



*Hanging of the Greens ~ First Sunday of Advent*  
*November 27, 2022 ~ 8:30 & 11 am Service*  
**Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You to Worship**  
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### **Welcome and Announcements**

*Today, a new church year begins with a wake-up call: **Christ is coming soon!** In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the Word and Meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God. The Hanging of the Greens service is a time of decorating with wreaths, garlands, Christmas tree and evergreens in preparation for the Christmas celebration. During this first service in Advent, let us watch for the Messiah who is the love of God, and wake from our sleep, to see the light.*

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath (One Candle)**

The Son of Man is coming, but about that day and hour no one knows,  
**Neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.**

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**Therefore be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to keep awake and be ready.**

**HYMN:**        *"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"*        ELW 240 vs 1

### **Advent Prayer**

Let us Pray... **Lord Jesus Christ, we await your coming, We wait filled with hope, Knowing your light will shine in the darkness. We wait anticipating your peace, Believing that one day it will fill our world. We wait embracing your love, May we reach out to share it with our neighbors. We wait with joy, Bubbling us in expectation of your birth. Lord, we wait, Come soon and fill us with your life. Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN:**    *"Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel"*    ELW 257 vs 1, 2, & 4

### **GREETING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Gracious God, Wake us up. Open our eyes. Unplug our ears.

**That we might hear. That we might see. That we might grieve. That we might dream. That we might follow the ways of your extraordinary kingdom. Amen.**

**Hanging of the Wreaths and Garland:**

**HYMN:**            *“Holly and Ivy”*

**HYMN:**            *“Lo, How a Rose is Growing”*   ELW 272 vs 1-4

**PSALM: PSALM 122**

<sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

<sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

<sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

<sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

<sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:**  
“May they prosper who love you.

<sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

<sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

<sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

We are called to wake from sleep,  
**to wake up and hear,  
to wake up and see.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5**

Wake us up  
Open our eyes  
Unplug our ears  
**That we might walk in the light of the Lord!**

**SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**            *“Christ, Be Our Light”* ELW 715

**The Christmas Tree:**

**HYMN:**                    *“Oh Christmas Tree”*  
**Chrismons or Other Symbols of Christ and Faith:**

**Hang symbols and signs of Christ — as we watch for his coming.**  
**Hang stars, crosses, and triangles - as we prepare for his birth.**  
**Use the "alpha" and the "omega" – as we light a candle of hope.**  
**Hang reminders of Christ identity – as we wait with expectation.**

**Choir**

**Invitation to the Manger**

**Children’s Message**

**Special Music:**

**Mary Did You Know**

**Chorus**

**GOSPEL LEAD-IN:**

What has the Lord to show to us?  
**A new life,**  
**a new world,**  
**a different set of priorities.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Colors and Paraments:**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY:**    *“The First Noel”*            *ELW 300 vs 1-2*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray: **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. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need..

### **PRAYER SONG “Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”**

**ELW 752**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the church cries to you. Strengthen the church in the land of Jesus’ birth and here in this place. Wherever Christians gather, empower them to proclaim love and defy the powers of sin and evil. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your creation cries to you. Sustain the balance of all living things. Protect the earth from bitter cold, devastating fires and destructive floods. Give us wisdom and respect to care for your creation so that the earth may flourish. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, the nations cry to you. Bring justice to the marginalized, courage to peacemakers, wisdom to leaders, and hope to generations who have only known conflict, oppression, or poverty. We pray for our service men and women and their families as they wait and watch for peace to come, especially Kyle, Jordan, Nathan, Andrew, Ben and Jessica. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, your people cry to you. Comfort those separated from loved ones by distance, estrangement, or loss. Help us as we care for others and rely on others’ care. We pray especially Rhys, Roy, Shannon, Joyce, Dennis, Jerry, Dick, Judy, Sharlee, Sylvia, Janelle, Lavern, Elvira, Ronald, Rick, Carolyn, Roger, Tracy, Raaf, Caden, Todd, Robert, Darla, the family of Shirley Jacobson those in Care Center, Assisted Living or are homebound. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, this congregation cries to you. Guide our worship, service, and outreach, that our hearts and hands may be opened in generosity toward others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Not knowing the day or hour of your coming, O Lord, we remember those whose days on earth have ended, who live now in your eternal love. Remind us of their faithful witness, that their example might inspire our daily living. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbors, in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

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## **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

## 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.**

Wake up,  
wake up!

Hear the invitation that echoes down the centuries.

**Welcome the Way of Christ and find freedom.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

Hymn

**Oh Come, All Ye Faithful**

**ELW 283**

*"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*      *ELW 270*

*"We Three Kings"*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray... God of abundance, **we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we prepare for the glorious coming of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## DEDICATION

God, we give you great thanks for this Advent season of waiting that we have entered into. For as a Resurrection People, we know that at the end of this wait lies Emmanuel – God with us. Bless these greens that now adorn our sanctuary. May they be for us a bold reminder of the story of Christ-child. To wake us to caring love we share with all who enter this house of worship and live in our community. **Amen.**

## SENDING OF ASSEMBLY COMMUNION MINISTERS

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

**DIALOG**

We don't always know what time it is,  
**but according to Jesus, it is time to watch.**  
We're not always sure what we should wear,  
**but according to the Spirit, we should wear garments of Light.**  
We're not always sure what we should do,  
**but according to God, we should wake from sleep, seek good, and be at peace.**

**BLESSING**

Soon, the angel will announce to the shepherds, "Fear not! I bring you good news of great joy." As we await the coming of Christ, may the God of our salvation grant you peace and joy, hope and gladness.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:**      *"Joy to the World"*      **ELW 267**

**DISMISSAL**

Fear not! Christ is coming soon.  
**Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!**

**Thank you for worshiping with us today!**

**Announcements for November 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Keep in your prayers - Those dealing with Health Issues:*

Rhys Arnold, Roy Arnold, Shannon Beck, Joyce Brever, Dennis Carlson, Jerry Dipprey, Dick Everson, Judy Everson, Sharlee Kjellsen. Sylvia Larson, Janelle Marx, Lavern McPeek, Elvira Moen, Ronald Newell, Rick Raml, Carolyn Ronke, Roger Rust, Tracy Schaefer, Raaf Stolp, Caden Thompson, Todd Wilson, Robert Wittrock, Darla Gilman, and the family of Shirley Jacobson, those in Care Centers, Assisted Living, or who are Homebound. Pray for members of the Armed Forces and their families, our Law Enforcement personal, Fire Fighters, EMT and all First Responders.

**On the CALENDAR - For the week of November 27<sup>th</sup> to December 4**

Today      HANGING OF THE GREENS – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
8:30 am Traditional Worship service w/ Holy Communion  
NO Sunday school

Tuesday 11 am Contemporary Worship service w/ Holy Communion  
National Day of Giving - Give your tithes to Grace Lutheran  
6 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee meets

Wednesday 11 am Funeral Service for Shirley Jacobson  
6 pm Wednesday School  
6 pm Confirmation Class  
7 pm Midweek Family Worship Service  
7:30 pm Youth Group meets

Thursday 2 pm – SD Synod Rostered Pastors Zoom meeting

Friday 5 pm – Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday 6 pm – Wedding of Angel Roberston & Kevin Olson

Sunday 8:30 am Traditional Worship service  
9:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11 am Contemporary Worship service  
1 pm Service at Edgewood

### **Upcoming Events:**

December 10<sup>th</sup> – 9 – 10 am – Christmas Program Practice  
December 11<sup>th</sup> – Children’s Christmas Program at 2 pm  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – Las Posadas Celebration- at 2 pm  
December 21<sup>st</sup> – Blue Christmas Service – at 6 pm  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service – at 4 and 6 pm  
December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Day Service – at 10 am.  
January 6<sup>th</sup> – Prairie Coteau Youth Gathering – 7 pm to Midnight

### **CHOIR PRACTICE**

All are invited and encourage to join the choir. They will be practicing on Monday evenings at 6 pm for Christmas Eve services. If you are a singer, please consider helping with your talents for these special services.

### **DECEMBER CRAFT CLASS**

A Christmas centerpiece craft to will be made at the December 6th craft class. The cost of the craft is \$10. Class starts at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Craft class sign up for this craft is due this week by December 1. The class will be taught by Tanya Andrews and her daughters. Sign up in the office or call 605-886-5737.

A **RADIO BROADCAST** of the Sunday morning worship service can be heard at 10:05 a.m. each Sunday on KWAT (95 AM). The **RADIO BROADCAST** is given Karen Kasperson in loving memory of her parents Marvin and Emily Goebel. Altar Flowers today are given by Will Morlock in memory of his wife Pat who passed away 5 years ago at Thanksgiving. Your gifts are greatly appreciate for the mission and ministry of Grace Lutheran inside and out of our walls. If you would like to help with these special weekly needs, a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to sponsor the radio broadcast or altar flowers, stop at the office, call the office, or send your donation to:

Grace Lutheran, 202 Second Street SE, Watertown, South Dakota 57201

This year meals will be served inside over the noon hour on Christmas Day. Volunteers are needed for cooking, drivers to give ride and deliver, to serve the food, and clean up afterwards. Those who start cooking early in the morning appreciate fresh help to clean up after the hours of getting the meals out. If you are unable to help with these activities, you can donate to the Christmas dinner as supplies are needed. A separate list is inserted. This is a wonderful Christmas tradition put on by Grace Lutheran each year and a special service to those who are alone at Christmas, have no family, or can no longer cook a traditional meal. It truly shows how grace is experienced here daily through the Mission and Ministry of Grace Lutheran. Worship service is at 10 am and deliveries begin at 11 am. Sit down begins at 12. Please consider giving this gift of your time to this very important work.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ASSIST IN OUR WORSHIP:**

PASTOR: Cheryl Rondeau-Bassett READERS: Dee Haugen 8:30 & Ed Morrison at 11 am

KEYBOARD: Isaak Montemayor GREETER: Bonnie Oletzke 8:30

USHERS & COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Olivia Anderson, Geri Mohror 8:30 USHER: Steve Vogl

USHERS & COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Olivia Anders & Soren Bisgard 11 am

**PRIASE TEAM:** Becky Sprouse, Riley Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Krisma DeWitt, Kayla Mohling, Marian Raml

**CHOIR MEMBERS:** Becky Sprouse, Leigh Carstensen, Judy Everson, Kayla Mohling, Riley Sprouse, Marian Raml, Krisma DeWitt, Karen Kasperson

SOUND/VIDEO TECH TEAM: Paul Henrichs, Wyatt Sprouse, Larry Picht, Gary Rukstad, & Dylan Jordan

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