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*Grace Lutheran Church & School*

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**Church Year:** Advent 2      **Date:** December 9, 2012

✠ **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP** ✠

**Worship Preparation:** ..... Psalm 24, TLH p. 128

**Hymn:** ..... TLH 64: Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes

**Liturgy:** ..... TLH, p. 5 ff. (Laminated Sheet in Pew Also Available)

Note: Today we will sing the introit and have the Advent candle lighting in place of the liturgy from pages 6 - 9.

**Introit:** ..... Tune of TLH 58: O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee  
Behold, Daughter of Zion, Salvation now draws near;  
The Lord will speak His message That all may rightly hear.  
Grant us a heart with gladness, Shepherd of Israel, dear,  
Thou leadest us like Joseph, With Thee we have no fear.

**Advent Candle Lighting:** ..... The Bethlehem Candle  
*We light this candle as a symbol of proclamation. This we experience because Christ came to earth at Bethlehem. May the Word sent from God through the apostles and prophets lead us to the way of salvation.*  
*O come, O come, Emmanuel!*

**Response:** ..... TLH 62: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel  
Oh, come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things, far and nigh,  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.



**First Reading:** ..... Malachi 3:1-4  
The messenger will prepare the way for the Messenger of the Covenant.

**Gradual:**  
P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
**C: Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!**  
P: See, your King comes to you,  
**C: Righteous and having salvation.**  
P: Alleluia, Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for Him;  
**C: All mankind will see God's salvation! Alleluia.**



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

As the Apostle Paul sits in chains, he expresses thanksgiving for the Philippians fellowship and love. He encourages them to abound more and more in such love.

**Confession of Faith:** ..... **Apostolic Creed, TLH p. 12**

**Hymn:** ..... **TLH 61: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People**

**Sermon:** ..... **Luke 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; <sup>6</sup>And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

**"GET READY! THE LORD IS COMING!"**

**Offertory:** ..... **TLH p. 12 f.**

**Hymn:** ..... **TLH 63: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

**Offering, Prayers, Benediction:** ..... **TLH p. 14**

**Hymn:** ..... **TLH 85, st. 13-15: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come**

**Last Week's Stats:** Dec. 2, 2012 Sun.: 124 S.S.: 18 B.Cl.:41 Wed.: 62

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,250.92	CLC:	\$591.00	
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Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,030.00	CLC:	960.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+761.42	CLC:	-94.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$139,791.57	CLC:	\$42,478.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	148,470.00	CLC:	47,040.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-8,678.43	CLC:	-4,562.00	
Other Offerings:	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	420.00	
GLC Other:	52.00	MDF:	149.00	Kinship:	80.00
ILC Student Aid:	25.00	ILC Bldg.	640.00*	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00

\* \$200 Pelzl & A Schaller Memorial, \$400 Memorial Unknown  
Also \$245 Ruth Sydow Memorial to SAF Endowment

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Don Dahlin will be receiving a new form of chemotherapy on a weekly basis. He is also experiencing numbness in his hands. May the Lord comfort Don as he faces these challenges.
  - ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** This Wednesday at 7 pm we continue our meditations on Silent Night! Holy Night! Our last midweek service on December 19 will be our annual candlelight service with hymns and Bible readings. Come and worship the newborn Savior!
  - ◆ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on December 19. Those attending may bring sandwiches, salads, or a dish to share.
  - ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
    - ◆ Sun., Dec. 9: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
    - ◆ Sun., Dec. 16: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
    - ◆ Sun., Dec. 23: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly in order to get through everything)
- December is a busy month, but please understand the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well.
- ◆ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: *The Cross in the Christmas Tree*. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am.
  - ◆ **Poinsettias:** A sign-up sheet is by the guest book for those who wish to purchase poinsettias for use in the sanctuary.
  - ◆ **2013 Cleaning:** The 2013 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
  - ◆ **Catechism Class:** Class will be suspended on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 for the Christmas break. Class will resume on Jan. 9.
  - ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held today at 3:30 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
  - ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** This year's Christmas concert is Fri., Dec. 21, 7:30 pm, at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. For those who wish to sign up for a ride on the bus, there is a signup list for the trip. Plans are for the bus to depart around 4:45 pm.
  - ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
  - ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Group Parts



## Advent Approaches ...

We look forward with great joy and anticipation for the coming of our Savior yet again this year. But as the days roll on... the years roll on... is this just another Christmas full of busy schedules and scheduling busyness... Is it just another of many Decembers this world has seen?

Really there is only ONE Christmas. The Lord's advent ("coming") in the flesh to die for sin and set the world free from sin happened only once. And let's be thankful for that. As the days and years roll by we see a life filled with distractions that take us away from a proper focus on God's righteous will. We sin every hour. Thanks be to God that He sent His Son in the flesh to rightly take our place and set us free from the guilt that burdens us – Once and for All. Because Jesus is the Son of God, there only needs to be ONE Christmas.

*By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ... But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God ... For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. (Hebrews 10:10,12,14)*

This ONE Christmas event is ours now as we believe what the Bible says – that this Man, the Son of God, has taken away all our sins. This isn't a gift that depends on us – neither is it lost by many sins, nor is it gained by our appreciation and works. God's in-flesh atonement is ONCE FOR ALL. What happened so long ago is yours today; it is yours throughout December; it is yours throughout all our life. Resting daily in Jesus through repentance and faith, this ONCE FOR ALL comes to us again and again, pouring out the forgiveness we need. In Him, no lie or distraction of Satan will ever snatch away what has been given. Every time we draw near God's Word and Sacrament we receive a ONCE-in-a-lifetime gift that is re-gifted endlessly.

As the days roll by, let's not allow Satan to overshadow this great gift in just another busy holiday. And let's not let him take captive unsuspecting victims either. Check out our worship schedule in the bulletin and invite others to come and hear! *For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2 Corinthians 6:2)*

A blessed Advent Season to you all!

Rev. David Pfeiffer, 12/2012

### The following is the nomination slate for 2013:

- President: Al Rosendahl
- Vice President: Eli Wales
- Secretary: Jack Kirkham
- Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom, Roger Ochsner
- Elder: Frank Radichel, Brandt Wendland
- Education: Alex Baker, Ole Olmanson, Brandt Wendland
- Trustee: Brandon Paplow, Bill Rust, Lyle Trulin

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner     Elder: Larry Nelson  
Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl,  
Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude  
Counting Team 4: Ed Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al  
Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Lynn Sandhoefner  
Hospitality Team 6: Richard & Shauna Rhinesmith; Brian &  
Maureen Eichstadt; Brandt Wendland  
Church Cleaners: Gerald Anderson     School Cleaners: K. Baker

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: David Stifter, Scott Baker, Al Rosendahl,  
Dylan Stifter, Lyle Trulin, Michael Ude  
Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Larry Nelson; Phil Radichel;  
Pat Paplow  
Hospitality Team 1: Phil & Jackie Radichel; Lynn & Janice  
Sandhoefner  
Church Cleaners: Brad Kitzman     School Cleaners: Flesner

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Dec. 9:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 2)  
11:15 am – Hospitality  
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
3:30 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital

**Wed., Dec. 12:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship

**Sun., Dec. 16:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)  
11:15 am – Hospitality  
12:00-2:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

**Wed., Dec. 19:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner  
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship

**Thu., Dec. 20:** 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall

**Fri., Dec. 21:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert

**Sun., Dec. 23:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Mon., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship

**Tue., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship

**Sun., Dec. 30:** 10 am – Worship Service  
(Bible Class, Sunday School, Hospitality suspended)

**Mon., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Years Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

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Prepare  
the way  
for the  
Lord,  
make  
straight  
paths  
for  
him.

Luke 3:4

