

First Sunday after Christmas

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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 *Stephanie Brewer celebrating her son – Philip's birthday and her daughter – Denise's birthday.* Also, by *Kathy Holm celebrating her granddaughter – Millie's 7th birthday.*

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

**Genesis 46:1-7 † 1 Peter 4:12-19
† Matthew 3:13-23 †
Sermon: Pastor Maggard**

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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 93:1, 3-4

Your decrees are very | trustworthy;*

holiness befits Your house, O LORD, for- | evermore.

Your throne is established | from of old;*

You are from ever- | lasting.

The LORD reigns; He is robed in | majesty;*

the LORD is robed; He has put on strength | as His belt,

Yes, the world is es- | tablished;*

it shall nev- | er be moved.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted | up
their voice;*

the floods lift up their | roaring.

**Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the
waves | of the sea,***

The LORD on high is | mighty!

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high:

and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we

bleſs Thee, we worſhip Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy Great Glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jeſus Chriſt; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of Father, that takeſt away the ſin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takeſt away the ſin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that ſitteſt at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Chriſt, with the Holy Ghost, art moſt high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy ſpirit.

Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.

Sit

Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1-5

¹There ſhall come forth a ſhoot from the ſtump of Jeſſe,
and a branch from his roots ſhall bear fruit.

²And the Spirit of the LORD ſhall reſt upon Him,
the Spirit of wiſdom and underſtanding,
the Spirit of counſel and might,

the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what His eyes see,
or decide disputes by what His ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth,
and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist,
and faithfulness the belt of His loins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm Tone B

Gradual

Psalm 45:2a, 1b

You are the most handsome of the | sons of men;*
grace is poured u- | on your lips.

I address my verses | to the king;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

Epistle

Galatians 4:1-7

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles^[B] of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And

because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

Psalm 93:1

Alleluia. The LORD reigns; He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed; He has put on strength as His belt. **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke 2, the second chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 2: 22-40

²² And 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") ²⁴ and 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;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen Your salvation

³¹ that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a 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.

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 Let all together praise our God
 Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
 To give us His own Son,
To gives to 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 blessèd paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.

To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.

△7 Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise You evermore.

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

Angels From the Realms of Glory

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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:

Refrain:

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:

Refrain

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star:

Refrain

4 Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending
In His temple shall appear.

Refrain

△5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son.
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One.

Refrain

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.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Psalm 113:3

Daily Devotions

Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm
Dec 27	Isaiah 51:17-52:12	Matthew 2:1-12	72:1, 4, 10-15, 18-19
Dec 28	Isaiah 52:13-54:10	Matthew 2:13-23	9:11-14
Dec 29	Isaiah 55:1-13	Luke 1: 1-25	78:1-7
Dec 30	Isaiah 58:1-59:3, 14-21	Luke 1:26-38	89:1-4, 14-18
Dec 31	Isaiah 60:1-22	Luke 1:36-56	111:1-6, 10
Jan 1	Isaiah 61:1-11	Luke 1:45-80	113
Jan 2	Isaiah 62:1-12	Luke 2:1-20	62:5-8, 11-12

SERVING TODAY

Organist	<i>Gail James</i>
Elder	<i>Richard Franzen</i>
Ushers	<i>Bill Choske, Mike Miller</i>
Communion Elder	<i>Mike Draney</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sherry Herrera, Gail Picado</i>
Greeters	<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: Carol Draney's niece, Grace and her unborn baby; Mike Draney's nephew – Tyler and his father – Rick; Nancy Telizyn's friend – Hilary; Don and Judi Belter; Kathy Holm's cousin – Mary; Dolores Smith's son – Mike and his wife, Kathy.

We keep in Prayer: Tony Mantz and family; Dave Nehls and family; 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; 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; Glen and Gail James' friend – Kathie; Bill Choske's co-worker – Fred and Fred's elderly mother – Joanne; Glen James' Aunt Jyrlene; Dale and Nancy Telizyn; Barbara Dellinger's dear friend – Pauline Johnson; Kim Pickinpaugh's sister – Kristy and her boyfriend, Tony; Debbie Schwartz's sister – Suzzanne; Bill Choske's friend – Tim and his wife, Erin; Don Sidoti's Aunt Marge and her husband – Douglas, Aunt Marie, Mark and Danielle and their 3 little kids; Hannah and Mike Villasenor and their unborn baby.

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.