

Extra Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin

December 11, 2022



Gathering Liturgy for Third Sunday of Advent

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT

WREATH

 Praise to you, O God, who holds our joy and sorrow. You bring water to parched ground and life out of death. Bless us as this light grows, and send sorrow and sighing to flee away. Give us strength and patience, trusting that you are true to your promises. Transform the lives of all who suffer with your wonders near at hand.

C Amen.

ELW #240, vv. 1-3

1: *Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.*

2: *Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.*

3: *Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.*

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

C **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign. We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace. We dishonor one another and your creation. Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love, that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

P People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on + Christ, and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

C Amen.



GATHERING SONG: "Hark, the Glad Sound" (ELW #239) vv. 1 & 3

1: *Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne
and every voice a song.*

3: *He comes the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.*

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 148)

P This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

*whose blood set us free to be
people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom
and strength,
and honor and blessing and
glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our
God.
Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all
creation:*

*Blessing and honor and glory
and might
be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our
God,
for the Lamb who was slain has
begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord
God, to prepare the way of your
only Son. By his coming nurture
our growth as people of
repentance and peace; through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

Third Sunday of Advent Readings

Isaiah 35:1–10

The wilderness and the dry
land shall be glad,
the desert shall
rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus
it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and
singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be
given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and
Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the
LORD,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble
knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful
heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with
vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
Then the eyes of the blind shall
be opened,
and the ears of the deaf
unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a
deer,
and the tongue of the
speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in
the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a
pool,

and the thirsty ground
springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall
become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds
and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the
Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on
it,
but it shall be for God’s
people;
no traveler, not even fools,
shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast
come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk
there.
And the ransomed of the LORD
shall return,
and come to Zion with
singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon
their heads;
they shall obtain joy and
gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall
flee away.

Psalms 146:5–10

¹Happy are they who have the
God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD
their God;
⁶**who made heaven and
earth, the seas, and all
that is in them;**

**who keeps promises
forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who
are oppressed, and food to
those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive
free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of
the blind; the LORD lifts
up those who are
bowed down;
the LORD loves the
righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan
and widow, but frustrates
the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign
forever,
your God, O Zion,
throughout all
generations.
Hallelujah!**

Romans 13:11–14

Be patient, therefore,
beloved, until the coming
of the Lord. The farmer
waits for the precious crop from
the earth, being patient with it
until it receives the early and the
late rains. You also must be
patient. Strengthen your hearts,
for the coming of the Lord is
near.

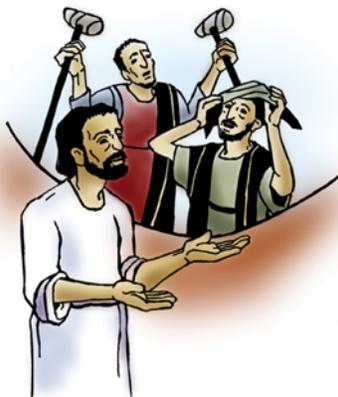
Beloved, do not grumble
against one another, so that you
may not be judged. See, the
Judge is standing at the doors!
As an example of suffering and

patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2–11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”

Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And



blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look

at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

“What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Joy to the World” (ELW #267)
vv. 1 & 4

1: *Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;*

*let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,*

and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

4: *He rules the world with truth and grace*

*and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,*

and wonders, wonders of his love.

CREED

☩ I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYERS: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (ELW #752)

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

☩ As we prepare for the fullness of Christ’s presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

☩ Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy,

☩ hear our prayer.

☩ Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. End racism and oppression. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict (*regions in turmoil may be named*). Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You deliver those in need from suffering and fear. Come to the aid of any who are exploited or abused, especially children, elders, and victims of human trafficking. Provide safety and help to our neighbors without shelter, refugees, and those fleeing violence. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss, especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Jean Boothe
- Hank Buehrens
- Andrew Calvert
- Barb Caputo
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn's boyfriend)
- Pastor Rafael Escobedo
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Christine Hill
- Dennis Houston (Dawn's father-in-law)
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Karen Kempinen
- David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
- Gail Miller
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
- Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Kristi Weiss

Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING: *Doxology* (ELW #884)

*1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE & PREFACE

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his coming again in righteousness and peace. Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)

*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, grant us peace.*

SONG: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (ELW #283)

1: *O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:*

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

2: *The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! Refrain*

3: *Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest: Refrain*

4: *Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing: Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG "Angels We Have Heard on High" (ELW #289) vv. 1 & 2

1: *Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.*

Refrain: *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 heavenly song?* Refrain

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Celebrate the Reason for the Season Christmas Eve & Day

Our Advent worship services, starting November 27, will begin with the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath. We invite members to sign up in the narthex to come forward to light the candles.

Our Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols will be at 4:30 p.m.



Saturday, December 24. We're still looking for a volunteer to read the seventh lesson at this service; thank you to those who have signed up to read the first six!

Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, so we invite you to join us to worship and praise the Lord at 9:30 a.m.

Join Us for Hymn Sing This Sunday; Caroling Rescheduled

This Sunday, December 11, Nancy Brichacek will host a hymn sing at her home after the morning's worship service. We'll learn some new songs and discuss restarting the choir.

This luncheon is open to everyone whether you plan to join the choir or not.

We're rescheduling Christmas carol-o-van for 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 22. We

welcome people to sign up to carol, and also to let us know where someone would appreciate having our carolers come sing to them.

2023 Estimate of Giving slip for Grace Lutheran Church

In grateful response to God's love and mercy, I/we estimate my/our giving will be:

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year

We invite you to keep this copy for your records

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Grace Quick Takes

Vaccine Clinic

Grace Welcome Center will host a COVID-19 vaccine clinic this Thursday, December 15 during their breakfast, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Visiting nurses will be on hand to offer all manner of COVID-19 shots, both initial vaccinations and booster shots.

Pot Luck Thanks

Thank you to Dawn, Randy, and everyone who brought in

food for last Sunday's potluck luncheon in honor of Gregory Foster!

Church Council

Church Council will meet next Sunday, December 18, after the worship service. Council members and others are reminded to get their reports to Jarlene by this Saturday so that



she can distribute them to council members by Sunday. Thank you!

Advent Organ Recital Series Continues at St. Paul's Lutheran

Kenosha organist Brian Schoettler presents a series of 30-minute organ recitals throughout the month of December. The recitals take place weekly on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. and are free and open to the public. Each program features a different



repertoire for the Advent and Christmas seasons, so be sure to join us for the whole series!

December 16 at 11:30 a.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 37th Avenue

December 23 at 11:30 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church, 7104 39th Avenue

For more information, visit:
www.brianschoettler.com
www.facebook.com/schoettlermusic

Elsewhere in Our Area

Breaking the Chains Church Invites Carolers

Breaking the Chains Church will conduct its annual Christmas hymn sing for the men incarcerated at the Felmers Chaney Correctional Center and at the Kenosha Correctional Center next weekend. They will gather on the sidewalk and sing Christmas carols via battery-operated candles to the men who are inside. They will sing at The Felmers Chaney Correctional Center at 2825



N. 30th St in Milwaukee on Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m.; and at the Kenosha Correctional Center at 6353 14th Ave in Kenosha, on Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. This is a family-friendly event, and all are welcome. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pastor David Rebey at david.rebey@gmail.com

Receipts: December 4, 2022

General offering \$ 817.00
Music program \$ 148.00
Pastor's salary/benefits..... \$ 315.00
From non-members:
 General offering \$ 125.00

Welcome Center..... \$ 100.00
Amistad Cristiana building use \$ 800.00
Minus internet banking fees..... \$ (16.97)
Total \$ 2,288.03
Grace weekly budget in 2022: \$ 3,269.50

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Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday

Poinsettia Sale ❄️ \$ 20.00

If you would like to order poinsettias to decorate the Grace altar this Christmas Eve and Day, we are offering red poinsettias. Flowers may be taken home after the worship service or you may pick yours up from the office December 27-30 from 9:00 to 2:00.

Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary beautiful for Christmas!



Poinsettia Order

Name/s

Address

Phone Number of pots

Please let us know whom you wish to honor or to remember with your flowers:

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*All orders must be in by December 12. The price is \$20.00 each. Please pay when ordering. Thank You!