **Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on**



**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**



**sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION HYMN "Come Now, O God"

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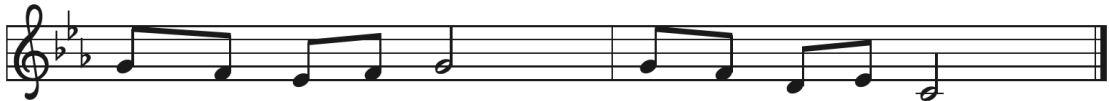
1 Come now, O God, when our love is for - sak - en.  
2 Come, when we squan - der the free - dom you gave us.  
3 Come, put an end to our self - serv - ing mad - ness.



Come, when our bed - rock of faith has been shak - en.  
Come, break the sys - tems of sin that en - slave us.  
Come, while the world is en - shroud - ed in sad - ness.



Come, when our deep - est of hopes are mis - tak - en.  
Come, though we won - der if you can still save us.  
Come, turn the tears of our mourn - ing to glad - ness.



Come, Em - man - u - el.

Come, Em - man - u - el.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: LOST IN THE NIGHT, Finnish folk tune

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*(the assembly stands as they are comfortable)*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us pray...Generous God,

**C: in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**P:** The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit + remain upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

R249



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

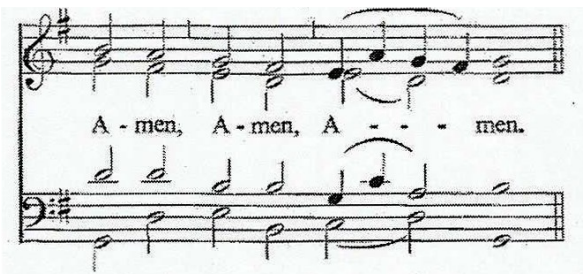
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Keep awake.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



POSTLUDE

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN**

### **A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

We are glad to have you here worshipping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

### **COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Barney-Bock, Eleanor Coddington, Sandy Malaski, Janet Chroninger, Bonnie Cross, Elfie Jahnke, Budd & Marlene Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry & Emma Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Jim Malaski, Kathy Rettell -- Annie Olsen, Reed Domrase, Brenda Donajkowski, Carl Smith, Rev. Laraine Sundin, Rev. Sarah Samuelson, Arlene Bettega, Judy Cattin, Sarah Cattin, Linda, Kaye Harry, Sandra Beck, Kevin Carlson, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Donna Kendziorski, Jeff Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Joanne Coughlin, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Emily Cross, and Joseph Hansen.

### **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for Youth and Family Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Trinity Lutheran Church/ Kalamazoo, Rev. Ken Johnson and Rev. Jacob Lehman, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

### **COMMUNION AT THE RAIL THIS WEEKEND.**

We will do communion at the rail this weekend, December 9 & 10.

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATING - JOIN US DECEMBER 10TH AFTER WORSHIP**

We're putting up the tree and the greens and the candles on Sunday, December 10th. Join in preparing the church for the season.

### **CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON**

#### **December 10 - after church decorating and before we go caroling.**

Join us for decorating after church or going caroling at 1, have lunch together. Or just join us for lunch.



## **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**Sunday, December 10**

You are invited to join in Christmas caroling around the community on Sunday, December 10 at 1:00pm. Church decorating and lunch will happen beforehand. A sign up sheet will be posted. We will be going to assisted living homes as well as homes of some of our members. Please join in the fun! Sign up in the Office Lobby.

## **2023 CHRISTMAS WISH LIST - UPDATE**

Reminder, if you are bringing gifts for the Wish List...

Gifts need to be wrapped (NO GIFT BAGS), with the gift tag securely taped to the package and **returned to the church no later than SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10**. Thank you for making a difference in our community. --The Discipleship Committee

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

**Sunday, December 17**

Join us as the Children's Sunday School presents their Christmas program - *We are the Body of Christ* - during our Sunday morning service on December 17th.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

Our Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24, will be at our usual times of 5 and 7:30 p.m.

## **LESSONS and CAROLS SERVICE ON DECEMBER 30 & 31**

Our traditional Lessons & Carols service will fall on the weekend following Christmas this year. These will be communion services.

## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to everyone who donated and helped with the Ruth Circle Bake Sale. All the nice donations made our bake sale a great success. With God's blessing and many hands, we made \$1,390. Thanks to everyone! -- The Ruth Circle

## **KITCHEN REFRIGERATOR BECOMES FREEZER ON DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

With food boxes coming in from United Way that have frozen meats in them, we are turning the refrigerator into a freezer to store the meats until distributed. So just a heads up for any thinking of using the refig/freezer that week or so.

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

The last two weeks have seen quite a few donations to the Little Food Pantry.

Besser Elementary School through the work of Tracie Granata brought in a bus load of things, with the students helping with loading and unloading. See Facebook for some photos.

Neighborhood Provisions has an ongoing food drive at their store and brought over just a lot of food. (See Facebook for part of it.) More coming in December.

All Saints Parish made a donation of feminine hygiene products from their Period Poverty Pantry.

Lions Club donated sacks of potatoes from their fundraiser.

And \$2,445 was received in memorial donations in honor of Daniel Spaulding and his work stocking the pantry. He will be missed.

THANKS ALL

## **NEW CHURCH ACCOMPANIST FOR ORGAN AND/OR PIANO**

We have reposted the announcement on our Facebook page. **Your specifically "sharing" the post, beyond just liking, will spread the word more online.** Thank you.

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED**

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

### **GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

Average needed in November (4 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 18,344.00
Monthly Giving - November	19,332.07
(includes a six-month donation and a one time gift totaling \$3,600)	

#### We received:

98 envelopes, 67 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
10 Give+ and 2 Thrivent Choice payments made from our website



# December



## Birthdays

## Anniversaries of Baptism



- December 1**  
Andrea Matzke
- December 6**  
Monica Jahnke  
Levi Konarzewski
- December 7**  
Gary Grove
- December 8**  
Jewel Lancaster  
Ryan Werblow
- December 9**  
Cindy Suszek
- December 11**  
David Dekett
- December 12**  
Janie Hansen
- December 13**  
Clarence Cross
- December 14**  
Cheryl Lang

- December 16**  
Polly Cook
- December 17**  
Joel Gillard
- December 21**  
Gracie Gillard
- December 23**  
Melissa Chabot
- December 24**  
Riley Garant  
Edward Jahnke
- December 28**  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sherie McTaggart
- December 30**  
Ethan McIntosh



- December 1**  
Denise Timrick
- December 2**  
Laurie Slater  
Ashley Timmreck-Walker
- December 3**  
Ricky Slater  
Laura Thompson
- December 5**  
Cody Suszek
- December 7**  
Riley Garant  
Sophia Kamyszek
- December 8**  
Hannah Kamyszek
- December 9**  
Paul Denstaedt
- December 16**  
Stephanie Adamski  
Jerry Mudge
- December 18**  
Stephen Hansen
- December 19**  
Donna Czarnecki
- December 20**  
Gracelyn Gohlke  
Reed Lappan
- December 21**  
Charlotte Werth
- December 22**  
Shane Jaroch  
Connie Stepanski
- December 24**  
Patricia Schultz
- December 25**  
Matthew Freel
- December 26**  
Taylor Agius
- December 27**  
Jessica Timm
- December 29**  
Verna Furze  
Kenda Yochum
- December 30**  
Tom Lappan

## Wedding Anniversaries

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|------|-----------------------|------|------------------------|
| 2nd  | Joseph & Dawn Gentry  | 21st | Matt & Jessica Gillard |
|      | Dick & Barb Werle     | 23rd | Tom & Joan Brennan     |
| 4th  | Mike & Tracey Urlaub  | 29th | Bob & Susan Stacey     |
| 7th  | Mike & Kim McCourt    | 30th | Tom & Mary Lappan      |
| 19th | George & Mary Rowader |      |                        |

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday – 10th

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:00 am Choir Practice  
9:30 am **Worship**  
Following worship:  
Decorate the church  
Congregational luncheon  
Christmas caroling  
ROC Candlelight Service-  
Fellowship Hall  
4:00 pm

### Monday - 11th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Tuesday - 12th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am Pastors Text Study -  
Lounge  
4:30 pm Worship WG  
6:00 pm Council

### Wednesday - 13th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

### Thursday - 14th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
1:00 pm Fellowship Hall/Kitchen  
Reserved

### Friday - 15th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Saturday - 16th

5:00 pm **Worship**

**Large print worship folders &  
hearing assistance devices are  
available from ushers**

## SERVING DECEMBER 9/10

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Bill & Nancy Platt  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,  
Cindy Domrase (Saturday)  
**Greeters**..... Dale & Pat Schultz  
**Altar Guild**..... Gentry Family  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
Charter, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

## SERVING DECEMBER 16/17

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Recorded Accompaniment**..Kat Tomaszewski  
**Lector** ..... Janet Bettega  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,  
Cindy Domrase (Saturday)  
**Greeters**..... Anna Lewis, Darlene Freel  
**Altar Guild**..... Gentry Family  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan  
Charter, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Wayne & Chris Christopherson,  
Darlene Freel  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Rick & Sharon Engstrom

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