

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 4

Date: December 22, 2024

✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

Hymns:

TLH 64: Jesus, They Church with Longing Eyes
TLH 71: Watchman, Tell Us of the Night
TLH 91, st. 1-6: Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord
TLH 70: Hosanna to the Living Lord

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 85, TLH p. 140

Liturgy:

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

Scripture Readings:

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10

Sermon: Isaiah 49:6

⁶ Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' (NKJVTM)

Jesus Christ, the Light of Our Christmas

The Light of Promise and Hope

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Thanks** to all those who helped with the funeral on Monday.
- ➔ **Christmas Caroling:** Those joining us for caroling, we will meet at the church today at 1 pm. It is a joy to bring others the praises of our newborn Savior in this special way!
- ➔ **Christmas Eve:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Tuesday, December 24, 6 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: "The Cross in the Christmas Tree." 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:** Christmas Day worship will be held Wednesday, December 25, 10 am. Christ's birth is the greatest gift of the season. He is the *Light of Life*. May this be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!
- ➔ **New Year's Eve:** On New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, we will be having a 7 pm worship service with the Lord's Supper.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Daniel Fleischer met with his surgeon this week about his bladder cancer. He reported that the cancer was moderate and that another scan in a few months will likely determine if additional surgery or treatment is needed. Pastor met with his oncologist this week. Given that chemo treatment has greatly reduced the metabolism of the cancer with multiple tumors shrinking and some not even showing up in the recent PET scan, chemo will be suspended for a few weeks. Pastor's blood levels have mostly come back into a normal range. We thank the LORD for this news.
- ➔ **2025 Cleaning:** The 2025 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.

Online Giving:

In the summer, the Voters directed that members be allowed to give online. We are now ready for you to give contributions online if you wish. Please contact Kevin Hulke 715-828-7986 or kevin.hulke@gmail.com if you are ready so he can set up your account. You probably have online access to your bank account. The security is set up in such a way that neither you nor the church has access to the other's bank records. When you make a donation, you are in total control of the amount.

QR Code for Instructions with Online Giving:



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The following is the nomination slate for 2025:

- Chairman: Dale Enns, Benno Sydow
- Elder: Phil Radichel
- Education: Kyle Aymond, Dan Kelley
- Trustee: Dan Kelley, Pat Paplow
- Delegates: Tom Graham, Rick Nelson, Bill Rust, Benno Sydow
- Key Executives: Rick Nelson, Bill Rust

“O Sing of Christ”: The new hymnal that Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI, has produced is now available for purchase. The cost per hymnal is \$20. If you are interested in the hymnal for yourself, please contact church.office@ecmessiah.org. A volume organist's edition in an 8½ X 11 format is available and costs \$65.

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 speak with you!



✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Frank Radichel

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki;
John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells

Counting Team 4: Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al
Rosendahl; Dave Rust

Church Cleaners: D. Nass/M. Turner School: Nelson

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Al Rosendahl; Kyle Aymond; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki;
John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells

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

Church Cleaners: Volunteers?

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Dec. 22: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4)
1:00 pm – Christmas Caroling (Meet at Church)

Tue., Dec. 24: **CHRISTMAS EVE**
6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service

Wed., Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY**
10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship Service

Sun., Dec. 29: No Bible Class or Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Christmas 1)

Tue., Dec. 31: **NEW YEAR'S EVE**
7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship Service w/Lord's Supper

Sun., Jan. 5: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Christmas 2)

Mon., Jan. 6: **EPIPHANY DAY**
Grace School – Return from Break



Last Week's Stats: Dec. 15, 2024 Sun.: 87 S.S.: 16 B.Cl.: 39 Wed: 72

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,020*	CLC:	\$765			
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,730	CLC:	\$900			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,135			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-150	CLC:	+530			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$239,994	CLC:	\$55,726			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	245,000	CLC:	56,750			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-5,006	CLC:	-1,024			
Total Budget for Year:	Grace:	254,953	CLC:	59,020			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	-14,959	CLC:	-3,294			
GLC Other:	1,134	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	0
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	20	Kinship:	106	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$2,207 Sanctuary: \$9,950

* \$175 in non-member tuition Funeral attendance: 90