



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 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.

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

The Baptist's preaching may not be much emulated, but it certainly grabs your attention. "You brood of vipers," he begins. With the fiery intensity we associate with the Old Testament prophets, John warns of wrath and trees with axes at their roots. What, the people ask, must we do? Repent! Turn from your sins. Repent! Turn to the One who is coming. The good news in John's sermon is not in the hope that we will finally get it right; it is hope in the One who is coming with the Holy Spirit. In this One, the Christ, God's long-planned promise of salvation and homecoming will be fulfilled. And what will happen then? Well, take it from one of those fiery Old Testament prophets, Zephaniah: God will burst forth in a song of joy. We, too, are invited to sing God's song now. It's a song of coat-giving and kind treatment; a song of thankfulness that finds peace amid troubles; a song that anticipates the joys of the God who delights in our salvation.



Photo by Jonathan Hillert

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

(8:30) Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op. 6, No. 8

Archangelo Corelli

Allegro

Allegro

(11:00) Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

Mark Sedio

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: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

(blue) **WOV #633**



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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



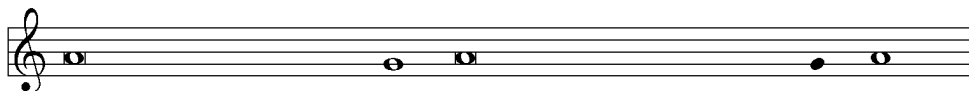
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



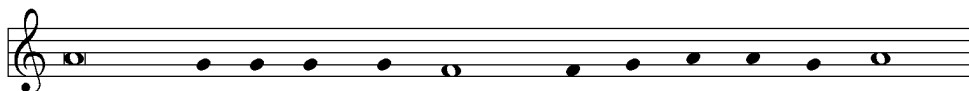
A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



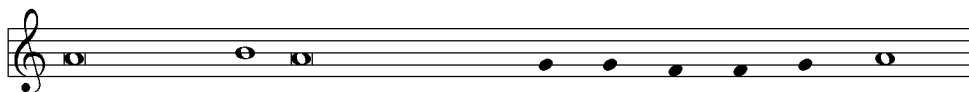
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God,
and open our ears to the preaching of John,
that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

We sit.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14–20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
¹⁸as on a day of festival.

The reading continues on the following page.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE: Isaiah 12:2–6

ANTIPHON: In your midst is the holy one of Israel.

Jeremy Zimmer

L Surely God is | my salvation;*
I will trust, and will not | be afraid.

C **for the LORD GOD is my strength | and my might;*
he has become | my salvation.**

L With joy you | will draw water*
from the wells | of salvation.

C **And you will say | in that day:***
Give thanks to the LORD, call | on his name;

L make known his deeds a- | mong the nations;*
proclaim that his name | is exalted.

C **Sing praises to the LORD, for he | has done gloriously;*
let this be known in | all the earth.**

L Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,*
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4–7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

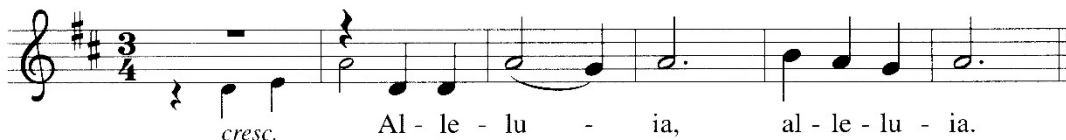
We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 11:10

John Ferguson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir I am sending my messenger before you,
who will prepare your way before you.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:7–18

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

(8:30) **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

SERMON: Sing, You Vipers!

Pastor David R. Lyle
Luke 3:7–18; Zephaniah 3:14–20

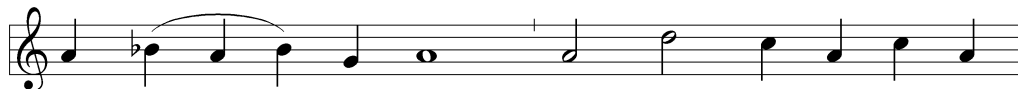
We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!

(green) **LBW #37**



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near,"
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, let the earth -
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par -
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion to the Fa -



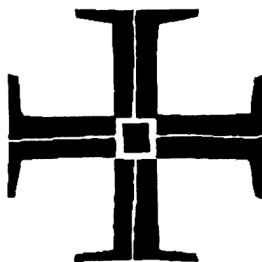
we hear the cry. "Cast a - way the works of
bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all sloth dis -
don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of
is wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his
ther and the Son with the ev - er - liv - ing



dark - ness, all you chil - dren of the day!"
pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
sor - row, one and all, to be for - giv'n;
mer - cy and with words of love draw near.
Spir - it while e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.

Music: FREUEN WIR UNS ALL IN EIN, Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534



(8:30) 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.

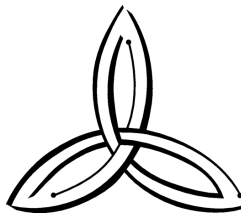
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

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.

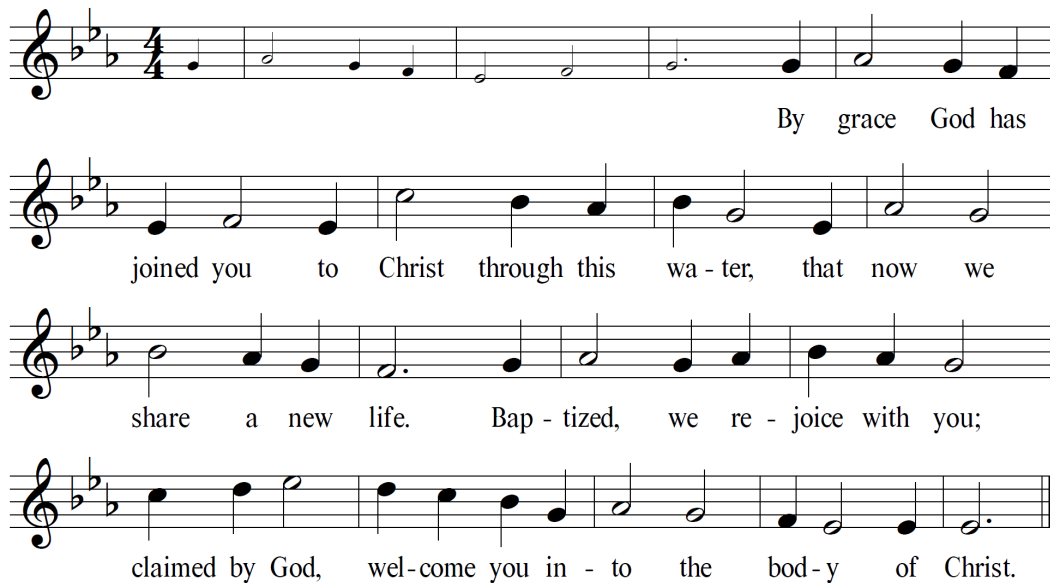
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



(11:00) **SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** (page 121 *in the front* of the green LBW.)

Jeremy Cirilo Chilton
Ava Denise Washington

After the spoken welcome, the following response is sung twice through:



By grace God has
joined you to Christ through this wa - ter, that now we
share a new life. Bap - tized, we re - joice with you;
claimed by God, wel-come you in - to the bod-y of Christ.

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.*

(8:30) **VOLUNTARY:** Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op. 6, No. 8

Corelli

Adagio-Allegro-Adagio

(11:00) **VOLUNTARY:** Dernier Couplet, Amen.

François Couperin

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Ezekiel 37:26–27

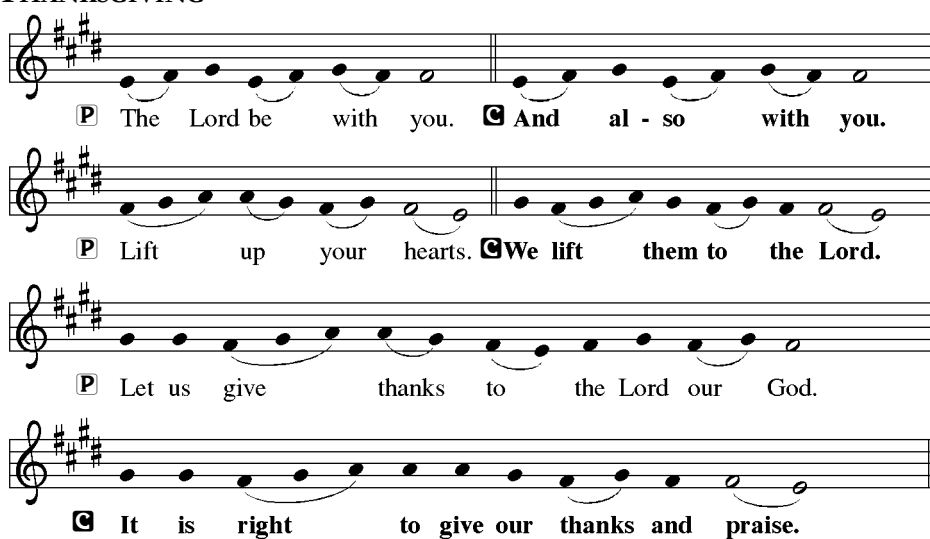
Richard Hillert

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
I will make a covenant of peace with them;
it shall be an everlasting covenant with them.
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staves, with a 'P' (Piano) or 'C' (Crescendo) marking at the start of each line.

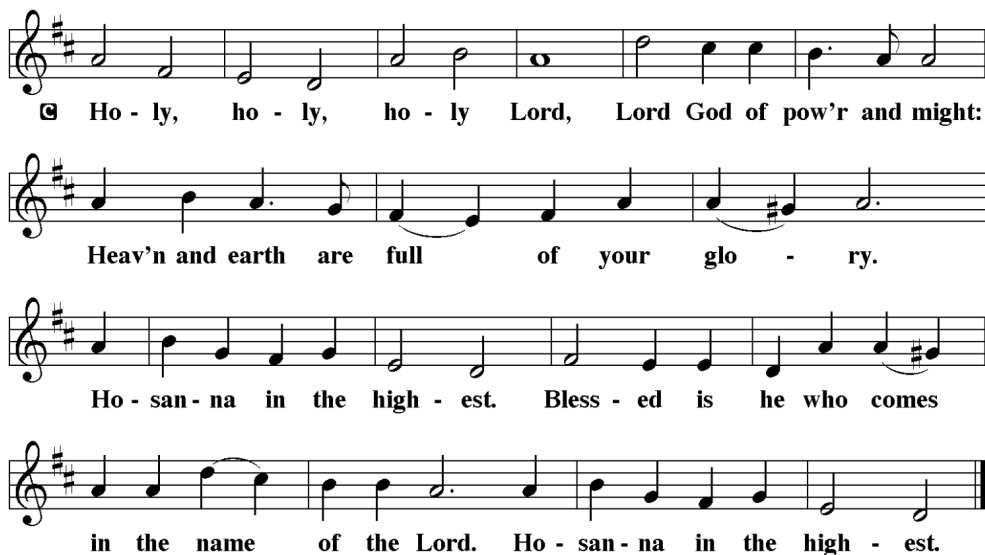
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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.

- ¶ 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:



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.

℟ 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.

℟ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☩ Thanks be to God.

℟ Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



☐ 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

(8:30) **VOLUNTARY:** Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op. 6, No. 8

Corelli

Pastorale

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** Rejoice Greatly

Healey Willan

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold thy King cometh unto thee.



1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,
 2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour
 3 As the moon re - flects the sun
 4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,



so we a - wait your light. O Star of
 be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to
 un - til the night's de - crease, may we your
 en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us



prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing
 see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and
 heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing
 stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and



bright, till shades of fear are gone.
 wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
 peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.
 blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: LUCENT, Carl F. Schalk, 1929–2021

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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.

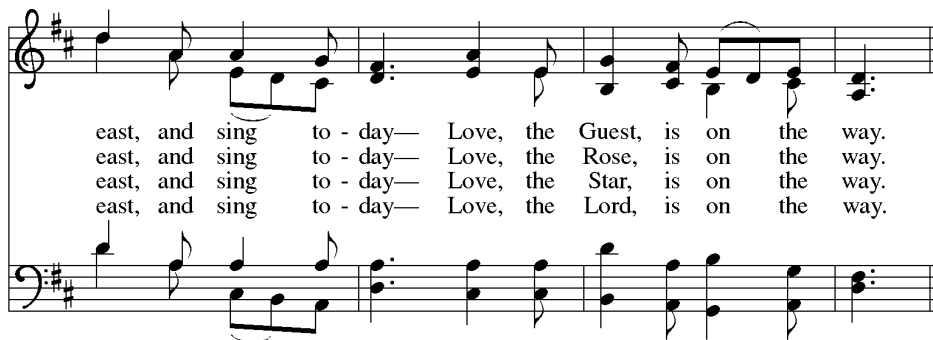
SENDING HYMN: People, Look East

(blue) WOV #626

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new

of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming

trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course and the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965
 Music: BESANCON, French carol; arr. Barry Rose, b. 1934

DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: People, Look East

Daryl Hollinger

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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

8:30

Ed Mason
 Karen Rohde and Kathryn Jandeska
 Lukas Cohen and Evelyn Hasenbalg
 Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson and John Lochner
 Thomas Ewert and John Sanger
 Susan Weber
 Eunice Eifert and Al Swanson
 Kontras Quartet

Deacon

Lectors

Crucifer/Bible Bearer

Altar Guild

Ushers

Gift Bearers

Livestream Audio/Video

Strings/Choir

11:00

Lori Martin

Aiden Koehne and Mary Beth Logas

Meredith Brayton and Julia Henderson

Roberta Gillespie and Gerlinde VanDriesen

Lance and Stephanie Wilkening

Elizabeth Henderson and Esther Armstrong

Parish Choir

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

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

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*)
 Jamie Carpenter (*cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher*)
Elena Davis (*friend of Sue and Pat Allen*)
 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*)
 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*)
 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*)
 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*)
 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*)
Nola Williams (*Grace student*)
 Karen Wischhusen (*sister of Ann Mason*)
 Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan & David Franzone*)
 Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
 Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Walther Christian Academy

In Thanksgiving for

The baptism of **Jeremy Cirilo Chilton** (*son of Zachary Chilton and Mariana Corral, great-grandson of Jayne Chilton*)

The baptism of **Ava Denise Washington** (*daughter of Michael and Danyale Washington*)

The birth of **Henry Bushby Mason** (*child born to Kevin Mason and Lisa Bushby, grandson of Ed and Ann Mason*)

For those who mourn

Carole Nelson (*mother of Michael Nelson*)

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Kroust*)

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

Carolyn Martin

Christopher Davis

Barbara Rinnan

Gloria Hillert

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, DECEMBER 12

Library Open for Self-Service	8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship Services – Holy Communion	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Audit Committee (Conference Room)	9:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve Rehearsal (Seminar Room)	9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 3 – 5 yr olds (Nursery)	9:45 a.m.
Sunday School 1 st – 6 th Grades (3 rd Floor Commons)	9:45 a.m.
Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)	9:45 a.m.
Teen Talk (Youth Room)	9:45 a.m.
Advent/Christmas Concert	4:00 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

Finance Committee (online)	7:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Retired Leaders (Fellowship Hall)	10:00 a.m.
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room)	7:00 p.m.
Benevolence Committee (Conference room).....	7:00 p.m.
GriefShare (Church Library)	7:00 p.m.
Health Cabinet (online)	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

School Chapel	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones-Fellowship & Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Advent Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.
Cornerstones Lunch	11:30 a.m.
Advent Supper.....	6:00 p.m.
Advent Evening Prayer	7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal	7:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

Justice and Peace Committee (Conference room).....	7:00 p.m.
Music of the Baroque concert.....	8:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Chicago Choral Artists Concert.....	7:30 p.m.
Religion in Literature (offsite)	8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

Overeaters Anonymous (Virtual)	9:00 a.m.
Christmas Caroling in Oak Park.....	1:00 p.m.
Caroling Refreshments (atrium).....	2:00 p.m.

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