

# *Worship Folder*



# Advent

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# Grace Lutheran Church

November 29, 2020

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## 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

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

P: Blessed be God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure and whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Loving and forgiving God,

C: **we confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbor; we have not been Christ to one another. Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen.**

P: People of God, hear this glad news: by God’s endless grace your sins are forgiven, and you are free—free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God’s love, † comforted by Christ’s peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### GATHERING HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

*Music: French processional, 15th cent. This selection is in the public domain.*

#### ADVENT CANDLE

## **GREETING**

P: The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

P: Lord have mercy

C: **Christ have mercy**

P: Lord have mercy

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Unison*

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **Isaiah 64:1-9**

*This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine. This lament calls God to account—to be the God who has brought deliverance in the past.*

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who

works for those who wait for him. <sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. <sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. <sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**

*Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

<sup>2</sup>**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>4</sup>**O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

### **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

*As the Christians in Corinth await the advent of Jesus, Paul reminds them how the Lord has already enriched them through spiritual gifts and will continue to strengthen them until the coming day of the Lord.*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

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

### Mark 13:24-37

*Jesus encourages his followers to look forward to the day when he returns in power and glory to end all suffering.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

## **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “[Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

*Music: Swedish folk tune. This selection is in the public domain.*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

*(Response after each petition)*

**P:** Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

P: Let us pray...Generous God,

C: you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. **Amen.**

### **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feasts; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

P: The Creator of the stars bless your Advent waiting, the long-expected Savior fill you with love, the unexpected Spirit guide your journey, ✠ now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **SENDING HYMN "As the Dark Awaits the Dawn"**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

## **PRAYERS**

Dale & Pat Schultz, Darlene Freel, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Alecia Lewis, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Gordon Hansen, Deb Nitchman's Family, Kay Zinsli, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Bill Peterson, Alexandra Werth, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Eric Steinke, Laura Bleau, Hazel Werblow, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Youth Ministry at All Saints Catholic Parish. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partners: Zion Lutheran Church/Woodland, Rev. Rebecca Ebb-Speese and the South Dakota Synod/Sioux Falls, SD, Bishop Constanze Hagmaier.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

In memory of Katie Jane Welch, given by her parents, Jeff & Sandy Welch.

## **SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES**

With a heavy heart, Grace's Council and Pastor Tom have suspended in-person worship services again. With the increasing number of cases in the area, schools having to suspend class rooms and the prediction for more to come, the decision was made. Additionally, on November 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop Satterlee of our ELCA Synod along with the Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod ELCA strongly recommended the suspension of in-person worship. This means that in-person Sunday School is also suspended. We will continue to evaluate local conditions and keep you informed of our future decisions on returning to in-person worship.

### **LIVESTREAMING OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM**

There will be livestreaming of the Sunday morning worship service. Worship will be conducted with a very limited number of worship leaders in the sanctuary and livestreamed as it is being done. A recording of that will be available for viewing anytime afterwards.

### **LIVESTREAMING TEAM - *HELP NEEDED***

Help place our services on the internet so people can join us from home and view them. We need a person to operate the system during the service. Like before it will be button pushing to position the cameras and buttons to send the service to the internet. A very straight forward process. We are looking for a few people to be familiar with the equipment so we can have a schedule of people to operate it on Sundays. David Delano will be our in-house person to head the group and train anyone interested. Contact the office 354.2640. THANK YOU.

### **CHRISTMAS WISH LIST**

Discipleship has received the Christmas Wish List from the United Way. Due to current circumstances we will not be putting the tags on the tree this year. We ask, if you would like to participate, make cash donations to the church clearly identified as; **United Way Christmas Wish List**, and the shopping will be done for you **OR** contact Dawn; 657-6923 or Phran; 471-9117, for a name and list. **All donations/gifts need to be in the church office by Monday November 30th.** Gifts need to be wrapped and the tag securely attached to the package with the code # and items. Any money remaining will be donated to the United Way to help with further shopping. Thank you for helping to make a Christ-like difference in the community.

### **DONATIONS GIVEN TO VETERANS HOSPITAL IN SAGINAW**

For Veteran's Day the quilters contributed \$200.00 and a additional personal donation of \$110.00 totaling \$310.00 to purchase basic hygiene supplies, and socks for the veterans hospital in Saginaw. It included toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving supplies, and soap etc.

### **YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Do we have all your current info?

Have you changed your primary phone?

New email?

Or new street address? Or PO Box?

Please update the office with any of these changes so we can be in touch.

THANKS

### **WHEN PLACING FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR WORSHIP**

Please call (989.354.2640) or email the church office ([officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) with the information you would like listed in the bulletin. Thanks!

**RECYCLING UPDATE: LIST OF ITEMS HAS CHANGED**

Our recycling list of items has changed. **Please recycle only the following:** empty writing instruments, glue sticks, toothbrush/toothpaste, food storage containers (plastic or glass), vitamin/mineral/supplement bottles, cough/cold/flu bottles, all Hasbro toys and games. *Anything other than these items I will have to dispose of.* Thank you for your cooperation and help. -- Corinne Fraley

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you all for your continued donations to our Little Food Pantry. Many times we don't know the donor but sure want you to know that it is being used! We have volunteers fill each pantry many times during the week and food is gone very quickly. THANK YOU for those donations. If you would like to donate food here is what we are in need of: baby foods which are individual, pasta and rice sides, juice boxes, tuna packets, small containers of quick and easy meals, or breakfast packets. Fresh things from a garden go quickly too. We have no refrigeration.

**COLLECTING MITTENS, GLOVES AND HATS**

Collecting mittens, gloves and hats for youth this winter. If you would like to donate please put items in the little gray house inside the doors of the church and we will distribute them to infants, toddlers and young school age children.

**DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?**

Several church members have been making face masks and some are available for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK**

The Church Office is open Monday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

|                                         |             |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,415.00 |
| Weekly giving - November 22             | 2,046.55    |

**We received:**

14 envelopes, 12 Simply Giving recurring payments and  
3 Give+ payment made from our website



# December



## Birthdays

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**December 1**  
Andrea Matzke

**December 4**  
Kevin Graham

**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  
Kristina Wilson

**December 26**  
Erin Graham

**December 28**  
Jessica Konarzewski  
Sherie McTaggart

**December 30**  
Ethan McIntosh

**December 31**  
Brent Barrow



**December 1**  
Denise Timrick

**December 2**  
Laurie Slater  
Ashley Timmreck

**December 3**  
Ricky Slater  
Laura Thompson

**December 5**  
Cody Suszek  
Amy Townsend

**December 7**  
Riley Garant  
Sophia Kamyszek

**December 8**  
Hannah Kamyszek

**December 9**  
Paul Denstaedt

**December 15**  
Rebecca Petrilli

**December 16**  
Stephanie Adamski  
Jerry Mudge

**December 18**  
Stephen Hansen  
Jack Tucker

**December 19**  
Donna Czarnecki

**December 20**  
Gracelyn Gohlke  
Reed Lappan

**December 21**  
Charlotte Werth

**December 22**  
Shane Jaroch  
Connie Stepanski

**December 24**  
Patricia Schultz  
Mick Zinsli

**December 25**  
Matthew Freel

**December 26**  
Taylor Agius

**December 27**  
Jessica Timm

**December 29**  
Verna Furze  
Kenda Yochum

**December 30**  
Tom Lappan

## Wedding Anniversaries

|      |                      |      |                        |
|------|----------------------|------|------------------------|
| 2nd  | Joseph & Dawn Gentry | 19th | George & Mary Rowader  |
|      | Dick & Barb Werle    | 21st | Matt & Jessica Gillard |
| 3rd  | Mick & Kay Zinsli    | 23rd | Tom & Joan Brennan     |
| 4th  | Mike & Tracey Urlaub | 29th | Bob & Susan Stacey     |
| 7th  | Mike & Kim McCourt   | 30th | Tom & Mary Lappan      |
| 16th | Tom & Keri Bertrand  |      |                        |

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