



*December 8, 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.**



Gathering Hymn: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!"

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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 mer - cy.**

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

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

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 mer - cy.**

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

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

### Prayer of the Day

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Two candles are lit as we sing:*

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

#257, Verse 2



## Word

### First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from Malachi:

<sup>1</sup> See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm: Luke 1:68-79

<sup>68</sup>"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.  
<sup>69</sup>**He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David,**  
<sup>70</sup>as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup>**that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**  
<sup>72</sup>Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,  
and has remembered his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup>**the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us**  
<sup>74</sup>that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup>**in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**  
<sup>76</sup>And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup>**to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.**  
<sup>78</sup>By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,  
<sup>79</sup>**to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,**  
**to guide our feet into the way of peace."**



## **Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11**

A reading from Philippians:

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*We stand.*



Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?



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**Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”



The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**Children’s Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*



*We stand.*

**Hymn of the Day:** *“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”*

**#249**

**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  
Pilato, akasulibiwa, 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.**



### **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.

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### 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.

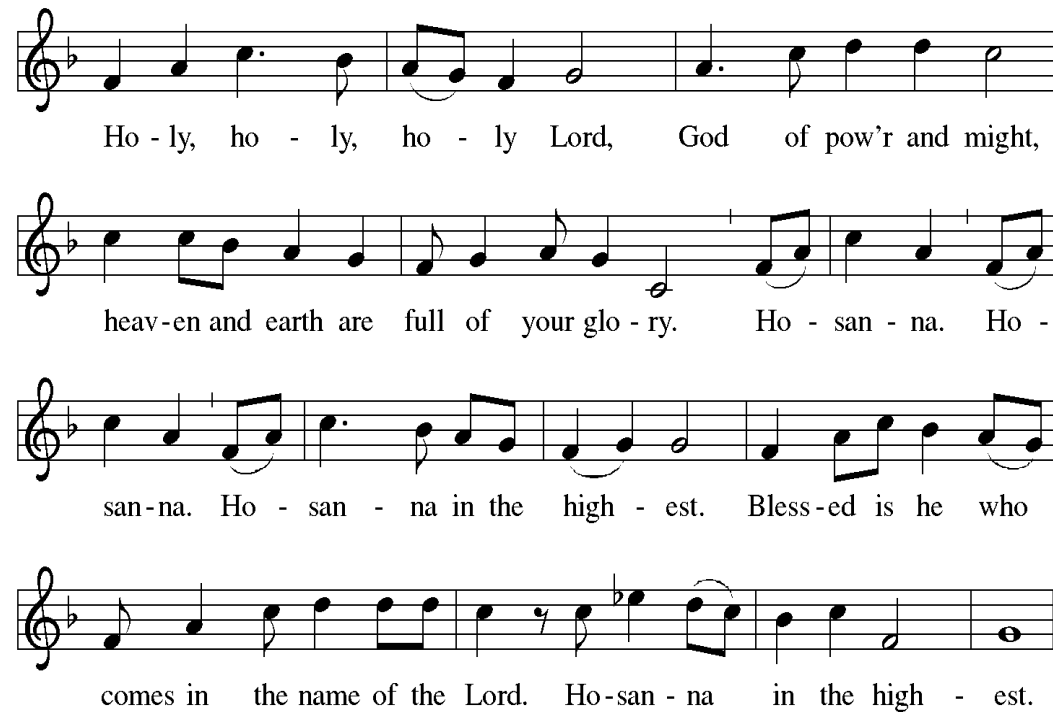
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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.

### Baba Yetu

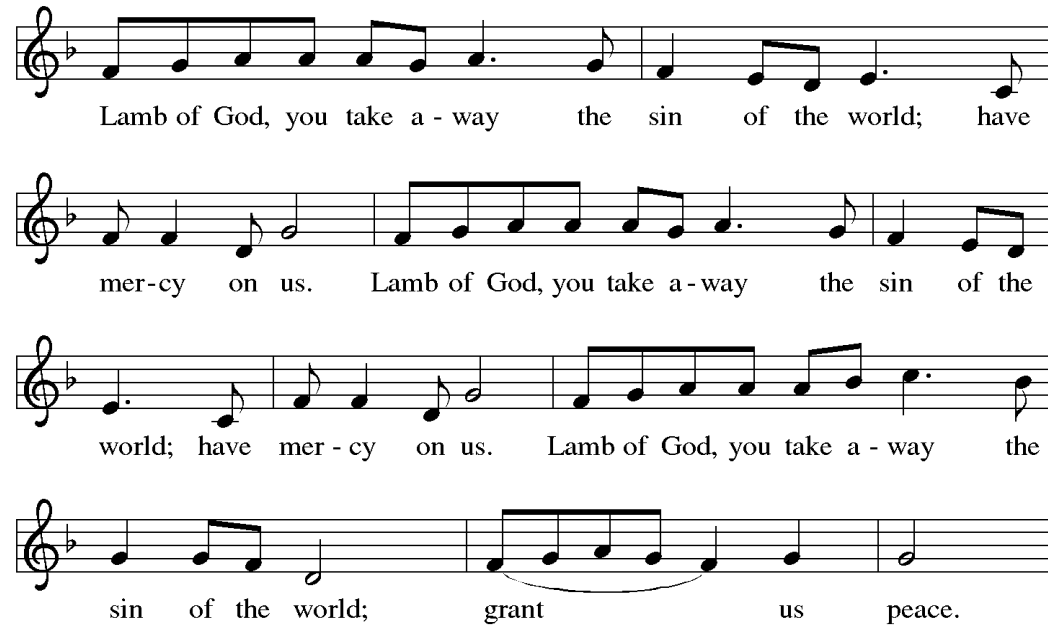
Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako  
litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako ufike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.

### Invitation to Communion

God feeds us with tender mercy.  
Come to the table.  
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.**



**Communion Hymn:** “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

**#241**

**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**

**Sending Song:** “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

**#239**

### **Re-Dedication of Grace Columbarium and Committal**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are gathered to ask God's blessing as with thankfulness we re-dedicate this Columbarium to the glory of God.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts.

Your days are without number;

a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past.

You are the Lord of the past, the present, and the future;

you hold eternity in the palm of your hand.

We remember with thanksgiving

all the saints and witnesses to your goodness who have gone before us,

who by their lives have testified to the love of God.

Give us grace to follow them in faith as your beloved children,

maturing into the likeness of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

by whose death and burial you have sanctified the graves of all who sleep in you.

Send your blessing upon us and upon this Columbarium,

which we re-dedicate today to your praise and honor.

As you raised up your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the first fruits of those who sleep,

so also by your Spirit make us to be partakers of that new life

which you have promised to those who believe;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Committal Reading: Philippians 3:20-21**

*The names of those to be interred and re-interred are read as they are laid to rest.*

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to almighty God our *sister Ernestine*, and with her, we re-commit *the bodies of these Saints to their resting places*; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust.

The Lord bless *them* and keep *them*.

The Lord's face shine on *them* with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon *them* with favor and ✠ give *them* peace.

**Amen**

Let us pray.

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

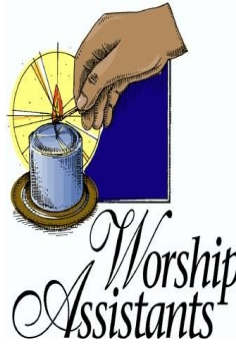
### Dismissal

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

### Postlude



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*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*

*Acolyte:*

*Reva Franklin*

*Altar Flowers:*

*Jim & Gloria Nelson*

*Altar Guild:*

*Susan Myers*

*Assisting Minister:*

*Tami Radecke*

*Communion Assistants:*

*Kathy Bump*

*Council Person of the Week:*

*Jack Eckstrom*

*Offering Stewards:*

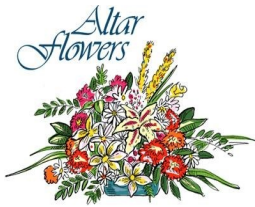
*Pat Brady*

*Jean Morgan*

*Ushers:*

*Fred Biggers*

*Andrew Sell*



*Chancel flowers  
are given this morning  
to the glory of God*



*The LORD your God...*  
will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love.  
ZEPHANIAH 3:17, ESV

*Next Sunday's Schedule*

*Sunday, December 15, 2024*

*Third Sunday of Advent*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Philippians 4:4-7*

*Luke 3:7-18*



**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 Fairchilds**, 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**, Vernetta Nichols' daughter

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

**Genevieve Arneson**

**Bill Kelley**

**Dwight Moomaw**

**Marge Cloutier**

**Phyllis Kite**

**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 Nelson Smith, Cousin of Linda Tomey**

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

***Sandy Johnson (12/08)***  
***Pat Giesen (12/09)***  
***Judi Goodrich (12/12)***

***Gloria Nelson (12/08)***  
***Alexandra Spellman (12/09)***  
***Deloris Wertman (12/13)***

**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.**

Continuing war in Ukraine, as well as civil war in Syria.

**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.



## *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 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, **December 15, and after worship December 22nd** (wall candles, pew candles and crèche). Many hands make light work and joy comes in the fellowship we share in our work!

**Christmas Eve** - Tuesday, **December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.



*The **redwood crosses** are available in the Narthex for pick up. If you have not made your donation, please make checks payable to Grace with "Cross" in the memo line. There are a few extra crosses available if you would like to make a donation to the Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund or ELCA World Hunger. See the sheet in the Narthex.*





**Many thanks to Advent Wreath builders and installers!** Our outdoor wreath is back up as a witness to our community, and a sign of the Season. Thanks to: Jack Eckstrom, Fred Biggers, Rick Bump, Robin Crowder, Jerry Kite, Ron Myers, David Proctor and Charlie Wilson. Thanks also to Jean Morgan and Holly Carper, for preparing the Advent Wreath in our worship space, and installing the door wreaths around our building with Advent bows! Finally, thanks once again to the Binns family for the beautiful greenery that makes up our outdoor wreath, cut from their Afton Mt. property.



**Columbarium Re-Dedication on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>** - As a part of worship today, 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. We welcome those family members who are in attendance with us today.



Poinsettia's **Must Be Ordered by TODAY!** - \$9.50 Each! - Make checks payable to Grace with "Poinsettia's" in the memo line. Order forms are in the bulletins. 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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.



**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 5:8-17  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Luke 21:28-35  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 67

#### **Tuesday**

Isaiah 5:18-25  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28  
Luke 21:29-38  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 94

#### **Wednesday**

Isaiah 6:1-13  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12  
John 7:53—8:11  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 17

#### **Thursday**

Isaiah 7:1-9  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Luke 22:1-13  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 62

#### **Friday**

Isaiah 7:10-25  
2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5  
Luke 22:14-30  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 16

#### **Saturday**

Isaiah 8:1-15  
2 Thessalonians 3:6-18  
Luke 22:31-38  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 72



### **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 7-15,*

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday 	12/08	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Columbarium Re-Dedication</b> <b>Children's Sunday School</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>
Monday	12/09		<b>WARM Cold Weather Shelter</b>
Tuesday	12/10	7:00 p.m.	<b>WARM Cold Weather Shelter</b> <b>Worship and Music</b> (Conference Room)
Wednesday	12/11	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	<b>WARM Cold Weather Shelter</b> <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Advent Worship at St. James Lutheran Church</b> <b>Hand Bell Choir Practice</b> <b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	12/12	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>WARM Cold Weather Shelter</b> <b>Grace Walkers</b> (Grace Parking Lot) <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Virginia Organizing</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Friday	12/13		<b>WARM Cold Weather Shelter</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>
Saturday	12/14	11:00 a.m.	<b>WARM Cold Weather Shelter</b> <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday 	12/15	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  11:15 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School (Seminar Room)</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <b>Congregational Meeting—Budget</b> <b>Children's Sunday School</b> <b>Confirmation Class</b>

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