

# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



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

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**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**December 12, 2021**  
**8 and 10:30 a.m.**

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor  
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music  
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator  
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

*Asterisks\* denote those parts of the service in which the congregation is invited to stand.*

*We ask that you please observe safe seating procedures in remaining spaced well apart.*

**Prelude: Veni Emmanuel**

**Leo Sowerby**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: Hark, A Thrilling Voice is Sounding ELW 246**



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don  
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,  
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy  
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



all you chil - dren of the day!"  
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
and with words of love draw near.  
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

**\*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.**

## \*“My Soul in Stillness Waits” (stanza 3)

*The first, second and third candles on the Advent wreath are lit.*

### Refrain: All

Text: Psalm 95 and "O" antiphons  
Tune: Marty Haugen



O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,  
and in your advent draw us all to you,  
our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

### Refrain

## \*Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

**First reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will quiet you with his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors

at that time.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the LORD.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



## Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

### Refrain (all):

Sure - ly it is God who saves me. I will  
3 trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
6 sure de - fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might, and has become | my  
salvation.

**<sup>3</sup>With joy you | will draw water  
from the wells | of salvation. R**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the LORD among the nations; proclaim that this  
name | is exalted.

**<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done | gloriously;  
let this be known in | all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel. R

Psalm prayer

## Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation



## \*Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

The Gospel of the Lord, according to Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by

threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: “Silent Fruit”**

Pastor Nancy Raabe

**\*HYMN of the DAY: Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn ELW 242**



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -  
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is  
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall





soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;  
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -  
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to  
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.  
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

## **\*PRAYERS**

To the petition “Hear us, O God” please respond, “Your mercy is great.”

## **\*LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven....**

## **\*GREETING OF THE PEACE**

*You are invited to greet those around you but we request that you refrain from shaking hands.*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

### **Bring Us Hope**

*Grace Choir*

**Ruth Elaine Schram**

*Bring us hope, bring us love, bring us peace from above.*

*Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above. Bring us hope.*

*Bring us light, take our darkness away.*

*Bring us light, bring us light, turn our night into day.*

*Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above, bring us hope.*

*Hope to replace our hopelessness, love to refill our emptiness.*

*Peace in the midst of our distress, oh, how we need your joy.*

*Bring us hope, bring us love, bring us peace, peace and joy from above.*

*Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above. Bring us hope.*

### **Announcements**

#### **\*BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

**Amen.**

*The candles are extinguished.*

#### **\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn**

**Arr. D. Cherwein**

## **Serving today**

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector, 8:00 am-Walter Family; 10:30 am-Jayson Tula

Ushers, 8:00 am-Walter Family

10:30 am-Carol and Paul MacDonald

Acolyte, 10:30 am-Cristiano Tula

Video Recorder, 10:30 am-Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

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Please contact Pastor Raabe anytime by email or at 614-214-2639 (phone or text) for any concerns or pastoral care needs. She is waiting to hear from you!

# Rejoice, O Zion!

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 ENEMIES  
 FORTUNES  
 RENOWNED  
 SINGING  
 REJOICE  
 DAUGHTER  
 FESTIVAL

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## Coming up at Grace:

- ❖ “Blue Christmas” – contemplative worship Thursday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.
- ❖ Start your morning with Pastor Raabe’s “Advent God Minute” podcast weekdays during Advent (Monday-Saturday). Find the link under the Worship area of our website or check our Facebook page.