

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 4

Date: December 19, 2021

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 62: O, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

TLH 95: Savior of the Nations, Come

TLH 76: A Great and Mighty Wonder

TLH 97: Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 85, TLH p. 140

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 106:4,7

Scripture Readings:

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:39-55

Sermon: Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵ Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me." ⁶ In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You had no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come-- In the volume of the book it is written of Me-- To do Your will, O God.'" ⁸ Previously saying, "Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and *offerings* for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure *in them*" (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. ¹⁰ By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. (NKJVTM)

**A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME
TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD**

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** Recently Rick Grams has been in declining health. Gloria requests your prayers as she is trying to provide him the care he needs. Please keep them both in your prayers.
 - ➔ **Christmas Eve Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Fri., Dec. 24, 6 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: "A Joyous Birthday Celebration." The kids are asked to be here ½ hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through things.
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- ➔ **Christmas Day Worship:** Christmas Day worship will be held Sat., Dec. 25, 10 am. May the love of this Child be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!
 - ➔ **Christmas Eve Video:** A reminder that we are having a Christmas Eve service instead of a Christmas Eve program. Therefore, we ask that parents and friends avoid using their cell phones to take pictures and video during this service so that the focus remains on the joyous message of our Savior's birth. Our Christmas Eve service will be recorded via digital video and made available on our website. If you are interested in a DVD, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson.
 - ➔ **New Year's Eve:** On New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, we will be having a 7:00 pm worship service with the Lord's Supper.
 - ➔ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 22 and Dec. 29.
 - ➔ **Thank You:** Dear members of Grace, Thank you so much for your support of our tuition with your offerings. It is such a blessing to us. We appreciate you for thinking of us and for caring about the continuing of our Christian education. Daniel Hein and Natalie Story
 - ➔ **2022 Cleaning:** The 2022 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
 - ➔ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.

- ➔ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ➔ **Sunday School Teachers:** Perhaps something to consider this Christmas is extending our Sunday School teachers an expression of gratitude for what they do for our children each week.
- ➔ **Parsonage Fire:** Pastor Gantt and his family recently experienced an electrical fire in their home in Loganville, GA. The fire was contained in a single bedroom, limiting the physical damage. While they have been displaced from their home, they are thankful to the Lord for the limited damage and that there was no injury or harm to anyone.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Rebecca Lillo of St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area), has asked for a peaceful release from her call effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Parts

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

The following is the nomination slate for 2022:

- President: Ryan Oman, Eli Wales
- Elder: Benno Sydow
- Education: Thomas Graham; Joseph Thomas; Bob Vandever
- Trustee: Rick Nelson; Bob Vandever
- Delegates: Thomas Graham; David Hein; Frank Radichel; Benno Sydow;
- Key Executives: Rick Nelson; William Rust

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 12, 2021 Sun.: 69 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 35 Wed.: 55

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,690	CLC:	\$875
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$255	CLC:	\$0
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,125	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,180	CLC:	-125
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$204,835	CLC:	\$50,014
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	206,250	CLC:	50,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,415	CLC:	+14
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	214,500	CLC:	52,000
Difference from budget (+/-)	Grace:	-9,665	CLC:	-1,986
GLC Other: 1,884	Living Faith:	5	Tuition Aid:	140
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	10	Kinship:	115
ILC Student Aid: 15	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:	\$2,557	Organ:	\$37,365

FROM THE MARTIN LUTHER CHRISTMAS BOOK

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."

But Mary
treasured
up all these
things and
pondered
them
in her
heart.

Luke 2:19



She wrote them in her heart, meditated upon them, and thought to herself, "This is wonderful news that I am the mother of the Child whom the angels call Lord." These thoughts sank so deeply into her heart that she would have held to them though the whole world were against her.

Why did she ponder these things in her heart? Because she too was in need of preaching. Even though she was the mother and had borne the Child, she had need to ponder these words in her heart, in order to strengthen her faith and increase her assurance. She reflected how these words correspond to those of the angel: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest." The message of the angels fitted in exactly with the annunciation by Gabriel. This was to her a great joy and confirmation. Without these a human heart, and especially a woman's, would have had difficulty in believing: "I am the mother of the King of kings lying here in the manger." There was nothing kingly about the Babe, but Mary heard from the shepherds that he was the Savior of the world and greater than all kings, and that she should be his mother and nurse him. The quality of faith in this Virgin no words can express. If anyone has faith and thinks he knows enough, let him take a lesson from this mother and let him assemble the passages of Scripture in order to confirm his faith. If he has one passage, good, but if he has eight or ten, that is better.

When I die I see nothing but sheer darkness except for this light: "Unto you is born this day ... a Savior." The Savior will help me when all else fails. When the heaven, the stars, and all the creatures glower, I see nothing in earth and heaven but this Child. This light should be so great in my eyes that I can say: "Dear Mary, you have borne this Child not for yourself alone. You are indeed his mother. But I have an even greater honor than yours as a mother. Your honor is the bearing of the body of this Child, but my honor is this, that you have my treasure, and I know no one, man or angel, who can help me as can the Babe that you, dear Mary, hold in your lap." If, for the sake of this Child, a man could count all gold and goods, all power and honor as blackness; if, compared with this Child, the stars in heaven and all the treasures of earth were as nothing, then he would know the true use and fruit of the angel's message.

CLC E-Devotion – December 18, 2021

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Love in the Manger

When a mother and father look on their newborn child how often don't they say, "Look at the love God has shown to us!" Surely God reveals a measure of his love for mankind each time a baby is born.

In Bethlehem too God's love was evident in the birth of a Child. The famous Christmas carol "Silent Night! Holy Night!" captures this idea in the third verse when it speaks to the Son of God saying, "Love's pure light radiant beams from Thy holy face." When we peer into the manger and see the Baby Jesus, we can see God's love beaming radiantly from that face. Everything about the Child lying there tells us of God's love.



Looking in on Christmas Eve we are instantly reminded why the Son has been born. He came not to become a doctor, a lawyer, or some other high-paid professional. He came not to make a name for Himself, but to put God's own name upon us. He came not because we were so worth it, but because He was the only one worthy to suffer and die for our sins. He was sent because of the Heavenly Father's great love for you.

Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just "looking for love in all the wrong places," if you'll pardon the expression. Don't look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God's love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas "God so loved the world that He gave ..."

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter;
Joel Stifter; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 3: Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke;
Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Hospitality Team 2: James & April Bomber; Rachelle
Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: A. Baker & B. Rust School: Doucette

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; David Stifter;
Joel Stifter; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al
Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: Volunteers? School: Doucette

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

- Sun., Dec. 19:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4)
11:00 am – Hospitality (Hospitality #2)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Thu., Dec. 23:** Grace School - Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins
- Fri., Dec. 24:** CHRISTMAS EVE
5:30 pm – Children Arrive at Church
6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Sat., Dec. 25:** CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Sun., Dec. 26:** No Bible Class or Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Christmas 1)
- Fri., Dec. 31:** NEW YEARS EVE
7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper
- Sun., Jan. 2:** No Bible Class or Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Christmas 2)
- Mon., Jan. 3:** Grace School Resumes from Christmas Break
- Wed., Jan. 5:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
- Thu., Jan. 6:** EPIPHANY DAY (No Worship Service)
- Sun., Jan. 9:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 1)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Sun., Jan. 16:** Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

