

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

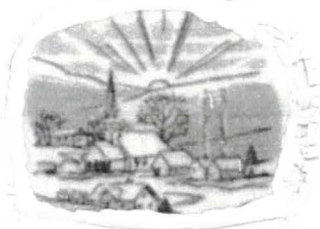
Fridley, Minnesota

A Member of The Church Of The Lutheran Confession (CLC)

Pastor John Hein (Serving Tonight: Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck)

Organist: *Jan Davis*

Welcome to Advent worship at Grace. In this holy season, our focus is on properly preparing our hearts to welcome God's greatest gift to us and to mankind – the gift of our ChristChild Savior. The "way-preparing" proclamation of John the Baptist remain to this very day God's message to us and our message to others: "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand." May the Lord bless our Advent faith and worship.



WEDNESDAY ADVENT WORSHIP

December 10, 2025

For Pre-Service Reading – Psalm 24,, P 25 In Front Of Supplement

Opening **Hymn 56** – *"Jesus Came, The Heavens' Adoring"*

The Invocation And Responsive Advent Prayer

P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries You repeated and reaffirmed Your promises to send the Offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through Your prophets of old, You continually directed the eyes of your people to the Advent of their Savior.

C: We praise You, O God, for keeping Your promises and sending Your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

P: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use Your mighty Word to shatter our pride, to rouse us from spiritual apathy and to lead us to confess our sins against You and one another.

C: Have mercy upon us and forgive us our sins for the sake of Your dear Son, Who came to seek and to save that which was lost and Who alone brings peace, comfort and joy to our sin-sick hearts.

P: You sent Your Son to redeem us from sin. As a called servant of Your Word it is my Advent privilege to assure Your repentant children of Your mercy and Your blessed assurance of forgiveness and peace in Christ. Let this Good News be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, to encourage the fearful and give hope to the despairing,

C: Fill our lives with the message of your grace and peace.

P: Direct our eyes not only to the manger, but also to the skies, where we will see Your Son coming again, not as a lowly child, but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in Your grace, in Your power and in Your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

The Scripture Reading – Luke 1: 67-80

Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has redeemed and visited His people, and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, the oath which he swore to our father Abraham: To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest, for you will go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” So the child grew and became strong in spirit, And he was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation in Israel.

The Scripture – Matthew 22: 39-41

But Jesus answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Joana. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

The Apostles Creed (Hymnal, Page 12)

Hymn 98 (V 1-3) – “Of The Father’s Love Begotten”

The Sermon Isaiah 7:10-14

Moreover, the Lord spoke again to Ahaz, saying: "Ask a sign for yourself from the Lord your God; Ask it either in the depth or in the height above." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask nor will I test the Lord." Then he said: "Hear now, O house of Israel! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Immanuel."

GOD'S GREAT CHRISTMAS SIGN

Hymn 715 (Supplement) And The Advent Offering

The Lord's Prayer (Sung To Melody of "Away In A Manger")

**Our Father in heaven, all praise to Your Name
Your Kingdom among us, Your will done the same
By mortals and angels, Come Lord, reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
Help us forgive others, our sins take away;
In times of temptation To lead us, be near;
From evil deliver Your children most dear.**

**For Yours is the Kingdom, O'er all things You reign.
And Yours is the power, All things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
From all of creation, Forever! Amen.**

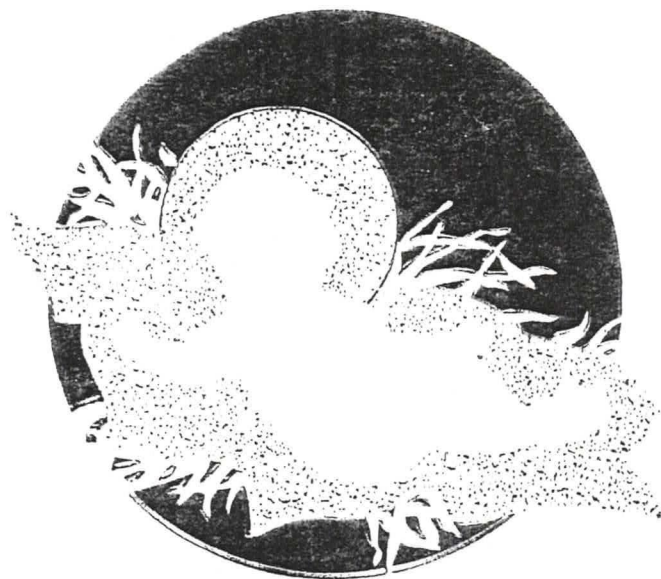
Our Prayer, The Benediction (Sung By Choir) And **Closing Hymn**

**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming As men of old have sung.
It came a flow'ret bright Amid the cold of winter
When half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah 'twas foretold it, The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright She bore to men a Savior
When half-spent was the night.**

Silent Prayer And Announcements

Jesus



The Word of God
became flesh...
The Son of God
became man...
The Lord of All
became a servant...
The Righteous One
was made sin...
The Eternal One
tasted death...
The Risen One
now lives in men...
The Seated One
is coming again!