

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

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December 26, 2021
The First Sunday of Christmas
9:15 a.m.

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On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still!



Prelude

Welcome

Invocation

We begin in the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*HYMN: Let All Together Praise Our God, Stanzas 1-3

ELW 287



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor
4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who
lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

*Hymn of Praise: All Glory Be to God on High (stanza 1 only)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
strife at last is end - ed. God shows good-will to
one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
God for grace and mer - cy!

*Prayer of the Day

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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*Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef and the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written on a single line for each staff. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

*Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

The Gospel of the Lord, according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CAROLS BY REQUEST

Please choose from the Christmas section of the hymnal, numbers 268-300.

We will close with ELW 291, "Let Our Gladness Have No End."

***PRAYERS**

To the petition "Merciful God," please respond, "Receive our prayer."

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your
kingdom, and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven....

***GREETING OF THE PEACE**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Announcements

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ, our Savior!
Thanks be to God!

HARK!



Our Favorite Carols

S	I	N	N	E	R	S	R	I	T	H	A	E	S
R	E	O	P	E	A	C	E	A	E	D	N	U	S
N	R	H	R	A	O	I	D	U	L	O	O	A	L
T	E	F	G	O	I	O	H	A	R	Y	S	P	E
O	C	A	S	U	R	E	R	O	O	L	A	D	G
L	O	I	P	E	O	E	H	J	O	T	R	H	N
A	N	T	N	A	H	P	M	U	I	R	T	A	A
L	C	H	E	O	M	A	N	G	E	R	O	R	C
U	I	F	S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	K	E
F	L	U	N	A	T	U	N	E	W	B	O	R	N
Y	E	L	G	L	O	R	I	O	U	S	M	G	F
O	D	H	E	A	V	E	N	L	Y	L	N	N	R
J	R	R	E	X	U	L	T	A	T	I	O	N	O
F	E	C	H	O	I	N	G	D	K	H	A	H	S

ADORE
SHEPHERDS
MANGER
ECHOING
HARK
PEACE
HEAVENLY
RECONCILED
SINNERS
FAITHFUL
HERALD
TRIUMPHANT
JOYFUL
KING
NEWBORN
EXULTATION
ANGELS
GLORIOUS
JOYOUS

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If you are in need of pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe by email; in the office at 215-855-4676; or anytime on her cell phone, 614.214.2639 (texting is good!). Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses and hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and joyful events in your life.

It is crucially important that you observe the very best safety precautions here at Grace. Please wear your mask tightly over your mouth and nose, and especially refrain from visiting after the service.

Coming up at Grace:

- ❖ **Sunday, January 2:** We return to two services at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ **Thursday, January 13:** **Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** to benefit the Thrivent/Habitat Faith Build project on Cowpath Rd. Just \$10/meal!

Sunday's readings (Second Sunday of Christmas):

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18