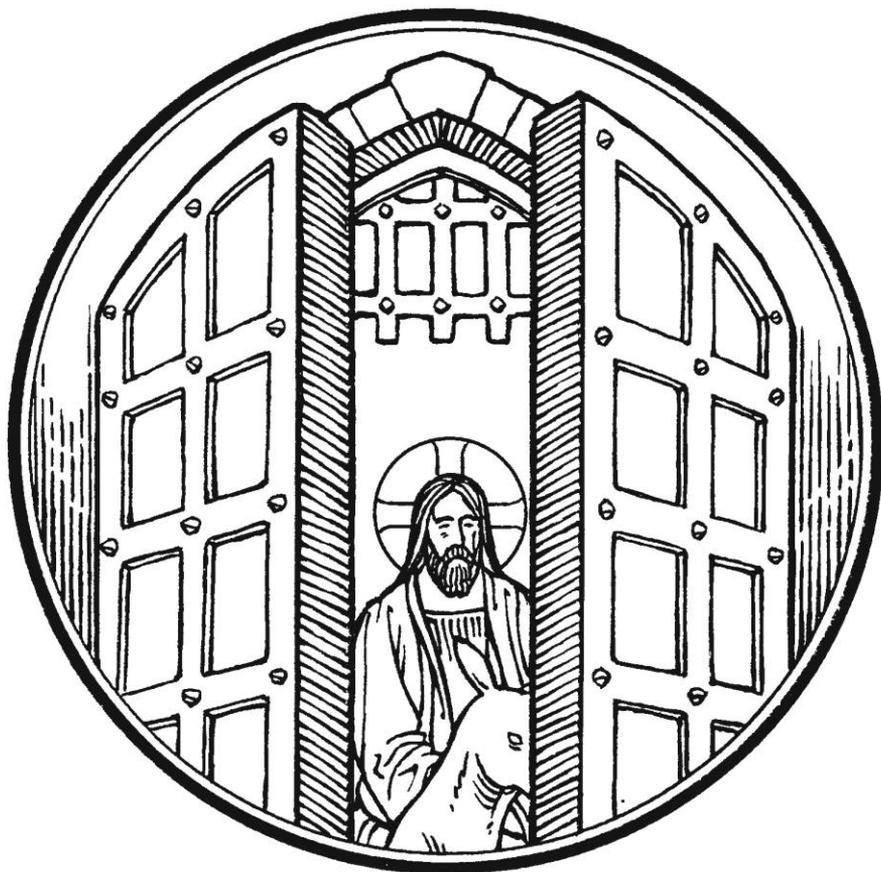


First Sunday in Advent

Ad Te Levavi

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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a loving congregation who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and each other. We welcome you in the name of the Lord!

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 or an usher.

Altar Flowers would have been sponsored this morning by *Carolyn Secor* in memory of her mother – *Cora*.

WE WORSHIP TOGETHER

Today	Divine Service w/The Lord's Supper	9:00 a.m.
	Online Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

**Per Re-opening Plan other classes
are suspended at this time.**

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

**Malachi 4:1+6 † Romans 15:4-13
† Luke 21:25-36 †
Sermon: Pastor Maggard**

First Sunday in Advent
Divine Service III - Abbreviated

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm Tone B



Introit

Psalm 25:4-5, 21- 22

To You, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in You I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.

Indeed, none who wait for You shall be | put to shame.

Make me to know Your ways, | O LORD:*

teach me | Your paths.

**Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of
my sal- | vation;***

for You I wait all the | day long.

May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*

for I | wait for You.

Redeem Israel, | O God,*

out of all his | troubles.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord,
have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Gradual

Psalm 25:3-4

None who wait for You shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Make me to know Your ways, | O LORD;*

Teach me | Your paths.

Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

Psalm 85:7

Alleluia. Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation. **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, twenty-first chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1-9

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your King is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Nicene Creed

**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.

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh-
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
- 5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul
- 7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

△8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

Sermon

Pastor Maggard

Stand

Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
And take not Thy Holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Prayer of the Church

let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising
You and saying:
**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are
full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Communion Hymn – *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* - 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 come 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 heaven'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.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endureth forever.

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 in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord be you,
And with thy spirit.
Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

Announcements

➔ Advent Midweek Service on Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome at church or online.

**The LORD is good to all; and His mercy is
over all that He has made.**

Psalm 145:9

Daily Devotions

Date	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Nov 29	118:19-24	Isaiah 5:1-25	Peter 2:1-12
Nov 30	123	Isaiah 6:1-7:9	1 Peter 2:13-25
Dec 1	34:11-18	Isaiah 7:10-8:8	1 Peter 3:1-22
Dec 2	119:105- 112	Isaiah 8:9-9:7	1 Peter 4:1-19
Dec 3	55:16-23	Isaiah 9:8-10:11	1 Peter 5:1-14
Dec 4	145:1-9	Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34	2 Peter 1:1-21
Dec 5	49:5-12, 15	Isaiah 11:1-12:6	2 Peter 2:1-22

SERVING TODAY

Organist	<i>Gail James</i>
Elder	<i>Richard Franzen</i>
Ushers	<i>Larry Adams, Bill Choske</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Ron Pickinpaugh</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Erin Maggard, Lynda Olson</i>
Greeter	<i>Bill and Judi Parker-Choske</i>
Counting Committee	<i>Bill and Judi Parker-Choske</i>

Thank you for remembering our shut-ins: Margaret Dickenson, Bette Howard, Larry Maudlin, Joyce McFarland, Evelyn Smith, Ruth Spies, and Joyce Waters.

Prayers requested this week for: Debbie Schwartz's sister – Suzzanne; Tiffany Izzo's friend's husband – Cameron.

We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Dave Nehls and family; Sue Nehls' brother – Michael Schultz; Richard and Pattie Lowe; Anthony and Tamara Mahomes; Terry Pickinpaugh; Mike and Betty Guinn; Heather Edgemon's friends – Kyle, Shaye and family; Glen and Gail James' friends – Chris, Sierra and their unborn child – Jack; Bryan and Marcy Stringham; Alma Rich's daughter – Dawn and her husband, Tim; Tamara Mahomes' friend – Zenida, best friend - Windy, Windy's son, Jason and his wife, Nikole and their unborn son; Dolores Smith; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and his wife, Erin; Glen and Gail James' friend – Kathie; Bill Choske's co-worker – Fred and Fred's elderly mother – Joanne; Dave Hoepel; Glen James' Aunt Jyrlene; Gene Addison; Gail and Randy York's friend - Gina and their granddaughter-in-law – Heather; Kathy Holm's cousin – Cynthia and family; Mansell Family; Dale and Nancy Telizyn; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Kim Pickinpaugh's sister – Kristy and her boyfriend, Tony; Judi Parker-Choske's dear friend – Cheryl; Dolores Smith's son – Mike and his team.

We pray for all our troops overseas and their families and for our own young people in uniform: Kurt Wampole Jr., Noah Nery, Jeremiah Hart, Jacob Livoni and Jacob Blanton.