

First Sunday of Christmas
December 30, 2018
8:30 & 10:30 A.M.



WELCOME TO GRACE

A blessed Christmas to all.

Prelude

Special Music

Word of Welcome

Announcement

A The angel said to the shepherds, "*Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord*" (Luke 2:10-11).

A As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is **Savior, Christ, and Lord.**

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.
silence for reflection and self-examination

P Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

C Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

P Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

C Forgive our neglect of the poor.

P The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

C Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

P With great joy the angels proclaimed, "*Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*"
In † **Jesus**, who is **Savior, Christ, and Lord**, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

Gathering Hymn

'Angels, from the Realms of Glory' vs 1,2 & 4 **275**

Greeting

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

C And also with you.

please be seated

Hymn of Praise

'Angels We Have Heard on High' vs 1 & 3 **289**

Prayer of the Day

A Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world. Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Psalm 8

A O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.

C O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

A When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars – why do you think of us?

C You have made us with glory.

A You have created us with honor and joy.

C O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

A In the wisdom of all ages, God gives us life with honor and glory!

C We shall praise God for the works of wonder around us!

Name of Jesus

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 12:2-6

Response: (*sing*) **O come, let us adore him (3 times) Christ the Lord!**

Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21

Reflection

Hymn: 'Good Christian Friends, Rejoice' vs 3 **288**

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3, 11

Response: *(sing)* **O Come, let us adore him (3 times) Christ the Lord!**

Lesson: John 1:19-23, 29-34

Reflection

Hymn:

'Let Our Gladness Have No End' vs 1, 2 & 4 **291**

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Response: *(sing)* **O Come, let us adore him (3 times) Christ the Lord!**

Lesson: Luke 1:26-35

Reflection

Hymn: 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' vs 2 & 4 **279**

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Christmas Creed

C We believe in one God, who is Creator, Ruler of the universe, Maker of all we see and all we don't see: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation! Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

C Amen

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

please be seated

Offering

Special Music

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Offertory

'How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds' vs 1 **620**

Offering Prayer

A Holy God,

C your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P Wonderful Counselor!

C Mighty God!

P Everlasting Father!

C Prince of Peace!

P We bless your Name forever!

C Light of Light!

P Lord of Lords!

C King of Kings!

P Emmanuel, God with us!

C We bless your Name forever!

P True God, Giver of Life, Word of our Creator,
Spirit of Counsel and Might; God of our
essence, be with us now as we join in the
celebration of your love.

Words of Institution

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

Special Music

'From Heaven Above' vs 12-14 **268**

'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing' **270**

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A God of wonder,

**C in Jesus we behold the light of the world
come near. As you have come among us
now, send us out in joy, hastening to
share the good news of your love. We ask
this in the name of Jesus, through the
Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.
Amen**

Benediction

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the everlasting peace of Jesus who is **Savior, Christ, and Lord.**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you now and forever.

C Amen

Sending Hymn

'The Bells of Christmas' vs 1 & 4

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Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prayer Huddle

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.



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty.
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

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Worship Assistants: December 30

Greeters: Mason – Verla Koerner
East – Phyllis & Gary Schroeder

Assisting Minister: Tom Jensen

Lector: Tom Jensen

Communion 8:30: Gene Krull

Communion 10:30: Diane & Ron Bailey/Ethan
Kraft

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

Organist: Diane Bailey

Oboist: Molly Kubica

Presiding Minister: Rev Jen Johnson Wrege

Attendance 12/23/18: 8:30 - 55 10:30 - 19

Attendance 12/24/18: 6:30 pm - 105

Attendance 12/25/18: 9:00 am - 22

Grilled Cheese Lunch: 12/20/18 – 159

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In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Marie Mueller and Marv Wrege.

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.

Special prayers for Jim Marks (Robbie's friend) diagnosed with Brain Cancer and will be having surgery this week.

"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.

Please pick up your **2019 Offering envelopes today** in the narthex. Do **NOT** start using them until Jan 6th 2019 as the envelope numbers change. We must have your offering for 2018, no later than **today** for it to be recorded for this year.

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!

Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home

devotional booklets for 1st quarter 2019 are available on the table in the narthex.

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 30	8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 am Worship
Monday, December 31	7:30 pm AA Meeting
Tuesday, January 1	
Wednesday, January 2	9:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Concert 6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
Thursday, January 3	10:00 am Grilled Cheese
Friday, January 4	9:00 a.m. Bible Study at Heritage
Saturday, January 5	9:00 a.m. Hmong Service 7:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship
Sunday, January 6	8:30 a.m. Worship 9:25 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship

SAVE THE DATES

January 13th- Second Sunday Conversation after 8:30 am Service. Please plan on attending.

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 20th at 9:30 am. The budget will be reviewed and voted on.

Christmas Display

Name

Valerie & Gary Sieg
Carol Patrick
Mark & Marilyn Caitlin

Joe & Millie Wilharms
Ron & Diane Bailey
Laury & Marty Grow
Joyce Learman
Sandy & Mike Yerxa
Bonnie Planner
Deb & Tom Werth
Mary Quakenbush
Janice & Melissa Krahn, David Loos

Kathy Lanska
Gerry & Ed Kerwell
Cookie Regal

The Krull's
Cheryl Muggenthaler

In Memory/Honor of:

Helen Smith, Roy Sieg
Don/ Family and Friends
Grandchildren: Reese,
Brooke, Gwendolyn,
Abigail and Owen
"Loved ones"

Children and Grandchild
Tony & both sets of parents/ God
"Loved ones"

William & Adeline Elias
Kari Capriotti
Jim Quakenbush

Lee Krahn, Walter &
Eleanor Loos, Tony &
Eleanor Dillinger
Parents

Jan Regal,
Tenley & Allyson Regal
Melissa Heins
Tenley, Allyson, Winston,
Tyler & Jake