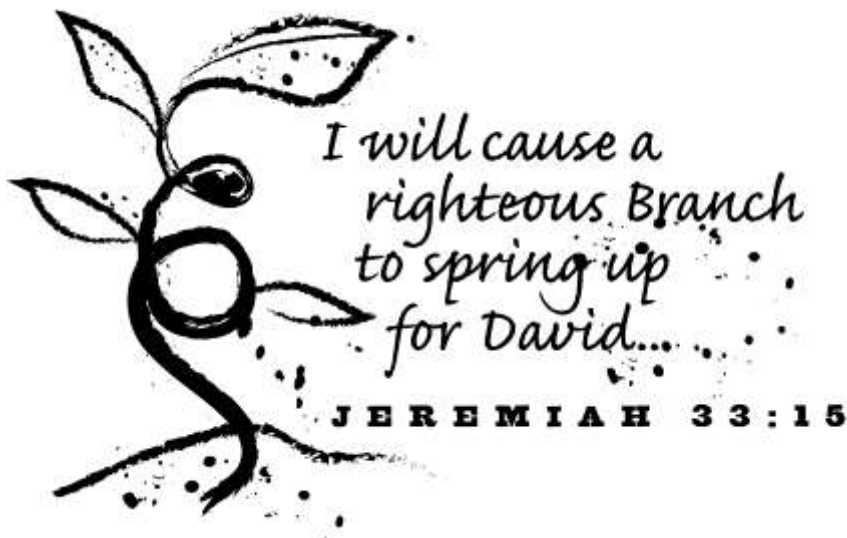


***December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018***  
***First Sunday in Advent***  
***With Communion***



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Divine Service 10 AM

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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:** The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “*a righteous Branch*” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28–40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “*blameless in holiness before our God and Father*” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “*distress of nations in perplexity,*” with “*people fainting with fear.*” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “*Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near*” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

**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**

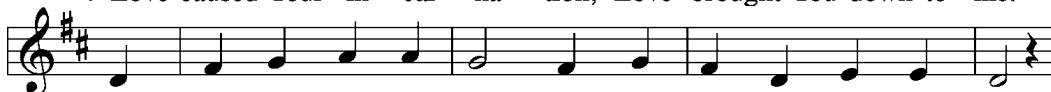
### **CALL TO WORSHIP BELL**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

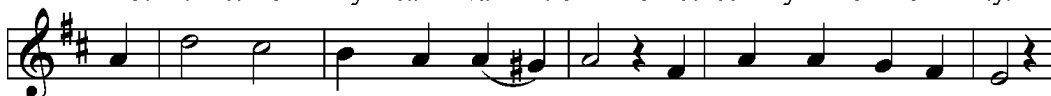
### **WELCOME**



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;  
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.  
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.  
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast  
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new  
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high  
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.  
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.  
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
 Cannot His love erase;  
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
 And cover by His grace.  
 He comes, for you procuring  
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
 His children thus securing  
 Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
 A terror to His foes,  
 A light of consolations  
 And blessèd hope to those  
 Who love the Lord's appearing.  
 O glorious Sun, now come,  
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
 And guide us safely home.

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

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

**Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?**

**Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

**Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,**

**who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**


who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.

**For our shield belongs to the LORD,**

**our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

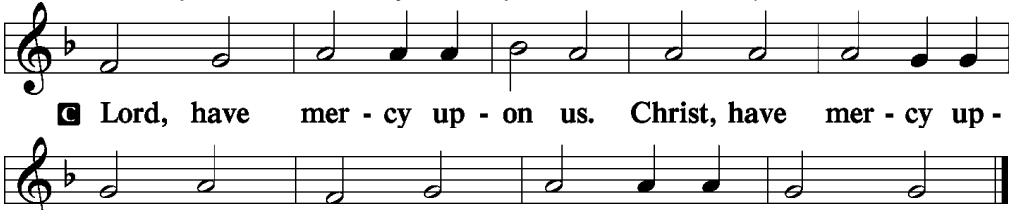
## Gloria Patri



**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.)

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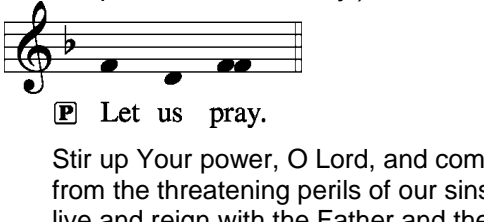
**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**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.  
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**G** A - men.

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

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.

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

### 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**☐** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



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

<sup>28</sup> When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup> When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'"

<sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup> He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

**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  $\text{✝}$  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.)*

**Savior of the Nations, Come**

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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 - mained 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.

## Sermon "Praising Our King with All Creation"

Luke 19:40

*(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.

**G** Amen.

*Stand*

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



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.

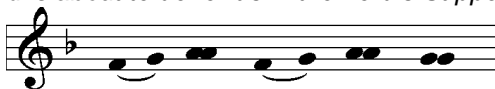
### *Close of the Prayers*

**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.)*

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**P** The Lord be with you.



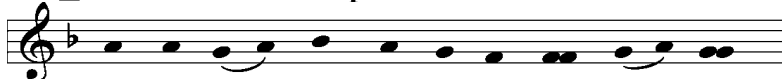
**C** And with thy spir - it.



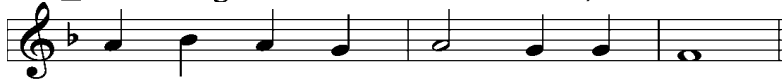
**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



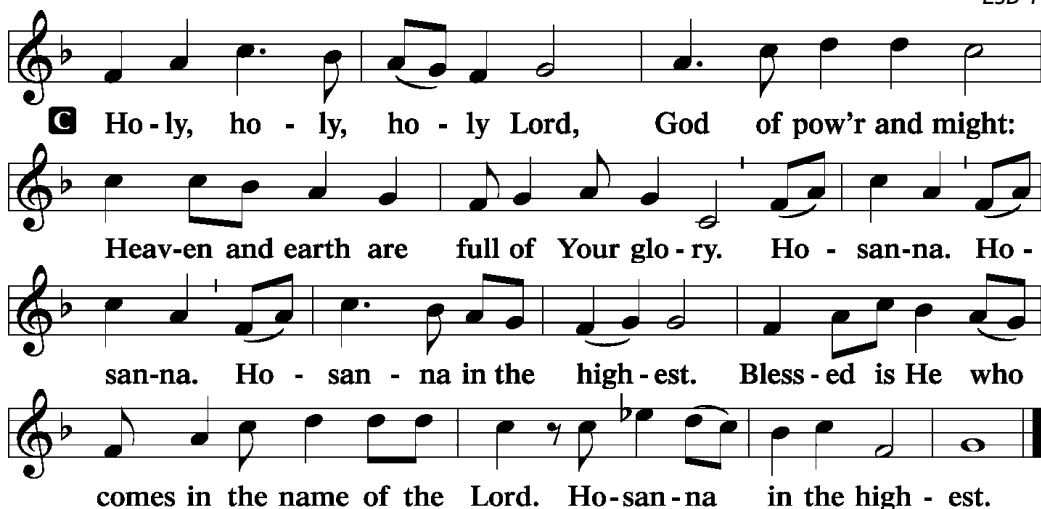
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



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

**P** It is truly meet, 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 pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

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

**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."  
 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.

**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

**■** 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*

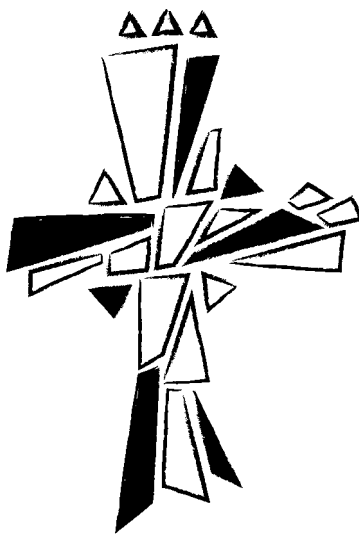
## Distribution

## Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

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1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
 2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
 3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
 4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our

sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
 Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
 ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
 sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,  
 O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er  
 let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.



# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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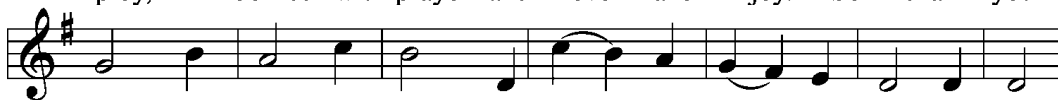
1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



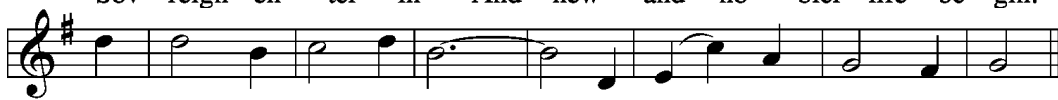
King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise	Your joy - ful songs of praise.
To Christ the Sav - ior raise	Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
To God the Spir - it raise	Your hap - py shouts of praise.
To God a - lone be praise	For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
 My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 O enter with Thy grace divine;  
 Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
 Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
 Until our glorious goal is won.  
 Eternal praise and fame  
 We offer to Thy name.

Stand

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  $\text{✠}$  in peace.

**C** Amen.

**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

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people 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

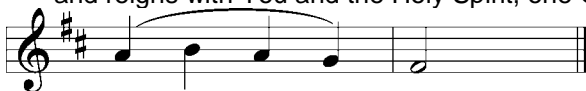
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**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

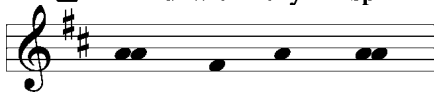
### Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

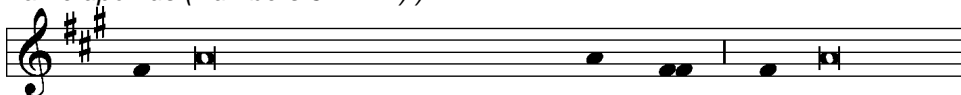


**A** Bless we the Lord.

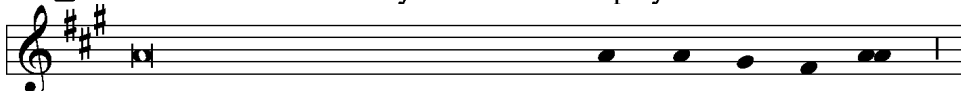


**C** Thanks be to God.

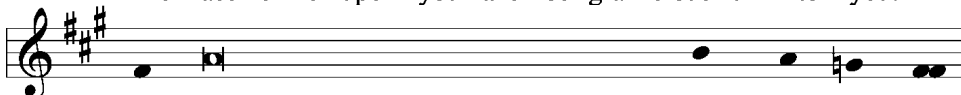
**Benediction:** *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)* LSB 202



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.





**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

## Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

## 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

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

**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>Ed Randle</b>	<b>Organist(s):</b>	<b>June Parker</b>
	<b>C. Johannessen</b>		<b>Esther Wolff (Sub)</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Davey Kadlecek</b>		<b>Kim Appel (Sub)</b>
	<b>MW Kasper</b>	<b>Dec. Altar</b>	<b>June Parker</b>
<b>Trustees:</b>	<b>Allan Hancock</b>	<b>Guild:</b>	<b>Libby Caldwell</b>
	<b>Ivan Fritsche</b>		

<b>Readers:</b>		<b>Acolytes:</b>	
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>Jean Miller</b>	<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>David Wolff &amp; Marianna Peres</b>
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Bernie Satterwhite</b>	<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Mackenzie Peres &amp; Thomas Brown</b>
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>Rowan James</b>	<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>Adrian Wolff &amp; Juniper Smith</b>
<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>Huntis Dittmar</b>	<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>Joshua Zimmerhanzel &amp; Baylor Watson</b>
<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>Debbie Higgins</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>David Wolff &amp; Thomas Brown</b>
		<b>Dec. 30</b>	<b>Marianna Peres &amp; Juniper Smith</b>

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

"The account of God giving "The Ten Commandments" to Moses is today's Sunday School lesson. The children will learn that the law was given through Moses but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. Talk about God's laws and how they guide us and show us our sin when we cannot keep them. *Ask your children, "Who kept the Law perfectly for us?"* Though we sin much, daily we have God's forgiveness because of Christ, His Son.

**FINANCIALS – as of November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

	<b>Nov. 11</b>	<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>Y-T-D</b>
General Offering	3,447.98	3,919.00	4,183.00	196,204.38
2018 Weekly goal	4,232.69	4,232.69	4,232.69	198,936.43
Difference	<b>(784.71)</b>	<b>(313.69)</b>	<b>(49.69)</b>	<b>(2,732.05)</b>
SS Offering	51.00	31.01	36.00	
GLLC Donations		400.00	600.00	

**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).

## **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.

## **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.

## **Advent Midweek Offerings**

During our Advent midweek services, our offerings will go to support important ministries both close to home and all around the world. This year, the offerings from the services on December 5 and December 19 will be split between Faith Lutheran High School in Central Texas and Pastor Askins' missionary service in Asia. The offering from the service on December 12, which includes our Learning Center's Christmas program, will go to support ministry of GLLC. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to help the spread of the Gospel through these outreach opportunities.

## **AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<u><b>Sun. Dec. 2</b></u>	<u><b>Mon. Dec. 3</b></u>	<u><b>Tue. Dec. 4</b></u>	<u><b>Wed. Dec. 5</b></u>
8:45-Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion	7pm-Elders		10am-GLLC Chapel <b>ADVENT SCHEDULE</b> (see below)
<u><b>Thur. Dec. 6</b></u>	<u><b>Fri. Dec. 7</b></u>	<u><b>Sat. Dec.8</b></u>	<u><b>Sun. Dec.9</b></u>
6pm- LWML/LLL Christmas Party	Pastor Away-Family Day	9am-Christmas Program Practice	8:45-Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion 6:30pm- Youth Group



### *Advent Midweek & Christmas Schedule*

Wednesday Dec. 5, 2018	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 A - Fo Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host. Elders
Wednesday Dec. 12, 2018	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 Fr – P Advent Worship 7:00 pm GLLC Children's Christmas Program	Host: LWML
Wednesday Dec. 19, 2018	Classes 5:30-6:15 Soup Supper 6:00-6:45 R-Z Advent Worship 7:00 pm	Host: Board of Education
Monday Dec. 24, 2018	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Sunday School Children's Program	
Tuesday Dec. 25, 2018	9:00 am The Nativity of Our Lord Festival Worship with Holy Communion	



### Christmas Program Practice

Our Sunday school children's Christmas program is being held this year on Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, at 7 PM. Practice will be held the first three Saturdays of December (December 1, 8, and 15) from 9:00-10:30 AM. Cheryl Moore, our director, is reaching out to families now to encourage your participation. If you have any questions, please speak to her or to Pastor Appel.

### Voters Meeting

We will be having a voters meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following service. We will be electing officers for 2019 as well as approving the 2019 budget. There will be no potluck at this meeting.

### 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>Charlene &amp; RC</b> Franke (Ann Schroder's siblings), <b>Mildred</b> Karcher, <b>Charlotte</b> Metzler, <b>Alvie</b> Tinberg, <b>Annie Mae</b> Rohde, <b>Evelyn</b> Tietjen (Helen Fleck's mother), <b>Teresa</b> Slusher, <b>Katherine</b> Benedix,,
Long Term Health Concerns:	<b>Blackie</b> Wallace, <b>Kenny</b> Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	<b>Mike</b> Davis, <b>Sherry</b> Cook (relative of Nancy Fritsche), <b>Rosie</b> Williams(friend of Sandy Kadlecek), <b>Stephanie</b> Bage (daughter of Juanita Bertsch), <b>Paul</b> Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), <b>Coey Zapalac</b> (friend of Kimberly Craig), <b>Becky</b> Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), <b>Randy</b> Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins, <b>Bob</b> Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), <b>Christopher</b> Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), <b>Marvin</b> "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), <b>Leslie</b> Davis (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), <b>Kelsey</b> Cantrell (relative of Kathy Kasper)
Recent Health Concerns:	Dr. <b>Newt</b> Hasson(friend of David Rohde), <b>Janet</b> McMahan(daughter of Ivan & Nancy Fritsche), <b>Harold</b> Galipp (Gracie Harmon's brother), <b>Cameryn</b> Higgins (friend of the Smith family), <b>Katerine</b> Highsmith (Carol Wood's mom), <b>Melissa</b> Brown, <b>Emmett</b> Stabeno(infant friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Scott</b> Penn, <b>Carlton</b> McLain(Angel Hurst's father), <b>Andrew</b> Dittmar, <b>Donna</b> Kadlecek, <b>Brooks</b> Perkins (brother of Stephanie Dittmar), <b>Abigail</b> Ramirez (relative of Kathy Kasper), <b>Kyle</b> Lastovica(friend of Cathy Smith), <b>Charlie</b> Pyle (friend of Rod & Patt Langer), <b>Gracie</b> Harmon, <b>Carolyn</b> Riley(friend of Patti Langer), <b>Tamara</b> Tennefos (sister of Kathy Kasper, <b>Eugene</b> Randle, <b>Lane</b> Hurst, <b>Alice</b> Miller, <b>August</b> Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), <b>Heather</b> Davis, <b>Nick</b> Jackson (friend of the Langers), <b>Milly</b> Cheak, <b>Frances</b> Pool, <b>Kathleen</b> Brohlin, <b>Linda</b> Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), <b>Jensen</b> Vellier (infant friend of Rose Pietsch), <b>Aaron</b> Atsyne (friend of the Deapens), <b>Johnnie</b> Kalina, <b>Johnny</b> Schroeder, <b>Glenn</b> Dyess (son-in-law of the Wallaces), <b>Johnny</b> Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker),

	<b>David</b> Rohde, <b>LaVerne</b> Wallace, <b>Patsy</b> Wiggins, <b>Janelle</b> Caldwell(friend of the Dutys), <b>Zachary</b> Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), <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>Sammye</b> Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), <b>Carolyn</b> Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), <b>Shannon</b> Synatschk (cousin of Ann Schroeder), <b>Becky</b> Robison (friend of Millie Fritz), <b>Scott</b> Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), <b>George</b> Haydon (friend of Charlie Johannessen), <b>Kikue</b> Hannusch, <b>Mary Jo</b> Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), <b>Jayden</b> Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), <b>Clarence</b> Cossey (friend of Ed Randle)
In the Military:	<b>Justin</b> Teague, <b>Madison</b> Whitney, <b>Weston</b> Roudebush ( son-in-law of Walter Psencik)
Other Prayer Requests:	<b>Ramon</b> Wolff, <b>Wesley</b> Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), <b>Teresa</b> Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), <b>Jeff</b> Dunn (friend of the Langers), <b>Jessica</b> Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother)

**December 9<sup>th</sup> , 2018**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**  
 Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-7b  
 Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:2-11  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-14(15-20)

## **Board of Education Question of the Week** **What will wear out like a garment?**

Last week answer: saved  
 Youth: 4 Adults:7



### **Junior High Game Night**

FLHS will be hosting a game night for 7th to 10th grade students on Friday, December 14th from 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm at Faith Lutheran High School. We will have lots of food, fun, and fellowship! Please join us!

### **“Faith at Christmas” Program**

FLHS students will present a Christmas concert, “Christmas at Faith,” on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm. Program will include a collection of choir pieces, hymns, scripture readings and more. Student art work will be on display and refreshments will be served following the program. Please join us!!!

### **End of Year Giving**

In Proverbs 2:6, God’s Word promises: "The LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." Faith Lutheran High School exists to instill Christ’s wisdom in His Word to prepare faithful leaders for tomorrow. Thank you for being a part of this mission through your prayers and financial support. The Board of Directors has set a goal of raising \$50,000 by December 31, 2018 to support the ministry of FLHS. Please prayerfully consider how you can give to further Lutheran education in our area. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday beginning at 10:30 am.

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **Raffle Items**

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!



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

## **Order for Family Devotions for December 2-8, 2018**

### **Invocation**

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

**R** *Amen.*

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

### **Daily Readings**

*Sunday:* Isaiah 8:9-9:7; 1 Peter 4:1-19

*Monday:* Isaiah 9:8-10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14

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

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

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

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

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

**Hymn of the Week:** "Savior of the Nations, Come" (*LSB* 332)

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

**Prayers** (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the bulletin, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, or *LSB* pp.305-318)

*Sunday:* For the fruit of the Spirit

*Monday:* For faithful service in daily work

*Tuesday:* For deliverance from temptation

*Wednesday:* For our communities and neighborhoods

*Thursday:* For Lutheran schools and seminaries

*Friday:* For those near death

*Saturday:* For hearts receptive to God's Word

### **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.*