

Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



JOSEPH ALSO WENT
FROM THE TOWN OF
NAZARETH IN GALILEE ...
TO THE CITY OF DAVID
CALLED BETHLEHEM

LUKE 2:4, NRSV

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2011

5:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

Holy Communion Services

The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to all to be free to be the people of God.

Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

Pre-service Music

5:00 pm

Rich Snyder

“Selected Carol Arrangements” by David Lanz

Beverly and Bruce Anderson

“Adagio” from Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto

Kent Weaver

“Silent Night”

“The Night Before Christmas”

“Carol of the Bells/What Child is This”

Jeanine Rutter and Carol Woodruff

“O Holy Night”



11:00 pm

Rich Snyder

“Selected Carol Arrangements” by David Lanz

Bill Henderson

“Medley on Do You Hear What I Hear”

Sarah Voelker

“The Rose”

Adam Dostalík

“Ding Dong Merrily on High,”

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Proclamation of the Birth of Christ and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth, when man and woman were formed in God's own image; long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow in the clouds as a sign of the covenant; twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom; eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges; a thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note; in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the founding of the city of Rome; the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; in the sixth age of the world, all earth being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God, Son of the eternal Father, willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy, was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea. Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

Entrance Hymn

“Oh Come, All Ye Faithful”

#283

Christmas Dialog

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

C **He is the Light no darkness can overcome.**

P At darkest night we gather to celebrate the great light of our salvation.

C **With the heavenly host we sing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven."**

P In Christ, God's Word is made flesh and lives among us.

C **With the shepherds, we will tell of the wonders we have seen and heard.**

Hymn

“Go, Tell It On The Mountain”

#290

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you made 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 the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Please be seated

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2–7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined.³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Primera lectura: Isaías 9:2-7

² El pueblo que andaba en la oscuridad ha visto una gran luz; sobre los que vivían en densas tinieblas la luz ha resplandecido.

³ Tú has hecho que la nación crezca; has aumentado su alegría. Y se alegran ellos en tu presencia como cuando recogen la cosecha, como cuando reparten el botín.

⁴ Ciertamente tú has quebrado, como en la derrota de Madián, el yugo que los oprimía, la barra que pesaba sobre sus hombros, el bastón de mando que los subyugaba.

⁵ Todas las botas guerreras que resonaron en la batalla, y toda la ropa teñida en sangre serán arrojadas al fuego, serán consumidas por las llamas.

⁶ Porque nos ha nacido un niño, se nos ha concedido un hijo; la soberanía reposará sobre sus hombros, y se le darán estos *nombres: Consejero admirable, Dios fuerte, Padre eterno, Príncipe de *paz.

⁷ Se extenderán su soberanía y su paz, y no tendrán fin. Gobernará sobre el trono de David y sobre su reino, para establecerlo y sostenerlo con justicia y rectitud desde ahora y para siempre. Esto lo llevará a cabo el celo del SEÑOR

*Todopoderoso.

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

cual trae salvación¹² y nos enseña a rechazar la impiedad y las pasiones mundanas. Así podremos vivir en este mundo con justicia, piedad y dominio propio,¹³ mientras aguardamos la bendita esperanza, es decir, la gloriosa venida de nuestro gran Dios y Salvador Jesucristo.¹⁴ Él se entregó por nosotros para rescatarnos de toda maldad y purificar para sí un pueblo elegido, dedicado a hacer el bien.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Welcoming the Gospel

Hymn “Angels We have Heard on High” #289 VS 1-2

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1–20

Our Christmas Eve story comes from the Gospel of Luke.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. To us is born a Savior.

Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. To us is born a Savior.
Jesus Christ our Lord.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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. To us is born a Savior.
Jesus Christ our Lord.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. To us is born a Savior.
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." To us is born a Savior.
Jesus Christ our Lord.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" To us is born a Savior.
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. To us is born a Savior.
Jesus Christ our Lord.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. To us is born a Savior.

Jesus Christ our Lord.

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. To us is born a Savior.

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrating the Gospel

Hymn: “Angels We Have Heard On High” #289 vs 3

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Refrain Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as you are able

Hymn of the Day “Away In a Manger” #277

Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.



Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Rejoicing in your glory revealed to the world, we offer these and all our prayers to you, O God of our salvation, through Christ our light.
Amen.

All:

God of love, pour out your unifying Spirit upon us. We give you thanks for the blessing of this community of faith. Continue to awaken your gifts in us so we can faithfully build up the body of Christ. Strengthen us to answer the call to the work of your ministry here at Grace. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

Announcements

The Offering

Offertory

**“Still, Still, Still”
“What Child is This?”**

**Manz
#296**

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

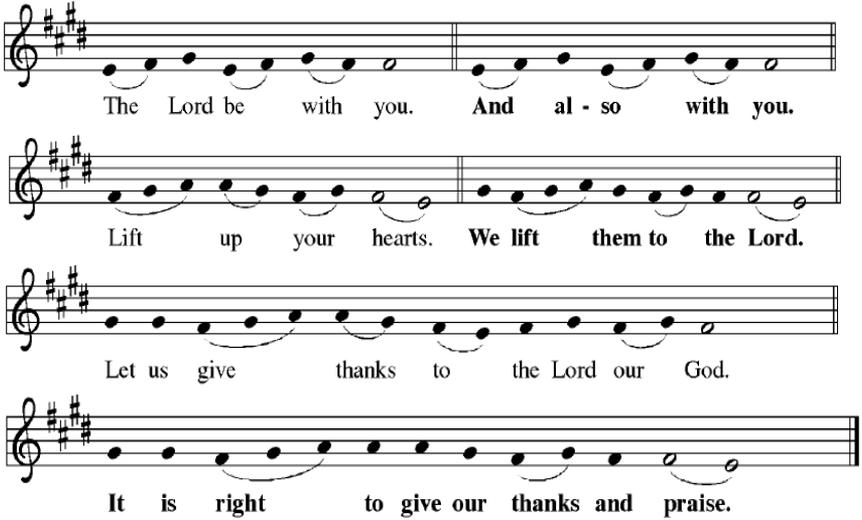
Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

Good and loving God, 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.**

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

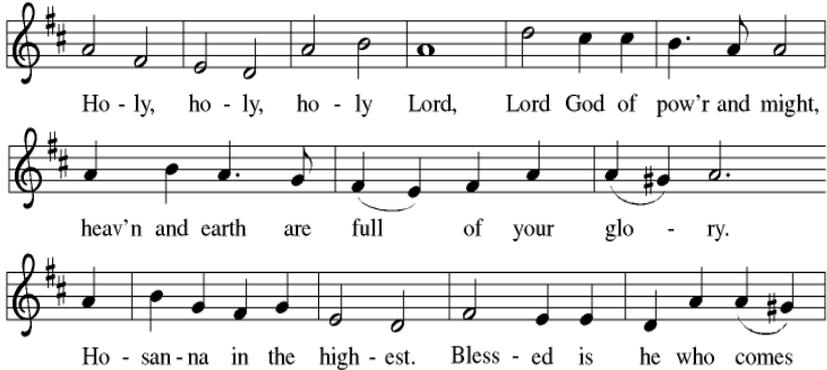
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



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.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

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

Lord's Prayer

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

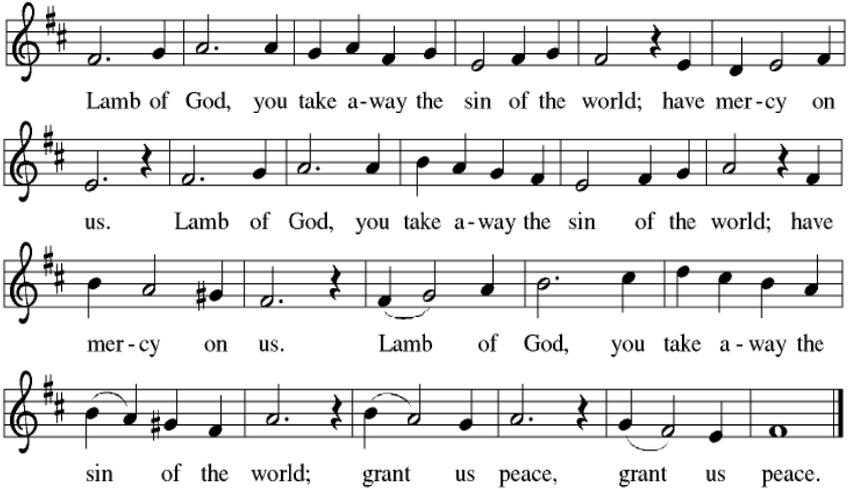
Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to Christ, who comes to us in this holy supper.



Please be seated

Lamb of God



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; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: #279, #276, #272, #282

Please stand as you are able

Prayer after Communion

P: Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Christ. As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

The Gospel of the Incarnation: John 1:1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the aisle and the pastors will commune you in your pew.

Communion – We welcome all people to the Lord’s table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing.

When by intinction: Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).

When by pouring chalice: Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.

In our prayers: Norma Black, Norman Buihner, Frances Engquist, Vivian Feilmann, Joe Honsey, Tom Russell, Stuart Turner, Sarah Williamson, Zelma Wilson, and the others we name before you...

Dec 25 – Time of Fellowship with coffee in the Gathering Hall

Jan 1 – Time of Fellowship with coffee in the Gathering Hall

Adult Bible Study, Text Study, and Wednesday Evening activities will resume the first week of January! See you in the New Year!

Bible Study resumes Tuesday morning Jan 3, from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall, or Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in Esperanza Cafe.

Text Study resumes Wednesday evening Jan 4 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Wednesday Evening activities resume Jan 4 with supper in Grace Hall I between 5:00-6:00 p.m. and continues with Kids activities, book club, English/Spanish class, bell choir, choir, confirmation... don’t miss out!



The next New Member Class will meet January 8, from 1-2 p.m. in the Gathering Hall with Pastor Mike.



Happy Birthday to the following people this week!

Jon Rutter, Stuart Mitchell, Nicole Nelson, Jeffrey Nelson, Marlene Bang, Barbara Berven, Christina Anderson, Ryan Randolph, Linda Rundle, Kevin Krause, Robin Randolph, Marion Nehmer, Drake Carney, Verda Swanson, Jean Thompson, Tina Bickel, Nicholas Best



Happy Anniversary this week to:

Donald and Gloria Moon
Robert and Dorothy Jensen



Poinsettia pick up and deliveries to homebound

members: There are several members of the Grace family who cannot make it to church but would greatly appreciate a visit and a gift of Christmas cheer. A sign-up sheet for delivering poinsettias is located at Volunteer Central. Please consider bringing a plant to one or more

of the people on the list. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) for delivery anytime after the Christmas Day worship service. The building will be open Tuesday through Friday of the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Thank you!



2011 Offerings

All 2011 offerings should be turned into the office by noon on December 29. Thank You!



QUILT AUCTION for LUTHERAN LAKESIDE CAMP

Saturday, April 14, 2012 Grace Lutheran Church. It is exciting that the 2012 Lutheran Lakeside Camp Quilt Auction is going to be held at Grace Lutheran Church. The Quilt Auction is a major fundraiser for Lutheran Lakeside

Camp. Mark your calendars and plan to attend! Help spread the word and invite your friends to come, too.

Quilts and volunteers are needed to make the Auction a success.

Information may be found on the bulletin board across from the Library or contact Helen Ringgenberg @255-2395 or Lhringg@msn.com.



HOLDEN VILLAGE 2012

Fly with **Lutheran Lakeside Camp** to Holden Village in the Washington Cascade Mountains. **August 18-28, 2012**. On the return we spend a full day touring Seattle. Join pilgrims where Christ is the center of daily life. Each day is framed by matins, and community vespers. Christian fellowship is in abundance. Bell and vocal choirs, Bible study, crafts, hiking, fishing, pottery and weaving. Contact: Ranger Z at 712-336-2109 or z@lutheranlakeside.com Request a brochure. Or go on line to www.lutheranlakeside.com (travel ministries)

SANTA FE

Fly with **Lutheran Lakeside Camp** from Des Moines to Albuquerque, New Mexico **September 10-17, 2012**. A time of personal reflection, prayer, meditation, reading, peace and fellowship. Take a pilgrimage to the Spanish missions where the Gospel has been preached for 400 years. **Pastor Mike Schmidt, Grace Lutheran in Des Moines is our chaplain, bible study and worship leader.** Enjoy lectures and tours by local scholars and view stunning religious and contemporary art. Contact: Ranger Z at 712 336 2109 or z@lutheranlakeside.com. Request a brochure or on line to www.lutheranlakeside.com (travel ministries)

This Week at Grace

SATURDAY, December 24

- 4:30 p.m. - Musical prelude to service
- 5:00 p.m. - Holy Communion Worship
- 10:30 p.m. - Musical prelude to service
- 11:00 p.m. - Holy Communion Worship

SUNDAY, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Carlson Family - GH I & Gym

MONDAY, December 26

Grace Office Closed

6:00 – 10:00 p.m. - AA in Grace Hall

TUESDAY, December 27

No Bible Studies

Grace Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, December 28

No Super Wednesday Activities

THURSDAY, December 29

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

FRIDAY, December 30

Grace Office Closed

SATURDAY, December 31

New Years Eve

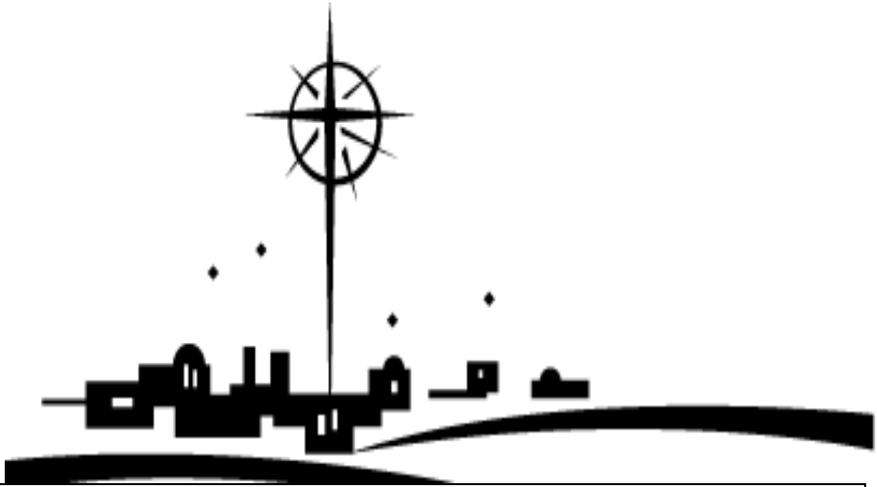
SUNDAY, January 1 New Years

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

Coffee in Gathering Hall

MONDAY, January 2

Office closed



Welcome to Grace!

Ministers – The People of God

Pastor - Michael Schmidt

Director of Laity Ministries - Stephanie Johnson

Grace Kids Care Director - Heather Nelson

Office Administrator - Jackie Holmes

Building/Grounds - Luis Reaza

Receptionist - Diana Johnson

Office Assistant - Michelle Voelker

Interim Organist - Rich Snyder

Ushers –

5:00 - Rick Fry, Kevin Krause, Norm and Lenora Iverson

11:00 - Chuck Denton, Leslie Denton, Paul Nelson, Jay Wangerin

Liturgist - 5:00 Joyce Lewis 11:00 Matt Jordahl

Lighting the Advent Wreaths – 5:00 Ringgenberg Family

11:00 Voelker Family

Lector – 5:00 Rita Stackhouse 11:00 Natasha Voelker

Communion Assistants:

5:00 - Carla and Mike Peterman, Kate Schaller, Susanne Carney

11:00 - Paul and Diana Johnson, Kate Schaller, Natasha Voelker

Acolytes – 5:00 Courtney Brandsfield, Isaac McCleary

11:00 Sawyer Shiffler, Haley and Adam Dostalik

Altar Guild - Sue Anderson, Gail Peterson, Carol Woodruff

Counters – 5:00 Tammy Hagerty, Mike Carney

11:00 Mark Stumme, Tom McCleary (counting on Sunday)

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**For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all
(Titus 2:11).**

Yes

In this world where God creates with deep beauty and profound mystery.
In this world where so many yearn for God's healing and peace.
In this world where some have thought God has forsaken us:

Yes

Here, in this world, the grace of God has appeared.
Not just in this world but for you.

Yes

For you, weary from trying to meet the expectations of others.
For you, worrying about an uncertain future.
For you, wondering if you are worthy.

Yes

For you, the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation.
Not just for you but for all.

Yes

For all, salvation has come in the wonder of God in mercy bending low
to meet us in our humanity.
In the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.
In the power and promise of the gospel's proclamation,
God's goodness and loving-kindness has appeared in the Savior Jesus.

So with angelic messengers and witnessing shepherds, we raise our
voices:

**"Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those
whom he favors."**

Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America