

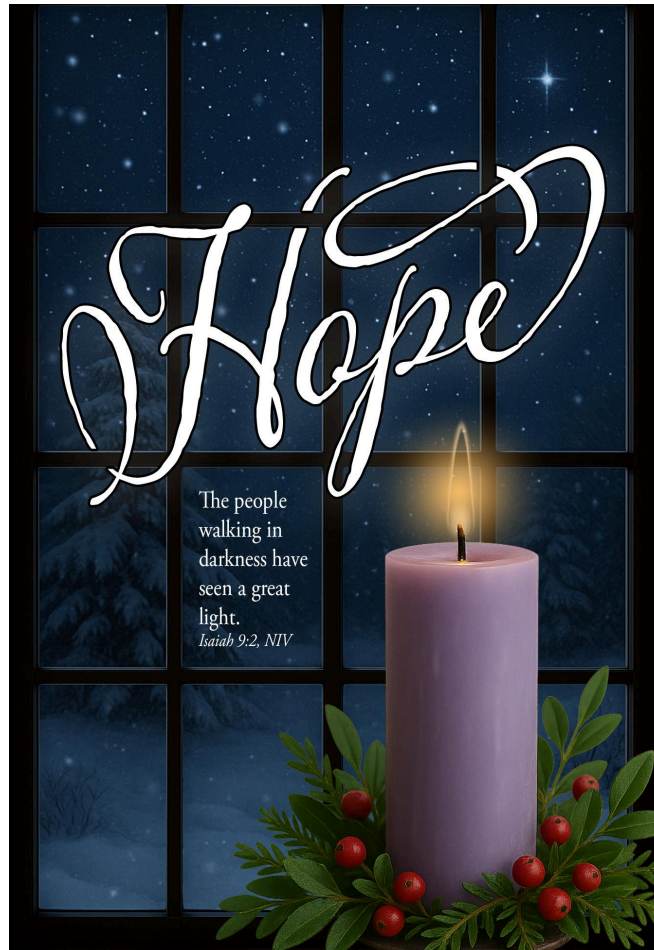
11.30.2025

10:00 am



1st Sunday of Advent

*Sharing God's love so that all
are served and supported.*



Today's Worship Theme

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings, both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.



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Greeter: TBA
Ushers: Bob & Joan Streightiff
Altar Guild: Elizabeth Smythe
Coffee Host: Michelle Borkowski

If you are visiting, please review the Welcome Pew Card in the hymnal holder.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For up-to-date info, see the "Grace Happenings" Thursday e-newsletter and our website's monthly calendar (also displayed in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall).



PRELUDE

"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers" Anne Krentz Organ
Flute: Susan Frank; Piano: Reba Matthewson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose home is heaven and earth, whose salvation is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, kneeling as you are able. Long-expected God, **we confess that we look to ourselves for the peace and security only you can provide. We reach for swords and spears, reluctant to release our grip on the ways of war. We become impatient while waiting and weary of keeping awake. Free us from self-reliance, and teach us to live in harmony with our neighbors. Increase our trust in God's timing, and awaken us to your advent among us, that we may abound in the hope you have promised. Amen.**

God judges us not as we deserve, but according to God's own righteousness. ✠ You are freed and forgiven, saved by grace, and ready to welcome the Savior. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share a sign of Christ's peace.

GREETING*Assisting Minister: Bryan Burger*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

ADVENT HYMN*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (vs. 1) ELW 240*

First Sunday in Advent

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children may come forward for the Children's Message, then go upstairs for Children's Church & Music, and return for communion.

A READING FROM Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector: Nancy Mamlin

Weapons of war transformed into instruments of peace

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 122 *Read responsively.*

¹ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

² **Now our | feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

A READING FROM Romans 13:11-14

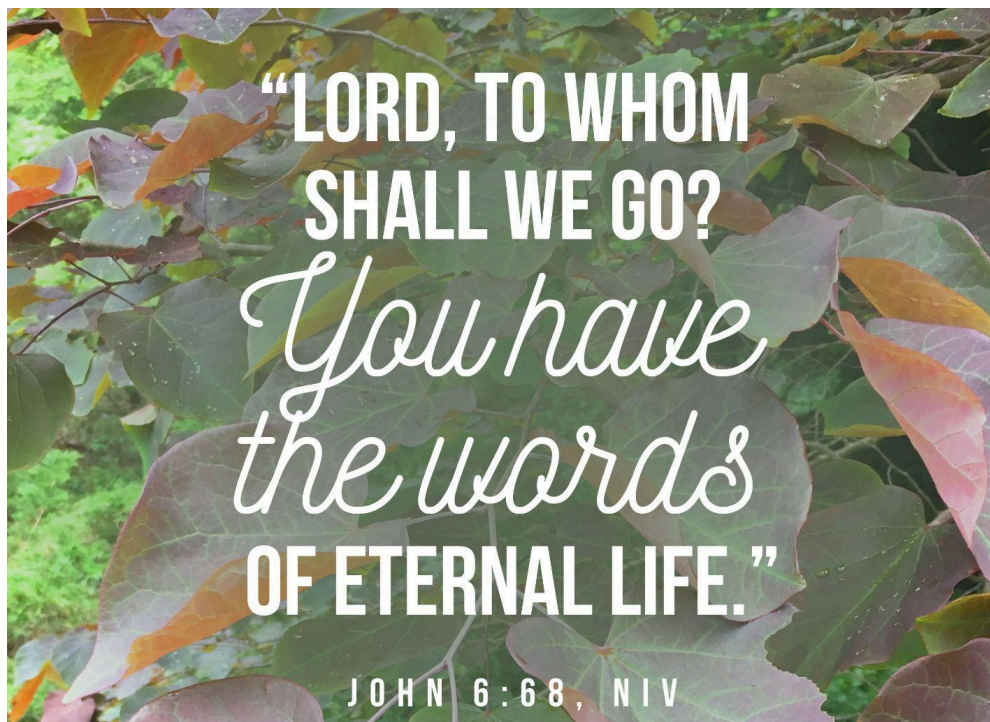
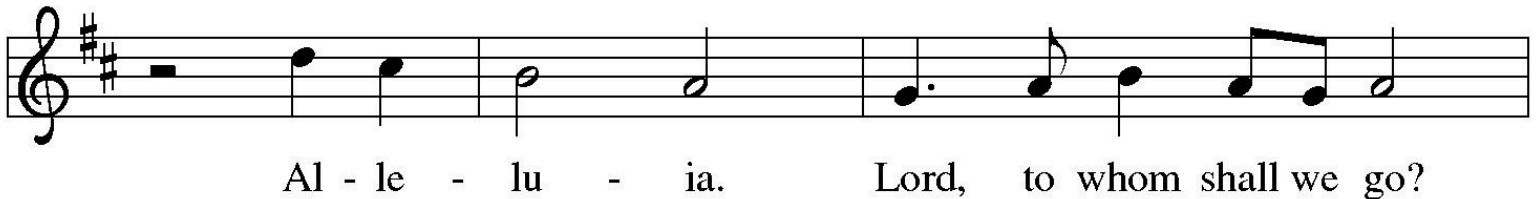
Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING: Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Steve Troisi

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Each Winter As the Year Grows Older”

ELW 252

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

OFFERING SONG

“Peace Will Come” from Love Is Born

Lloyd Larson

Peace will come to those who wait on the Lord.

Peace will come to those who wait on the Lord.

Peace will come, our King will come.

Peace will come to those who wait on the Lord.

Peace will come to those who trust in the Lord.

Peace will come to those who trust in the Lord.

Peace will come, our king will come.

Peace will come to those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord is good to those who wait, for His mercies never cease.

Put your trust in Him, the promised king.

He is coming, the Prince of peace, our Prince of peace.

Peace will come to those who wait on the Lord.

Peace will come to those who wait on the Lord.

Peace will come, our King will come.

Peace will come to those who wait on the Lord.

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

Peace will come, our King will come,

Peace will come to those who wait, our King will come to those who wait,

Peace will come to those who wait on the Lord.

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Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains a four-line musical score for the hymn 'GREAT THANKSGIVING'. Each line is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line also has a double bar line. The third and fourth lines end with double bar lines.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Detailed description: This block contains a four-line musical score for the hymn 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY'. Each line is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D#, G#). The melody is simple, using mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below the notes, aligned with the syllables. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line also has a double bar line. The third and fourth lines end with double bar lines.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: **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.**

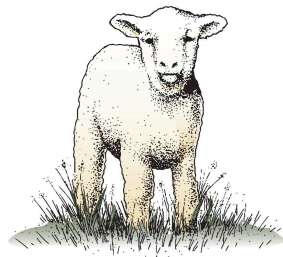
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Communion Assistant: Kristie Evans

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.
Thanks be to God!

Please be seated. This is the Lord's Table; all who seek Christ's true presence promised through this bread and wine are welcome and invited to partake in communion. You'll receive bread first (it is gluten-, nut-, soy- & dairy-free) and then wine (grape juice is available). Please alert an usher if you require the sacrament to be brought to you.

Communion is normally served around the altar rail the first Sunday of the month. On the other Sundays, communion is served at the head of the aisle. (Note that Healing prayers are offered in the Chapel after receiving communion on the first and third Sundays.)



"Behold,
THE LAMB OF GOD,
who takes away
THE SIN
OF THE WORLD!"

JOHN 1:29, ESV

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"My Lord, What a Morning"

ELW 438

"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

ELW 241

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

BLESSING

May God who comes among us, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

ACS 949



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Refrain

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Keep awake. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Helmsley"

Lloyd Webber

("Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending")

CHANCEL GREENERY

Is given to the glory of God and
in honor of the Grace congregation
by Jeff & Janice Voss.

SANCTUARY LAMP

Is burning to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving and appreciation
for all the care that Sabena Maiden so
generously offers all of us
by Duane & Ruth Daggett.

READINGS FOR December 7

Isaiah 11:1-10 | Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 | Romans 15:4-13 | Matthew 3:1-12

GIVING REPORT

Giving September 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025

October Giving	October Budgeted Giving	Year to Date Giving	Year to Date Budgeted Giving
\$20,571.00	\$33,333.33	\$55,993.63	\$66,666.66

'Tis the Season at Grace Lutheran Church

- Dec. 5: 9:00am Christmas decorating the sanctuary
- Dec. 7: 10:00am Christmas Cantata
- Dec. 14: 10:00am Advent 3 Worship Service
- Dec. 14: 3:00pm Family Christmas Event; 5:30pm Youth L.I.T. Party
- Dec. 19: 7:00pm Mountain Home Music "An Appalachian Christmas"
- Dec. 21: 10:00am Advent 4 Worship Service (more decorating afterward)
- Dec. 24: 4:00pm & 7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Services
- Dec. 28: 10:00am 1st Sunday of Christmas Worship Service
- Jan. 4: 10:00am 2nd Sunday of Christmas Worship Service

