

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2020 8:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

#### Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## As We Gather

Advent begins and this Sunday we are greeted with images of the sun darkening, moon not giving light, and stars falling from the sky. We are told that at *that* point, after these apocalyptic events have taken place, after much suffering: the Son of man will return with great power and glory. When exactly this will all happen is still unclear...so we are told to keep alert, to stay awake, to watch. When the Son of Man comes, we do not want to be found asleep. The promise of Advent of course is that in the midst of our own suffering, our own apocalyptic events, even our own worlds ending, when it feels as though the moon has stopped giving its light....the Son of Man promises to make his presence known to us. To come and dwell with us. It is just that it may be in unexpected places, in unexpected ways, at unexpected times, when we least expect it that he arrives to offer us salvation and life again when we most need it. So, we learn to stay awake. Jesus is coming soon. We can trust his words that will never pass away.

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Karl Osterland

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

  Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- @ Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

- **P** Gracious God,
- **\( \text{have mercy on us.} \)**

We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do.

Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

- P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
- @ Amen.



#### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

#### **KYRIE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Eather and the Hely Spirit, and Cod, now, and for

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

We sit.

# + WORD +

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 64:1–9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence —

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil -

to make your name known to your adversaries,

so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

<sup>4</sup>From ages past no one has heard,

no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

<sup>5</sup>You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls on your name,

or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

<sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

<sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and do not remember iniquity forever.

Now consider, we are all your people.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

- L Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;\* shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
- In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,\* stir up your strength and | come to help us.
- Restore us, O | God of hosts;\* show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
- © O Lord | God of hosts,\*
  how long will you be angered despite the prayers | of your people?
- Let You have fed them with the | bread of tears;\* you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
- **Q** You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,\* and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
- Restore us, O | God of hosts;\*
  show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.
- Let your hand be upon the man of | your right hand,\* the son of man you have made so strong | for yourself.
- And so will we never turn a- | way from you;\* give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
- Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;\*
  show the light of your countenance, and we | shall be saved.

## **SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: Psalm 85:7

John Ferguson

- L Alleluia. Alleluia.
- G REFRAIN (below)



- L Show us your steadfast love, Lord, and grant us your salvation.
- **@** REFRAIN

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup>Therefore, keep awake — for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**: Learning to Stay Awake as the World is Ending

Pastor Troy Medlin Mark 13:24–37 HYMN OF THE DAY: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

(green) **LBW** #31



#### NICENE CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



# ANTHEM: Stir Up Your Power Linda Cable Shute

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Again we pray, "Your will be done." May Advent blue to us foretell The echo of Emmanuel.

Is heaven's moment far or near? And when will Jesus reappear? The coming dawn is our delight In this, the darkest hour of night. We could inside the church remain, Like dry ground watching for the rain. We could decide to sit and wait As Jesus we anticipate.

But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is not yet and now. Our faith informs what we do. May Christ return and find us true. Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
  Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

forever and ever. Amen.

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

# + SENDING +

#### BENEDICTION

P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

@ Amen.

**SENDING HYMN**: Savior of the Nations, Come

(green) LBW #28



- 1 Sav ior of the na tions, come; show the glo ry of the Son!
- 2 Not of hu man seed or worth, but from God's own mys tic breath,
- 3 Won-drous birth! Oh, won-drous child of the vir gin un de filed!
- 4 God the Fa ther is his source, back to God he runs his course;



Ev - 'ry peo - ple, stand in per - fect Son of God. awe; praise the fruit in Mar - y's womb be - gun when God breathed the Word, his Son. Might-y God and man in one, ea - ger now his race down to death and hell de - scends, God's high throne he re as - cends.

- 5 He leaves heaven to return; trav'ling where dull hellfires burn; riding out, returning home as the Savior who has come.
- 6 God the Father's precious Son girds himself in flesh to run for the trophies of our souls, longer than this round earth rolls.
- 7 Shining stable in the night, breathing vict'ry with your light; darkness cannot hide your flame, shining bright as Jesus'name.

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#### **DISMISSAL**

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister
Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
Ellen Pullin, soprano
Bill Pullin, baritone
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# LET US PRAY...

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Annalise Balock Cathy Barker

Ruth Barker Anne-Marie Bogdan Ed Borg

Hans Dumpys

Marilyn Gotsch Carl and Donna Gruendler

David Gruendler Kathy Haves Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber Jerry Koenig

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James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker)

Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz)

Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson)

Mike and Beth Bullock (parents of Keith Bullock)

Elvis Burleson (son-in-law of Tina Moore) John Cattau (nephew of Dan Cattau)

Mary Ellen Close (friend of Bill & Ellen Pullin)

Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack)

Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel)

Jane Duda (friend of Karen Eckstein)

Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Joan Fudala (mother of Greg Fudala) Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz)

Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen) Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason)

Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner)

John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)

Mia Rose Jones (granddaughter of John and Loretta Lattyak)

Rob Kay (brother of Tom Kay)

Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson)

Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten)

Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott)

Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat)

Ron and Jeanette Koski (parents of Jill Koski)

George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma)

Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson)

Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson)

Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell)

John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson)

Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel)

Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli) Kari Lyle (sister-in-law of Dave and Erika Lyle)

Jim Maggio (brother of Joe Maggio)

Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin)

Beth Smoots McClanahan Karen McMahon

Jennifer Murtoff

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Maxwell)

Denny McClerren (cousin of Stephanie Wilkening)

Christopher Miller (friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska)

Jean Miller (friend of Bill & Ellen Pullin)

Monika Nash (daughter of Don and Verna Offermann)

Joan Nelson (mother of Julie Modrich) Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Rosie Parker (mother of Cameron Parker)

Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt)

James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Lee Pullin (niece of Bill & Ellen Pullin)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba)

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson)

Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson)

John Rohleder (friend of Sandy Grams)

Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Shirley Moyers Schnack (sister-in-law of Randy Schnack)

John Schuurman (friend of Timothy Douma)

Lindsay Shaner (brother of Bob Shaner)

Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner)

Ken and Lori Shoup (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Zina and Huxley Shoup (friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner)

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Lee Stephens (brother of Tony)

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Martin A. Thieme (brother of Susan Franzone)

Jan Thomson (sister-in-law of Christine Phillips)

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Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Brian Walden (relative of Pat Gulik)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Sonja Wandro (sister of Al Swanson)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen)

Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas)

Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)

Kathie Wolff (friend of Tim Duoma)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

#### Benevolence ministries

Beyond Hunger

#### For those who mourn

Don Moehlenkamp (brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp)

## Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus)

Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout)

Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks)

David Danford (son of John and Karen)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting)

Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher)

# Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

# Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany) Drew Krueger (England)

#### Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Marian Hogue
Christopher Davis Carolyn Martin
Marie Gierke Joanne Nelson
Ronald Gresens Barbara Rinnan
Gloria Hillert Kathleen Wrobel

Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss)
Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

# Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oregon Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

#### Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

NAME(S)	
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Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am visiting Grace for the first time.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace Church.
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- ☐ I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail,
- Sunday Is Coming.

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