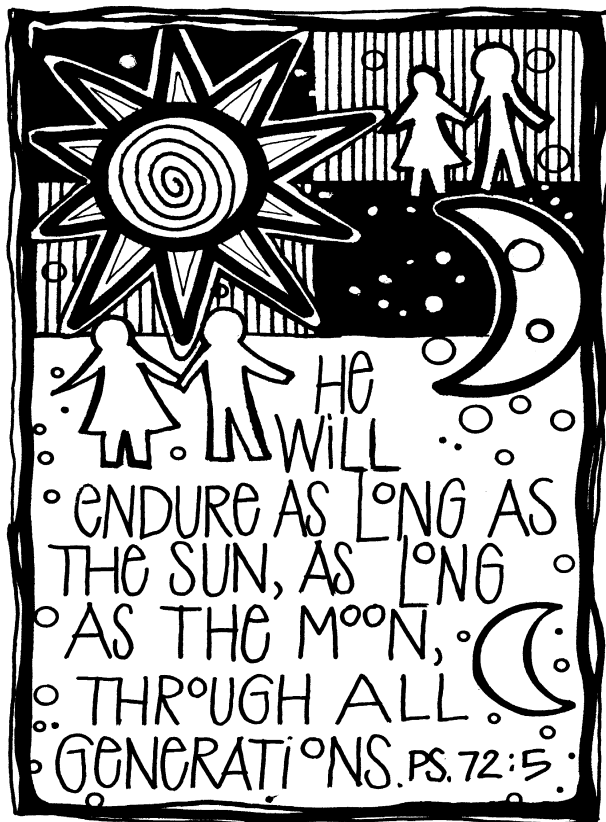


***December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016***  
***The Second Sunday in Advent***



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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”**

**In our readings today**, “*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).

**Requests**, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

**Hearing**, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

**Holy Communion** is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

**Attendance Registration** cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

### **A Prayer Before Worship**

*O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen*

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP BELL**

### **WELCOME**



1 "Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace," thus  
 2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each  
 3 Hark, the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert  
 4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing  
 dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no  
 far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the  
 plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem  
 more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,  
 King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!  
 fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her  
 Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her  
 Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys  
 Now o'er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver."  
 pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.  
 rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.  
 see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

*Stand*

**Invocation** (God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.)

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**Confession:** *(We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.)*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Absolution:** *(God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

**Introit:** *(Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.)*

*Ps. 105:4-8; antiphon: Is. 40:3b*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

**Seek the LORD | and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

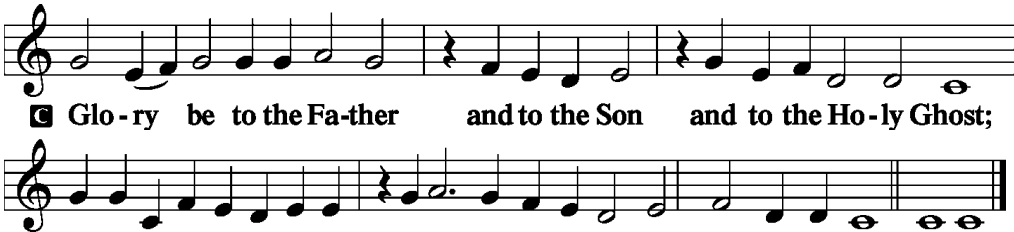
**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**


In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

## Gloria Patri



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Kyrie:** (Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.) LSB 186



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Salutation:** (The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord’s presence.)



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**G** And with thy spir - it.

**Collect:** (Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They “collect” the Gospel theme for the day.)



**P** Let us pray.

- 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.



*Sit*

## Children's Message

**Scripture Readings:** *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

**A** Today's Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the eleventh chapter

<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>9</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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** (*The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.*)  
Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;

**righteous and having salvation.**

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

## Epistle

*Romans 15:4-13*

**A** Today's Epistle reading is from Romans, the fifteenth chapter.

<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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:1-12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<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."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Creed:** *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

### 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.

Sit

**Hymn of the Day:** *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344



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 Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in, And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, 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.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

### Sermon "The Preacher We Need"

Matthew 3:4

*(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)*

## Votum

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

Stand

**Offertory:** *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)* LSB 192



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**Sharing of the Peace:** *(At peace with God through Jesus, we greet each other in that peace.)*

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).*

Sit

**Offering:** *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

Stand

**Prayer of the Church:** *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

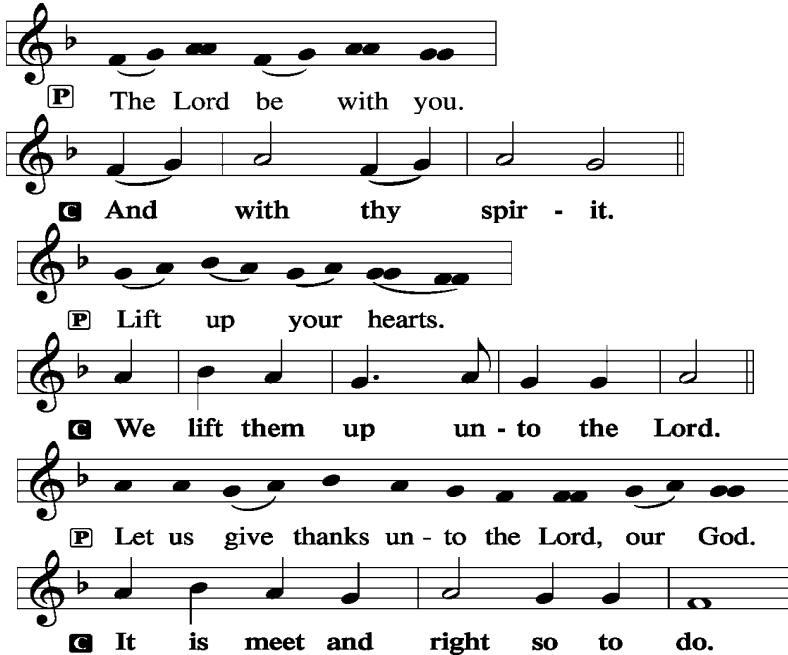
**C** hear our prayer.

*Close of the Prayers*

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

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface:** (*The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.*) LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

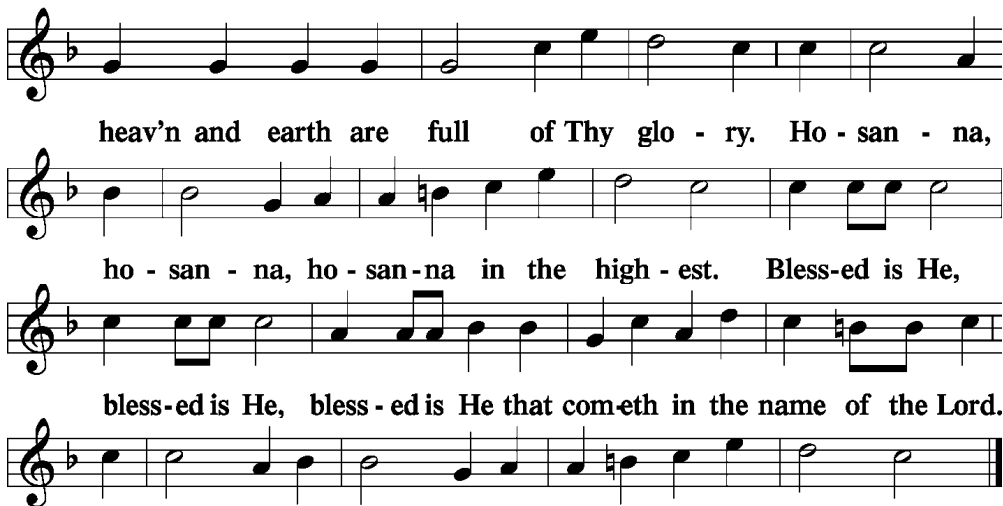
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** (*Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).)* LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



**Lord's Prayer:** *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)*

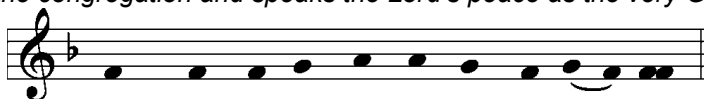
- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**G** **Our Father** who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

**Words of Our Lord:** *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)* LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."  
**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini:** (Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.) LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei:** (Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.) LSB 198



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



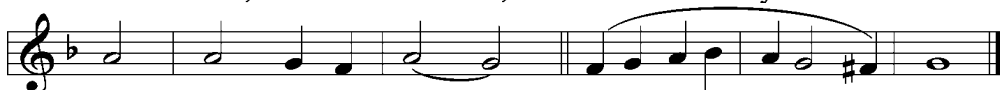
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - main'd a  
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
 vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
 God was there up - on His throne.  
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5 God the Father was His source,  
 Back to God He ran His course.  
 Into hell His road went down,  
 Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light  
 Shines in glory through the night.  
 Darkness there no more resides;  
 In this light faith now abides.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
 All our ills of flesh and soul.

8 Glory to the Father sing,  
 Glory to the Son, our king,  
 Glory to the Spirit be  
 Now and through eternity.

## Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515, Tune LSB 442

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches  
With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
Their cross and sufferings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
Their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,  
O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
That sets Your people free

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

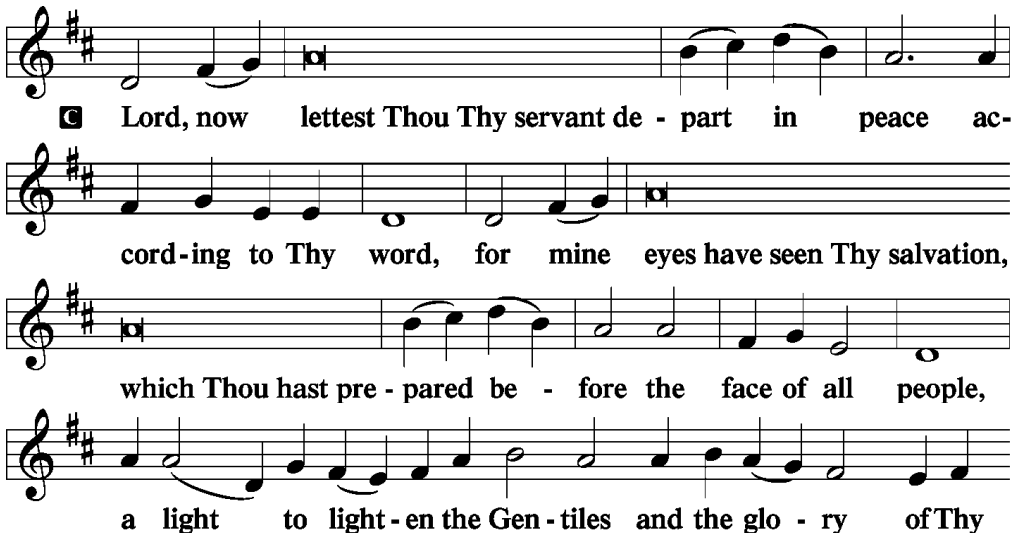
- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- G** Amen.

*Stand*

**Post-Communion Canticle:** *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*

### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



**G** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**Post-Communion Collect:** *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

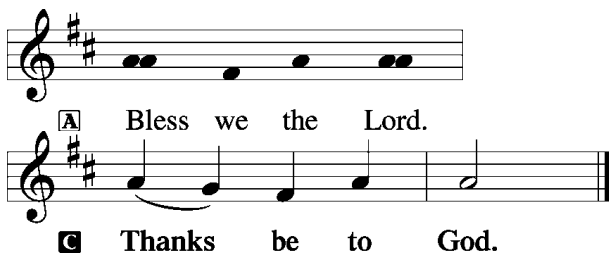
- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

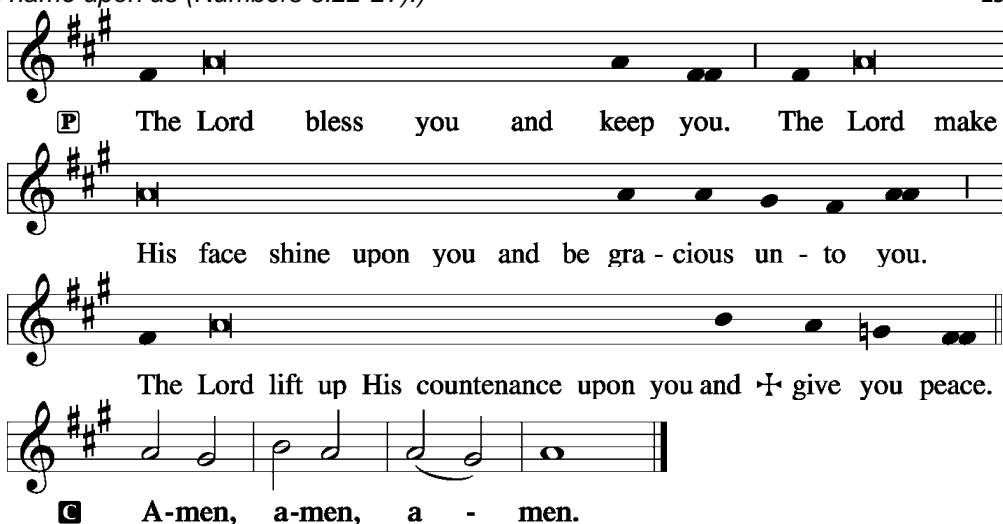
## Benedicamus

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.





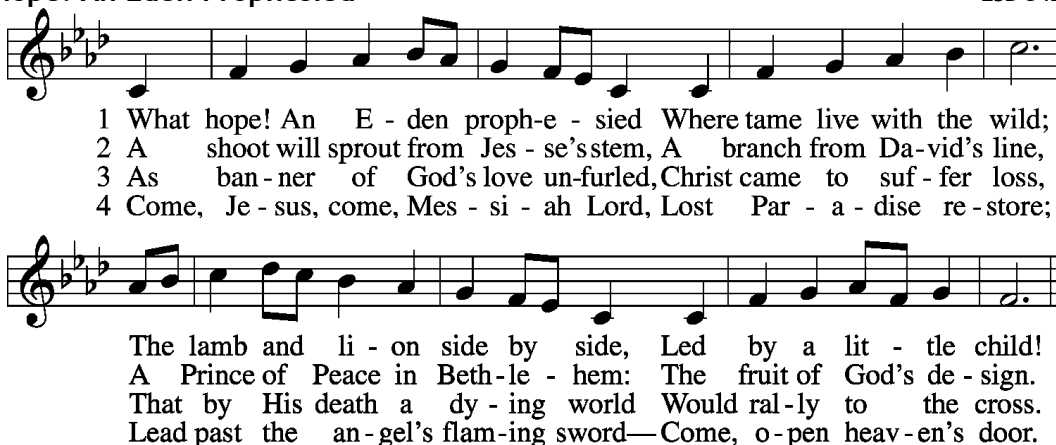
**Benediction:** (Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).) LSB 202



Sit

## What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

LSB 342



## **Silent Prayer After Worship**

*Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

### **POSTLUDE**



It's time to decorate the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary after worship on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Second Wednesday in Advent**

***"Savior of the Nations, Save"***

First Reading:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel Reading:

Luke 1:26-56

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**The Third Sunday in Advent**

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 35:1-10

Epistle Reading: James 5:7-11

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 11:2-15

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically  
Model and share the gospel with the lost.**

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**Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service**

<b>Dec. Elders:</b>	<b>Cliff Burns Ed Randle</b>	<b>Organist(s):</b>	<b>June Parker Esther Wolff (Sub) Kim Appel (Sub)</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Chad Catron M. W. Kasper</b>	<b>Dec. Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Frances Mynar Linda Read</b>

	<b>Readers:</b>		<b>Acolytes:</b>
<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Bernie Satterwhite</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Ramon Wolff &amp; Sterling Brown</b>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>Nancy Fritsche</b>	<b>Dec. 7</b>	<b>Barrett Watson &amp; Brenden Kadlecsek</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Dana Bunte</b>	<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>Thomas Brown &amp; David Wolff</b>
<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>Mark Peres</b>	<b>Dec. 14</b>	<b>Gene Brown &amp; Alex Caldwell</b>
		<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>Ramon Wolff &amp; Brenden Kadlecsek</b>
		<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Children's Program</b>
		<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>David Wolff &amp; Thomas Brown</b>

**VISIT WITH PASTOR**

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto:timothyappel@gmail.com), or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

**SERMONS ONLINE**

Grace Lutheran Church records our worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is placed online; go to [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org) and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

**NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS**

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org) and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

### AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Dec. 4</u>	<u>Mon. Dec. 5</u>	<u>Tues. Dec. 6</u>	<u>Wed. Dec. 7</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion	7p Elders	6p Community Bunco Christmas Party	10a GLLC Chapel <b>ADVENT MID WEEK</b> (see schedule below) Host: LWML
<u>Thurs. Dec. 8</u>	<u>Fri. Dec. 9</u>	<u>Sat. Dec. 10</u>	<u>Sun. Dec. 11</u>
	Pastor Away- Family Day	9a Christmas Program Practice	8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion 6:30p Youth Group

### **ADVENT MIDWEEK SCHEDULE**

Classes 5:30-6:15

Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 Fr-L

Advent Worship 7:00 pm

### **FINANCIALS – as of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

	<b>Nov. 23</b>	<b>Nov. 27</b>	<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>YTD</b>
General Offering	386.00	2,442.00	199.00	185,611.96
2016 Weekly goal		4,188.27		<b>201,036.96</b>
Difference		<b>-1,746.27</b>		<b>-15,425.00</b>
SS Offering		24.00		
GLLC Donations				

Sunday Worship (11/2) 132      Sunday School (11/27) 59

### GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	<b>Glen</b> Whitley, <b>Charlotte</b> Metzler, <b>Lucy &amp; Alvie</b> Tinberg, <b>Annie Mae</b> Rohde, <b>Eleanore</b> Brantley, <b>Evelyn</b> Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), <b>Teresa</b> Slusher, <b>Milly</b> Fritz
Long Term Health Concerns:	<b>Blackie</b> Wallace, <b>Kenny</b> Wood (Sandy Kadleccek's father)
Battling Cancer:	<b>Jim</b> Caldwell & <b>Rob</b> Scoggins (friends of the Rohde's), <b>Gloria</b> Neveraz (Bianca Kasper's friend), <b>Carolyn</b> Smith, <b>Kelly</b> Tumaian (the Langer's daughter), <b>Amber</b> Vydrzal (niece of Donna Kadleccek), <b>Charlene</b> Frerich (the Johannessen's daughter), <b>Randy</b> Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Regina</b> Reeves, <b>Coey</b> Zapalac (friend of Kim Kunz), <b>Rick</b> Fowler (friend of the Langer,s), <b>George</b> Neave (friend of GLLC), <b>Bob</b> Packard (friend of the Kadleccek's), <b>Christopher</b> Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), <b>Jo Ann</b> Copeland, <b>Marvin</b> "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), <b>Leslie</b> Davis (friend of Kellye Bonorden), <b>Jamie</b> Evans (friend of GLLC), <b>Kelsey</b> Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper), <b>Melissa</b> Wellman (friend of the Langer's), <b>Pete</b> Luna
Recent Health Concerns:	<b>Melissa</b> Brown, <b>Marian</b> Fritsche, <b>Sandra</b> Senn (Gene Brown's teacher), <b>Linda</b> Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), <b>Jensen</b> Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Eleanor</b> Mutschink, <b>Sergio</b> Zamora (co-worker of Donna Zimmerhanzel), <b>Barbara &amp; Charlie</b> Johannessen, <b>Aaron</b> Atsy (friend of the Deapens, <b>Johnnie</b> Kalina, <b>Lee</b> Hampton, <b>Johnny</b> Schroeder, <b>Glenn</b> Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallace's, <b>Shirley</b> Thornton (Bianca Kasper's mother), <b>Mildred</b> Buscha, <b>Johnny</b> Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), <b>David</b> Rohde, <b>Robert</b> Miller, <b>LaVerne</b> Wallace, <b>Mark</b> Bunte, <b>Patsy</b> Wiggins, <b>Janelle &amp; Rowe</b> Caldwell (friends of the Duty's), <b>Zachary</b> Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeder's), <b>Sharee</b> Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Courtney</b> Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), <b>Marybeth</b> Claiborne, <b>Lula</b> Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Loretta &amp; Mike</b> Grassmuck (friends of Wendy Rohde), <b>Sammye</b> Hodges (friend of the Kadleccek's), <b>Carolyn</b> Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), <b>Shannon</b> Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), <b>Willie</b> Smith (Ryan Smith's father), <b>Becky</b> Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), <b>Donna, Holly &amp; Carl</b> Barrera, (friends of Patsy Wiggins), <b>Tom</b> Brown (son of Kathleen Brohlin), <b>Scott</b> Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), <b>Fred</b> Barkley (friend of the Langer's), <b>Edna</b> Mayfield (daughter of Kikue & Clarence Hannusch), <b>Kenneth</b> Matocha (friend of Daniel Kadleccek), <b>Samuel</b> Engman, <b>George</b> Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), <b>Kikue</b> Hannusch, <b>Mary Jo</b> Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), <b>Lisa</b> Ladewig (granddaughter of Esther Hoskins), <b>Jayden</b> Anderson (3 yr. old- friend of Sandy Kadleccek), <b>Jordon</b> Nitsche (friend of Frances Pool), <b>Clarence</b> Cossey (friend of Ed Randle), <b>Jordan</b> Burleson, <b>Esther</b> Hoskins, <b>Garrette</b> Hoffman, <b>Charley</b> Rae Furr, (friend of Donna Zimmerhanzel), <b>Evelyn</b> Tinberg (Alvie's sister-in-law), <b>Floyd</b> Meeks, <b>Christopher</b> Harms (friend of the Metzler's).
In the Military:	<b>Giancarlo</b> Calderoni (son of Catherine & Gary Smith), <b>Aiden</b> Hunter Haught (grandson of Eugene Randle), <b>Madison &amp; Dan</b> Martin, <b>Kenneth</b> Hancock (brother of Tracy Hancock), <b>Beck</b> Williams Helmcamp (George Helmcamp's grandson).

Other Prayer Requests:	<b>Wesley</b> Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), <b>Fred</b> Barkley (friend of the Langer's), <b>Kevin</b> O'Dwyer, <b>Karen &amp; Phil</b> Duhert (friends of Frances Pool & Juanita Bertsch, <b>Teresa</b> Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), <b>Joshua</b> Zimmerhanzel, <b>Albert</b> Sellers (uncle of Bianca Kasper), <b>Jeff</b> Dunn (friend of the Langer's), <b>Gabriel</b> Bullara (Melissa Brown's grandson), <b>Sloan</b> Davidson (friend of the Flora's), <b>Jessica</b> Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)
In Mourning:	The families of <b>Helen Whitley &amp; Pauline (Rose) Dickson</b>



### *Advent Midweek & Christmas Schedule*

Dec. 7, 2016	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 Fr - L Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host: LWML
Dec. 14, 2016	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 M - R Advent Worship with GLLC Children's Christmas Program 7:00 pm	Host: Brd of ED
Dec. 21, 2016	<b>No Classes</b> Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 S - Z Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host: LLL
Dec. 24, 2015	Christmas Eve Candlelight 7:00 pm Sunday School Children's Program	
Dec. 25, 2015	The Nativity of Our Lord 9:00 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion	



It's time to start getting ready for our annual children's Christmas program on **December 24!** Cheryl Moore is our director this year. Signing up to participate now helps us to make places before practices begin in December. Any children and youth are welcome to participate!

**Our Second Practice Is This Coming Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 – 10:30am!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, the children learn the story of “Jesus Changes Water into Wine” at the wedding in Cana. Through His first miracle, Jesus revealed Himself to be true God. God uses His Word and physical means—water, bread, and wine—to reveal to us that Jesus is our Savior. Discuss the story with your children: *“How we are like the disciples, not sure just who Jesus is? How do we sometimes doubt Him and His Word?”*



At our Thanksgiving Eve service on November 23, many brought donations of non-perishable food items for our local food pantry. If you would still like to contribute to this collection, please bring your items to church by Sunday, December 18 to include it with our congregation's gift to the Smithville Food Pantry. Thanks for your generosity for those in need!



## Youth Group Pie Sale

Looking for an easy option for your Christmas dessert? Check out our youth group's pie sale! An order form is on the bulletin board in the back for you to sign up for as many pies as you like. Orders are due by **Wednesday, December 14**, and pies will be available for pick on **Wednesday, December 21**. Thanks for supporting the youth of our congregation!

# Slate of Officers for 2017 Ballot

## 2016 officers

yrs to  
serve

## 2017 officers

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serve

### Elders (9)

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Chad Catron	2	Chad Catron	1
Jim Duty	2	Jim Duty	1
M.W. Kasper	1		3
Charlie Johannessen	1		3
Jack Page	3	Jack Page	2
Cliff Burns	3	Cliff Burns	2
Ed Randle	3	Ed Randle	2
Vince Kaiser	2	Vince Kaiser	1
Galen Bunte	2	Galen Bunte	1
<b><u>President (1)</u></b>		<b><u>President (1)</u></b>	
Tim Wolff	1	<b>Gene Brown</b>	1
<b><u>Vice President (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Vice President (1)</u></b>	
Gene Brown	1	<b>Charlie Johannessen</b>	1
<b><u>Treasurer (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Treasurer (1)</u></b>	
Mary Lou Oliver	1	<b>Tim Wolff</b>	1
<b><u>Financial Secretary(1)</u></b>		<b><u>Financial Secretary(1)</u></b>	
Betty Flora	1		1
<b><u>Secretary (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Secretary (1)</u></b>	
Rose Pietsch	1	Rose Pietsch	1
<b><u>Board of Evangelism (6)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Evangelism (6)</u></b>	
Debbie Higgins	1	<b>Barbara Pauley</b>	3
Tommy Higgins	1	<b>Steve Pauley</b>	3
Carol Wood	2	Carol Wood	1
Wendy Rohde	2	Wendy Rohde	1
Billie Courtemanche	1	<b>Brenda Anderson</b>	3
		<b>John Anderson</b>	1
<b><u>Board of Stewardship (3)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Stewardship (3)</u></b>	
Gene Brown	1		3
Nancy Fritsche	1	<b>Margie Hicks</b>	3
Marilyn Randle	1	<b>Marilyn Randle</b>	3
<b><u>Board of Education (7)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Education (7)</u></b>	
Mary Lou Oliver	3	Mary Lou Oliver	2
Melissa Brown	3	Melissa Brown	2
Kathy Kasper	1	<b>Kathy Kasper</b>	3
Becky Watson	1	<b>Becky Watson</b>	3
Barbara Johannessen	1	<b>Barbara Johannessen</b>	3
Charlie Johannessen	1	<b>Charlie Johannessen</b>	3
Toni Ann Kadlecek	2	Toni Ann Kadlecek	1



<u>2016 officers</u>	<u>yrs to serve</u>	<u>2017 officers</u>	<u>yrs to serve</u>
<b><u>Learning Center Board (7)</u></b>		<b><u>Learning Center Board (7)</u></b>	
Margie Hicks	1	Margie Peres	3
DeeDee (Dana) Bunte	2	DeeDee (Dana) Bunte	1
Frances Mynar	2	Frances Mynar	1
Brenda Page	1	Mark Peres	3
Victoria Seaton	2	Victoria Seaton	1
Cathy Smith	1		3
Cheryl Moore	3	Cheryl Moore	2
<b><u>Board of Trustees (7)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Trustees (7)</u></b>	
Kerry Becker	3	Kerry Becker	2
Allan Hancock	3	Allan Hancock	2
Ivan Fritsche	3	Ivan Fritsche	2
Ronald Pietsch	3	Ronald Pietsch	2
John Stelling	1		3
Allan Hurst	1		3
Micah Deapen	1		3
<b><u>Sunday School Supt (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Sunday School Supt (1)</u></b>	
Ed Randle	1	Ed Randle	1
<b><u>Head Usher (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Head Usher (1)</u></b>	
Elders	1	Elders	1
<b><u>Bazaar Committee (6)</u></b>		<b><u>Bazaar Committee (6)</u></b>	
Betty Flora	3	Betty Flora	2
Nancy Fritsche	3	Nancy Fritsche	2
Rose Pietsch	3	Rose Pietsch	2
Mary Lou Oliver	3	Mary Lou Oliver	2
Marilyn Burns	3	Marilyn Burns	2
Chrissy Becker	3	Chrissy Becker	2



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# **The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer**

## **Order for Family Devotions for December 4-10, 2016**

### **Invocation**

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**R** Amen.

**Introit** (Bulletin, p. 3)

**Learn by Heart:** *Luther's Morning Prayer*

### **Daily Readings**

*Sunday:* Isaiah 10:12-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21

*Monday:* Isaiah 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22

*Tuesday:* Isaiah 14:1-23; 2 Peter 3:1-18

*Wednesday:* Isaiah 24:1-13; 1 John 1:1-2:14

*Thursday:* Isaiah 24:14-25:12; 1 John 2:15-29

*Friday:* Isaiah 26:1-19; 1 John 3:1-24

*Saturday:* Isaiah 26:20-27:13; 1 John 4:1-21

**Hymn of the Week:** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" (*LSB* 344, Bulletin, p. 8)

**Meditation:** *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

**Prayers** (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the following resources: Bulletin, p. 20-21; *Lutheran Book of Prayer*; *LSB* pp.305-318)

*Sunday:* For the joy of the resurrection

*Monday:* For the salvation of our neighbors

*Tuesday:* For those struggling with sin

*Wednesday:* For parents and children

*Thursday:* For the Church and her pastors

*Friday:* For the spread of the Gospel

*Saturday:* For faithfulness until death

**Collect** (Bulletin, p. 4)

**Apostles' Creed**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer**

**Benediction**

**L** The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**R** Amen.