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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 3 – December 11, 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:**

CW21 Blue #320 (1,2): As Angels Joyed with One Accord

*As angels joyed with one accord  
Upon the advent of our Lord,  
So laud we all and bless the name  
Of him who from the Father came.*

*He came, not clothed in majesty  
Nor pow'r that suits his deity.  
In lowly state he walked till he  
In dying set us captives free.*

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:**

CW21 Blue #320 (3,4): As Angels Joyed with One Accord

*This done, he soared to God's right hand,  
Yet orphaned not his chosen band,  
For he, not bound in grace and pow'r,  
Attends his own each day and hour.*

*In ev'ry age --let praise abound --  
He comes; we hear his voice resound.  
His glorious gospel does not cease  
To bring us comfort, joy, and peace.*

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 joy candle. The Spirit declares through the psalmist, "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

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

*Galatians 4:4,5; Psalm 32:11*

M: With the joy of the Lord 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:**

CW21 Blue #320 (5,7): As Angels Joyed with One Accord

*He comes in water to the child  
And cleanses it, from birth defiled.  
This washing seals his pard'ning grace  
And shows the Father's kindly face.*

*Lift up your heads! All grief and pain  
Shall vanish when he comes again.  
Where we shall see him face to face,  
There joy alone shall have a place.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

M: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES WITH THE CHILDREN:

M: We light three Advent candles now.  
C: **The Shepherds' Candle kindles bright.**  
M: Dispelling darkness, Jesus comes  
C: **and warms us with his holy light.**

M: We see the shepherds on the hill  
C: **who heard the angels' "Gloria,"**  
M: who ran to find the holy Child  
C: **and knelt in gratitude and awe.**

M: The shepherds were not slow to trust  
C: **the angels' unexpected word,**  
M: nor were those shepherds shy to share  
C: **the miracle they'd seen and heard.**



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON – THE OLD TESTAMENT:

Isaiah 40:1-9

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call out to her. Her warfare really is over. Her guilt is fully paid for. Yes, she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice is calling out: In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD. In the wasteland make a level highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley will be raised up, and every mountain and hill will be made low. The rugged ground will become level, and the rough places will become a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh together will see it. Yes, the mouth of the LORD has spoken. <sup>6</sup> A voice was saying, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry out?" All flesh is grass; all its beauty is like a wildflower in the countryside. <sup>7</sup> Grass withers, flowers fade, when the breath of the LORD blows on them. Yes, the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> Grass withers, flowers fade, but the Word of our God endures forever. <sup>9</sup> Get up on a high mountain, O Zion, you herald of good news. Lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, you herald of good news. Lift it up! Do not be afraid! Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

### THE CHOIR

"Prepare the Way of the Lord"  
Michael Bedford

## **SECOND LESSON – EPISTLE:**

Hebrews 1:5-14; 2:9,16-17

<sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father”? Or again, “I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”? <sup>6</sup> And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God’s angels worship him.” <sup>7</sup> In speaking of the angels he says, “He makes his angels spirits, his servants flames of fire.”

<sup>8</sup> But about the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore, God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.” <sup>10</sup> He also says, “In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. <sup>11</sup> They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment.

<sup>12</sup> You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end.” <sup>13</sup> To which of the angels did God ever say, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

<sup>14</sup> Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

<sup>9</sup> But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. <sup>17</sup> For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

## **THE VERSE OF THE DAY**

Isaiah 7:14

Alleluia. <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give a sign for all of you. Behold! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and name him Immanuel. Alleluia!

## **HYMN:**

CW21 Blue #319 (1,2): Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

*Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring,  
Came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came to win redemption,  
Lowly came on earth to die;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Came in deep humility.*

*Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;  
Jesus comes with words of gladness,  
Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hope to all the world is giv'n.*

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged in marriage to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women."

<sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled by the statement and was wondering what kind of greeting this could be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, because you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> Listen, you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Listen, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age even though she was called barren, and this is her sixth month. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible for God."

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "See, I am the Lord's servant. May it happen to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

## 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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

CW21 Blue #328: *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

*The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he to meek and lowly Mary,  
"Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!*

*"I come from heav'n to tell the Lord's decree:  
A blessed virgin mother you shall be.  
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!*

*Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.  
"My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name."  
Most highly favored maiden, Gloria*

*Of her Immanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say,  
"Most highly favored maiden." Gloria!*

**SERMON**

Hebrews 1:5-14; 2:9,16-17

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**THE OFFERING**

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**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*The congregational responses are spoken unless otherwise indicated*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory!

**HYMN:** CW21 Blue #320 (6): As Angels Joyed with One Accord

*He comes to us in bread and wine  
To give himself --and gifts divine.  
Oh, praise him for this sacrament,  
Redeeming love's great testament*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

*Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in this congregation or in a sister congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy. If you would like to discuss "close" communion, learn more about becoming a member at Grace, or any other spiritual matter with the pastor, please indicate this on the Friendship Register or contact our pastor at 503-290-6316.*

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O Sing a Song of Bethlehem  
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## THE BLESSING & 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 #301 (1,5) "Savior of the Nations Come"

*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.*

*Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally.*



# Worship Notes

## for kids

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



### 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:

