

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: December 4, 2022

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

TLH 75: Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Harken

TLH 274: Praise We the Lord This Day

TLH 76: A Great and Mighty Wonder

Communion: TLH 65

TLH 90, st. 1,4: Come, Your Hearts & Voices Raising

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 25, TLH p. 128

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 15 (Communion)

Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Sermon: **Luke 1:26-38**

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ "For with God nothing will be impossible." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. (NKJVTM)

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH : THE ANGEL APPEARS TO MARY

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Services:

Wed., Nov. 30 – 7:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 7 – 7:00 pm

“Angels We Have Heard on High,” with an emphasis on the Angel of the LORD. Special meditations to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

Candlelight Service:

Wed., Dec. 14 – 7:00 pm

A service of readings & hymns along with the lighting of candles to celebrate the light of Christ's rule in our hearts.

Preceded by Congregational Christmas Meal @ 6:00 pm



Christmas Eve Service:

Sat., Dec. 24 – 6:00 pm

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.” A service in which the children present the timeless and treasured Christmas message.

Christmas Day Service:

Sun., Dec. 25 – 10:00 am

A service in which we ponder the fulfillment of Christ being born as True Man and True God in order to bring us salvation.

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The Lord's Supper Preparation

As a reminder, communicants are to examine themselves prior to communing. 1 Corinthians 11:27: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

Prayer before the Lord's Supper:

Lord God, You invite all who are burdened with sin to come to You for rest. In the sacrament of Holy Baptism You called me to be Your child by the Holy Spirit. I now come at Your invitation to receive the holy body and blood of my Savior, Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Prepare my heart, Lord, to receive this precious meal with a repentant heart: sorry for my sins and recognizing they deserve punishment, but also rejoicing in the full forgiveness You have granted me by grace through Jesus' holy and precious blood shed for me at the cross. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope in You, and assure me of Your blessed peace. Hear me for the sake of Jesus, my dear Savior. Amen.

Prayer after the Lord's Supper:

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy sacrament. Thanks and praise be to You for Your divine tenderness and love shown to me, Your child. I humbly ask you, now that I've received Your body and blood in the Sacrament, continue to fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit. May I be led to ever embrace by faith the treasures of Your grace imparted to me, especially the forgiveness of sins and fellowship with You. Keep me in Your faith and favor that I may live in You and You may live in me. Let the love that You have shown me enable me, with a forgiven and tender heart, to love You and my neighbor. Preserve me in the true faith until everlasting life. Hear me, O Jesus, for the sake of Your dear name. Amen.

TLH 306

1. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast prepared
A feast for our salvation,
It is Thy body and Thy blood;
And at Thy invitation
As weary souls, with sin opprest,
We come to Thee for needed rest,
For comfort and for pardon.

4. We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Thy precious Word believing
That Thy true body and Thy blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This word remains forever true,
And there is naught Thou canst not do;
For Thou, Lord, art almighty.

7. Grant that we worthily receive
Thy Supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving o'er our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Thy grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

8. For Thy consoling Supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in every place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this Sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

1 Corinthians 10:16

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➡ **Midweek Advent Worship:** This coming Wednesday, 7 pm, continues our Midweek Advent worship services with the theme: "Angels We Have Heard on High." These services will focus on the Angel of the LORD in the Old Testament. Our last one on Dec. 14 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm. Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior's coming.



- ➡ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on Dec. 14. Those attending may bring something to share. Dorcas Guild committee #2 is hosting.
- ➡ **Hospitality:** Please note that there will be regular hospitality this year (instead of luncheons) on December 4, 11, and 18.
- ➡ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the rehearsal schedule:
- Sun., Dec. 4: 11:30-1:00 pm (hospitality after worship)
 - Sun., Dec. 11: 11:30-1:00 pm (hospitality after worship)
 - Sun., Dec. 18: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly)

December is a busy month, but please remember the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well.

- ➡ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Sat., Dec. 24, 6 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." 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. Christmas Day worship will be held Sun., Dec. 25, 10 am. May the love of this Child be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!
- ➡ **Northtown Concert:** This year the Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall on Fri., Dec. 16, 2:30 pm. They will be located at the inside-of-the-mall entrance to Best Buy. Everyone is encouraged to come attend as it is always an experience greatly appreciated. If you haven't ever come to this, you may be pleasantly surprised at how well received it is. Come support the school!
- ➡ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 28 and Jan. 4.

- ➔ **Appreciation:** Thanks to all who contributed to decorating the church for the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- ➔ **Poinsettia** signup sheet is in the narthex by the guest book. Poinsettias are \$8 each. They will be purchased in stages throughout the Advent Season. Please see Laura Wales for payment.
- ➔ **2023 Cleaning:** The 2023 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **Church Keys:** Recently the "billy club keys" by pastor's office have been used quite a bit to where there are none around. If anyone has these, please return them when finished with them.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Large Print Hymnals:** As a reminder, there are three copies of The Lutheran Hymnal in large print. These are by the guest book. Feel free to use these and return at the end of the worship service.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** To help with medical expenses, donations to the Hein family can be marked "Hein Gift" and placed in the collection plate or mailed to Grace Lutheran Church, attention Treasurer, 460 75th Ave NE; Fridley, MN 55432, or can be received online at www.gofundme.com/john-and-janelle-hein-family.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Liberia:** To make a contribution to the work in Liberia, write in "Liberia" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ➔ **Stock Donations:** The Voters of Grace have provided a process for members to donate equities to the Congregation. Anyone interested in doing this can get information from President Rick Nelson or Secretary Bill Rust. Such a donation spares the donor from being taxed on any capital gains.
- ➔ **Qualified Charitable Distribution:** For those over 70½ it may be beneficial for you to send your offerings directly from an IRA fund to the church. The advantage of this procedure is those amounts are NOT considered as income and your adjusted gross income is less. For more information see Phil Radichel or Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held Sun., Dec. 11, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.

- ➔ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will present a Choral Christmas Service entitled Christmas Memories on Friday, December 16, 7:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2015 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Admission is free. Video streaming information will be published at ilc.edu/tv as it becomes available. The service is themed around a carol by 17th century English composer Thomas Ravenscroft and explores what we are to remember about the birth of Jesus and what that birth means for us. Senior seminary student Mr. Jonah Albrecht will deliver devotional thoughts recalling that first Christmas night as well as lead us to consider thoughtfully our own memories of Christmases past. The school's band and flute choir will present their Christmas selections at the start of the evening to be followed by the choral portion of the service. The estimated duration of the entire event is two hours.
- ➔ **Nebraska Outreach:** Call for Eastern Nebraska contacts! Beginning in January of 2023, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Hecla, SD, will be sponsoring monthly services in Lincoln, NE, the third weekend of every month. We held four services this past year, attendance ranging from 12 to 24 with interest in more regular offerings. If you know of any family, friends, and/or former CLC members living in the greater Eastern Nebraska/Western Iowa region, please send their contact info to pastor_daub@hotmail.com. No lead is too far-fetched. Some of the current group have resulted from the most surprising connections!
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. He will be the Resident East Africa Missionary to reside in Arusha, Tanzania. † CLC President and Pastor Michael Eichstadt of Messiah Lutheran in Hales Corners, WI, was recently hospitalized for heart arrhythmia. Due to congenital disease, recurrence is highly likely. So the plan is to surgically implant an internal cardiac defibrillator to act as a safety net.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Group Parts

Last Week's Stats: Nov. 27, 2022 Sun.: 78 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 43 Wed.: 37

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,946	CLC:	\$810
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$283	CLC:	\$0
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,020
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,021	CLC:	-210
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$219,215	CLC:	\$54,585
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	204,000	CLC:	48,960
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	+15,215	CLC:	+5,625
GLC Other: 3,204	Living Faith:	50	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$1,773			

MINISTRIES FOUND ONLINE

www.FridleyLutheran.org

Some website links:



- ➔ Grace Lutheran Church: www.FridleyLutheran.org
- ➔ Grace on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CLCGraceLutheranChurch
- ➔ Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC): www.clclutheran.org
- ➔ Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary (ILC): www.ilc.edu
- ➔ CLC Missions: www.lutheranmissions.org
- ➔ The CLC Book House (CLC book store): www.clcbookhouse.org
- ➔ The Lutheran Spokesman (CLC publication): www.lutheranspokesman.org
- ➔ The Branches (women's publication): www.thebranchesonline.info

Check out the following online devotional materials:

- ➔ Weekly video of the Grace Lutheran Church sermon: www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/
- ➔ Weekly CLC "Ministry by Mail" sermon: www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail
- ➔ Daily email devotions from The Bread of Life (The Lutheran Spokesman): www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com
- ➔ Daily email devotions from CLC pastors: www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html
- ➔ Daily email for a CLC Three-Year Bible reading program: www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com
- ➔ Daily audio of the chapel address from our Immanuel campus: www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm

Also, check out the Grace Lutheran Church on Google Play for Android devices.

Facebook Page: If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there.

The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.



✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner

Elder: Benno Sydow

Ushers: Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki;
Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter

Counting Team 1: Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

Hospitality Team 4: Bonnie Baker; Kevin & Sandy Hulke;
Jenny Kleifgen; Pat & Dawn Paplow

Church Cleaners: Enns/Brandt School: Snyder

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Jeremiah Boe; Nick Duehlmeier;
Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker

Hospitality Team 1: Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson;
Barb Sydow

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

School: Ude

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Dec. 4:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Advent 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30-1:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 7:** 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 11:** 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30-1:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 14:** 3:00 pm – ILC Piano and Organ Concert (Eau Claire, WI)
4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Meal
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service
- Fri., Dec. 16:** 2:30 pm – Grace School Concert at Northtown Mall
7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert (Messiah – Eau Claire, WI)
- Sun., Dec. 18:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00 am – Hospitality
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Fri., Dec 23:** Grace School - Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins
- Sat., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship Service (No S.S. or Bible Class)
- Sun., Jan. 1:** 10:00 am – New Year's Day Worship Service (No S.S. or Bible Class)