

# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)



### Last Sunday in the Church Year

November 22, 2020

***By Faith We Are Prepared for Christ's Return*** – “*The day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night*” (1Th 5:1–11). The arrival of the bridegroom will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore you are to be watchful and ready like the five wise virgins. “*For you know neither the day nor the hour*” when the Son of Man is to return. (Mt 25:1–13). The lamps are the Word of Christ. The oil in the lamps is the Holy Spirit, who works through the Word to create and sustain the flame of faith in Christ. The foolish are those who do not give proper attention to the working of the Holy Spirit in baptism, preaching, and the supper, and so their faith does not endure. The wise, however, are those who diligently attend to these gifts of the Spirit, and who therefore have an abundance of oil. The flame of faith endures to the end. By God's grace they are received into the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, the new heavens and the new earth created by the Lord for the joy of His people (Is 65:17–25).

### Ministering to the People of

Ball State University Community  
East Central Indiana  
The World



1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep a - wak -  
 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares Lest a - sleep he find  
 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world With its lies de - feat  
 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, Lest with grace you tri -



en! Be not by the e - vil day Un - a - wares o'er -  
 you; For in - deed no pains he spares To de - ceive and  
 you Lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled It be - tray and  
 fle; Let not self your thoughts con - trol Nor God's mer - cy



tak - en; For the foe, Well we know, Is a  
 blind you. Sa - tan's prey Oft are they Who se -  
 cheat you. Watch and see Lest there be Faith - less  
 sti - fle. Pride and sin Lurk with - in, All your



har - vest reap - ing While the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing And no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you, Who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; Heed not when they flat - ter.

- 5 But while watching, also pray  
 To the Lord unceasing.  
 God protects you day by day,  
 Strength and faith increasing,  
 So that still  
 Mind and will  
 Shall unite to serve Him  
 And forever love Him.

# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8; antiphon: Is. 35:10*



The ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with | singing;\*  
everlasting joy shall be up- | on their heads.

**They shall obtain glad- | ness and joy,\*  
and sorrow and sighing shall | flee away.**

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*  
let me know how fleeting | I am!

**Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime  
is as nothing be- | fore you.\***

**Surely all mankind stands as a | mere breath!**  
And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

My hope | is in you.  
**Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*  
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!**  
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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## Kyrie

*LSB 186*



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

# Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



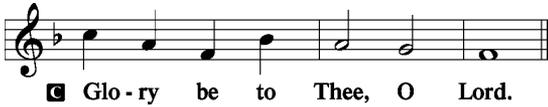
**C** A - men.

*Sit*





**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed

**☩** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

# 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

LSB 516



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

# Sermon

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Offering

*The Offering plate is located at the back of the Church on the table in the Nave.*

*Please sign in using the attendance register located at the end of each pew.*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

Almighty and eternal God, You have given us Your most holy Word in order that we be made wise unto salvation. Preserve Your Church and keep us attentive and watchful for Your Son's return, that we might be numbered among the faithful and wise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, in mercy bring to repentance the enemies of Your Church, and grant them amendment of life. Protect Your Church in persecution and tribulation. Strengthen us and all fellow Christians to set our hope fully on the grace revealed in Christ, and help us to fight the good fight of faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bestow Your grace on all nations of the earth. Bless especially our country, its inhabitants, and all who are in authority. Let Your glory dwell in our land, that mercy and truth, righteousness and peace may abound in all places. Bless also all who serve in our armed forces, that they may serve with integrity and honor. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, graciously defend us from all evil. Look with mercy especially upon those who have requested our prayers, including Lawrence Bowdell, Austin Brammer, Cole Cavanaugh, Jackie Clamme, Dean Dwiggin, Jack Elsesser, Ken Greenwald, Julie Irven Harper, J. D. Howard, Maryann Huffman, David Kyler, Reece Mann, Bethany Myers, Logan Scheiwe, Jim Smith, David Stout, Debby Taylor, Janet Walker, and all those suffering from coronavirus. Also look with mercy upon the families of Cynthia Greenwald and Cornell Murphy. Heal and comfort them, according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, continue to bless those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries, including Mike Waller, Kendall Tankersley, Tobias Coleman, Dave Price, Mike Price, and Glenn and Cathy Branscome, that they may know Your love and mercy all the days of their lives. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant Your Holy Spirit to those who come to the Lord's table this day, that they may receive the very body and blood of Jesus Christ in sincere repentance and firm faith, and to their abundant blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father, as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us by true faith and a godly life to prepare for the world to come, doing the work You have given us to do while it is day, before the night comes when no one can work. And when our last hour comes, support us by Your power and receive us into Your heavenly Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

# Service of the Sacrament

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church encourages confirmed members of Grace and of our sister congregations in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to commune. Christians of other denominations or church bodies are respectfully asked to honor our practice and not to commune. Please see our statement card on “**The Lord’s Supper, Our Belief and Practice**” provided in the pews. **Guests** desiring to commune with us today are asked to speak to the pastor before service.*

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



☐ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



☐ A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

# 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
 Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
 Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
 A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
 A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
 In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

## 672 Jerusalem the Golden

LSB 672



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—  
 2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,  
 3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,  
 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—  
 As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.  
 Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.  
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:  
 The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;  
 They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,  
 In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!  
 The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.  
 Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.  
 With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

# 514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

LSB 514



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."  
 2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;  
 3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,  
 4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.  
 The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:  
 From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,  
 With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more  
 The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;  
 From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,  
 While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least

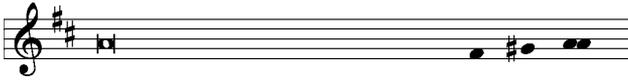


That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!  
 A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.  
 And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.  
 A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.



# Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**B** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



# 337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337



1 The night will soon be end - ing; The dawn can -  
 2 The One whom an - gels tend - ed Comes near, a  
 3 The earth in sure ro - ta - tion Will soon bring  
 4 Yet nights will bring their sad - ness And rob our



not be far. Let songs of praise as - cend - ing Now  
 child, to serve; Thus God, the judge of - fend - ed, Bears  
 morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal - va - tion Glows  
 hearts of peace, And sin in all its mad - ness A -



greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark - ness  
 all our sins de - serve. The guilt - y need not  
 in a sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per -  
 round us may in - crease. But now one Star is



fright - ens With guilt or grief or pain, God's ra - dant  
 cow - er, For God has rec - on - ciled Through His re -  
 ver - sion Is mer - cy's vast de - sign: God brings a  
 beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for



Star now bright - ens And bids you sing a - gain.  
 demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child.  
 new cre - a - tion— This child its seal and sign.  
 our re - deem - ing From sin's op - pres - sive might.

5 God dwells with us in darkness  
 And makes the night as day;  
 Yet we resist the brightness  
 And turn from God away.  
 But grace does not forsake us,  
 However far we run.  
 God claims us still as children  
 Through Mary's infant Son.

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# This Week (November 22 - November 29) at Grace

**Matins:** Mon. - Wed. 8:30 a.m.

Today:           **8:00 a.m. Divine Service**  
                      9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour  
                      **10:30 a.m. Divine Service**  
                      Confirmation Class  
                      12:00 p.m. LCMS-U Nursing Students meal/ presentation

Monday:         6:15 p.m. Handbells  
                      7:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
                      10:30 a.m. Putting together the Thanksgiving Baskets

Wednesday:    6:00 p.m. Private Confession  
                      **7:00 p.m. Divine Service – Day of Thanksgiving**  
                      Confession study to follow service

Thursday:       *Office Closed*  
                      1:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by Bowdell family

Next Sunday:   **8:00 a.m. Divine Service**  
                      9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour  
                      **10:30 a.m. Divine Service**  
                      12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

**Altar Guild** – Candy Brammer, Emily Nickels, Lori Foist, Suzanne Price

**Flowers on the Altar** are given to the Glory of God and to enhance the beauty of His house by Mary Painter celebrating Thanksgiving.

## In Our Prayers

**Health** – Lawrence Bowdell, Austin Brammer, Cole Cavanaugh, Jackie Clamme, Dean Dwiggins, Jack Elsesser, Ken Greenwald, Julie Irven Harper, J. D. Howard, Maryann Huffman, David Kyler, Reece Mann, Bethany Myers, Logan Scheiwe, Jim Smith, David Stout, Debby Taylor, and Janet Walker

**Comfort** – The family of Cynthia Greenwald and the family of Cornell Murphy

**Shut-ins** – Jack Elsesser, Lee Kerkhoff, Becky Levihn, Pat Mark, Rod Phillips, Debby Taylor

**Armed Forces** – Dean Bartel, Matthew Bowdell, Emily Kingsley, Gary Parks, Jr., Hayden Parsons, and Sam Wehmueller

**Birthdays** – Mike Waller (11/24), Kendall Tankersley (11/26), Tobias Coleman (11/27), Dave Price (11/28), Mike Price (11/28)

**Anniversaries** – Glenn and Cathy Branscome (11/24), celebrating 47 years

**Thanksgivings** – Successful and uncomplicated surgery for Lawrence Bowdell

*To activate the Grace Prayer Chain at any time, contact Diana James (765) 358-4446 or log on to our website and click “Prayer Request”— your email goes directly to Diana.*

## Announcements

**Shut-ins** – WestMinster Village has been on lockdown for over a month. This means visitors have not been allowed at all. Lee Kerkhoff and Becky Levihn are both there but unable to even visit with each other. While our card ministry sends out cards to them on a regular basis. I was thinking it would be nice to have some members send thinking of you cards to them both. If you need their addresses please contact Kelli in the office (765) 282-2537 and I would be happy to get it for you.

**Pantry Needs** – We are in need of: paper products, bar soap, dish soap, cereal, boxed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, Jell-O, pork and beans, canned veggies, canned fruit, spaghetti, and pasta sauce. Thank you for all your donations.

**Ball State Nursing Program** – LCMS U is pairing with the Ball State Nursing Program to provide a lunch for the congregation in the Parish Hall after 2nd service on 11/22. There will be a presentation on community and public health brought to you by Ball State Nursing students. Everyone is welcome to come, and there will be a free will donation that proceeds goes towards the LCMS U. The Ball State Nursing Program would like to thank Grace and all those who have participated for their willingness to help and allowing them to do this presentation.

**Thanksgiving Baskets** – For the month of November our Parish services desires to help members, extended family of members, or referrals by Grace members, who are in need. You can help by donating Thanksgiving items such as: boxed potatoes, corn bread mix, pie filling, yams, sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, corn, green beans, etc. or by donating money to help with the purchasing of these items. All monetary donations can be given directly to Ann Willmann or put in the offering plate with the memo saying Thanksgiving Baskets. We will also be looking for volunteers to help put these baskets together on Monday 11/23. If you know of someone who you feel would benefit from a Thanksgiving basket or would like to volunteer to help please contact Ann Willmann at (765) 499-0382, or the church office at (765) 282-2537.

**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** – The Bowdell family will be hosting their annual Thanksgiving Dinner again this year in the Parish Hall. Dinner will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 26th. We would like to invite all who would like to join us. We will be spreading the tables out a little more this year to accommodate better social distancing. If you have any questions or would like to come please contact Kelli in the office at (765) 282-2537.

**Clothe a Child** – Grace will be participating with Better way again this year for our Clothe a Child program. Donations will be collected until 12/6 to be able to do the shopping for the families. We will not need volunteers for shopping this year as the shopping will be done with the staff vs. the families due to COVID-19. You can leave your donation in the offering plate with the memo Clothe a child, Checks made payable to Grace Lutheran Church. If you have any questions please contact Robyn Clamme at (765) 348-8473.

**MOST Mission Team** – Grace's MOST Mission team has tentatively scheduled an eyeglass mission trip to Belize in July 2021. The five-member team will begin fundraising in December with a Silent Auction and we need your help. We are looking for your donations (or making a purchase) to our silent auction which we will begin collecting items on Sunday November 29th. The silent auction will end December 13, 10 minutes after 2nd service. We are looking for creative ideas from crafts, gift baskets, special baked items, gift certificates, sport tickets, babysitting or making a special home cooked meal for delivery. Your ideas are endless. We will also be preparing for a Chili Cookoff in January as a fundraiser, more information will be provided. If you have any questions, please call or text Linda Cook at (765) 729-0262 or Robyn Clamme at (765) 348-8473.

# Angels Announced His Birth

When a child is to be born, most often an announcement is made to the public. A new person being in the world is a noteworthy and significant event. This is especially true for the parents, and yet it is also true for the human family. Such announcements allow the community to rejoice together with the parents, to help the parents prepare their hearts and home for the child, and to prepare itself to welcome for the anticipated birth.

This Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, we will listen to the announcements of the Christ's long-expected birth made by God's angels to Zechariah, Mary, and Joseph. In so doing, the Holy Spirit will prepare our hearts to celebrate, just as we make our homes ready for the holy days when we remember our Savior's birth. Indeed, His birth was not only noteworthy to Mary, her betrothed, and her close family, but it has the greatest significance to the whole world.

## Advent 2020 Midweek Sermon Services

Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – The Angel to Zechariah;  
readings: Isaiah 40-18 and Luke 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – The Angel to Mary;  
readings: Isaiah 7:10-16 and Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – The Angel to Joseph;  
readings: Isaiah 53:1-6 and Matthew 1:18-25

## Nativity of Our Lord

Thursday, December 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Divine Service with  
candle lighting

Friday, December 25, 2020, 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Day Divine Service

# Food Bank Advent Calendar

Try this fun and exciting way of counting down to Christmas. Start your very own Food Bank Advent Calendar by adding these items to your grocery list. Each day put them in your donate bag or box. When you come for Christmas Eve service you can drop off your donation that you have collected through the month, or drop off your bag each week. This will give our Food Bank a great start for the first of the year and allow us to provide for many families.

December						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 Cereal	2 Peanut butter	3 Jelly	4 Mac -n- cheese	5 Canned fruit
6 Canned chicken	7 Canned tuna	8 Dessert mix	9 Pancake mix	10 Syrup	11 Soap (bar or dish)	12 Pork and beans
13 Jell-O	14 Boxed potatoes	15 Laundry Detergent	16 Pasta	17 Spaghetti sauce	18 Canned soup	19 Toilet paper
20 Canned vegetable	21 Chicken/tuna helper	22 Paper towels	23 Cornbread mix	24 Your choice	25	26



*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.  
Hebrews 13:16*



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