



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Altar Flowers are sponsored today by The Wilkie Family in memory of Luann Wilkie.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Educational opportunities occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

Grace Council Statement on Racism: Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Christ promises to come. His advent is imminent. His promise is certain. It will happen. It is as sure as the rising sun dawning in the east and breaking upon us. And, when he comes all flesh will see God's salvation. On this second Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that this inbreaking of God will not happen just in a far-off land but right here. Right here amidst the desert wilderness of our lives and the rulers of this age that seem to wield so much power and authority. In the real deep blue darkness of this very world, Christ will come. On that day, 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. And so, in the meantime we prepare, wait, watch, and trust. It is just over the horizon. Christ is coming soon.



Photo by Jonathan Hillert

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Two Settings: Prepare the Royal Highway Robert Buckley Farlee and Paul Manz

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

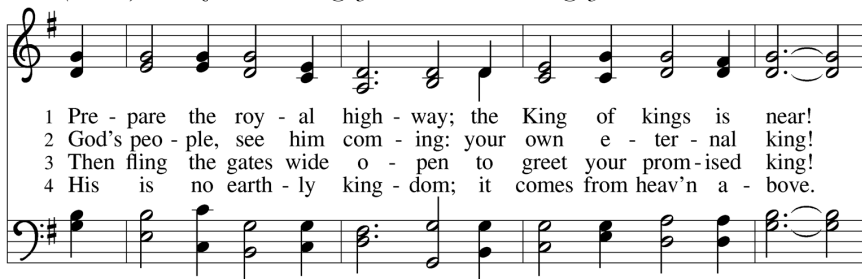
C Amen.

We face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Prepare the Royal Highway

(green) **LBW #26**

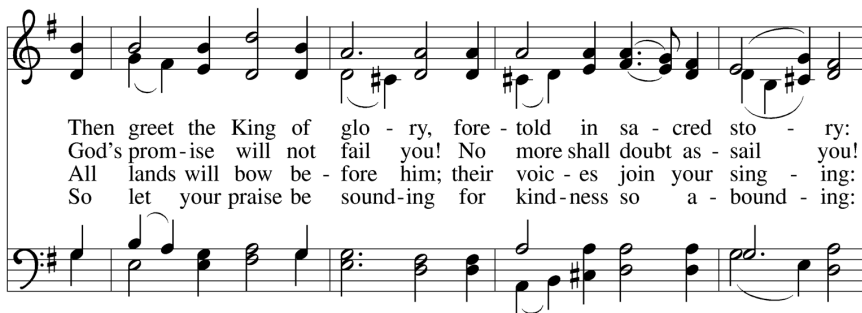
(11:00) Stanza three is sung by the choir in a setting by Michael D. Costello.



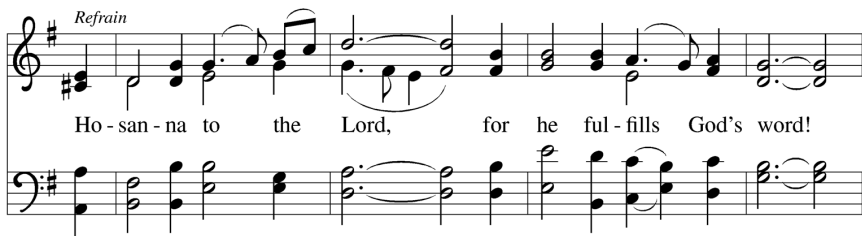
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

KYRIE



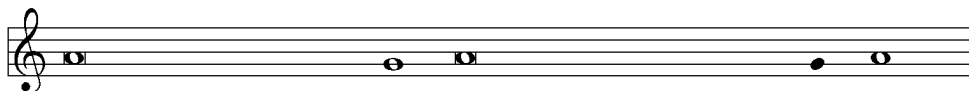
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



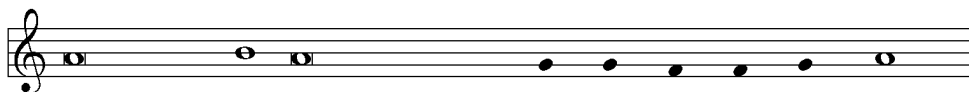
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. Ⓒ A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

⒫ The Lord be with you.

Ⓒ **And also with you.**

⒫ 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.**

✝ WORD ✝

We sit.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1–4

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. ²But 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; ³he 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. ⁴Then 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.**

CANTICLE: Luke 1:68–79

ANTIPHON: In the tender compassion of our God, Antiphon by Jeremy Zimmer
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

L Blessed be the Lord, the | God of Israel;*
he has come to his people and | set them free.

C **He has raised up for us a | mighty Savior,***
born of the house of his | servant David.

L Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us | from our enemies,*
from the hands of | all who hate us.

C **He promised to show mercy | to our forebears***
and to remember his | holy covenant.

L This was the oath he swore to our | father Abraham:*
to set us free from the hands | of our enemies.

C **free to worship him | without fear,***
holy and righteous in his sight all the days | of our life.

L You, my child, shall be called the prophet | of the Most High,*
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare his way,

C **to give his people knowledge | of salvation***
by the forgiveness | of their sins.

L In the tender compassion | of our God,*
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

C **to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the sha- | dow of death,***
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3–11

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.


L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE: Luke 3:4, 6

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia.

C REFRAIN (*below*)


cresc. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Prepare the way of the Lord.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

C REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:1–6

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

☐ Glory to you, O Lord.

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 Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as 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.

⁵Every 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;

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.””

P The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Right Here

Pastor Troy E. Medlin
Luke 1:68-79, Luke 3:1-6

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(green) **LBW #30**



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835



NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C 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 THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.

Visit GraceRiverForest.org to give online.

VOLUNTARY: Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

Charles W. Ore

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Luke 13:29, 14:15

Robert Wetzler

And many will come from the east and the west, from north and south,
and sit at table in the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are they who shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** 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, almighty and ever-living God. 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 again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

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

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

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

☐ Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.
When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.
At this end of the ages
your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again
in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us
and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith,
increase our hope,
and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☐ **Amen.**

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

C **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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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



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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

Please remove your mask as you approach the head of the aisle, where we receive the consecrated wafer and then drink from one of the individual cups.

Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may pick up a gluten-free host from the table at the head of the aisle.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** Advent Hymn

Martin Jean

Oh, come, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and loose the chains of guilt and fear.
Our souls are bound by sin so great and yearn your drawing near.

We look for hope. We pray for peace of mind and troubled heart.
Salvation comes from you alone, and we deserving not.

Through ancient prophets God revealed the promise of salvation near.
From heaven's throne our Lord bent down, his love our gift so dear.

We look for hope. We pray for peace of mind and troubled heart.
Salvation comes from you alone, and we deserving not.

Come with me now to see the throne, the manger where our Savior lies.
Kneel down in awe before his crib and kiss the feet of God.

Our hope is here. The peace he brings will draw us to that place,
Where we shall sing in perfect praise and dwell in endless day.

Martin Jean



HYMN: Comfort, Comfort Now My People

(green) LBW #29



1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C Amen.

A We give you thanks, almighty God,
 that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
 and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift,
 in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

☐ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

(green) **LBW #36**



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, and let us all our
and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Michael D. Costello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister
Chrissy Nelson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Paulette Reddel
Gary Howell and Rebecca Dahlstrom
Lukas Cohen and Greta Lyle
John Lochner and Linda Street
Paul Koester and John Sanger
Bob and Kathryn Jandeska
Anne Claud and Al Swanson

Deacon

Lectors

Crucifer/Bible Bearer

Altar Guild

Ushers

Gift Bearers

Livestream Audio/Video

Choir

11:00

Susie Calhoun
Bob and Kathy Hale
Julia Henderson and Evelyn Hasenbalg
Lance and Stephanie Wilkening
Al Swanson and Evelyn Tiemann
Parish Choir

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Diane Amati	David Gruendler	Scott Krueger	Taylor Reynolds
Annalise Balock	Don Heimburger	Karen Lemke	Marnie Rourke
Cathy Barker	Patricia Herendeen	Carolyn Martin	Pat Scala
Anne-Marie Bogdan	Bob Jandeska	Karen McMahon	Jim Scherer
Larry Caponigri	Amy Juel	Dave Moeller	Cameron Valencia
Rosemary Cheatem	Nancy Kaufman	Jennifer Murtoff	
Hans Dumpys	Phyllis Kersten	Paul Nelson	
Louis Elia	Jerry Koenig	Ruth Rehwaldt	

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)

Kay Armstrong (*mother of Neal Armstrong*)

Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)

Javed Bachew (*relative of Susan Franzone*)

Frances Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)

Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)

Florence Breed (*cousin of Irmgard Swanson*)

Susan Cahill (*cousin of Randy Schnack*)

Jamie Carpenter (*cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher*)

Stella Dillberg (*mother of Gretchen Weaver*)

Clara Dorsey (*mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey*)

Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)

James Flutch (*nephew of Valerie Spiller*)

Nathan Forsyth (*friend of Paul Nelson*)

Benjamin Galiher (*nephew of Paul May*)

Chandramma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)

Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Michael Granato (*grandson of Virginia Walker*)

Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)

Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)

Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)

Allison Heppner (*daughter-in-law of Kenneth and Marilyn Heppner*)

Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)

Margaret Hofmaier (*mother of Barbara Hofmaier*)

Alice Hollis (*friend of Marge Sanger*)

June Hostetler (*aunt of Larry Garber*)

Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)

Ellen Kanik (*friend of Eileen Maggio*)

Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)

Patrick Kennedy (*friend of Grace Church*)

David Kopp (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)

Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)

Maxx Kusper (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)

Beth Luebbe and family (*sister of Jenny Luebbe*)

Ken Lukes (*friend of George and Nancy Wohlford*)

Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)

Ellen MacGregor (*friend of Chrissy Nelson*)

Tom Maggio (*brother of Joe Maggio*)

Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)

Melina Masihi (*friend of Chrissy Nelson*)

Neal Mast (*relative of Susan and David Franzone*)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)

Duncan McEachern (*brother-in-law of John Reynolds*)

Carole Nelson (*mother of Michael Nelson*)

Dolores Pelz (*cousin of Evelyn Grams*)

Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)

Jacob Pletan (*great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt*)

Sarah Ponder (*friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys*)

James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)

Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)

Mark Redheffer (*son of Virginia Walker*)

Paula Rosenberger (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)

Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)

Ed Schulz (*father of Liz Rudy*)

Mary Lu Shipstad (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)

Huxley Shoup and family (*friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)

Peggy Smith (*mother of Johanna Johnson*)

Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)

Lee Stephens (*brother of Tony*)

Pastor Steve Swanson (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)

Donald Tegeler (*friend of Debbie Conley*)

Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)

Ilene Thompson (*sister of Marilyn Heppner*)

Jan Thomson (*sister-in-law of Christine Phillips*)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (*sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel*)

Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)

Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)

Karen Wischhusen (*sister of Ann Mason*)

Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan & David Franzone*)

Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)

Veronica Zuirowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Norwood Senior Care

For those who mourn

Nola Gustafson (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Don Kersten (*brother of Phyllis Kersten*)

Annette Henrikson (*mother of Diane Carioscio*)

Carol Hopwood (*friend of many at Grace*)

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

Kellyn Daly (*niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Matthew Grosz (*nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Christopher Davis

Gloria Hillert

Joan Koerber

Carolyn Martin

Barbara Rinnan

Kathleen Wrobel

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

Holy Light

A Candlelight Service of Carols December 12, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Choirs and Orchestra of Grace Church and School

Music by David Cherwien, Robert Hobby, Craig Phillips, and more

Readings by Susan Palo Cherwien

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, DECEMBER 5

Library Open for Self-Service 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship Services – Holy Communion.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room).....9:45 a.m.
Confirmation 7th Grade (Fellowship Hall)9:45 a.m.
Confirmand/Mentor Session 8th Grade (School Library)9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 1st – 6th Grade (3rd Floor Commons).....9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 3 – 5 yrs (Nursery)9:45 a.m.
Teen Talk (Youth Room)9:45 a.m.
St. Olaf Christmas Festival Watch Party (Fellowship Hall).... 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

Book Fair (Church Library)..... 3:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Book Fair (Church Library)..... 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Retired Pastors (Conference Room)10:00 a.m.
GriefShare (Conference Room)..... 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

School Chapel.....8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones-Fellowship & Bible Study (Church Library)9:30 a.m.
Advent Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.
Book Fair (Church Library)..... 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Advent Supper (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m.
Advent Evening Prayer..... 7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

Book Fair (Church Library)..... 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Finding Hope (Church Library).....10:00 a.m.
Middle School Christmas Party (offsite) 6:00 p.m.
High School Youth Christmas Bonfire (offsite) 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Overeaters Anonymous (Virtual)9:00 a.m.
Vaccine Clinic (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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