

And This  
Shall Be



A Sign  
Unto You.



Serving the Portland Area with the Means of Grace and as a family of believers for over 110 years... as a church, school, preschool, mission, and ministry.

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## Advent 2 – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Welcome!

**GRACE** ~ *“I am not ashamed of the gospel...”*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

**GRACE** ~ *“These are written that you may believe...”*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for 110 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the WELS.

**GRACE** ~ *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

Order of Service for  
**THE SEASON OF ADVENT**



**INVOCATION**

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

**HYMN RESPONSE:** CW21 Blue #327 (vs 1) Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel  
*Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel - Shall come to you, O Israel!*

M: When God created the world, he made the crown of his creation—the human race—in his image. Perfect people lived in a perfect world in a perfect relationship with God.

C: **But mankind rebelled against God, bringing sin into the world and death to all. God declared the wages of sin to be death. We too are guilty, and we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and actions.**

M: However, God—who is Love—did not want to be separated from his children forever. He promised a Savior who would bear the punishment for sin, defeat the devil, and break the bonds of death. *Genesis 1:26; Romans 6:23*

**HYMN RESPONSE:** CW21 Blue #327 (vs 2) Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel  
*Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free  
Your own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell your people save,  
And bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel - Shall come to you, O Israel!*

M: When the time had fully come, God sent his Son. Jesus, our Savior, has paid the ransom for your debt; your sins are forgiven. In view of God's mercy, today we light the hope candle. The Spirit declares through the psalmist, "Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him is full redemption."

C: **We wait for the Lord, and in his word we put our hope.**

*Galatians 4:4,5; Psalm 130:5,7*

**HYMN RESPONSE:**

CW21 Blue #327 (vs 3) Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

*Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel - Shall come to you, O Israel!*

M: In the hope of God we go to the world—to our friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors. We regard no one from a worldly point of view. If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

C: **God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. Jesus, who had no sin, became sin for us; in him we have become the righteousness of God.**

*2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

**HYMN RESPONSE:**

CW21 Blue #327 (vs 4) Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

*Oh, come, O Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home.  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel - Shall come to you, O Israel!*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

M: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES WITH THE CHILDREN:

M: We light two Advent candles now,  
C: **the Beth'lem Candle kindles bright.**  
M: Dispelling darkness, Jesus comes,  
C: **and warms us with his holy light.**

M: We think of little Bethlehem,  
C: **a mere two thousand years ago,**  
M: the busy streets, the crowded inn,  
C: **and what the people didn't know:**

M: That in a stable God was born  
C: **and laid upon a bed of hay.**  
M: The virgin wrapped him, kept him warm:  
C: **divinity came with us to stay!**



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON – THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Micah 5:2-4

<sup>2</sup>“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” <sup>3</sup>Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. <sup>4</sup>He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

### HYMN RESPONSE:

CW21 Blue #334 (1): *I Stand Beside Your Manger Here*

*I stand beside your manger here,  
O Jesus, life from heaven.  
The gifts I bring as I draw near,  
Are what to me you've given:  
My spirit, courage, mind and heart  
take all I am, take every part;  
in mercy let it please you!*

## **SECOND LESSON – EPISTLE:**

Hebrews 10:5-10

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup>with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. <sup>7</sup>Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll— I have come to do your will, my God.’”

<sup>8</sup>First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. <sup>9</sup>Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. <sup>10</sup>And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

## **THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

Luke 1:41-42

Alleluia. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Alleluia!

## **HYMN RESPONSE:**

CW21 Blue #334 (4): *I Stand Beside Your Manger Here*

*One thing I hope; my Savior, hear;  
Bestow on me this blessing,  
That I may ever hold you near,  
You as my own possessing.  
So let my heart your manger be;  
Come, holy Child, lie down in me,  
With all your joyful treasures.*

## **THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup>This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup>But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

24 When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. 25 But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

**HYMN:** CW21 Blue #331 (1, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13) From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

***"From heav'n above to earth I come  
To bear good news to ev'ry home;  
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,  
Whereof I now will say and sing:***

***These are the signs which you shall mark:  
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.  
There you will find the infant laid  
By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."***

***Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,  
And see what in the manger lies.  
Who is this child, so young and fair?  
It is the Christ child lying there.***

***Ah, Lord, though you created all,  
How weak you are, so poor and small,  
That you should choose to lay your head,  
Where lowly cattle lately fed!***

***Instead of soft and silken stuff  
You have but hay and straw so rough  
On which as King, so rich and great,  
To be enthroned in royal state.***

***Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,  
Prepare a bed, soft, undefiled  
Within my heart, made clean and new,  
A quiet chamber kept for you.***

THE NICENE CREED

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.
- C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.
- M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.



**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day. Special prayers and intercessions may follow.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

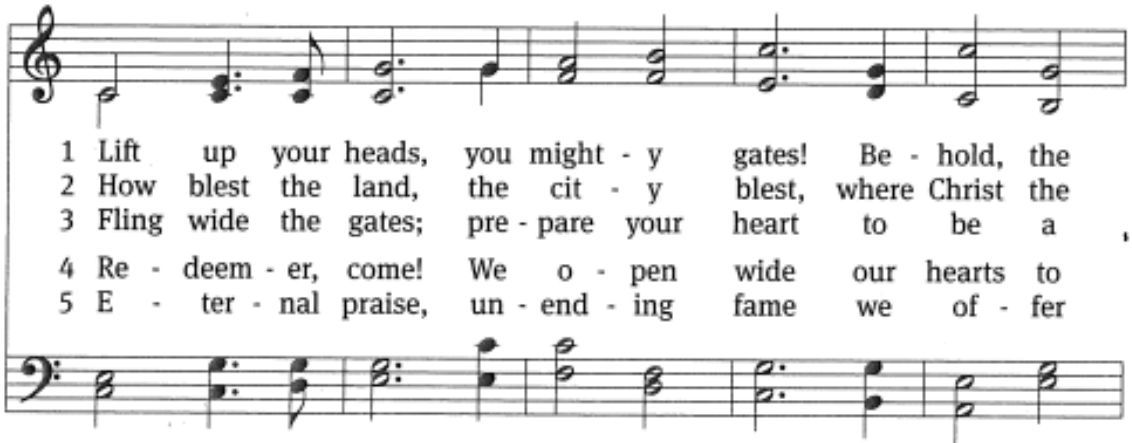
### **THE BENEDICTION**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

CLOSING HYMN:

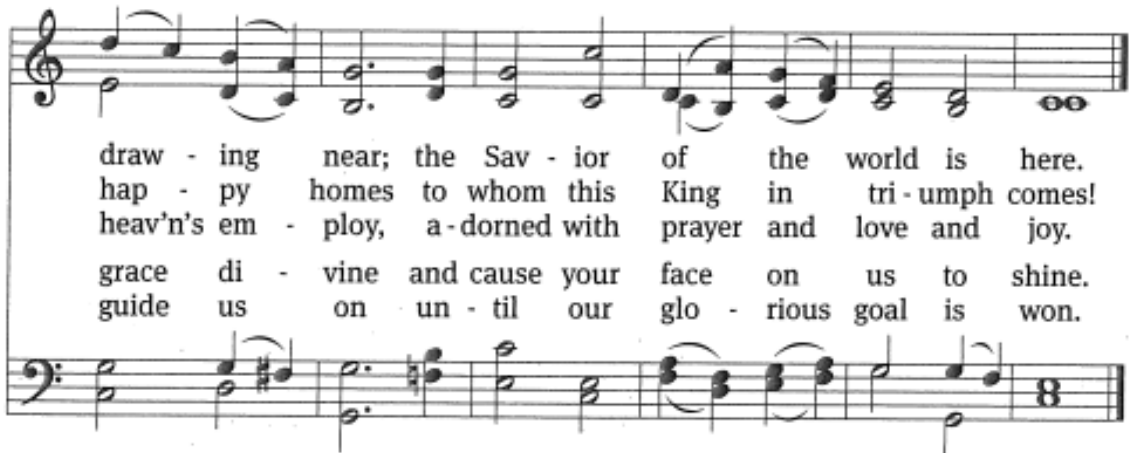
CW21 Blue #306: "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates"



1 Lift up your heads, you might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the gates; pre - pare your heart to be a  
4 Re - deem - er, come! We o - pen wide our hearts to  
5 E - ter - nal praise, un - end - ing fame we of - fer



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is  
rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
tem - ple set a - part from earth - ly use for  
you; here, Lord, a - bide. O en - ter with your  
to your sav - ing name. Your Ho - ly Spir - it



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
grace di - vine and cause your face on us to shine.  
guide us on un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

# Worship Notes

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_



## for kids

### Songs We Sang

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The Scripture Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

What was the sermon about?

Draw a picture from the lesson.



Words I Don't Know:

