

# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)



First Sunday in Advent - Ad Te Levavi

November 28, 2021

*The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us* – The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (Mt 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “*The LORD is our Righteousness*” (Jer 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s body and blood, we also sing, “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*” (Mt 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “*our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*” (Rm 13:11).

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The World

## 340 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates *LSB 340*

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty  
gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing  
near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and  
sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is  
confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy  
homes  
To whom this King in triumph  
comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your  
heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's  
employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and  
joy.  
So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord,  
abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.  
Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 23:5–8*

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 25:3–4*



None who wait for you shall be | put to shame; \*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.  
Make me to know your ways, | O LORD; \*  
teach me | your paths.

## Epistle

*Romans 13:11–14*

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 21:1–9*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion,  
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Apostles' Creed**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

## 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your  
home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made  
flesh—  
Woman's offspring, pure and  
fresh.

3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was  
shown:  
God was there upon His throne.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and  
crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make  
whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in You we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope, but come quickly. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be with Your whole Church, Lord, that as we wait for the coming of Christ, our King, our hearts may be filled with His joy and our lips with His praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look favorably on our congregation, that we may live sober lives, casting off the deeds of darkness as we wait for the revealing of our Savior from heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, guard the schools of the Church, that in them Your Word may be taught in its truth and purity, and that Christ may dwell in the hearts of both teachers and students by faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, behold our nation and its leaders and protect our armed forces, taking them under Your care and blessing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show compassion to the sick, the suffering and those in need, especially Bill and Shirley Berger, Kelli Bunn, Ronnel Deeg, John Dillman, Rita Graft, Alli Freel, Sandy Harshman, J.D. Howard, Rich LaGrange, Reece Mann, Jason Partin, Rodney Schadler, Dan Sears, Gene Shiveley, Jacob Sutton, Derick Taylor and family, and Larry Temple. Give relief to their pain, increase their faith, and grant healing and peace in accordance with Your wisdom and will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort those who mourn, especially the family of David Kyler, and Floyd Gogolin, with Your promises in Christ, and fill their hearts with the peace that passes understanding. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all those celebrating birthday and wedding anniversaries, especially Dave Price, Mike Price, and Jerry and Linda Cook, that they rejoice each day in God's gracious care and protection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death. As He visits us this day with His body and blood under the bread and wine, give us penitent hearts that worthily welcome His coming and rejoice in His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, You declared that the days were coming when You would accomplish our salvation, and in Your time You caused Your Son, the righteous Branch, to spring up from David. By Your grace, keep us joined as branches to Christ, that we might bear fruit until the day He returns in glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Offering**

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

## **Choir**

“Advent Alleluia”

# 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.*

*Stand*

## Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 208*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**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

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*

**C** 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made *LSB 903*

- 1 This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours His own.  
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.
  
- 2 Today He rose and left the dead,  
And Satan's empire fell;  
Today the saints His triumphs spread  
And all His wonders tell.
  
- 3 Hosanna to the anointed King,  
To David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring  
Salvation from Your throne.
  
- 4 Blessèd is He who comes to us  
With messages of grace;  
He, in the Lord's name, comes to us  
To save our fallen race.
  
- 5 Hosanna in the highest strains  
The Church on earth can raise.  
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,  
Shall give Him nobler praise.

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- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,  
O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found,  
No grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks  
Continually are green;  
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs  
As nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit  
And evermore do spring;  
There evermore the angels dwell  
And evermore do sing.
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there  
Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare  
For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore  
With all Thy saints above.

## 335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

*LSB 335*

- 1 O bride of Christ, rejoice;  
Exultant raise thy voice  
To hail the day of glory  
Foretold in sacred story. Refrain.
- ref Hosanna, praise, and glory!  
Our King, we bow before Thee.
- 2 Let shouts of gladness rise  
Triumphant to the skies.  
Now comes the King most glorious  
To reign o'er all victorious. Refrain.
- 3 A humble beast He rides,  
Yet as a King presides;  
Though not arrayed in splendor,  
He makes the grave surrender. Refrain.
- 4 The weak and timid find  
How meek He is and kind;  
To them He gives a treasure  
Of bliss beyond all measure. Refrain.
- 5 Then go thy Lord to meet;  
Strew palm leaves at His feet;  
Thy garments spread before Him  
And honor and adore Him. Refrain.

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### 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,  
How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You,  
My hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,  
Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please You best.

2 Your Zion strews before You  
Green boughs and fairest  
palms;  
And I too will adore You  
With joyous songs and psalms.  
My heart shall bloom forever  
For You with praises new  
And from Your name shall never  
Withhold the honor due.

3 I lay in fetters, groaning;  
You came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
You came to honor me.  
A glorious crown You give me,  
A treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me  
As earthly riches fly.

4 Love caused Your incarnation;  
Love brought You down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
That led You to embrace  
In love, all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,  
His children thus securing  
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations  
And blessed hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Your beams so  
cheering,  
And guide us safely home.

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*Stand*

**☩ 1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

**Post-Communion Collect**

**☩ 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** Amen.

**Benedicamus**

**☩ A** Let us bless the Lord.

**☩ C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

**☩ 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.

- 1 The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.
- 2 The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav'n to reign.
- 5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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## Serving Today at Grace

**Celebrant and Preacher** – Rev. Danny Mackey

**Liturgist** – Vicar Gabriel Aiello

**Organist and Choir Director** – Dick Grill

**Handbell Director** – Judi Pape

**Assisting Elder** 10:30 a.m. – Matthew Bowdell

**Ushers** 8:00 a.m. – Rick Hill; 10:30 a.m. – Marvin Addison

**Videographer** 10:30 a.m. – Eric McCoy

**Altar Guild** – Candy Brammer, Lori Foist, and Suzanne Price

## Serving Next Week at Grace

**Celebrant and Preacher** – Rev. Danny Mackey

**Liturgist** – Vicar Gabriel Aiello

**Organist** – Dick Grill

**Handbell Director** – Judi Pape

**Assisting Elder** 10:30 a.m. –

**Ushers** 8:00 a.m. – ; 10:30 a.m. –

**Videographer** 10:30 a.m. – Eric McCoy

**Altar Guild** – Brenda Mackey, Cathy Branscome, and Linda Cook

**Flowers on the Altar** are given to the Glory of God and to enhance the beauty of His house by the Price family celebrating Mike's birthday.

# This Week (Nov. 28 - Dec. 5) at Grace

**Matins:** Mon. - Thurs. 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

Monday:      6:15 p.m. Handbells  
                  7:10 p.m. Vocal Choir

Wednesday: **6:00 p.m. Private Confession and Absolution**  
                  6:00 p.m. Advent Meal hosted by LCMSU  
                  **7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
                  Confessions Study

Next Sunday:   **8:00 a.m. Divine Service**  
                  9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour  
                  **10:30 a.m. Divine Service**  
                  Hanging of the Greens  
                  Confirmation Class

## In Our Prayers

**Health** – Bill Berger, Shirley Berger, Kelli Bunn, Ronnel Deeg, John Dillman, Rita Graft, Allie Freel, Sandy Harshman, J.D. Howard, Rich LaGrange, Reece Mann, Jason Partin, Rodney Schadler, Dan Sears, Gene Shiveley, Jacob Sutton, Derick Taylor and family, and Larry Temple.

**Comfort** – Family of Floyd Gogolin and the family of David Kyler

**Shut-ins** – Ruth Bergman, Lee Kerkhoff, Becky Levihn, Pat Mark, Debby Taylor

**Armed Forces** – Jonathan Atsinger, Dean Bartel, Matthew Bowdell, Emily Kingsley, Austin McMillan, Gary Parks, Jr., Hayden Parsons, and Cory Robertson

**Birthdays** – Dave Price (11/28), Mike Price (11/28)

**Anniversaries** – Jerry and Linda Cook (12/2), celebrating 32 years

**Thanksgivings** – For all the blessings God has provided to our country.

*To activate the Grace Prayer Chain at any time, contact Diana James (765) 748-1377 or log on to our website and click “Prayer Request”— your email goes directly to Diana.*

## Announcements

**Voters’ Assembly** – Voters’ Assembly meeting on Tuesday, 11/30 at 7:00 p.m.

**Board of Education Christmas Wreaths** – Board of Education is raising money for the “Homann Girls’ College Education Fund.” The wreaths are located downstairs in the Parish Hall and range from \$20-30. All proceeds will be donated to Emily Homann for Alayna and Miriam’s college education.

**Christmas Brunch and Cookie Exchange** – Join us on Saturday 12/4 from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. to enjoy brunch and pack and deliver cookies to those in the congregation who will benefit from your generosity. We ask that you bring four dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and an extra container (to take home your cookies from the exchange.) If you have been keeping up with the secret Prayer Partners during the year, this will also be a chance to reveal yourself to your partner.

**Hanging of the Greens** – Volunteers are needed next week 12/5 after second service to help decorate the church. Please plan to lend a hand to prepare our Sanctuary for the Christmas season.

**Clothe A Child** – We will be partnering up with Better Way again this year to provide clothing to children in need. You can put your donation into an envelope and mark it for Clothe A Child. Make check payable to Grace Lutheran Church. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Robyn Clamme at (765) 348-8473. We hope to clothe 12-14 children this year.

**Member in Need** – Todd Walker has recently had a house fire. He needs clothes. Men's shirts size 3X or Men's pants size 44. Please bring them into the office.

**Volunteers for Rides to Church** – We need help bringing Lee Kerkhoff to and from church. Please contact Kelli in the church office at (765) 282-2537.

**Parish Services** – The Thanksgiving baskets have been put together and picked up. As usual they were a great success. We were able to provide nine families with a shopping cart full of groceries and had over ten volunteers helping with this today. Now that this is complete our pantry needs restocking. Items needed are laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, cereal, jelly, pancake mix, syrup, pork and beans, tuna helper, canned fruit, and spaghetti sauce. Thank you to all those who helped and donated making it possible to help those in our community.

**Helping those in our community** – We ask that you do not give monetary donations to someone while on Church property. This can cause confusion and make them think it is ok to come around more frequently asking for money. Instead please direct them to the other resources that can help them, such as the food pantry and Christian Ministries.

## Children's Christmas Program

On Sunday 12th at 10:30 a.m. the children of Grace, with the direction of Melinda Huber, will be performing a story about the birth of our Lord. Join us as we watch our children tell their story and sing along



Sunday December 12th at 11:45 a.m.

Join us in the Parish Hall for cupcakes and punch as we celebrate the birth of our Lord. We ask that a gift be brought that can be donated to children in need. We will be donating our gifts to the children at the Youth Opportunity Center.

# Advent Midweek Meal and Service

Wednesday evenings during Advent join us in the Parish Hall for a Meal at 6:00 p.m. with the Advent Midweek service to follow in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

During Advent Boards of the Church will be hosting the meals as well as raising money for different things.

## **December 1, 2021** - hosted by LCMSU

The LCMSU will begin their fundraising for their trip to St. Louis in March, joining in the March for Life.

*Readings: Isaiah 9:1–7; John 8:12–20*

## **December 8, 2021** - hosted by Board of Education

The Board of Education would like to raise money for the “Homann Girls’ College Education Fund” All donations will be collected and given to Emily Homann for Alayna and Miriam’s College Education.

*Readings: Isaiah 11:1–10; John 5:19–29*

## **December 15, 2021** - hosted by the Elders

*Readings: 1 John 4:7–14; Mark 10:13–16*



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