

EXTRA Grace Notes

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

December 4, 2022



Gathering Liturgy for Second Sunday of Advent

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH



P Praise to you, O God, who gives us courage to start again. You fasten righteousness around your waist and baptize with the Holy Spirit's fire. Bless us as we mirror your mighty fire in these simple flames, and teach us to mirror your justice in the paths we prepare. We ask that peace abound, until none hurt or destroy over all the earth.

C Amen.

ELW #240, vv. 1-2

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.

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CONFESSON 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: "On Jordan's Bank" (ELW #249) vv. 1 & 5

1: *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!*

5: *All praise to you, eternal Son, whose advent has our freedom won, whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore.*

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.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent Readings

Isaiah 11:1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD

as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.



Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
² **that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴ **Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵ May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
⁶ **Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**
⁷ In his time may the righteous flourish; and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. ...
¹⁸ **Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;**

you alone do wondrous deeds!

¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious name forever, and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

Romans 13:11–14

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;

in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1–12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these

stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Prepare the Royal Highway”
(ELW #264) vv. 1 & 4

1: *Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:*

Refrain: *Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God’s word!*

4: *His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding:* Refrain

CREED

C 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

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

God, you renew the church in every age. We give thanks for hymn writers and theologians (*especially John of Damascus, whom we commemorate today*). Inspire teachers, writers, and musicians to delight and instruct your people. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You give us a vision of creation in harmony, when hurting and destruction will be no more. Teach us to be stewards of the earth and companions to its creatures. Restore to balance and wholeness what human greed has harmed. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You defend the cause of all who are poor and oppressed. Raise up leaders who will govern with equity and serve the common good. Guide judges, lawmakers, and public officials to protect the rights of those who cannot advocate for themselves. 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 You urge your people to welcome one another as you have welcomed us. Nurture ministries of hospitality and care in this and every congregation (*local examples may be named*). We pray for people who are homebound, hospitalized, or separated from loved ones, especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
- 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

- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
 - Timothy Walker
 - Dottie Watts
 - Christine Webb (Bert's sister)
 - Kristi Weiss
- God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P You embrace all who have died trusting in your promises, and we give thanks for their faithful witness. Sustain us in hope until we are united with them in the joy of your eternal presence. 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: "What Feast of Love" (ELW #487)

1: *What feast of love is offered here,
what banquet come from heaven?*

*What food of everlasting life,
what gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the bread come down from heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!*

2: *What light of truth is offered here,
what covenant from heaven?*

*What hope of everlasting life,
what wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!*

3: *What wine of love is offered here,
what crimson drink from heaven?*

*What stream of everlasting life,
what precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
the sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!*

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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 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding" (ELW #246) vv. 1 & 5

1: *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!*

"Christ is near," we hear it say.

*"Cast away the works of darkness,
all you children of the day!"*

5: *Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son*

*with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run!*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Join Us for Worship 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. Please sign up in the narthex to read one of the lessons.

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

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:

week

\$_____ per month Current \$_____ Benevolence \$_____

year

Name/s _____ Date _____/2022

We invite you to keep this copy for your records

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Here We Come a-Caroling



This Sunday, December 4, we plan to go out caroling. Please sign

up in the narthex if you want to join us, or if you would like us to visit your home or that of a loved one.

We will leave Grace at 2:00 p.m. sharp.

Next 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.

Potluck to Thank Greg This Sunday

Each one of us at Grace has been blessed by Greg Foster. Whether he threw a party on our behalf, got us a card for a special occasion, or thanked us profusely for our efforts volunteering, Greg has touched all of our lives. So, we are going to be throwing a thank you luncheon on his behalf

Sunday, December 4 right after worship.

This will be a potluck luncheon, so please bring a dish to pass and join us for this special Sunday!



Advent Organ Recital Series Continues at St. Mary'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 9 at 11:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Lutheran Church, 2001 80th Street

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:
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Elsewhere in Our Area

VA Department to Host Symposium on PACT Act

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will sponsor an awareness symposium to increase understanding of the recently enacted PACT Act Friday, December 16 at the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

PACT, the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics, Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic exposures.

To register, contact Diana Manley at 414-384-2000, ext. 42160, or email Diana.Manley@va.gov

Receipts: November 27, 2022

General offering	\$ 2,437.73
Benevolence.....	\$ 25.00
Infant Moses Ministry.....	\$ 25.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 20.00
Christmas	\$ 50.00
From non-members:	

General offering.....	\$ 150.00
Pastor's benefits package.....	\$ 250.00
Holy Assembly building use	\$ 500.00
Minus internet banking fees.....	\$(64.50)
Total	\$ 3,393.23
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 on December 27 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. Please pay when ordering. Thank You!