



## Grace Lutheran Church

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**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 12, 2021**

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**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:** As we come to the Lord's Supper we both receive and proclaim. We receive into our mouths not only bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Through our participation in this Holy Meal we proclaim his death until He comes. By our participation in the sacrament at this congregation which is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we are indicating our agreement with the confession of the LCMS. We request that only those who share this confession and are instructed in the sacrament take part today.

**Lectionary Summary:** The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "he has cleared away your enemies," "taken away the judgments against you" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "rejoice in the Lord always," knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "the dead are raised up" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

**Order of Worship**  
**Divine Service Setting Four LSB203**

**Preservice Music**

**Welcome and Greeting Time**

**Ringling of the Bell**

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

*LSB803*

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

*Stand*

- Δ3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that

we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

♫ **Entrance Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**

*LSB357 v 6*

**6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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♫ **Kyrie**

*LSB 204*

**C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your

hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

*Philippians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### ♫ Alleluia and Verse

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:18–28*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.” <sup>24</sup>When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus

began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ <sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

LSB 207

**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

#### ♪ Hymn of the Day “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

LSB 515

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.

**3 The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.**

**4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!**

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**Sermon "Rejoice"**

**Pastor Buchhorn**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Preface**

*LSB 208*

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208*

**♪C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near. With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.
- Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

- 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

### Pax Domini

LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

### ♫ Agnus Dei

LSB 210

- C** **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

*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

### ♪ “Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”

*LSB 352*

- 1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has truly kept His word  
And at last to us did send Christ, the sinner’s help and friend.
- 2 What the fathers most desired, What the prophets’ heart inspired,  
What they longed for many\_a year, Stands fulfilled in glory here.
- 3 Abram’s promised great reward, Zion’s helper, Jacob’s Lord—  
Him of twofold race behold— Truly came, as long foretold.
- 4 As Your coming was in peace, Quiet, full of gentleness,  
Let the same mind dwell in me Which is Yours eternally.
- 5 Bruise for me the serpent’s head That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith, Safely kept through life and death.
- 6 Then when You will come again As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face, Freely ransomed by Your grace.

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### ♪ “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'reign 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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**♪ “In Thee Is Gladness”**

*LSB 818*

**1 In Thee is gladness Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art.  
Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest;  
Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely;**

**He stands forever: Alleluia!**

**Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining,  
Dying or living To Thee are cleaving;  
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

**2 Since He is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices**

**In Him forever: Alleluia!**

**We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

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*Stand*

**♪ Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

**☐ O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

**Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**♪ Closing 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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## NEWS AND NOTES

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

**BIRTHDAYS:** Parker Janke, Kent Wilke, Skylar Jones, John Rebensdorf, Jeff Mrsny, Hunter Schultz, Chloe Klug, David Rastede, Coleman Broders & Kaleena Heithold  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry & Doris Meyer and Gerald & Jan Poppe

**LAST WEEK** our offerings were \$4,925.

**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. **Bookbags have been updated with seasonal material. Pick one up to see the fun new material.** Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

**ONLINE WORSHIP:** Livestream of our Sunday morning services is being offered each week. Check the church's website [www.gracewayne.com](http://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.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS:** Join us for our continued study of the Gospel of John during at 9:15 in the church basement. Today we will be looking at chapter seven and the growing division of opinions concerning Jesus' identity.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** "The Seeing Sign" is the title for this week's lesson. When Jesus encounters a man born blind, His disciples wrongly assume the man's sin or his parents' sin is the cause of the blindness. Jesus corrects their assumption, telling them the man's blindness was so the works of God might be displayed in him. Sight restored, the man and then his parents find themselves before the Pharisees, who try to claim the man was never blind. When the man asserts the truth of his healing, the Pharisees cast him out. Encountering Jesus once again, the man confesses his faith in the Son of Man.

**LUTHERAN HOUR: "Charlie Brown Christmas Tree"**

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- The drama surrounding the first airing of "The Charlie Brown Christmas Special" 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

**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.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:** During this holy season of preparation several additional worship opportunities are available. Wednesday December 15 a midweek worship service 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.

**COLLEGE SUNDAY NIGHT DINNER & CHRISTMAS PARTY @ 7:30PM:**

If you would like to join us for our December 12<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup> as well and invite your friends!!!

**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 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm! 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 18<sup>TH</sup> SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS NEEDED:** On December 18<sup>th</sup> as a congregation, we will be ringing 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!

**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.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICES:** Christmas Program Practices will take place on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> as we get ready for the Christmas Program during our 6pm service on December 24<sup>th</sup>! 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!

**GIVING TREE:** Grace Ladies Aid and Sunday School will sponsor the "Giving Tree" in the church basement. We are requesting socks, underwear, undershirts, hats, and new or gently used snow boots 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.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Church offering envelopes for 2022 have been prepared and should be distributed in church mailboxes. If you did not receive a set you would like one, please contact the church office. The use of offering envelopes allows contributions to be made confidentially and allows the church to provide a receipt of contributions at year end for tax purposes. Please use only the envelopes for the current year when making contributions since envelope numbers can change year to year.

**NYG HOLIDAY HAM SALE:** Thank You to everyone who purchased and helped support our Youth Holiday Fundraiser! Because of your generosity we sold 200 Holiday Hams and are hoping to have raised around \$1500. Our total budget for our upcoming trip to Houston, TX is \$22,500 and we have raised \$13,500 not including the money we raised through the hams. So, as you can see, we will be busy fundraising through the rest of the year, but your generosity and support means the world to our youth! We will have hams ready to pick up on December 15<sup>th</sup> at our Advent Meal around 5:15pm. Hope you can join us for that and stay for worship!

**LHNE CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Come hear the sounds of the season from the LHNE Band and Choir today. The concert begins at 1pm. Christ Lutheran School will also be having their Christmas concert following the LHNE performance.

**BLESSED ADVENT GREETINGS** from the Lilienkamps! As we contemplate the wonder of God sending His Son down to Earth to live and die for us, we keep you in our prayers and thank you for remembering us in yours! The days continue to grow shorter, but the activities at Anchor Lutheran School/Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Anchorage light up the days with activities and joy. Our Anchorage address is: 12450 Elmore Road, Anchorage, AK 99516. It would be wonderful to hear from you! In Christ's love, Carl and Darlene Lilienkamp

**CHECK IT OUT:** “Brides of Lehigh Canal Trilogy” is authored by Wanda E. Brunstetter who we identify as a writer of Amish fiction but this time she writes historical fiction about life along the Pennsylvania Lehigh Canal where folks make their living by transporting coal from city to city. Oxen pull the boats along as they walk the path beside the canal. Life is not easy for these folks, but the reader will feel the strength of family and community helping each other. FIC/BRU

### **PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**PASTORS:** Pastor Michael Buchhorn, Senior Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus: Pastor Carl Lilienkamp

**ELDER ON DUTY:** Scott Hansen (8:00) Doug Heithold (10:30)

**ACOLYTES:** Hallie Heithold & Cole Zach (8:00)

Drew Reinhardt & Blake Kneifl (10:30)

**LAY READER:** Jeff Simpson (8:00) Andy Bose (10:30)

**GREETERS:** Leroy & Carol Robbert (8:00)

Chad & Pam Janke (10:30)

**FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL:** Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

**LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR:** In memory of Neva Echtenkamp

## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	9:15 am.	Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
	11:30 am.	S.S. Practice
	7:30 pm.	College Christmas
	<b>MONDAY</b>	6:00 pm.
6:30 pm.		Elders
7:30 pm.		Mission Council
7:30 pm.		Finals Dinner
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	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
<b>SATURDAY</b>	10:00 am.	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Bible Study
	9:15 am.	Sunday School
	10:30 am.	Worship
	11:30 pm.	Sunday School Practice