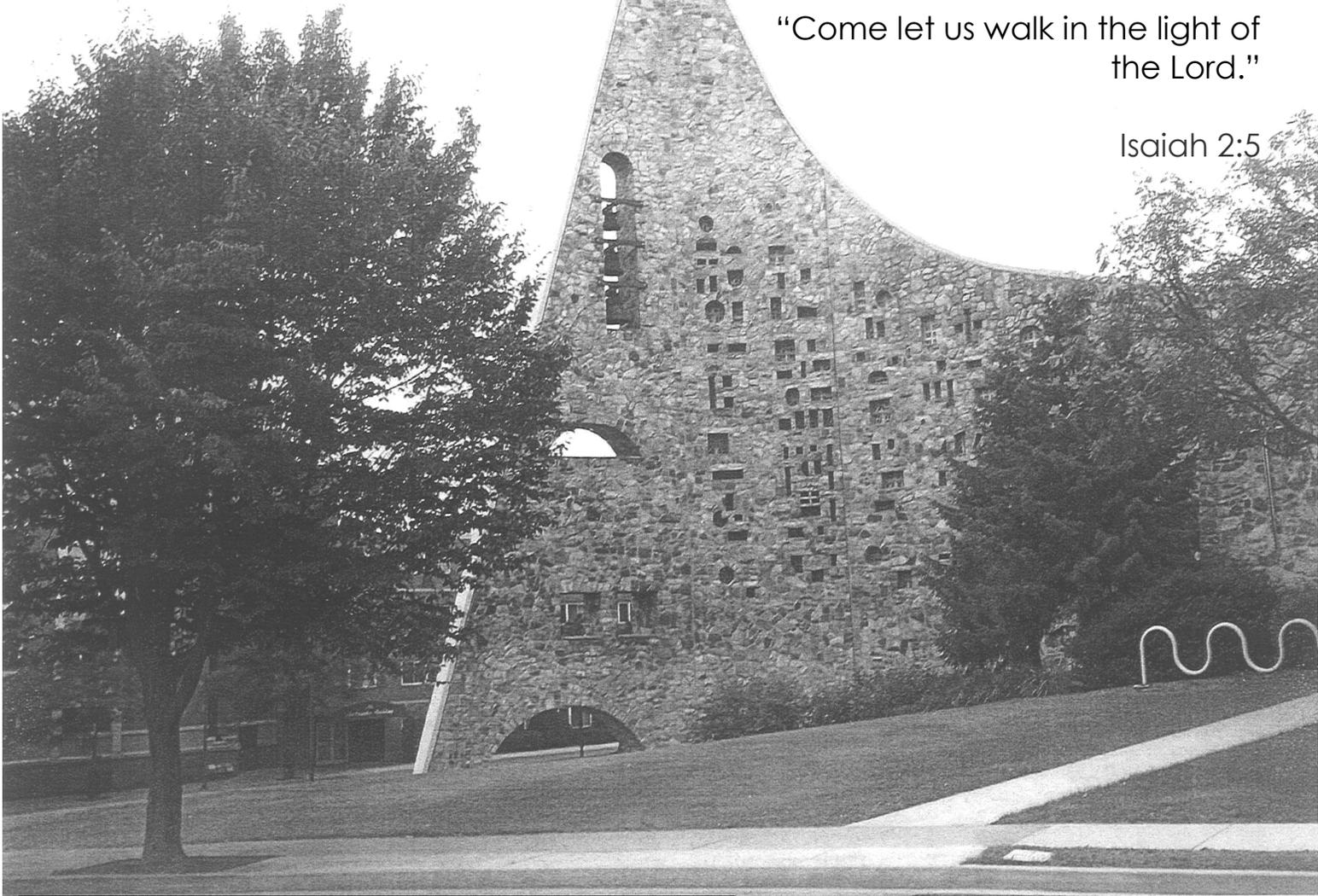


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"Come let us walk in the light of
the Lord."

Isaiah 2:5



SUNDAY, December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent

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9:00 & 10:30 a.m. worship service

Today's Hymns

#ELW 436

#ELW 259

#ELW 260

Distribution

#ELW 438

#ELW 244



Our Mission Statement: *"Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."*

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears so utterly contradictory that the king should be crucified with the criminal. This victory appears for all the world as ignominious defeat. Yet through the gate of death our Lord opens the door to paradise.

ABOUT THE LESSONS.... The First Lesson: Today's reading builds on the common ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, the Lord will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah. **The Second Lesson:** An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God. **The Gospel Lesson:** Amid scoffing and slander from those who sarcastically call him Messiah and king, Jesus reveals that to be Messiah and king is to give one's life for others. Here he uses his power to welcome a despised sinner to paradise but puts his own death into God's hands.

WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

1. Offering plate at worship
2. "Direct Debit" transfers from your bank account to Grace (see Laurel Sanders for sign-up information)
3. Make an online gift at our website, www.glcpc.org

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↑ = Please stand as you
are able

↓ = Please be seated

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All are welcome to our weekly
"coffee hour" in Harkins Hall
following the 9 AM service!

MILESTONE MINISTRY AT GRACE

At Grace we celebrate milestones. Milestones are designed to connect significant occasions in people's lives with their ongoing journey of faith. A Milestone Moment brings family, friends, and congregations together to mark a special time in their lives and acknowledge and affirm God's presence in their midst. It is a tool to connect home and church in the child and family's faith life. In addition to naming (the occasion), blessing (the person) and gifting (the gift), we send along an "At Home" sheet to reinforce the milestone with caring conversation.

Today we celebrate the start of a new school year and the love and acceptance we find in God and in this community. We also celebrate new drivers. God is a constant presence whether the journey is short or long.

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Wake, Awake, A Voice Is Calling* (Schübler Chorales).....J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(10:30) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

↑ LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE(S)

Pastor: Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning. As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

Congregation: Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

P: The Son of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing.

Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins. Forgive us for those sins known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the advent of Christ, the light from on high breaks in upon us with direction and healing. Through the life of the one born of Mary, God looks with favor upon us and calls us to discipleship. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

↓ (9:00) INTROIT *O Savior Rend the Heavens Wide*.....Jonathan Strommen Campbell
Rick Tetzlaff, Bass; Sarah Rodgers & Valerie Updegrove, chimes;
Laurel Sanders, bass flute

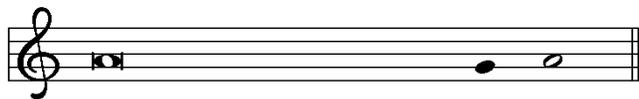
GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

↑ GATHERING HYMN *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*.....ELW # 436

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

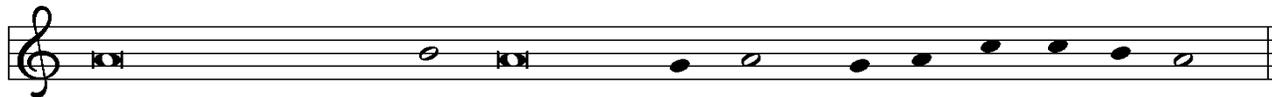
C: And also with you.



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



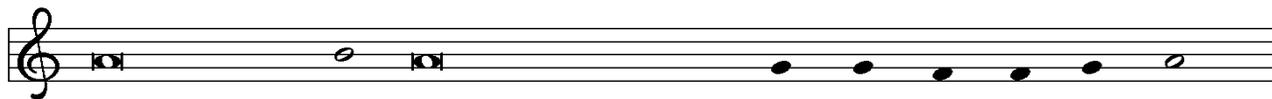
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

ADVENT PRAISE.....O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

↓ (10:30) CHILDREN'S MESSAGEDarcy Houseknecht
We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 202.

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 2:1-5 (pew Bible p. 550)

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. ³Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

PSALM 122 - *Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



P: I was glad when they | said to me,
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”

**C: Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

P: Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;

**C: Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.**

SECOND LESSON.....Romans 13:11-14 (pew Bible p. 923)

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 24:36-44(pew Bible p. 806)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (*spoken*)

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** (*spoken*)

- ↓ SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick
- ↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *Fling Wide the Door*.....ELW # 259
- (10:30) HOLY BAPTISM.....ELW p. 227

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY

- ↓ (9:00) *Aria: Light One Candle and Watch for Messiah*.....M. Burkhardt
- (10:30) *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*.....arr. Teresa Jennings
Adult Choir

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #182)

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing, Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

P: Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 107)

P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.

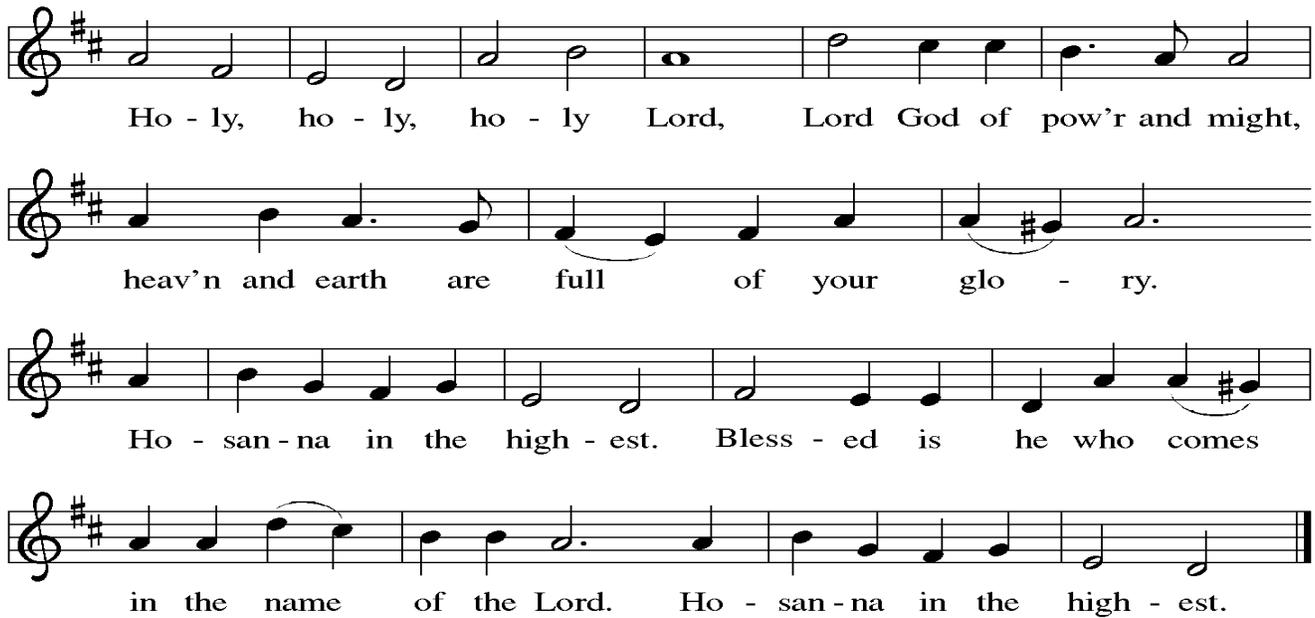
P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: (ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and the suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: God of salvation and resurrection, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and grace. And to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be praise and honor, now and forever.

C: Amen.

C: 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.

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

↓ All who are baptized are invited to join the congregation in receiving the Savior's Body and Blood. Children not yet receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. Rice wafers and grape juice are available for those who have sensitivities to wheat or alcohol. An acolyte has a special tray with these alternative communion elements.

C: (ELW p.154)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW # 438-- *My Lord, What a Morning*

ELW # 244-- *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

↑ **P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

C:

ELW # 207

Thank-ful hearts and voice-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
 ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
 Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

P: Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

P: 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.

HYMN *The King Shall Come*.....ELW # 260

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Fling Wide the Door*.....arr. J. Behnke



- The Rev. Scott E. Schul, Senior Pastor..... pastorschul@glcpa.org
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- Ryan Ditmer, Pat Lloyd, June Miller,
Adam Smith & Chris Wilhelm..... Pianists/Organists
- Joan Kovalchik..... Flute
- Anna Carol Buffington..... The Bells of Grace Director
- The Rev. P. Stevens Lynn..... Pastor Emeritus

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Grace Lutheran

Announcements for the Week of Sunday, December 1, 2019

BORN AGAIN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT... In Baptism we are adopted by God and gifted with both His promise and His Spirit. Just such a moment comes today at our 10:30 A.M. service, when Nolan Rose Chamberlain-Corl, born February 3, 2017, daughter of Allyssa Blythe Chamberlain & Christine Marie Corl, receives this holy sacrament. We welcome Nolan Rose into the Lord's family, a fellow member with us of the body of Christ, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. We also welcome Rev. Dow Chamberlain, Nolan's grandfather, assisting us today.

LECTORS...The January sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thanks to those who have served as lectors in the past. Veterans and new readers of all ages are also encouraged to sign up!

MEN'S BOOK CLUB...selection is "The Last Rescue" by Howard Wasdin with Joel Kilpatrick. We will meet Dec. 12 7:00 PM in the library.

SOUND SYSTEM ASSISTANT...Grace is looking to add additional people to our team of sound technicians. Running the sound board during worship is an important and interesting way to use your gifts to support Grace's ministries. No experience needed; training available. If Interested, contact Pastor Schul or Pastor Hetrick.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED....to help with "coffee hour" at 10:00am in Harkins Hall. If you would like to learn more about this or to sign up please contact Joyce Arbutina at joycearb@comcast.net.

WANTED – PART-TIME SEXTON – Grace Lutheran Church is seeking a sexton/cleaning specialist for up to 20 hours per week (afternoons; flexible schedule) to help clean our church and preschool, with options to work on some Sunday mornings. Send cover letter and resume to Laurel Sanders, Business Manager, at lsanders@glcpa.org or call Roy Evert, head sexton, at 238-2478 to discuss the position.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER POSITIONS FOR 2019-2020...Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten (GLPK) is searching for substitute teacher's aides and teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. No experience is necessary for the substitute teacher's aides positions. Substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree in elementary education or early childhood education is beneficial, but not required. Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director, at csmarkusky@glcpa.org or call her at 238-8110 for more information.

USHERS NEEDED...for the 9 and 10:30 services. If you can help with either service please contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at sallyb@verizon.net

WANTED: BOARD MEMBERS FOR 55+ERS... The 55+ers are looking for volunteers to serve on their steering committee, which plans group events. Board meetings are the second Monday of each month at 9:15 in the Stinson Library at Grace. Board members do not need to be members of Grace Lutheran Church. Interested? Contact Paul or Kathryn Mackes at 238-0440 or call George or Kay Weigand at 237-0099.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE...We are in need of ushers for our 7:00 PM, 9:00 PM & 11:00 PM services. If interested please contact Sally Keiser-Bankert at sallyb@verizon.net or 814-571-3672. We also need someone to help with the Sexton duties for the 4:30 PM and the 7:00PM services. If you are able to help please call the Church office and ask for Roy.

Worship Assistants for Sunday, December 1, 2019

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Dennis Snider	Charles & Susan Martin	Brian Christian
Greeters	June Krumrine	Gerry Slear Susan Bardo	Gerry Slear Ed Prince
Acolytes		Caitlin Knowles Fiona Knowles	Carter Fozard Regan Houseknecht
Deacons	Cindy Nicosia	Carl Bankert Sally Keiser-Bankert	Rich Rivell Michael Verderame
Worship Assistant	George Weigand		
Cantor		Rick Tetzlaff	Ethan Fasnacht
Ushers		Dennis McClure John Palmgren Dave Huebner Shar Huebner Anne Rohrbach Aaron Rohrbach	Don Burris Bonnie Burris Ted Oyler Trey Oyler Linlee Oyler Ellen Campbell Matt Campbell
Radio Ministry; Sound			
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Joyce Arbutina Lois Lynn
Welcoming Center Hosts			Sue Forster



The *altar flowers* are sponsored by the Bob & Lois Voigt
dedicated in honor of their children & grandchildren

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by Joyce Sipple
dedicated in memory of Bill & Scott Sipple

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored Joyce Sipple
dedicated in memory of Bill & Scott Sipple

PRAYER CONCERNS for December 1, 2019

<p>All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries</p> <p>Susan Antle</p> <p>Kip Barnett, friend of Ted & Jennifer Oyler</p> <p>Debbie Bolthouse</p> <p>Don Burris</p> <p>The family of Gladys Carlson upon her death</p> <p>Nancy Chapa</p> <p>Scott Cocolin</p> <p>Catherine Cutter</p> <p>Damaris Dougherty, daughter of Bob Hampton</p> <p>Mark Doyle, friend of Paul & Sandy Larson</p> <p>Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes</p> <p>Steve Ellis</p> <p>Norma Flanagan, mother of Jim Flanagan</p> <p>Vicki Garvin</p> <p>Herb Graves</p> <p>Bob Harris, cousin of Leslie Wagner</p>	<p>Tom Horn</p> <p>Dick Houtz</p> <p>Chris Kohlhepp, friend of Sally & Carl</p> <p>Donna Kondash, friend of Deana & Don Coine</p> <p>The family of Larry Kuhns upon his death</p> <p>Paul Larson</p> <p>Phil Lucas</p> <p>Aaron Lyon, nephew of Sue & Pete Forster</p> <p>Mardi McDonough</p> <p>Danielle McHenry</p> <p>Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller</p> <p>Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins</p> <p>Chris & Dottie Roberts</p> <p>Dennis Robertson, cousin of Karen Mrsa</p> <p>Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer</p> <p>Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert</p>	<p>Pastor Schul & family upon the death of his uncle Randall Swanson</p> <p>Ken Shultz</p> <p>William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite</p> <p>Emily & Charlotte Spearly</p> <p>Paul Spearly, uncle of Sheri Rider</p> <p>Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin</p> <p>Marcile Tressler</p> <p>Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman</p> <p>Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite</p> <p>Fonda, mother of Phyllis Verderame</p> <p>Leslie Wagner</p> <p>Brenda Walsh</p> <p>Ken Walsh</p> <p>Marie & Ross Weimer, parents of Greg Weimer</p> <p>Ash Woskob</p>
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Weekly Prayer Letter of Encouragement

Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A person is powerful on their knees." ~ Corrie ten Boom

We at Grace strive to be a people of prayer. Each week in our bulletin we list Grace members or people connected to our Grace family who are in need of our prayers. Each week, one person is selected to receive a special letter of encouragement. Please sign the letter in the Upper Commons or Narthex and pray for that person this week Jerry & Sara Carlson.



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.

Prayer concern: Entering the season of Advent, we join in prayer:

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon us: We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen. (Henri Nouwen)

Super Wednesday Meal on December 4

Salisbury Steak with Mushroom Gravy, Oven Browned Potatoes, Vegetable & Dessert

Super Wednesday Schedule:

11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, The Book of Tobit, led by Pastor Schull

5:00-5:30 pm—**Angel Choir** (ages 3-5), Room 203

5:00-5:45 pm—**Sing 'n Ring Choir** (K-grade 5)

Choir room next to Harkins Hall; Kindergartners can choose either choir

5:30-6:15 pm—**Super Wednesday Supper**, Harkins Hall

6:30-7:30 pm—**Cross Gen Mid Week Advent Worship**

7:30-9:00 pm —**Adult Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary



Sunday School from 9-10 am

Classroom Assignments



-Ages 3 & 4 and Kindergarten—Room 200

-Grades 1 & 2 —Room 103

-Grades 3, 4 & 5 —Room 105

-Middle School Youth will meet in the Miller Center Youth Room

-High School Youth will meet in the Narthex and then will walk to Starbucks for java, juice and Jesus discussions.

Teachers are needed for every age group. There are always two adults per classroom, one lead teacher and one helper. For more information please contact Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn at faithformation@glcpa.org.



OUT OF THE COLD

Our Out of the Cold guests arrive TOMORROW Monday, December 2nd. Please consider signing up for one of the volunteer opportunities that can be found on the bulletin board in the commons area. Training is being offered. Please contact Pam Soule at 260-367-1323 or email at pjsoule610@gmail.com. If you have questions or are interested in helping.



Thank you for your support of **Jared Boxes!**

Today is the last day we are accepting Jared boxes. They will be loaded up and delivered to hospitals in our area today.

Questions? Contact Marilyn Peterson at 814-571-8673 or marilynpeterson5@gmail.com.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum meets in Fireside Room each Sunday at 9 AM

Adult Forum returns to Behind the Lectionary. Each Sunday we hear a set of texts read from the lectern, but what is in those texts that we may not hear in a sermon? How might those texts guide us on our walk each week?

December 8 -- Behind the Lectionary:

December 15 -- Behind the Lectionary:

December 22, 29 and Jan 5 -- Adult Forum will not be meeting

Please join us for learning, reflection and conversation.

We are Extending our ELCA Good Gifts donations till Dec. 15.

Please find additional donation forms on the Welcome Center as well as a catalog or two with ideas of how the moneys will be used.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION FOR CENTRE SAFE

Through December, we will collect donations for Centre Safe (formerly Centre County Women's Resource Center), which provides counseling, advocacy, and shelter for adults and children who have experienced dating and domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Much-needed items include gas and gift cards (\$10-\$50 value); adult PJs and slippers; diapers (any size); baby bottles, bibs, onesies; baby monitors; coffee canisters; floor or desk lamps; pots and pans; towels (bath and hand). [For a list of other items, visit: http://ccwrc.org/getinvolved/needed-items/](http://ccwrc.org/getinvolved/needed-items/)

In Preschool and Kindergarten



news:

Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots collection begins: Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten will be a collection site for the Toys for Tots program again this year. This impressive program provides toys for needy children in our area. If you would like to donate a toy, please place your unwrapped gift in its original packaging in one of the collection boxes located at the entrance to the school and in the Narthex now through December 16th. If you would like to make a cash donation, or would like to volunteer, go to <http://marines.centreconnect.org> for details. Thanks for your support!

Today is New Member Sunday at Grace



Today at our 10:30 service we are welcoming new members to the Grace family. See the bulletin insert for more information. Help to make them feel welcome!

Welcome
Our New
Members

IHS Wishing Well Campaign

The 2019 Wishing Well Campaign to support the programs of Interfaith Human Services has begun and will run through December 23rd. Sign-up and bring your partner, friends, the kids, or the grandkids to ring the bell to help provide families and individuals with the resources and guidance to work toward financial management. IHS programs include The Centre County Fuel Bank, Free Furniture and Appliance Recycling, Basic Needs Financial Assistance, and the Financial Care Program.



Sign-up sheets are available at the social ministry board in the upper Commons. For more information, contact Sue Forster at sforster@cvim.net

IHS – Strengthening families through financial stability.



*This Week
At Grace*

**Sunday, Dec. 1
New Member Sunday**

8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m.....Special Sunday School All Ages, Miller Center
 9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m.....Crossfire Youth Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
 10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion & Baptism, Sanctuary
 11:45 a.m.....College Student Lunch, Fireside
 12:00 p.m.....Advent Fest, Harkins Hall
 1:30 p.m.....Bell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Setup & rehearsal, Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m.....Casual Worshipw/Holy Communion, Sanctuary

**Monday, Dec. 2
Out of the Cold
No church activities**

**Tuesday, Dec. 3
Out of the Cold**

9:30 a.m.....Staff Meeting, Fireside
 5:30 p.m.....Executive Committee, Pr. Schul's Office

**Wednesday, Dec. 4
Out of the Cold
Bulletin Announcements due 3:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m.....Super Wednesday Bible Study, Fireside
 4:00 p.m.....Stephen Ministry Supervision, Library
 5:00 p.m.....Kids Choirs, choir room or room 203
 5:30 p.m.....Super Wednesday Meal, Harkins Hall
 6:30 p.m.....Advent Mid Week Worship, Sanctuary
 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, Dec. 5
Out of the Cold**

7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North
 5:30 p.m.....GLPK Advent Family Fun Night, Harkins Hall & Miller Center
 5:30 p.m.....Finance Committee Meeting, Fireside

**Friday, Dec. 6
Out of the Cold
No scheduled church activities**

**Saturday, Dec. 7
Out of the Cold**