



**To Glorify God,  
To Grow in Faith  
To Give in Service  
Together in Christ**

**Grace Lutheran Church  
December 8th – Second Sunday of Advent**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

*Welcome to Grace. If you would like to use one of our new hearing assist devices, please speak to an usher.*

*Nursery area: As you face the rear of the sanctuary from inside, the nursery area is on the far left.*

**Communion Choice:** White grape juice is available for you to choose during communion. The white grape juice is in small communion cups in a silver tray on a table located at the right front row of chairs near the altar. As you approach the altar you may take a glass from the tray with you to the altar. When the chalice is brought to you, you drink the cup of grape juice. Please return empty cups to the empty side of the tray.

**Music Setting 8:** over the next several weeks, Kevin will incorporate the melodies of this music into worship as part of helping us learn this newer setting for worship. This week you will hear some of the melodies as part of the pre-service music on the 184 of ELW.

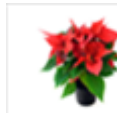
**The Altar Flowers this week** are given to the glory of God and sponsored by: Andrea and Charlie Roney in honor of James Ryan Roney's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday / Harold Schaefer, in memory of his father and mother, Harold and Elaine Schaefer

*Correction from last week... the flower sponsors were Betty Murray in honor of her nephew Lee More and the Walter Family in honor of Ken and Nancy Sellers Anniversary.*

**Advent Candle lighting this week:**  
9:15am Service, The Slugg family

**Transition Meeting,** during lunch time (approximately 11:45 am), the 2020 Budget will be presented. Motions and a vote to approve the budget and a separate motion to approve the expenditure of funds for the Warming Center will be taken. Copies of the budget and the Warming Center background and motion are available in the Narthex.

**TODAY is last day for poinsettia orders**



**Sunday, December 15, after 10:30 am worship:** Carols with Kevin, cookies and hot chocolate as we decorate the sanctuary! Many hands make light work! Come, share the fun!

**Sunday, December 22, after 10:30 am worship:** Caroling to some of Grace's homebound members. Please let Pr Peterman know if you are able to drive.

*Prayer Booklets "The Word in Season" and the December issue of "Living Lutheran" are available in the narthex and the office.*

**Offering Envelopes for 2020** available in the narthex. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please take your envelopes with you. Do **NOT** use these new envelopes until 2020. Please check with Pastor Peterman or Kay Stone if you have any questions.

**Giving Cards for 2020** it's come to our attention that at least one letter about giving for 2020 was missing its Giving Card. If you need a card, there are blank ones on the window sill at the back of the sanctuary. You may fill one out at any time and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Your gifts are life giving to the work we do together!

**Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project** Our Grace shoppers are wonderful -- they signed up for most of the items needed by our 3 families. If you have NOT had a chance to choose a gift, we have added Walmart Gift Cards that have been requested by several other families from the Hatfield Christmas Committee. Check out the display in the narthex and sign up for one of the gift cards. Please take an envelope and return both the envelope and gift card by Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> when all gifts are due. In addition we are also collecting items for the Angel Boxes. These items that cannot be purchased with food stamps are every day supplies needed by our families. A shopping list is provided for you and can be found by the Angel Gifts display. **If you would like the Confirmation class to do your shopping, please give your donation to Pastor Peterman by TODAY.** What a wonderful way to share the Christmas Spirit by giving to one of our families. The *Giving In Service Team* appreciates your generosity!

**Baking this holiday season?** Can you bake an extra dozen for someone that can use something sweet to brighten up their holiday? Drop your cookies or candies off in the kitchen or at 155 Forrest Way, Hatfield by December 11th by 6:30 pm. Then join the In-Reach Team in packing them up at 7 pm. We guarantee you will have fun!

**We all have treasured people in our lives that we are thankful for and want them to know it** -- so during the month of November and early December, let's take the time to send them a note to tell them how much we care. In the narthex you will find "the golden treasure table", assortment of Christmas cards, pens (and glue if the envelope has lost its stick) and a church directory inside a blue binder. Sit down, write your card and add any sentiments, sign your name or not, write the name, address etc, and place it in the gold star flat box. The Inreach Team will stamp and mail all the cards the second week in December. Everyone loves to receive tangible gifts of thought in the mail, not just e-cards-- You have the power to make someone's day!

*Special thanks to In-Reach for this year's initiative Linda Kaler for a rich store of Christmas cards, thank you!*

**Memorial Gift Thanks.** We thank Joyce Salter for the memorial gift of home communion kits and lovely purificators (napkins) to go with them. When Grace's new Visitation Team goes out they will be ready to take Word and sacrament out from Grace's worship more regularly to the people of Grace who are sick, homebound, or otherwise unable to be in worship in our sanctuary with us. Her gift is in memory of Pastor Drew Fischer.

**SAVE THE DATE** for the **First Annual Grace Beer Exchange.** On Sunday, January 26 from 2-4:00, reserve time for a fun afternoon of exchanging some great beers. Light lunch will be served and a few surprise activities will be planned. Details will follow shortly. For questions about the event, contact Lou Farrell or Frank Stone Sr. You will be well stocked for the Super Bowl the following week.

**UPDATES AND REMINDERS**

**Cinderella** (Rodgers & Hammerstein) coming soon to Lansdale United Methodist Church. Presented by The Laymen Playmen, Inc. February 6-9 and February 13-16, TICKETS can be purchased at [www.laymenplaymen.org](http://www.laymenplaymen.org) Benefits the Hatfield Pastors' Fund. Members of our congregation are participating!

**YOGA (Hatha) CLASS** for December is Wednesday the 11th from 6:30-7:30 pm. Will resume in January on the 8<sup>th</sup>. All-levels. Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body. This will be suitable for those with some yoga experience but also for anyone with little to none. The goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness. \$5/class, ages 16 and up. An Exercise mat is needed. Questions call Kathy Stawasz.

**Attendance:** 12/01/2019 – 8:00am- 25 , 10:30am - 33  
**General Fund** - \$2128.00    **Capital Fund** - \$235.00

----- **TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** -----  
**Altar Guild** Wendy Walter  
**Comm. Assistant** Sub for Andrea Roney  
**Lector** Bob Reilly  
**Acolyte** The Walter Family  
**Ushers** Harold Schaefer and Carol MacDonald  
**Greeters** Jeff and Beth Krout  
**Nursery:** The Slugg Family  
**Flower Delivery** Lori Pluda  
**Council Sender & Offering counter** Bob Smyrl and Kay Deussing

There are no Sponsors for the Bulletin or the Eternal Flame this week.

**This Week at Grace**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
9:15am	Worship
10:30	TLT events follows worship
12:30pm	Korean Church
6:00pm	Cub Pack 510 F/H
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
7:30pm	Christian Connections
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 10</b>
7:15pm	Property Committee
7:15pm	Worship and Music
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
6:30pm	Yoga
7:00pm	Sweet for Sharing
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 14</b>
10:00am	Jesus Birthday Party
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
8:00am	Worship
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship (followed by decorating)
12:30pm	Korean Church

We may be taking photos or video recordings during Grace Events. You will be giving your consent that any pictures and/or video taken may be published and/or distributed by Grace Lutheran Church (i.e. Facebook, website, promotional materials) by attending these events. *Please let Pastor Peterman, or a Church Council member, know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.*

**Grace-Full Questions for the Second Sunday of Advent**

1. The challenge of John the Baptist: *Bear fruit worthy of repentance!* Show that you mean it, if you say you're sorry or that you want to change! Have you ever needed to make this kind of change in your life? What gave you the courage? Or the strength?
2. For what do you hope in this season?
3. Does your heart long to repent of something? To turn away from something? Are you looking for some kind of new life?

Many families experience stresses and strain over the holidays that are hard to discuss openly amidst all the cheer and public gratitude – griefs, conflict, loneliness, addiction and holidays that don't meet our hopes and expectations. *If you have a special concern you'd like Pr. Peterman to pray about over this holiday time, write a note and place it in her church office box before you leave worship today (or send her an email before 5 pm on Wednesday: [pastorgracehatfield@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgracehatfield@gmail.com))*

*If you'd ever want to talk more fully about any of these Grace-Full questions with Pr. Peterman, you're invited to Bible study... or to schedule an appointment with her for conversation.*

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**In Our Prayers:**

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 Joan Lattanz, Suzanne Colville, Pam Matolicz, Paige Haldeman  
 Jennifer Kaler-Thomas, Nancy Sellers, Laura Cooper, Liz Bauer  
 Elijah Krout, Beth Brown, Xavier Jackson, Gerry Mason  
 Joe Hopkins, Doug Boldon, Ralph and Carol Buffone,  
 Cassi Lambert, Kristopher Yoder, Annette Beyer  
 Dorene Bobb, Dale Moyer, Keira Drissel, Cindy Kunkel  
 Mandie and Emmett, Bill Shaffer, Ron and Karen Hudson  
 Margaret Stangl, Lisa Kane, Pastor Lee (Phila. Korean Church)  
 Andy Armstrong (Friend of the MacDonald's) Diane Graham  
 Miller(Friend of the Walter Family) Cindy Mancuso  
 Jessica Murphy who was recently deployed to Qatar(Joan  
 Amundsen's granddaughter-in-law and Liana Murphy's Aunt,  
 Andrea Roney, Arline Kratz*

**For all who grieve, including:** *The family and friends of Charles' Roney's mother; Bob Darde; Fred Matolicz; Emily Stangl (John's niece); Lillian Buschman (Kerry Stone's grandmother); Shannon Ryan; Chip and Anne Wood; John C. Stalder (Bruce Schmidt's uncle); Ralph Buffone, Gail Constanzer (Shirley Yoder's sister-in-law)*