

First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
8:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free, the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy, the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace.

C Amen

P Let us come before God in confession.
silence for reflection and self-examination

P To you, O God,

C we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

P Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of † Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying'

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Greeting

P From the one who was and who is and who is to come: Grace and peace be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

please be seated

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A We praise you, O God,

C **for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen**

The first candle is lit.

Hymn

'Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah' vs 1 **240**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel

and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

'Alleluia'

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea

and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

please be seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding'

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us,
we bring to you these prayers and those
unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior
and Lord.

C Amen

Peace *The people greet one another saying:
"Peace be with you".*

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory

'O Lord, How Shall I Meet You' vs 1

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Offering Prayer

A God of abundance,

**C we bring before you the precious fruits of
your creation, and with them our very
lives. Teach us patience and hope as we
care for all those in need until the coming
of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion

*Communion, this morning, will be by intinction.
The ushers will direct you to the front, first the pulpit side
and then lectern side. Come up using the center aisle
and return by the side aisle. Wine will be in the larger
portion and grape juice in the smaller portion of the
challis. Gluten free wafers available by request. Children*

are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.

Hymns at the Distribution

'Lamb of God'	p. 146
'Wait for the Lord' (<i>sing twice</i>)	262
'He Came Down'	253
'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus'	254

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A Holy One,

C 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. Amen

Blessing

P May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn 'My Lord, What a Morning' **438**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

Are you looking for a creative outlet? Are you willing to lend a hand? **Grace Sunday School** can use additional helpers and teachers. We have a great group of students to work with. Please contact Lois Hilger 920-850-0111 or Pastor Dan if you have any questions. We will be happy to have your participation to help share the responsibility of teaching our young people. God bless you for considering this!

Christmas Display- The Altar Guild will be decorating the church during the Advent/Christmas seasons. Garland, trees, wreaths and plants will be part of this and remain in place until Jan. 15, 2018. You are invited to help with the cost by giving a suggested gift of \$12.00 or any amount you choose. You may place your gift in an offering envelope and mark it "Christmas Display". There is a sheet on the desk where you can place your name or fill out the form in the Newsletter and return it with your gift. Thank you for helping beautify the church during these seasons.



Worship Assistants: December 2

Greeters: Mason – Robbie Johnson & family
East – Ralph Sievert

Assisting Minister: Lois Hilger

Lector: Gerry Kerwell

Communion 8:30: Dennis Pringnitz

Communion 10:30: Deb Werth/Ethan Kraft

Ushers: Marty Grow, Laury Grow, Brian Klauer,
Kathy Lanska

Organist: Diane Bailey

Pianist: Anita Golz

Attendance 11/25/18: 8:30 - 36 10:30 – 46

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 11/22/18 – No School

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Marian Breitenfeldt and Dorothy Henke.

For Healing Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Rylene Houterman; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Kay Elliott; Bernie Hobbs; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev.

For those with cancer especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Carol Baumbach; Dottie Frankie; Kristi Meier.

“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.

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Announcements

Thank you for **signing the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

There is a **sign up sheet** on the table in the narthex to sign up to **bring treats** for hospitality time between services. Please help and sign up today.

Flowers in Church

The Altar Guild has a Flower Chart by the Nursery door near the East stairway in the narthex for those who may want to donate an arrangement of live flowers for worship on any Sunday. Please put your name next to the date you would like and contact Karen Krull, 739-3880 or Diane Bailey, 734-9076 to get the details.

Congratulations to **Taya Haverkorn, Aksana Haverkorn and Carson Stankevitz** being baptized at the 10:30 am service today. We pray with the families for God's guidance in their lives.

The **Sunday School Christmas Service** "What Child Is This" will be on Sunday December 16th at 9:15 am. Come and support our Sunday School.

A new **book sale** has started. Books are displayed in the narthex both Children and Adult. They will be here in time for Christmas. Please fill out an order form and give with the money to Pastor Dan.

Deadline to order is this Monday December 3rd.

FUN \$ FACT

As of the end of September, we have sent \$944.00 to Crossways Camping Ministry this calendar year.

The **Grace Care Team** wishes each of you a blessed, meaningful, warm and fuzzy **Advent** season, and we want to remember our people on the Care and Concerned List again this year. Between now and **December 10**, please bring in donations for our more fragile members of Grace, and the care team will assemble **gift bags** for each of them. We will be making up about **15 bags** this year. There is a list of suggestions on the table in the narthex or perhaps you have another idea. Please look for the big bin in the narthex and fill it up by Dec. 10.

Calling for cooks and bakers! Grace has volunteered to offer the lunch after an **Advent service at FVLH** on Wednesday, **December 12**. Please let Sharon Meier, 739-4281, know if you can provide a crockpot of soup, bars, or cookies. It needs to be at FVLH at 11:00 that day, but arrangements can be made for delivery.

Once again there is an **ANGEL TREE** set up in the narthex. It will have ornaments on it with items to purchase for those in need. There will be green cards in a basket with instructions on how to help. All items must be returned by **December 9th**. One change from previous years is the ornaments are only for items for individuals. However, there are 2 extra white cards with suggestions of additional items for children and adults that would be appreciated in addition to the ornaments also to be returned by **December 9th**. Thanks in advance for all the donations to help those less fortunate.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 2 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Monday, December 37:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, December 4 8:30 am Quilting
10:00 am W & M Mtg
6:00 pm Confirmation

Wednesday, December 59:00 a.m. Bible Study
11:30 am Worship @ FVLH
6:00 pm Board of Ed Mtg
6:30 p.m. Worship
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, December 6 10:00 am Grilled Cheese

Friday, December 7 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Saturday, December 89:00 a.m. Hmong Service
7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

Sunday, December 9 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:25 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

