

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 4

Date: December 24, 2023

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 59, st 1-3, 5-6: Hail to the Lord's Anointed
WS 711: See in Yonder Manger Low
TLH 341: Crown Him with Many Crowns
TLH 109: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks
Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 89, TLH p. 141 f.

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)
Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

⁸ "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. ⁹ "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who *are* on the earth. ¹⁰ "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, ¹¹ "since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. ¹² "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.'"" (NKJVTM)

The Pedigree of David's Royal Dynasty

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Christmas Eve Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held tonight at 6 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: "Paradise: Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained." The children are asked to be here at 5:30 pm, ½ hour prior to the service, so that we can take a group picture and run through things.
- ➔ **Christmas Day Worship:** Christmas Day worship will be held tomorrow, Monday, 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 which can be downloaded. If you are interested in a DVD, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson.
- ➔ **Special Worship Service:** On January 7, 10 am, we will be holding a special worship service in which we will jointly livestream our sister congregation, Grace Evangelistic Lutheran Church (GELC) of Paynesville, Liberia. GELC is constructing a new facility in which to worship and, while unfinished, they are going to start using it. They have asked Pastor Hein to preach for this occasion. While still in development, the idea is to switch worship segments between the two congregations.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Tom Graham has been recovering following his surgery for leg circulation. He reports that he is improving daily and is thankful for the LORD's care. Barb Crandall was recently hospitalized at Abbott Northwestern due to a kidney infection with stones. She also has COVID and had been unresponsive while on a ventilator. However, she seems to be stabilizing. Psalm 34:17: The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.
- ➔ **Nativity Scene:** The nativity scene in the narthex is fragile. Parents are asked to supervise their children around it.
- ➔ **2024 Cleaning:** The 2024 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.



- ➔ **From the Elders:** This time of year is when a collection is taken for our “Called Workers Gift.” All such designated offerings and any loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation’s called workers.
- ➔ **Walk with the Apostle Paul:** A group trip to Greece and Turkey is planned for May 27-June 5, 2024 with a possible three day extension to Rome for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to the traditional sites the Apostle Paul visited as recorded in the Book of Acts. The extension to Rome will include visits to the Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter, Catacombs, Colosseum, St. Paul’s Church, and more. For more info., contact Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures are available upon request.
- ➔ **CLC Mission Helpers:** Applications are being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Mission Helpers will be privileged to help spread the Gospel to children in either Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia for about three weeks. The application deadline is January 16. Find more info. at www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.
- ➔ **ILC Tour Choir:** For many years the ILC Tour Choir has been granted a special rate for using a charter bus during their yearly tour in holding concerts at various CLC congregations. This year that rate is being discontinued. After comparing the cost of using various bus companies, the common rate would be approximately \$11,000 higher than expected for budgetary reasons. Normally an offering is collected during the tour which will still happen. But this year CLC President Michael Wilke is authorizing this synod-wide announcement to allow others to share in their support of the Tour Choir. This offering would help offset the extra expense needed for the bus. Therefore, if members of CLC congregations wish to support this, please designate your offering to “ILC Tour Choir.”

Last Week’s Stats: Dec. 17, 2023 Sun.: 80 S.S.: 8 B.CI.: 32 Wed.: 87

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$5,560	CLC:	\$1,145			
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$485	CLC:	\$0			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+1,245	CLC:	+65			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$244,217	CLC:	\$53,932			
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	249,000	CLC:	56,000			
Difference from budget (+/-)	Grace:	-4,783	CLC:	-2,068			
GLC Other:	3,549	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	1,600
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	40	Kinship:	739	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	20	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$1,757	Sanctuary:	\$-2,430		

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: **Maureen Ochsner** Elder: **Eli Wales**

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Dan Degnan; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Uriah Wales; Bob Vandever**

Counting Team 4: **David Hein; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner** School: **Roche**

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Dan Degnan; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Uriah Wales; Bob Vandever**

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

Hospitality Team 3: **Jan Davis, Ryan & Mikey Oman; Laura Wales; Janelle Hein**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?**

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

Sun., Dec. 24: **ADVENT 4 / CHRISTMAS EVE**

8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

9:00 am – Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship (Advent 4)

5:30 pm – Children Arrive at Church

6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service

Mon., Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship Service

Sun., Dec. 31: **NEW YEARS EVE**

10:00 am – Worship (Christmas 1) (No S.S. or Bible Class)

Wed., Jan. 3: 8:00 am – Grace School Resumes

Sun., Jan. 7: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship w/Liberia & Lord's Supper (Epiphany 1)

11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Jan. 10: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., Jan. 14: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship (Epiphany 2)

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Sun., Jan. 21: Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

