

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 21, 2025

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

*A community of servants sharing in the
word and work of Jesus.*

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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, the Son **✚**, and the Holy Spirit,
whose home is heaven and earth,
whose salvation is sure.

Amen.

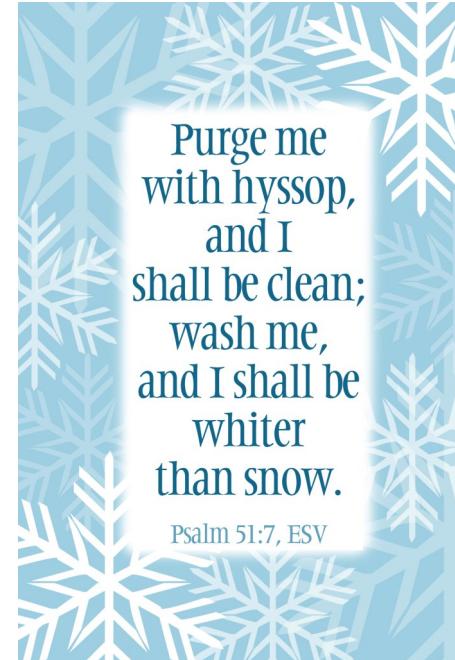
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

God judges us not as we deserve,
but according to God's own righteousness.

✚ You are freed and forgiven,
saved by grace,
and ready to welcome the Savior.
Amen.



Gathering Hymn: "Fling Wide the Door"

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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

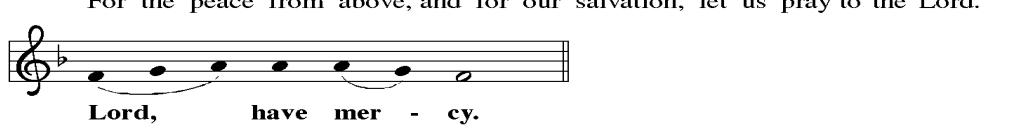
Kyrie



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



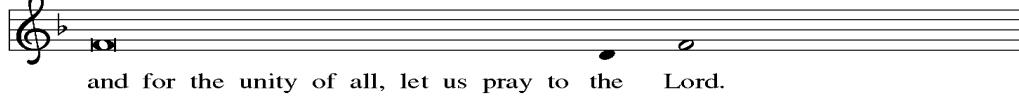
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mercy.



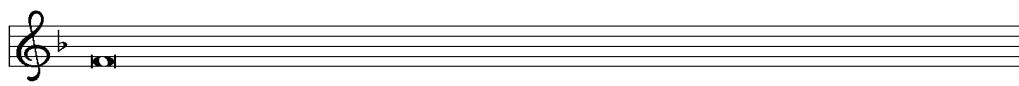
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



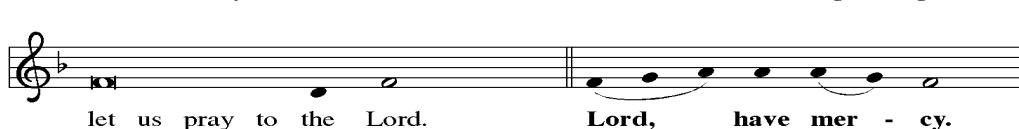
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Praise to you, O God, who lives with us, sharing our flesh and bones. As Mary waited and Joseph dreamed, so we wait and dream for you. Bless us and let your face shine upon us, more radiant than these candles, and more dear than all else we seek.

Restore us when we fail to refuse the evil and choose the good, and banish all our fears. We pray in the name of Emmanuel, your promised child and our Savior.

Amen.

Candle Lighting

Four candles are lit as we sing:

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

#257, Verse 7



Word

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

A reading from Isaiah:

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ “Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹² But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test.” ¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

 You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

 Stir up your might, and come to save us!

³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

 the one whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

A reading from Romans:

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the gentiles for the sake of his name, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

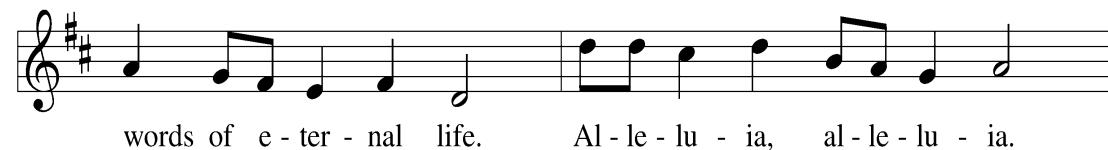
We stand.



Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?



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

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Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

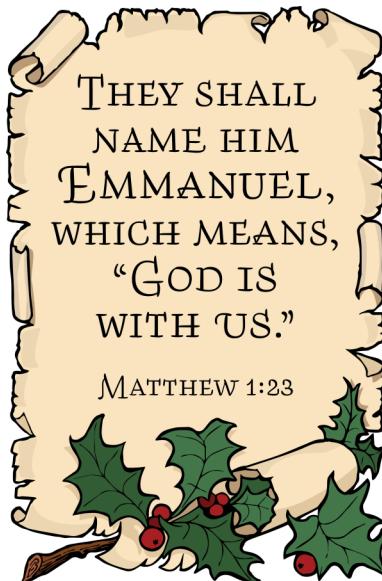
²³ “Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.” ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.



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, akasulibowi, 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

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

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

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we command all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

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 below 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.

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



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.

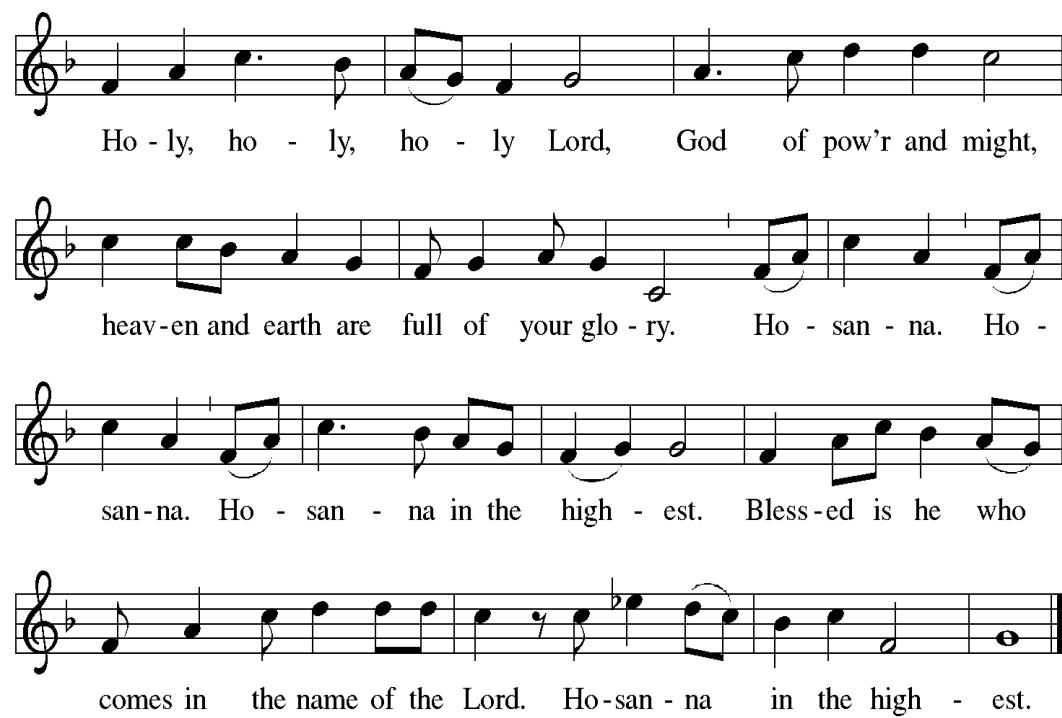
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Music notation: Four staves of music in G clef, common time, featuring quarter and eighth notes.

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

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

We sit.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako litukuzwe;
ufalme wako ufile, utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe walotukosea.
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

We sit.

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 and gluten free wafers are available on the center table as you come forward, or you may receive the bread and wine from the Pastor and/or Communion Assistants. You may kneel or stand at the railing. The Pastor or assisting minister will announce "the body of Christ" as you receive/eat the bread/wafer, then the Communion Assistant will announce "the blood of Christ" as you receive/drink 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.

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.

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



Sending

Farewell and Godspeed—Pastor and Tami Radecke



Blessing

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

Sending Song: “Joy to the World”

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Dismissal

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

Postlude



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*Worship
Assistants*

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers: David and Nancy Schwiesow

Altar Guild: Gigi Werner Winslow

Acolyte/Crucifer:

Assisting Minister: Mike Trauscht

Communion Assistant: Donna Gum

Council Person of Week: Donna Yobs

Offering Stewards: Pat Brady

Ushers: David Proctor

Gail Johnson

Jean Morgan



*The Chancel flowers are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory
of our mothers, Sara Lambert Nalley and
Lorraine Schwiesow. They made sure
we always attended church
and especially celebrated the birth of Christ.*



*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons
Sunday, December 28, 2025
Lessons and Carols
Service of Holy Communion
and via You Tube
Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching*



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. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of the Grace congregation, the community and the world around us, names on the prayer list will remain for four (4) weeks and names on the on-going prayer list will remain for three (3) months. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office.

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

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)
Linda Davis, Friend of Gail and Sandy Johnson
Barbara Eagle, Sister of Nancy Schwiesow
Charlie Fairchilds, Brother of BK Wilson
Jayne Freed, Sister of Marsha Howard
Louise Harris, Friend of the Hites
David Jones, Friend of Sandy and Gail Johnson
Jed Maddox, Nephew of Linda Tomey
Shirley Moran, Friend of Linda Tomey
Melissa Oskvig, Friend of BK Wilson

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)

The marriage on November 22 of Jennifer "Gray" Gray and Trey Hall,
Daughter of Lisa and Glen Gray

Continued

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

Berenice Archambeault
Beth Brady
Ron Knicely
Vivian Proctor
Pete Warren

Liz Ann Binns
Phyllis Kite
Lee Lynch
Bob Shumate

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

Bishop C. D. Brown, Friend of Grace David & Judy Drayer, Parents of Peggy Caister
Michaela Spellman, Daughter of Alexandra Spellman Judy Timm, Friend of Donna Gum

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

Family of Dottie Sheaffer, Member of Grace
Family of Janice Smith, Mother in Law of Jessi Smith
Family of Denny Snyder, Son-in-Law of Glen & Flo Myers
Family of Mark Wolf, Son of Carol Wolf

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Chuck Goodrich (12/21) Pat Brady (12/23)



Prayers for the World

For the families and Jewish communities around the world shaken by the mass shooting tragedy in Australia resulting in the murder of 15; for yet another University mass shooting at Brown University in Rhode Island; these prayers offered at the time of year when we hear the story of the sky filled with angels crying out: “Peace on Earth!” Christ, be our Light!

For the Civil War in Sudan, for the end of wickedness and evil deeds, especially against children and women, and for peace in the midst of famine and death.

For the unhoused, those who travel or drive for a living, senior adults and others who are weathering severe winter weather across our nation.

For the nations of Ukraine, Russia, and European and U.S. officials, as they seek an equitable peace after years of war.

For Christians in this world who suffer for their faith: in Nigeria and Somalia, threatened by El-Shabab; in the Sudan, Libya, Yemen and North Korea.

The Church

For the Church throughout the World, to be faithful to Jesus and his Gospel in uncertain times.

For the Christian Coalition of Equity and Justice (CCE&J), as it seeks a new path to continue the work of Racial Justice in our community.

For the 17 congregations that make up the Southern Valley Conference of the Virginia Synod (Lutheran congregations from Lexington to Harrisonburg, Churchville to Waynesboro).

For Bishop Phyllis Milton and staff, as they seek new Assistants to succeed Rev. Dr. Dave Delaney and Rev. Liz Radtke; as he retires in 2026 from his leadership position in Youth Ministry and as she begins a new call to Christ, Richmond.





Please join us after the worship service today for Christmas Decorating.
The more the merrier!!!

Farewell and Godspeed—Pastor Mark and Tami Radecke will be moving to Hickory, NC in early January. We give thanks to God for them and their rich gifts and talents shared at Grace, in this Waynesboro community, through their long-standing ministry to CICRIN in Nicaragua and in the larger church.



New Members at Grace! Kirk Hyden and River Smith will Affirm their Baptism, and join the family of faith at Grace on Sunday, January 4th! Please pray for these new members, and give them welcome in our life together.



Mark your calendars for a Grace Lunch following the January 11, 2026 service. January 11th is Pastor Paul's last Sunday and we plan to have a nice lunch to celebrate his service and retirement. Sign-ups for food, etc. are located in the narthex. We hope you can join us and bring something to share!



Confirmation in January! - Reva Sloane Franklin will Affirm her Baptism and be Confirmed as a part of worship on January 11th. Her reception will be a part of Pastor Paul's after worship! We give thanks to God's Spirit moving in the lives of all our Confirmation-aged participants - Esme and Maella Hilker, Zoey Mahoney, and Raegan Van Bremen - as with Reva, they continue their studies with Jake Dolan through the remaining Sunday School year!



A Blessed WARM Cold Weather Shelter at Grace! Many thanks to so many of you at Grace for your service to Christ - as hosts, overnight hosts, food preparers, shower monitors, clean-up crew, day-shelter hosts; to our overall coordinator Susan Myers - and to those who were our guests during this past week's Cold Weather Shelter in our Fellowship Hall. They pitched in, helped, and served in many ways this past week. **And**, thanks to many other congregations and friends in our community who also brought food, and helped in many other ways. Finally, thanks also to WARM staff who were always present and helpful. It was an Advent Blessing for our congregation!



Sunday, December 7th, Bishop Phyllis Milton and Assistant to the Bishop Rebecca Walls met with Church Council following worship. As part of our meeting, we offered thanksgiving for Pastor Paul, each other and Grace ministries. Basic information was shared regarding next steps with the **pastor search process**, which will begin in the new year. Bishop Milton recommended we approach this process like a crockpot, not a microwave. There is a well-defined process and the VA Synod will walk with us step by step. For now, our focus is on the season of Advent and helping Pastor Paul to end his ministry well. **We look forward to celebrating Pastor Paul's time at Grace after worship on Sunday, January 11th with a Congregational Lunch.** Remember that you may reach out to any member of Church Council with any questions or concerns. We will continue to share updates with you as our work picks up in the new year.



Quilting News-Forty seven lap quilts were delivered to River Edge Rehab & Nursing Home Wednesday. Grace quilters were quite busy and St. James quilters contributed as well as one of our friends from the Kiwanis Club. The Nursing Home requested they be distributed during their Christmas party. Thanks to all who helped with this outreach.



Food Pantry Collections: A huge thanks to everyone as you continue to bring food for the food bank box near the office. Your donation is much appreciated. To date, we have collected over **5,496** pounds of food (we have made **fifty-six** deliveries, twenty-six to Main Street United Methodist, and thirty to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft). **New Notice!!!** There is a need for diapers, especially sizes 3-6. All diapers will be, and have been, delivered to Calvary United Methodist. In addition, 20 pounds of condiments have been delivered to the Bread Basket.



Advent/Christmas at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church



The Season of Advent—This Season, in addition to the four Sundays of Advent, we join with our fellow Lutheran Christians from Bethlehem, Waynesboro; St. James, Fishersville; and Zion, Waynesboro for a series of Wednesday Advent Worship Services with the theme "***The Road to Bethlehem***", with our yearly Blue Christmas service at Bethlehem, Waynesboro. Our Schedule:

Sunday, December 21 - Blue Christmas @ Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 6:00 p.m.

Come and travel the Road to Bethlehem this Advent Season!

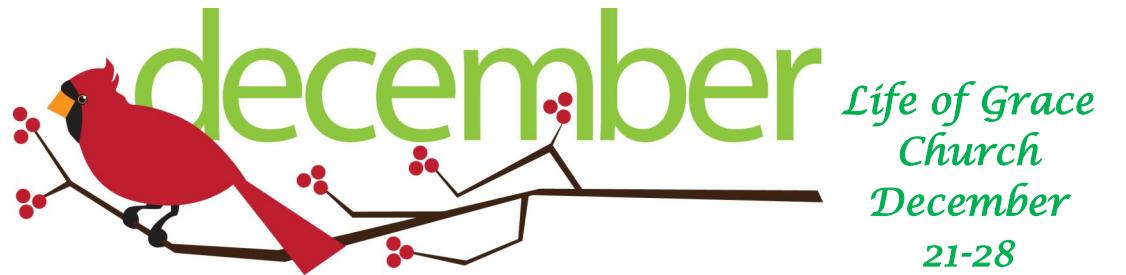


Christmas Eve - Wednesday, ***December 24th, 5:00 p.m.*** - Our children and adult choir will present a wonderful program of music and assist in the telling of the Good News of Jesus' birth, as families "build" the crèche scene. We will celebrate Holy Communion and sing Silent Night by candlelight.



Christmas Eve Offering—All loose offering (bills and change) - and checks made to Grace with HERO noted in the memo line will be given to HERO, an organization supporting our Waynesboro, Virginia community by providing emergency financial assistance to those who are at risk of potential eviction or utility cut-off. All envelopes (and checks made out to Grace without a memo designation to HERO) will be given to Grace and its ministries.





*Life of Grace
Church
December
21-28*

Day	Date	Time	Event
	12/21	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding <i>Christmas Decorating</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Children's Sunday School Confirmation Class
Monday	12/22		
Tuesday	12/23		
	12/24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Worship and Holy Communion
	12/25		Christmas Day Grace Holiday—Church Office Closed
Friday	12/26		Church Office Closed
Saturday	12/27	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
	12/28	10:00 a.m.	First Sunday of Christmas Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Lessons and Carols



Advent DEVOTIONALS

Monday

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Titus 1:1-16
Luke 1:1-25
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 67

Tuesday

1 Samuel 2:1b-10
Titus 2:1-10
Luke 1:26-38
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 94

Wednesday

2 Samuel 7:1-17
Titus 2:11—3:8a
Luke 1:39-48a
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 17

Thursday

2 Samuel 7:18-29
Galatians 3:1-14
Luke 1:57-66
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 62

Friday

Jeremiah 31:10-14
Galatians 3:15-22
Luke 1:67-80
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 16

Saturday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Galatians 3:23—4:7
Matthew 1:18-25
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 72



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