



FIRST SUNDAY
OF
Advent

December 1, 2024

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 South Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980*

HOLY COMMUNION

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three)

Congregational responses are in bold print

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.

We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.
We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.
Please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.

As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit, one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy,
we confess that we have sinned.
We trust earthly powers and human authority alone.
We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.

God of might,
we confess that we have sinned.
We have turned away from our neighbors.
We have trusted false promises.

God in our midst,
we confess that we have sinned.
We plead: come to us.
Bring your mercy to birth in us.

A righteous branch springs forth:
it is Christ the Lord, our Savior,
in whom we have forgiveness, life and mercy.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
receive the grace and forgiveness of God
through + Christ Jesus,
Whose day draws near.

Amen.

“Whoever believes and is
baptized will be saved.”

Mark 16:16, NIV



Gathering Hymn: “Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

#244

Greeting

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

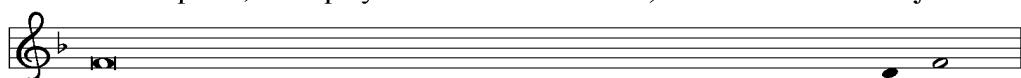
And also with you.

Kyrie

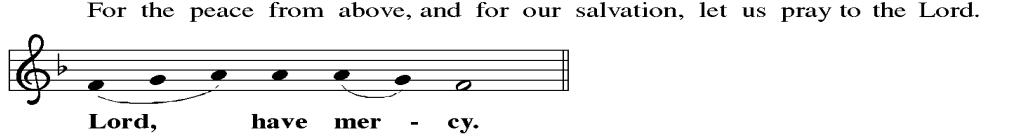
Kyrie



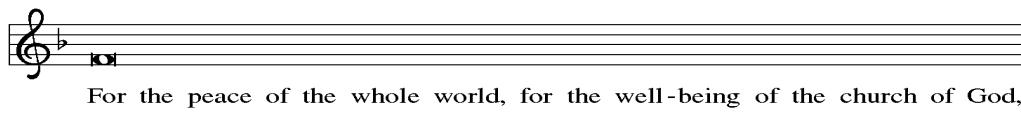
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



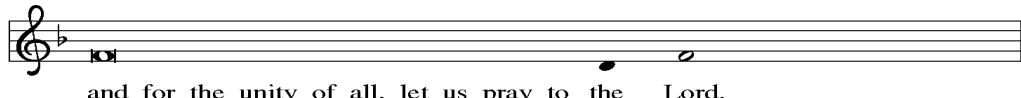
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



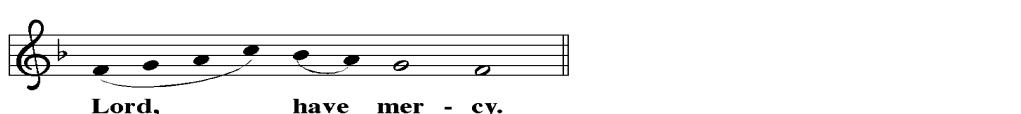
Lord, have mercy.



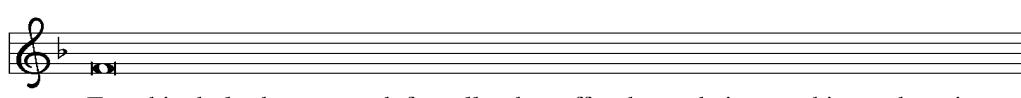
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



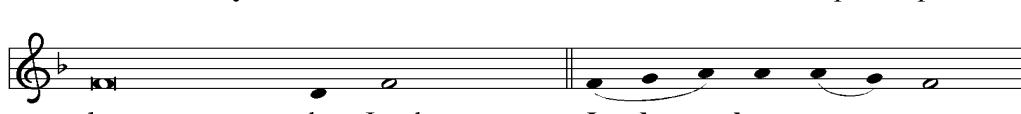
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



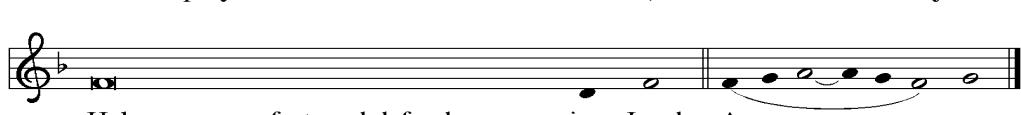
Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Sunday of Advent

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.

Candle Lighting

One candle is lit as we sing:

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

#240, Verse 1



Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah:

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**²O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

³Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

**⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

**⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**



Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from **1 Thessalonians**:

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

We stand.



Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?

Two staves of musical notation in G major, common time. The first staff consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The second staff continues the melody. Below the music are lyrics in black text:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John 6:68, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.



“...you know
that the kingdom
of **GOD** is
near.”

LUKE 21:31

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Pastor Pingel

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.

Imani ya Mitume

Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;

Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio
Pilate, akasulibwa, akafa, akazikwa,
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.

Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na
uzima wa milele. Amina.

The
Apostles'
+Creed+

Prayers of Intercession

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please greet those around you and offer a sign of peace to one another.

We sit.

Meal

Offering

We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle. If you give electronically, you can use the QR code on page 22 to make your gift on your cell phone through Tithely.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory

We stand.



Offertory Response:



Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress and music © 2004 Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and you draw near to feed us.
We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine.
Strengthen us with this food
that we may live in expectation
for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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.

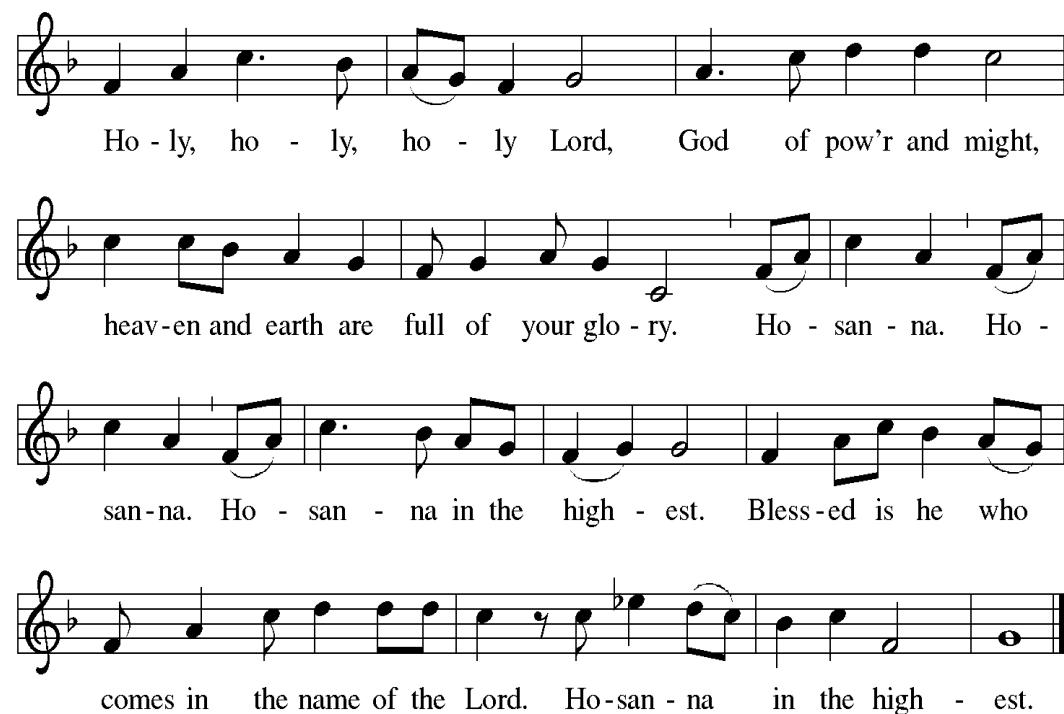
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Music notation: The music consists of four lines of musical staff. Each line contains a melody of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below each line of music. The music is in common time with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And, so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One,
The beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

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

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

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

God feeds us with tender mercy.
Come to the table.
Thanks be to God.

We sit.

Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako
litukuzwe;
ufalme wako urike,
utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi,
lakini utuopoe maovuni.
Amina.



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.

The Holy Communion

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. We commune at the railing, filling up the rail from the center out. Grape juice is available on the center table as you come forward, or you will receive the Wine from the Communion Assistant. You may kneel or stand at the railing. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister at the railing, then the Communion Assistant will announce "the blood of Christ" as you receive the wine/grape juice. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your seat via the side aisle.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The Communion Blessing

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

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Generous God,
we thank you for the gift of life,
for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us,
for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy,
for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.



Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

God of endings and beginnings,
God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey,
☩ bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song: “*Lo, He Comes with Clouds*”

#435

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude







Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office,

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

Beth Brady

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

Vern Fairchilts, Brother of Betty Karol Wilson

Erin Keltner, Friend of the Schwiesows

Scott McCombs, Son of Gene and Jan McCombs

Tawana Sunderland, Friend of Grace

Lorre White, Vernette Nichols' daughter

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Genevieve Arneson

Marge Cloutier

Bill Kelly

Phyllis Kite

Dwight Moomaw

Carol Varner

Carol Wolf

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)

Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Grace

Natalie Dodge, Friend of the Almarodes

Bev Gerard, Friend of the Myers

Michael Kavaris, Friend of the Almarodes

Gary Murray, Friend of Gail Johnson

Barb Ostrander, Friend of Many at Grace

Roy Reid, Father of Mary

Huerth

Laura Siwik, Niece of Linda

Meyer



Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks*)

Family of Glenn Myers, Grace Member

Family of Jennie Schultz, Aunt of Linda Meyer

Family of Geraldine Smart, Mother of Va. Synod Bishop's Assistant Rebecca Walls

Family of Nelson Smith, Cousin of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Tripp Franklin (11/25)

Woody Graf (11/27)

Kathy Bump (11/27)

David Schwiesow (11/28)

Wyatt Carper (11/30)

Charlie Wilson (12/2)

Jane Blosser (12/5)

Holly Carper (12/6)

Prayers for the World

For our Nation in the days and weeks ahead. For our newly elected leaders, and their responsibilities to their elected positions.

For justice and peace in our Nation and World, among the nations, among peoples.

For those continuing to recover from Natural Disasters: Hurricanes Francine, Helene and Milton; Flooding and storms in Spain; Drought in Africa; Volcano eruption in Indonesia.

For the people of Haiti, enduring daily hardship and chaos, and for the peace-keeping UN force seeking to maintain peace.

Prayers for the children in war-torn areas of the world that their futures contain hope rather than despair.

The Church

For WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry) as cold weather shelter preparations give way to the opening of this ministry.

The ELC-PNG (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea) - our Companion Church of the Virginia Synod.



Advent/Christmas at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



Advent Worship begins the New Church Year - The weeks before Christmas are a time to remember and to prepare for "God With Us" - Immanuel! God IS With Us! The announcement of Jesus' birth is not merely backward looking; it fills us with hope for what is ahead, even though what is ahead is uncertain. This year during Advent we focus on the Commemoration of those who have given witness to the coming of Jesus by their lives: St. Nicholas, St. Lucia, and Katherine Von Bora. Come and worship Wednesday evenings with our fellow Brothers and Sisters in the area:

- December 4th - Zion Lutheran Church - 7:00 p.m. - St. Nicholas of Myra
- December 11th - St. James Lutheran Church - 7:00 p.m. - St. Lucia
- December 18th - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church - 7:00 p.m. - Katherine von Bora (spouse of Martin Luther)

Christmas Decorating at Grace—we will decorate the worship space after worship and the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, _____. Many hands make light work and joy comes in the fellowship we share in our work!

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, **December 24th, 5:00 p.m.** - Our children and adult choir will present a wonderful program of music and assist in the telling of the Good News of Jesus' birth, as families "build" the crèche scene. We will celebrate Holy Communion and sing *Silent Night* by candlelight.



God in Odd Places—In this six-session class, participants will examine and discuss religious, spiritual, and theological issues suggested by movies, short stories, contemporary music, poems, cartoons and comic strips, and other expressions of popular culture. Led by Pastor Mark Radecke and open to adults and high school youth, the class will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on January 16. A sign-up sheet for those interested is available in the narthex.



Our Advent Wreath Outdoors! Thanks to Jack Eckstrom, and his crew for putting up the Outdoor Wreath as a witness to the Community of the Advent of our Lord Jesus!



Columbarium Re-Dedication on Sunday December 8th - As a part of worship next Sunday, we will process to the Columbarium to re-dedicate the Columbarium, re-inter the 26 urns of those who were interred before the fallen Tower Cross damaged the unit, as well as conduct the service of committal for Ernestine Moomaw, whose Memorial Service was this past month. Families will be invited to have a part in the re-dedication service.



Poinsettia's Must Be Ordered by December 8th! - \$9.50 Each! - Make checks payable to Grace with "Poinsettia's" in the memo line. Order forms will be in the bulletins Sundays, December 1st and 8th. Please be sure to specify white or red, and who you are buying in memory or honor of. Many thanks!



There will be a CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING Sunday, December 15th, immediately following Worship for the purpose of voting on the 2025 Spending Plan recommended by Council and Grace's Finance Committee. You will be receiving an e-copy or paper copy 10 days before the meeting.



Food Pantry Collections: A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,000** pounds of food (we have made **forty-eight** deliveries, twenty-one to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-seven to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft).



New way to respond to God's Grace with our Offerings! Many people are turning to technology to offer their offerings to God in thanksgiving for all that God has done! You can use the QR code in this announcement to make your gift through your cell phone, through Tithely, a secure giving method that's been used by many at Grace for years.



Monday

Isaiah 1:10-20
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Luke 20:1-8
Morning Psalm 122, Evening 40

Thursday

Isaiah 2:5-22
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Luke 20:27-40
Morning Psalm 18:1-20, Evening 126

Tuesday

Isaiah 1:21-31
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Luke 20:9-18
Morning Psalm 33, Evening 85

Friday

Isaiah 3:1—4:1
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Luke 20:41—21:4
Morning Psalm 102, Evening 130

Wednesday

Isaiah 2:1-4
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Luke 20:19-26
Morning Psalm 50, Evening 53

Saturday

Isaiah 4:2-6
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Luke 21:5-19
Morning Psalm 90, Evening 80



GRACE - WARM COLD WEATHER SHELTER PREPARATIONS!

The CWS is scheduled to run for 18 weeks this season, from November 25, 2024 - March 31, 2025. **We at Grace are hosting the CWS from Monday, December 9, opening between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. and running through Monday, December 16, closing at 7:00 a.m.**

NOW Collecting Toiletries: travel/hotel-sized: shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, lotion

NOW Collecting Breakfast and Snack Food Items: cereal, fruit cups, nutri-grain bars, fruit juice boxes, nabs, individual portion bags of chips, cookies

Boxes located in back of the Nave AND downstairs on back table of Choir Room

Volunteer Opportunities December 9 - 16

Sign-up Sheets are located in the back of the Nave before and after services

- **Set-up teams:** December 8 and/or 9 to organize and set-up Check-in and Fellowship Hall tables, cots, chairs, dividers.
- **Check-In teams:** 3-4 volunteers/night, December 9 - 15; assist Staff Host- welcome guests and let them know we care, participate in time of fellowship – let them know that God's love is present in their lives! Make coffee! Share dinner with us!
- **Shower Host:** 1 volunteer/night, December 9 - 15; ensure guests have needed toiletries, towel; monitor shower schedule and collect towels.
- **Meal Teams:** Join a team to provide dinner for about 50 people; volunteer to prepare food, serve and/or clean-up. Assist preparing sack lunches, if time/able. We are blessed to have 7 Team Leaders - more volunteers are welcome to fill out their teams.
- **Overnight Hosts:** 1 volunteer/night, December 9 - 15; assist the Staff Host overnight (in-person) and yes, you get to sleep!. In morning, make coffee and put out breakfast items and sack lunches, clean up after.
- **Clean-up Teams:** light cleaning duties. WARM will have guests complete basic chores (sweeping, mopping if needed, removing garbage). We will come in during the day (after the guests are gone,) to check the area, follow-up as needed - Lysol bathrooms, showers.
- **Laundry Volunteers:** 1 volunteer/day, December 10 - 16. Wash/dry/fold towels.

As we are providing a low barrier shelter, WARM has asked that all volunteers be 18 years of age and older. **Questions? Suggestions?** Contact Susan Myers 434-760-1660 or sparkelmyers@gmail.com.



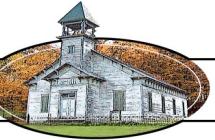
DECEMBER

2024

*Life of Grace Church
December 1-7,*

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	12/01	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) First Sunday of Advent Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class Vespers at Summit Square
Monday	12/02	7:00 p.m.	All God's Children (Conference Room)
Tuesday	12/03	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	12/04	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room) Advent Worship at Zion Lutheran Church Hand Bell Choir Practice Choir Practice
Thursday	12/05	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Grace Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Finance Committee (Conference Room) CCE&J (Conference Room)
Friday	12/06		Church Office Closed
Saturday	12/07	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Racial Equity & Justice Prayer Vigil—Grace Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	12/08	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room) First Sunday of Advent Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Columbarium Re-Dedication Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class

CHURCH COUNCIL



*Allison Fink, President (540-448-0985)
Linda Meyer, Vice President (540-256-2277)
Peggy Caister (434-964-7461)
Jacob Dolan (720-883-1636)
Jack Eckstrom (240-344-3176)
Jerry Kite (540-910-3372)
Jean Morgan (540-649-4422)
Susan Myers (434-760-1660)
Karen Walck (765-480-9920)
Donna Yobs (650-248-4882)
Ron Almarode, Treasurer
Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary*



Grace Church Staff

Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor

Email: pastorpingel@gmail.com

Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music

Email: mickhdking@aol.com

Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary

Email: Grace.sfc@comcast.net

*Office Hours: 8:00—11:30 a.m. and 12:30—2:30 p.m.,
Monday-Thursday Closed Friday*

facebook.com/gelc.elca

youtube.com/

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Waynesboro

Internet: www.gelcwaynesboro.org

Telephone: 540.949.6171