

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*COME TO RECEIVE – GO TO SHARE*  
*December 24, 2022*

## Christmas Eve

### Preservice Music:

*Stand*

### Hymn of Invocation: Advent Prayer

st. 1-5

*Sung by Grace Choir*

**Sung by Congregation**

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Come, Lord Je - sus, come and dwell,". The second staff continues the melody with the second line: "dwell in our hearts, Im - man - u - el." The time signature changes from 4/4 to 2/4 for the final two notes of the second line, and then returns to 4/4 for the final note.

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| 1 | <i>We are waiting on this day;<br/>Jesus will take our fears away<br/>We will keep our vigil here,<br/>as his Advent draws us near.<br/>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.<br/><b>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.</b></i>            | 2 | <i>We are longing on this day;<br/>Jesus will take our sins away.<br/>As a shepherd, he will lead;<br/>gently tend our ev'ry need.<br/>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.<br/><b>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.</b></i>         |
| 3 | <i>We are reaching on this day;<br/>Jesus will lead us, light our way.<br/>He will show the way of peace,<br/>from our darkness bring release.<br/>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.<br/><b>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.</b></i> | 4 | <i>We will expect him on that day;<br/>we prepare our hearts and pray.<br/>He will bless us with his grace,<br/>saving all the human race.<br/>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.<br/><b>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.</b></i> |
| 5 | <i>Jesus is coming on this night,<br/>sent forth from God to be our light.<br/>Let us praise our humble king,<br/>and with adoration sing.<br/>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.<br/><b>Come, Lord Jesus, come and dwell,<br/>dwell in our hearts, Immanuel.</b></i>     |   |   |

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# ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Exhortation

LSB 167

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Sit*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

## Absolution

LSB 167

- 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*

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

# ✠ Service of the Word ✠

## Psalm

*Psalm 96; antiphon: v. 2*

- A** <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
**C** **tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
**A** <sup>1</sup>Oh sing to the LORD a new song;  
**C** **sing to the LORD, all the earth!**  
**A** <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

- C** tell of his salvation from day to day.
- A** <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,
- C** his marvelous works among all the peoples!
- A** <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
- C** he is to be feared above all gods.
- A** <sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
- C** but the LORD made the heavens.
- A** <sup>6</sup>Splendor and majesty are before him;
- C** strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
- A** <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
- C** ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- A** <sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
- C** bring an offering, and come into his courts!
- A** <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
- C** tremble before him, all the earth!
- A** <sup>10</sup>Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;
- C** he will judge the peoples with equity."
- A** <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
- C** let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
- <sup>12</sup>let the field exult, and everything in it!
- A** Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
<sup>13</sup>before the LORD, for he comes,
- C** for he comes to judge the earth.
- A** He will judge the world in righteousness,
- C** and the peoples in his faithfulness.
- A** <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
- C** tell of his salvation from day to day.

## Kyrie

LSB 168

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Christmas Eve

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*Sit*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult  
and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

Titus 2:11–14

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup>training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup>waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup>who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff is a square box containing a 'C' time signature. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below it is another square box with a 'C' time signature, and the lyrics 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.' are written below. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>And all went to be registered, each to his own town. <sup>4</sup>And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, <sup>5</sup>to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. <sup>6</sup>And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. <sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup>And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

<sup>15</sup>When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>And

they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup>And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

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

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: 393 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

LSB 393

## Sermon

*Stand*

## Apostles' Creed

**G** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

**L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Holy and gracious Lord, As we give thanks for Your Son's incarnation, strengthen our faith with the remembrance that He is born to save us by His life, death and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**G** **hear our prayer.**

- L** Heavenly Father, by the gift of Your Holy Spirit we testify that Your Son is the Savior of the world. Pour out Your Spirit continually upon Your people, open our mouths to praise the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** God of comfort, You sent an angel to reveal to Joseph that the Child in Mary's womb was Your own, preserving their marriage and family. Preserve our homes also by Your Holy Word. Fill them with Your grace, that husbands and wives, parents and children may live in peace and love with one another. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Almighty God, the One born in Bethlehem is Son of David and Lord of David, to whom every knee shall bow. Look upon all those whom You have placed in authority, and grant that they might govern in the wisdom, justice and mercy of the Christ who came to save. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Almighty Father, You have given Your Son, born of Mary, to be the Savior of the world. Send Your Spirit and abide with us, that we might confess that Jesus is the Savior of the world and abide in Your love until He comes again in glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Offertory

*Stand*

# ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

## Preface

*LSB 177*

- 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.**

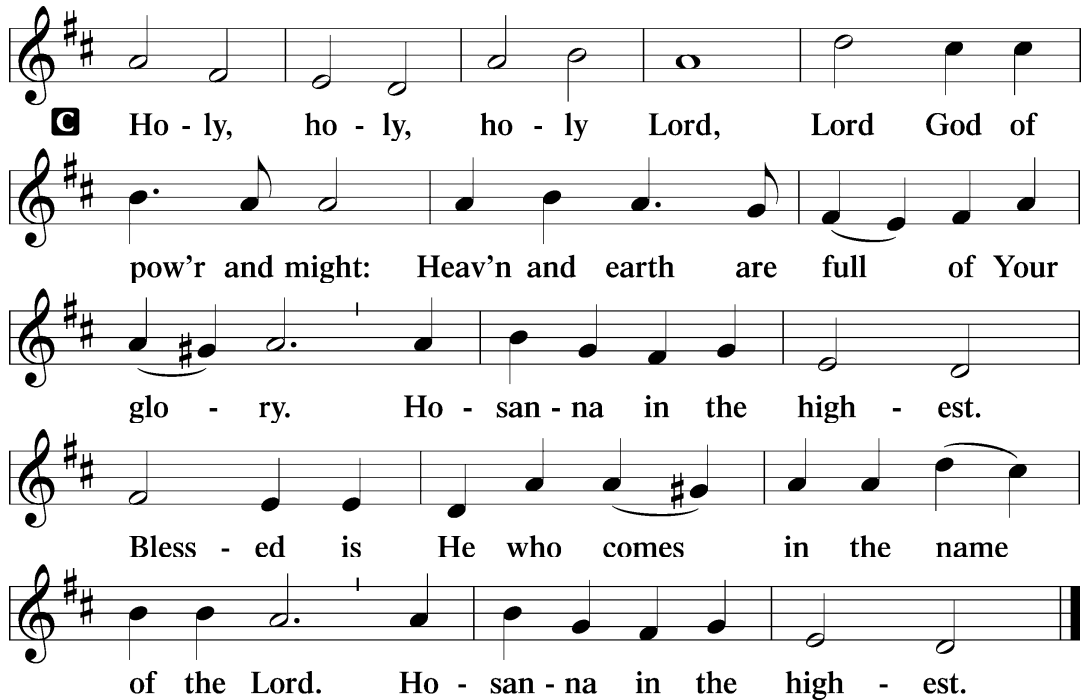
## Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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 178



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 178

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 179

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

LSB 180

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 180



**G** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



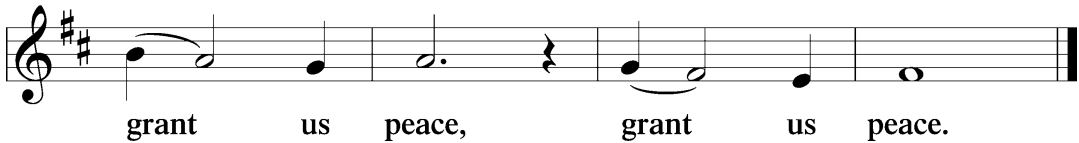
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



Sit

## Distribution of Holy Communion

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION AT GRACE LUTHERAN**

*We believe, teach and confess that those who commune receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord---in, with and under the bread and wine---for forgiveness of sins and strengthening in faith and life. All baptized, believing Christian guests are invited to examine themselves, as exhorted by St. Paul. Those who are in agreement with this statement are invited to join us at the Altar. If you have a question regarding this, please ask to speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders.*

*Both individual and common cups are available. Also, if you would prefer to receive non-alcoholic white grape juice, there are individual cups in the center of the tray.*

*Please hand your completed family attendance card to the usher on your way to receive communion.*

### Distribution Hymn: "All Is Well"

Soloist: Alissa Martin

Words and music by Michael W. Smith and Wayne Kirkpatrick

### Distribution Hymn: 366 It Came upon the Midnight Clear

LSB 366

### Distribution Hymn: 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384 sts. 1-4

Stand

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### The Dismissal

LSB 181

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

### The Candle Lighting

- P** Jesus spoke to them, saying,
- C** "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- P** "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
- C** and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

## Hymn: 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363 sts. 1–3

### 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.

### Benediction

LSB 183

**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.

### Hymn to Depart: 387 Joy to the World

LSB 387

St 1 – All

St 3 – Women

St 2 – Men

St 4 – All

### Closing Response

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## Service Schedule

*Christmas Day*

*Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am*

*New Year's Day*

*Sunday, January 1st at 10:00 am*

*Epiphany*

*Sunday, January 8th at 8:30 and 11:00 am*