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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. For those worshipping in person please take time to register your attendance using the slips in the pew rack. These can be placed in the offering plates by the door as you exit.

Prayer Requests are always welcome. To have someone included in our prayers during worship, please call the pastor or church office or write down the request and give it to the pastor.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “a righteous Branch” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28–40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “blameless in holiness before our God and Father” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “distress of nations in perplexity,” with “people fainting with fear.” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One LSB 151

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪Opening Hymn: “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *LSB 341*

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.**

- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.**

- 3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise Your happy shouts of praise.**

- 4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav’n’s employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
So shall your Sov’rign enter in And new and nobler life begin.
To God alone be praise For word and deed and grace!**

- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine; Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy name.**

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

♪ **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

LSB 357 sts. 1, ref

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

♪ **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

♫C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♫C **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

♫C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫C **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹ What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁸ When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

♪ Sermon Hymn: “Once He Came in Blessing”

LSB 333

- 1 **Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;
 Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
 Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.**

- 2 **Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us
 Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,
 Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.**

- 3 **Soon will come that hour When with mighty power
 Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,
 With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.**

- 4 **Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.
 Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,
 Ever may confess You Till in heav’n we bless You.**

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Sermon “A King on a Donkey”

Pastor Buchhorn

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Prayer of the Church

Preface

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
- ♪ **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- ♪ **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- ♪ **C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling

sinner to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ **Sanctus**

LSB 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

Pax Domini

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪C Amen.

♪Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Those with mobility issues who would prefer to receive the sacrament at the pew are encouraged to remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.

Those coming to the altar will be welcomed and dismissed half table by half table.

It is helpful to fill the table from the wall toward the middle on both sides.

Used individual cups can be left in the holes in the altar rail.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

♪ “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

LSB 350

1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!

Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.

Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2 Enter now my waiting heart, Glorious King and Lord most holy.

Dwell in me and ne'er depart, Though I am but poor and lowly.

Ah, what riches will be mine When Thou art my guest divine!

3 My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;

Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,

And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!

Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,

That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.

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- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him, And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure, Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding, Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You; Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessèd food from heaven, For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven, You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

**8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love required;
By this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me As Your guest in heav'n receive me.**

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Stand

♪Post-Communion Canticle “Nunc Dimittis” *LSB 165*

**☐ Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Post-Communion Collect

☐ Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ Amen.

Benediction *LSB 166*

☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☐ Amen.

Sit

♪Closing Hymn: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” *LSB 922 sts. 1–4*

**1 Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.**

- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story; Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**
- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you; Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.**
- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Meghan Battles, Dwight Shultz, Ryan Van Cleave, Earl Fuoss, Jennifer Haas, Jessica McCain, Lowell Schardt, Kyler Sperry, Allison Echtenkamp, Dan Frevert, Josh Lubke, Isaac Bodlak, Veronica Rivas, Anna Victor, Gretchen Wilke, and Angie Fredrickson

ANNIVERSARIES: David & Nicole Cross

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$6,190.

ONLINE WORSHIP: Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website www.gracewayne.com or Facebook page for the link which should be available on Sunday morning. A recording of the service is still available to watch later in the day or week. May God bless your worship time.

NURSERY: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Today, we begin a new unit with “A Welcome Truth.” Jesus and His disciples visit the home of sisters Mary and Martha. Mary sits at the Lord’s feet to hear His words. Martha, busy with meal preparations, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help. Instead, Jesus gently tells Martha that Mary has chosen the more important thing.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Because We Belong" -- Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
The world tells us we must be useful in order to belong, but that's now how God sees us. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: We are continuing our overview study of the Gospel of John. So many favorite passages of the Bible come from this gospel. Our class allows us to see them in context and to see how major themes of the gospel intersect with our lives. The class meets in the basement Sunday at 9:15.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: The Wednesday morning class is on a winter break through December. The class will resume its study of First Samuel, January 5.

IT HAS PLEASED ALMIGHTY GOD to summon from this life the souls of Betty and Delmar Heithold. A joint funeral service for the Heitholds was held on Tuesday, November 23. Our sympathy to the family.

THANK YOU for your generous contributions in support of the Wayne Food Pantry as a part of our Thanksgiving ingathering.

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: During this holy season of preparation several additional worship opportunities are available. Wednesday December 1, 8 & 15 midweek worship services will be held in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. The theme of the services will be Jesse Tree. We belong to God's family through Jesus. This Advent we consider His great story anew. The Jesse Tree is filled with symbols telling the story of Jesus from creation to His second coming. Jesus is the seed of Jesse's tree. He is the Root of Jesse's tree. He is the Life of Jesse's tree.

ADVENT FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Prior to our midweek Advent services there will be a fellowship meal beginning at 5:15 in the church basement. This week the Kitchen Sisters will be preparing the meal. A free will donation will be received, and proceeds will be going to the air conditioner fund.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS from Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled "Child of Promise" are available at the entryways. You can also access digital versions of the booklets at LHM.org.

COLLEGE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY @ 7:30PM:
If you would like to join us for our December 12th Christmas Party, we will be doing a White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange that evening starting at our normal dinner time of 7:30PM at Cup of Grace. Gifts should be no more than \$15. There will be plenty of food and lots of fellowship. Also plan to join us for dinner November 28th and December 5th as well and invite your friends!!!

COLLEGE BIBLE STUDIES: Join us for two awesome Bible studies for college students, and anyone young at heart! Each Sunday we will be discussing or watching an episode from The Chosen! And every Thursday at 4pm we will meet at the Library on Campus outside of Einstein Bros Bagel Shop! Come buy you a Bagel, maybe some tea and join us as we dive into God's word!

POINSETTIAS: If you are interested in adorning the chancel for Advent and Christmas with a poinsettia, please complete an order form located by the doors, and return it with payment to the church office or place in the offering plate no later than **today**.

FINAL'S MONDAY NIGHT COLLEGE DINNER: As you prepare for your finals and are looking for an amazing place to come get some food, please make plans to join us Monday, December 13th at 7:30pm! Let us serve you some good breakfast food, provide a few laughs, and get your mind off the books for an hour or two. Feel free to stay with us as long as you want and of course if you need to you can always study while you hang out!

DECEMBER 10TH AND 18TH SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED:

On December 10th from 6pm until 8pm at Quality Foods our college students will be ringing the Salvation Army Bells to raise money for their Holiday Drive! And on December 18th as a congregation, we will do the same thing from 10am until 2pm at Pac-N-Save! If you would like to join us, please feel free to do so. We would love to see you there!

HIGH SCHOOL WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: We are continuing an important part of our High School Christian Education at Grace this year in the Wednesday Evening Bible Studies! We will host these Bible Studies on the First AND Third Wednesdays of every month. In December we will meet on the 1st and 15th down at Cup of Grace from 8:15pm to 9:00pm. If you can join us, please do so. These studies again are open to all High Schoolers and their friends who are interested in growing closer to God and each other. We will use the book titled 10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (And Answer) About Christianity, as well as the Bible to dive deep into God's Word for our lives!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND PARTY: December 4th at 5:00pm all Jr. High and High School youth are encouraged to meet Pastor Erik at Church to go Christmas Caroling for some of our members who live around church. Parents if you would like we could use your help to drive us to a few homes that are farther away from church as well. We will take about an hour singing, and then gather back at church for a special Christmas Party and dinner. We will have a White Elephant Christmas Gift Exchange and watch The Chosen's Christmas Special! All gifts should be cost no more than \$15. Hope you can come help us share some Christmas cheer!

GIVING TREE: Grace Ladies Aid will sponsor the "Giving Tree" in the church basement. We are requesting socks, underwear, and undershirts in all sizes to be given to Orphan Grain Train. We will also have collection baskets upstairs by the exit doors. We will be collecting the month of December. Thank you for your donations.

MIDWEEK CLASSES: Midweek Classes for 3rd graders through 8th graders will continue to meet during the month of December. We will change that meeting time though to 7pm or immediately following our Advent Midweek Service. Service time starts at 6:15pm with a dinner starting at 5:15pm. We hope you can all come out and join us as we focus on Jesus' family tree and the period of waiting for Him to be born! Remember that if school is cancelled due to weather, we will also cancel Confirmation class for that evening.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING FUNDRAISER: There is still a little bit of time to get your Holiday Ham Orders in. Please be sure you speak to one of our amazing youth today or Pastor Erik to order a fully cooked, spiral cut ham that weighs between 8 and 10 pounds! The perfect dinner or lunch for your upcoming family get together. Orders will be taken through December 1st and hams will be ready for delivery/pick up on December 15th! Thanks again for all of your support!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES: Christmas Program Practices start next Sunday, December 5th and will also take place on December 12th and 19th as we get ready for the Christmas Program during our 6pm service on December 24th! Practices will take place immediately after our late service every Sunday, with a small snack in between service and practice. Unless otherwise noted practices will run until about 1pm. Thank you for having your kids involved with sharing the love of Christ with our congregation and your families!

GRACE LADIES AID will meet December 8th at 2 PM in the church basement for our Christmas Tea. The ladies are invited to come join us for a Christmas program and we will be singing Christmas songs. Ladies, please bring a special mug or cup to drink hot chocolate, apple cider, coffee, or tea from. Members will provide cookies and/or bars. We hope you will join us.

LHNE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We are so thankful to announce that our capital campaign pledges have reached over \$2,000,000! We are past our halfway point. Our students are getting excited to have an opportunity to get their hands dirty in welding, small engines, and other vocational laboratories. A big THANK YOU for all of your prayers as we continue in this process.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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ACOLYTES: Konnor Kai & Hunter Ruwe (8:00)

Payton Junck & Cloey Young (10:30)

LAY READER: Jeff Simpson (8:00) Galen Wisner (10:30)

GREETERS: Gene & Jan Casey (8:00)

Galen & Kathy Wisner (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Keith & Karen Knudsen

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	9:15 am.	Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
MONDAY	6:00 pm.	Choir
WEDNESDAY	5:00 pm.	Bell Choir
	5:15 pm.	Advent Supper
	6:15 pm.	Advent Worship
	7:00 pm.	Midweek
	8:15 pm.	High School Class
THURSDAY	4:00 pm.	College Bible Study
SATURDAY	5:00 pm.	Youth Caroling
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner