

Grace Lutheran Church – 12.24.20

Our Mission: "Grace Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community called to gather, grow, and give together in Grace."

P: A Light shines in the darkness,
C: **And the darkness will not overcome it.**

ENTRANCE HYMN “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the light of the Holy Spirit, and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you make this holy night shine with the brightness of the true light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in our last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Luke 2:1-20

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. **2** This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** All went to their own towns to be registered. **4** Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. **5** He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. **7** And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger because there was no place for them in the inn.

8 In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. **9** Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: **11** to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,[[a](#)] the Lord. **12** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” **13** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host,[[b](#)] praising God and saying, **14** “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” **15** When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” **16** So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. **17** When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. **19** But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord

Sermon – Pastor Andy Tyrrell

HYMN – “Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord in Your Mercy.

C: Hear our Prayer.

The Offering Song - “O Come All Ye Faithful”

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Good and loving God,

C: we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Post Communion Blessing

P: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, bless you and
keep you in everlasting life.
C: Amen.

People of Praise – Candlelight Cannon

Prayer After Communion

P: Let us pray. Holy one, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have
experienced your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives,
that we may be messengers to prepare your way of justice. We ask this through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN: “SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT”

Blessing

P: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms fill you with love and strength.

C: Amen.

P: May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring peace to our world.

C: Amen.

P: And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ~~¶~~ Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon
you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “JOY TO THE WORLD”

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Christmas is Coming – People Praise

*catholic means universal/all Christians