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First Sunday of Christmas

December 26, 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: When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “the redemption of Jerusalem” and “the consolation of Israel” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “giving thanks to God the Father through him,” “singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One LSB151

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringing of the Bell

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”**

LSB 374

- 1 Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the Undeiled, To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.**

- 2 Angels sang about His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;
Heaven’s star shone brightly forth Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.**

- 3 Gentle Mary laid her child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undeiled But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glory!**

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Stand

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.

Introit

Ps. 98:1–4; antiphon: Is. 52:10

P The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

C Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C 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.

P The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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.**

♪**Hymn of Praise “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

LSB 368

1 Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o’er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav’nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

♪**P** The Lord be with you.

♪**C** **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪**C** **Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1–3, 11–15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” ³Then Moses said to the people, “Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. ¹¹“When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he

swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD's. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 2:22–40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a

sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.”²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law,²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him.³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin,³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.³⁹ And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: "In His Temple Now Behold Him"

LSB 519

- 1 In His temple now behold Him, See the long-expected Lord;
Ancient prophets had foretold Him, God has now fulfilled His word.
Now to praise Him, His redeemed Shall break forth with one accord.**

- 2 In the arms of her who bore Him, Virgin pure, behold Him lie
While His aged saints adore Him Ere in perfect faith they die.
Alleluia, alleluia! Lo, the incarnate God Most High!**

- 3 Jesus, by Your presentation, When they blessed You, weak and poor,
Make us see Your great salvation, Seal us with Your promise sure;
And present us in Your glory To Your Father, cleansed and pure.**

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Sermon "The Message of Christ Dwells"

Pastor Erik

Stand

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

LSB 389 v. 1-6

- 1** **Let all together praise our God Before His glorious throne;**
Today He opens heav’n again To give us His own Son, To give us His own Son.
- 2** **He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne, Is born an infant small,**
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.
- 3** **Within an earthborn form He hides His all-creating light;**
To serve us all He humbly cloaks The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.
- 4** **He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame,**
And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name,
His glory, and His name.

**5 He is a servant, I a lord: How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love! No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.**

**6 He is the key and He the door To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more. To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.**

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♪ "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"

LSB 386

**1 Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**

**2 Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!**

**3 Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!**

**4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!**

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Stand

♪ Post-Communion Canticle "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

LSB 937

**1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.**

**2 This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.**

**3 With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest Be honor, love, and praise.**

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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.

Benediction

LSB 166

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: “Angels from the Realms of Glory”

LSB 367

**1 Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth.
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**2 Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**3 Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**4 Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**5 All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising To the_ternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

BIRTHDAYS: Julie Bose, Kara Heithold, James Simpson, Kelsey Heggemeyer, Cindy Echtenkamp, Mariah Frevert, Lonnie Matthes, Sarah Greenwald, Dylan Hurlbert, Kristine Niemann, Abby VanderVeen, Michelle Ekberg, Kelly Witt, Karen Knudsen, Gerald Poppe, Halzey Ruwe, & Brodrick Tiedtke

ANNIVERSARIES: Glen & Sandy Nichols and Leon & Mary Daum,

LAST WEEK our offerings were \$7,742.

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 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 SCHOOL: This week we celebrate the Birth of Jesus in Sunday School! A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family discuss the details of Christ's birth. Ask, "How does our sin cause us to fear God like the shepherds did?" Focus on the fact that God's Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "Gospel Power for Personal Patience" -- Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz -- No one likes to wait! Hear God's promises for impatient people. Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am. **Lutheran Hour sponsors are needed for 2022. The cost is \$20. Call the church office to reserve your special date.**

ADULT BIBLE CLASS: "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." These words from the beginning of John's Gospel remind us that the same Jesus whose birth we celebrate still comes to us through His Word. As we continue our study of John's Gospel today, we will turn our attention to chapter 8 as Jesus explains more about who He was and why He came. Join us in the basement at 9:15.

NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP: What better way to close out the year of the Lord 2021 than by hearing His Word of absolution and receiving His Holy Supper for our encouragement as we begin a new year of Grace. New Year's Eve worship will be on Friday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m.

OFFICER INSTALLATION: Newly elected officers will be installed during the 10:30 a.m. service on January 2. Thank you to those who have faithfully served our congregation as members of our Mission Council and various boards through this year.

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

NYG RUNZA FUNDRAISER: Currently we are in the process of scheduling a new fundraiser with the Runza in town. Our Youth Group will be responsible for greeting customers, delivering orders, and cleaning tables at Runza from 5pm to 8pm on January 10th. Our group will get 15% of all proceeds during that time. Please consider coming out and supporting us while also treating yourself to a delicious meal!

SPRING SEMESTER SUNDAY NIGHT DINNERS: The Spring Schedule for our College Sunday Night Dinners has been posted on the church door. Please take a few seconds to consider signing up to cover one of these meals. I know that our college students truly appreciate the love! Have a wonderful day and Merry Christmas!

MIDWEEK CLASSES: Remember there are no Midweek classes on December 29th. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Enjoy some time off to be with your family! See you all January 5th as we pick back up with Midweek Classes for 2022 at 6:30pm! Again, if Wayne Schools are cancelled for any reason Midweek classes will be cancelled as well.

AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT PROJECT: At the annual voters' meeting it was reported that the air conditioning units for the sanctuary and church basement fellowship area need replacement due to their age and various leaks. A fund for air conditioner replacement was approved. The Mission Council has received two bids for this project and has approved proceeding with the project so the work can be accomplished during the winter when the units are not utilized. The total needed for the project is approximately \$80,000. Approximately \$17,000 has already been designated for this project. Additional gifts for this purpose are welcome and can be designated "AC replacement."

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 a would like one, please contact the church office. The use of offering envelopes allows contributions to 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.

WINTER SOLSTICE has come and gone so now we are gaining daylight rapidly--around a half hour a week! Everyone welcomes the return of the sun! Which reminds us to look forward to the Son returning--come Lord, quickly! God bless us all in the New Year 2022. In Christ's love, Carl and Darlene Lilienkamp (12450 Elmore Road, Anchorage, AK 99516)

CHECK IT OUT: “The Masterpiece” by Francine Rivers is about a successful Los Angeles artist, Roman Velasquez who appears to have everything he could possibly want but his new hired personal assistant knows how little he truly has. Like Roman, Grace is wrestling with ghosts and secrets of her own. The jagged pieces of their pasts slowly begin to fit together until something unexpected happens that changes the course of their relationship and both of their lives forever. FIC/RIV

“Twice As Nice” by Wanda E. Brunstetter is about twin sisters Elma and Thelma Hochstetler who do everything together. They live together, they run a general store in Indiana together, and they are growing old together—neither one marrying young like their peers. But that could all change if one of them marries. Enjoy a dash of comedy and pinch of whimsy as twin sisters navigate through the Amish dating scene in this two-story collection. FIC/BRU

Tracie’s Peterson’s series “Bridgestone Brides Series” (consisting of book 1-“When You Are Near”; book 2-“Wherever You Go” and book 3-“What Comes My Way”) has been added to the Church Library collection. After her father’s death, Lizzie Brookstone, a trick rider in the all-female Brookstone Wild West Extravaganza, want nothing more than to quit her role as the star of the show and live a quiet life on her family’s ranch. However, events keep her from doing so such as when Mary Reichert’s brother is killed and then Ella Fleming, on the run from her past and seek protection from the “show family”. All the twist and turns lead the reader on quite an adventure. FIC/PET

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ACOLYTES: Reese Rethwisch & Payton Junck (8:00)

Konnor Kai & Taven Ocampo (10:30)

LAY READER: Irene Mock (8:00) Doug Temme (10:30)

GREETERS: Gene & Janet Casey (8:00)

Jerry & Loree Echtenkamp (10:30)

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Director – Sara Ruwe – 402.369.2661

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: Bonnadell Koch in memory of Ron

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

FRIDAY

6:00 pm. New Year's Eve Worship/Communion

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am. Worship

9:15 am. Bible Study

9:15 am. Sunday School

10:30 am. Worship