



# Lessons and Carols

*First Sunday of Christmas*

*December 29, 2024*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*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 Assisting Minister or Pastor 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**



**Pastor Pingel**

**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.**

**Gathering Song: "Once in Royal David's City"**

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**Dialogue**

Come! Look upon the baby Jesus, cradled in the arms of his mother.

**Seeing this wondrous sight, may our hearts be comforted  
and our spirits filled with peace.**

Come! Listen to choirs of angels announcing good news to all people.

**Hearing this marvelous song, may we too sing:  
Glory to God in the highest!**

Come! Receive this ancient story in your heart, not as history but as a gift.

**Opening our hearts to this great mystery, may Christ be born in us today.**

## **Greeting and Prayer**

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.**

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading: Luke 2:1-7**

A reading from Luke:

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***Luther's reflections on the birth of Jesus***

Behold Christ lying in the lap of his young mother. . . . What can be sweeter than the Babe, what more lovely than the mother! . . . Look at the Child, knowing nothing. Yet all that is belongs to him, that your conscience should not fear but take comfort in him. Doubt nothing. Watch him springing in the lap of the maiden. Laugh with him. Look upon this Lord of Peace and your spirit will be at peace. . . . You will see how great is the divine goodness, which seeks above all else that you should not despair. Trust him! Trust him! Here is the Child in whom is salvation. To me there is no greater consolation given to mankind than this, that Christ became man, a child, a babe, playing in the lap and at the breasts of his most gracious mother. Who is there whom this sight would not comfort? Now is overcome the power of sin, death, hell, conscience, and guilt, if you come to judge this gurgling Babe and believe that he is come, not to judge you, but to save.

**Second Reading:** Luke 2:8-16

A reading from Luke:

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

***Luther's reflections on the shepherds and angels***

Look at the shepherds. They were watching their flocks by night, and an angel came and made them apostles, prophets, and children of God. . . . This is a great miracle that the shepherds should have believed this message. They might easily have thought to themselves, "Are we two shepherds worthy that the whole host of heaven should be marshaled for us and all the kings on the earth and the dwellers in Jerusalem be passed by?" I know I would have appealed to common sense and I would have said: "Who am I compared to God and angels and kings? It is an apparition." But the Holy Spirit, who preached through the angels, caused the shepherds to believe. They were so strong in the faith that they were worthy to be spoken to by angels and to hear every angel in heaven singing a cantata just for them. This is a pure wonder that enters not into the heart of man. Our God begins with angels and ends with shepherds. Why does he do such preposterous things? He puts a Babe in a crib. Our common sense revolts and says, "Could not God have saved the world some other way?"

Third Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from Matthew:

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



### ***Luther's reflections on Herod and the wise men***

When the Wise Men received the divine revelation that the king of the Jews was born, they made straight for Jerusalem, for, of course, they expected to find him at the capital in a lordly castle and a golden chamber. Where else would common sense expect to find a king? But because they were so sure of themselves, the star left them. Then they were sorely tried, and had they relied solely on human wisdom, would surely have said: "Confound it! We have come all this way for nothing. The star has deceived us. The devil has led us by an apparition. If a king had been born, would he not be in the capital and in a palace? But when we come, the star disappears and we find no one who knows anything about him. Can it be that we foreigners should be the first to have news of him in the royal city? Everyone is so cold and unfriendly that no one offers to go with us and show us the child. They do not believe themselves that to them a king is born, and shall we come and find him? How desolate for the birth of a king! If a puppy were born there would be some little stir, and here a king is supposed to be born and everything is so still. . . . Should not the people be singing, capering, lighting lamps and torches, bedecking the streets with roses and mayflowers? What a miserable king we are seeking! What fools we have been to let ourselves start on this quest!" Nature wants to feel and be certain before believing, but grace will believe before she feels. Faith steps gaily into the darkness, trusting simply in the Word.

But having come, they decided to inquire of the king before returning. At their report, Herod the king "was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him." Why was Herod terrified and all Jerusalem with him? *He* had good reason to be afraid because he had tyrannized over the Jews for thirty years. . . . Now Herod had a crafty plan. "The Jews," thought he, "will hide the truth from me, but I will find out the town where this king is to be born and also the time, and then if they hide him, I will catch him anyway. I will kill so many babies that he cannot escape." So he called the scribes to him and said, "Where is Christ to be born?" Then perhaps through fear, the scribes answered him that in the Prophet Micah it is written that He should be born in Bethlehem.

**Carol:** "The First Noel"

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**Fourth Reading:** John 1:1-5, 14-18

A reading from John:

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

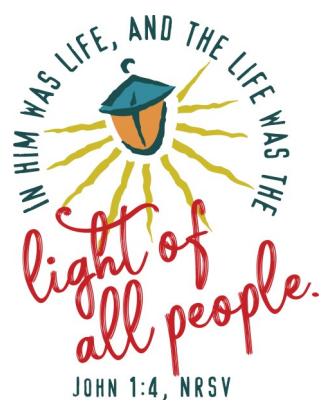
#### ***Luther's reflections on the Word made flesh***

Let us, then, meditate upon the Nativity just as we see it happening in our own babies. I would not have you contemplate the deity of Christ, the majesty of Christ, but rather his flesh. Look upon the baby Jesus. Divinity may terrify man. Inexpressible majesty will crush him. That is why Christ took on our humanity, save for sin, that he should not terrify us but rather that with love and favor he should console and confirm.

This is the word of the prophet: "*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given*" (Isaiah 9:6). This is for us the hardest point, not so much to believe that He is the son of the Virgin and God himself, as to believe that this Son of God is ours. That is where we wilt. . . . Truly it is marvelous in our eyes that God should place a little child in the lap of a virgin and that all our blessedness should lie in him. And this Child belongs to all mankind. God feeds the whole world through a Babe nursing at Mary's breast. This must be our daily exercise: to be transformed into Christ, being nourished by this food. Then will the heart be suffused with all joy and will be strong and confident against every assault.

**Carol:** "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

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### Nicene Creed

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

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

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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



## Prayers of Intercession

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.*

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

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Peace

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

## 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 Hymn:** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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## Offertory Prayer

God of heaven and earth,  
from the beginning, you have called forth life,  
in which you take delight.  
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.  
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,  
that we may join the chorus of creation



## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**

## **Preface**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **Thanksgiving At the Table**

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

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.  
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.  
Thanks be to God.

**We sit.**

### 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.**

**And each person may respond.**

**Amen.**



"Love Has Come"

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### 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, we stand.**

## Sending

### Prayer After Communion

Merciful God,  
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.  
Strengthened by this goodness,  
send us forth to announce your peace,  
comfort the afflicted,  
and share the good news of great joy.  
**Amen.**

### Blessing

The God of love,  
Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit,  
lavish you with grace,  
illumine your path,  
and increase your joy,  
today and always.  
**Amen.**



**Sending Song:** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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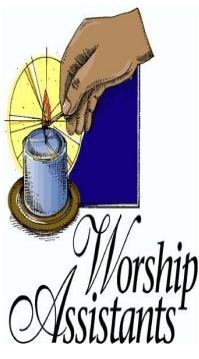
### Dismissal

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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## Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



*Acolyte:*

*Altar Flowers:*

*Altar Guild:*

*Assisting Minister:*

*Communion Assistants:*

*Council Person of the Week:*

*Offering Stewards:*

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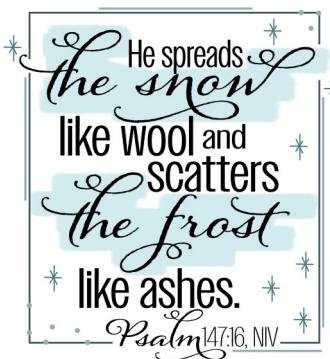
*Lee Lynch*

*Jack Eckstrom*



*The Chancel Flowers today are given  
to the glory of God.*

## Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons



*January 5, 2025*

*Second Sunday of Christmas*

*Service of Holy Communion*

*And via YouTube*

*Pastor Paul Pinagel, Presiding and Preaching*

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

*Psalm 147:12-20*

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

*John 1:10-18*



**Please print** your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet on the podium 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, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

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

**Glen Gray**

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

**Elaine Bradley**, Neighbor of the Proctors

**Morgan Gardner**, Friend of Grace

**Joshua Horn**, Friend of the Trauschts

**Ken Schwiesow**, Brother of David Schwiesow

**Tawana Sunderland**, Friend of Grace

**Dr. Ken Wall**, Friend of David Proctor

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

**Genevieve Arneson**

**Marge Cloutier**

**Bill Kelley**

**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

**Roy Henderson**, Allison Fink's Father

**Michael Kavaris**, Friend of the Almarodes

**Gary Murray**, Friend of Gail Johnson

**Pastor Gordon Putnam**, St. James Lutheran Church

**Roy Reid**, Father of Mary Huerth

**The Sipe Family**, Friends of Many at Grace

**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer

**Pastor Jim Youngblood**, Bethany Lutheran Church

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

**Family of Caitlin Bomar**, Friend of Many at Grace

**Family of Janice Collins**, Friend of Many at Grace

**Family of Barb Ostrander**, Friend of Many at Grace

**Family of Robert Smith**, Cousin of Linda Tomey

**Family of Dickson Spencer**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Jenna Smith (12/31)**

**Beth Ann Brady (1/1)**

**Carol Wolf (1/1)**

**Jules Madawa (1/1)**

**Masoka Mmeswa (1/1)**

**Easton Carper (1/4)**

**Pastor Pingel (1/4)**

**Prayers for the World**

Victims of the school shooting at Abundant Life Christian School, Madison, Wisconsin; Baltimore area shooting victims; victims of Madgeburg, Germany Christmas Market attack.

**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.**

Continuing war in Ukraine; for the people of Syria in a time of transition.

**The Church**

**For WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry) now in operation.**

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

St. James Lutheran Church, Fishersville, VA





**Altar Flowers**—The 2025 Flower Chart has been put up in the Nave. Giving the altar flowers on Sunday is a way to honor or remember someone. Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. Waynesboro Florist is no longer providing our flowers as Webber Payne has retired and closed the store. If you would like to order flowers for the altar, C & C Sensations will be providing our flowers, 540-949-5598. Our process has been set up with C & C as it was with the Waynesboro Florist. They are located at 141 East Broad Street, #C. You may also order from someone else as you could in the past. The Manager, Jessica Hall, has met with Altar Guild Chair, Jean Morgan as to the specifics they needed to know.



**Forums in January about proposed use of Grace Property** - There will be a *Temple Talk* this morning about Forums scheduled:

- Tuesday, January 7th, 7:00pm
- Sunday, January 12th, after worship
- Tuesday, January 14th, at Noon.

The purpose of the Forums will be to share information and provide an opportunity to discuss the possible use of Grace Property for needs related to Childcare and/or Housing. Your participation in these Forums is important! Please look at your calendars and plan on coming to one of the three sessions.



**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. Unfortunately, the previous sign-up sheet has been misplaced. **If you previously signed up, please sign up again.**



**The Living Lutheran Magazine available in Print!** Responding to numerous requests for a return to print form, our ELCA Living Lutheran Magazine is once again available in quarterly form! This important publication connects us to the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church America, allows us to read many stories pertaining to our daily walk of faith, and offers encouragement and creativity as to what God is up to in the Church! You can subscribe at <https://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe/>

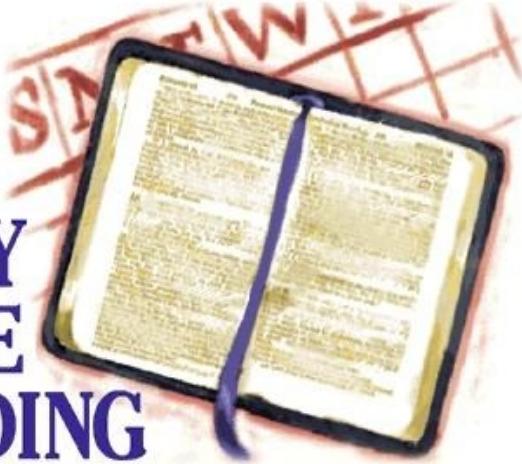


**Grace Website is Once Again Up and Running!** Many thanks to Randy Fink, who has spent numerous hours getting our website going again. If you go to [www.gelcwaynesboro.org](http://www.gelcwaynesboro.org), you will be directed to our new site, now at [www.gracelutheranwaynesboro.org](http://www.gracelutheranwaynesboro.org). We do anticipate smoother going in the coming weeks, and look forward to updating our content in early 2025. Check out our Facebook page too!



**Opportunity 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 Tithe.ly, a secure giving method that's been used by many at Grace for years.





# DAILY BIBLE READING

**Monday**

Isaiah 25:1-9  
Revelation 1:9-20  
John 7:53—8:11  
Morning Psalm 93, Evening 89:1

**Tuesday**

Isaiah 26:1-6  
2 Corinthians 5:16—6:2  
John 8:12-19  
Morning Psalm 98, Evening 45

**Wednesday**

Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16  
Colossians 2:6-12  
John 16:23b-30  
Morning Psalm 98, Evening 99

**Thursday**

Genesis 12:1-7  
Hebrews 11:1-12  
John 6:35-42, 48-51  
Morning Psalm 48, Evening 9

**Friday**

Genesis 28:10-22  
Hebrews 11:13-22  
John 10:7-17  
Morning Psalm 111, Evening 107

**Saturday**

Exodus 3:1-15  
Hebrews 11:23-31  
John 14:6-14  
Morning Psalm 20, Evening 93



**December 29, 2024-  
January 5, 2025**

| Day       | Date  | Time  | Event   |
|-----------|-------|---|---|
| Sunday    | 12/29 | 10:00 a.m.<br>11:10 a.m.<br>11:15 a.m.              | <b>First Sunday of Christmas</b><br>Service of Holy Communion<br>In Person and via You Tube<br><b>Confirmation Class</b><br><b>Children's Sunday School (Sunday School Classroom)</b>   |
| Monday    | 12/30 |   |   |
| Tuesday   | 12/31 |   | <br>Welcome 2025!  |
| Wednesday | 01/01 | 10:00 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m.                             | <br><b>New Years Day</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b><br> |
| Thursday  | 01/02 | 8:30 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m..                            | <b>Grace Walkers</b><br><b>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</b>  |
| Friday    | 01/13 |   | <b>Church Office Closed</b>   |
| Saturday  | 01/04 | All Day<br>11:00 a.m.                               | <br>OUR PASTOR'S BIRTHDAY<br><b>Yoga (Seminar Room)</b>  |
| Sunday    | 01/05 | 8:30 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>11:10 a.m.<br>11:15 a.m. | <b>Adult Sunday School</b><br><b>Second Sunday o f Christmas</b><br>Service of Holy Communion<br>In Person and via You Tube<br><b>Confirmation Class</b><br><b>Children's Sunday School (Sunday School Classroom)</b>               |



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