



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

**Grace Lutheran Church  
December 15th - Third 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 184 of ELW.

**The Altar Flowers this week** are given to the glory of God and sponsored by: Joyce Salter, in honor of the birthday of her son Peter Fischer and her sister, Nancy Dustman, and Emily and Rich Woltmann, in memory of Ed Meibohm and Thea Woltmann.

**Advent Candle lighting this week:**

8:00am, the Walter Family

10:30am, Carol and Paul MacDonald

**Decorate our sanctuary today after 10:30 am worship:** Kevin will play carols at the piano. There will be cookies and hot chocolate as we decorate the sanctuary so join in the fun! Our Christmas Tree is given in memory of William (Bill) Forst by his wife Marilyn.

**Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project:** All gifts are due today. We will pack up all your wonderful gifts and prepare them to be delivered to our families. Thank you so much for shopping!! What a wonderful way to share the Christmas Spirit by giving to one of our families. The *Giving In Service Team* appreciates your generosity!

**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.

Grace Lutheran Church "**Christmas Tree ornaments**" are available in the narthex on the table.

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

**2020 Serving Schedule** - A copy of the 2020 serving schedule is in the narthex. Please pick up your copy. Your name is highlighted and they are sorted by first name. Thanks again for serving!!!! Questions - Kathy Stawasz

**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** 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!

**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 and Linda Kaler for a rich store of Christmas cards. Thank you!*

**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. on 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 will resume in January on the 8<sup>th</sup>.  
All-levels. Questions contact Kathy Stawasz.

**Attendance:** 12/08/2019 – 9:15am Worship, 48

**General Fund** - \$878.00     **Capital Fund** - \$335.00

----- **TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS** -----

<b>Altar Guild</b>	8:00am Wendy Walter
<b>Comm. Assistant</b>	8:00am Joanne Moyer
<b>Lector</b>	8:00am Bruce Schmidt 10:30am Tami Sarm
<b>Acolyte</b>	8:00am Dave Kunkle 10:30am Olivia and Kay Stone
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00am Dave Kunkle 10:30am The Kaler Family
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00am Peggy Schmidt 10:30am Kay Deussing
<b>Nursery:</b>	Kerry & Linsey Stone
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Jeff & Beth Krout
<b>Council Sender &amp;</b>	Bob Smyrl
<b>Offering counter</b>	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 15</b>
8:00am	Worship
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship (followed by decorating)
12:30pm	Korean Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
6:30pm	TLT M/R
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
7:00pm	Council M/R
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
11:00am	Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 19</b>
7:00pm	Choir - Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
6:30pm	Cub Scouts M/R
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
8:00am	Worship
9:15am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship (followed by Caroling)
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. This week we hear encouragement from the prophet Isaiah: *Be strong, do not fear!* Where do you pray for strength in your life?
2. This week we hear Mary's song, often known as the *Magnificat*. She has such strength of faith! Whose faith has moved you?
3. John the Baptist is in prison in this week's story. He sends word to Jesus, wondering, "Are you the one?" Jesus tells them to look at the signs, where they see the lepers cleansed, the dead being raised, and the poor receiving good news. Where do you see signs of God around you and in our world?

Many families experience stresses and strain over the holidays that are hard to discuss openly amidst all the cheer – 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 or email her: [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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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)*