

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**  
**November 30, 2014**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH**

Lord God, heavenly Father, as you promised You sent Your Son to bring salvation to me and all believers in Him. You have promised that He will come again, and as I wait for His coming grant that I, by Your Holy Spirit's power, do not fear that Day but find joy in knowing that I am Your forgiven and redeemed child and an heir of everlasting life. Keep me steadfast in my faith so that by it I might be blameless in Your sight at His return. In Jesus' holy name. Amen

**WELCOME**

**Welcome to Grace!** It is a blessing to have you here this morning, members and visitors alike. It is our prayer that in this time of the Lord's Service to us your faith will be strengthened through the hearing of His Word. As we hear the Good News of salvation in Christ Jesus we respond to God's grace and mercy with our hymns and prayers. Ultimately as you leave this place you will do so refreshed by the Gospel for a week of service to the Lord and your neighbor.

We are glad you are here today! We invite you to come and worship again. We ask everyone to fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher during the Offering. Children will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs. Restrooms are also located downstairs in this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or ushers.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 10:15 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

**AS WE GATHER**

This morning the Church begins a new year. With the arrival of the season we call Advent, the Church begins to tell the story of salvation anew once again. Advent means "coming." In this special season we reflect on the comings of Christ to earth. We think of that coming to a certain place at a certain time in history when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. We know that time and the place of that coming, and we rejoice in the salvation that event brought for us and for all. But that advent is only one of the "comings" we consider in this season. We rejoice that He continues to come to us through Word and Sacrament even as we anticipate His coming again in power and glory at the end of earthly time. That coming is just as certain as was His coming in the flesh some two thousand years ago. Blessed New Year!

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His House by Sharon Withers in memory of her parents Walter and Betty Kirtley Wyma and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Vicar:		David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Lily Woodyard
Cantor:	(8:15)	Joel Junkans
Ushers:	(8:15)	Tommy Borchert
		Sam Cate, Paul Nichols
Greeter:	(8:15)	Paula Walter
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Sandy Price, Pat Funk
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Katie Williams
Cantor:	(10:45)	Ron Krueger
Communion Assistant:	(10:45)	Greg Warren
Ushers:	(10:45)	David Faulkner, Cole Hill
		Wes Mainard, Chris Pils
Greeter:	(10:45)	Dawn Cline
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Ken and Becky Ross
Choir:		Handbell Choir
Coffee Host:		Junior and Senior Youth
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** - The appointed readings for next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday in Advent, are: The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11, The Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14, and The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8.

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# THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Pre-Service Music

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

*Prelude & Fugue in C Minor [BWV 549] - J.S. Bach*

Ringing of the Church Bell

Invocation

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

Introit

*Ps. 25:1–3; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**C** **righteous and having salvation.**
- P** To you, O LORD,  
**C** **I lift up my soul.**
- P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
**C** **let not my enemies exult over me.**
- P** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
**C** **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**
- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen**
- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**C** **righteous and having salvation.**

## The Litany

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** hear us.

**P** God the Father in heaven,

**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**C** have mercy.

**P** God the Holy Spirit,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Spare us, good Lord.

**P** Be gracious to us.

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** From all sin, from all error, from all evil;

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;

From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

**C** Good Lord, deliver us.

**P** By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;

By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;

By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter:

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

**C** Help us, good Lord.

**P** We poor sinners implore You

**C** to hear us, O Lord.

**P** To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to

sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

**C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C we implore You to hear us.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C have mercy.**

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C grant us Your peace.**

**P** O Christ,

**C hear us.**

**P** O Lord,

**C have mercy.**

**P** O Christ,

**C have mercy.**

**P** O Lord,

**C have mercy. Amen**

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. *Refrain* Re - joice! Re - joice!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## Service of the Word

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Anthem

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending - Tyleen Stults*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1-9*

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.  
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you; \*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*  
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

*Ps. 24:7*

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors, \*  
that the King of glory | may come in.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 11:1–10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

*The reading of the Holy Gospel.*

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed (8:15)

**C** 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**

### **Nicene Creed (10:45)**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen**

*Sit*

## Anthem

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - Tyleen Stults*

## Children's Message

## Sermon Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

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## Sermon

*Mark 11:1–10*

*“Savior of the Nations, Come”*

*Stand*

## Offertory

*Psalm 51:10–12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Savior of the Nations, Come [BWV 599] - J.S. Bach*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

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

*Each petition ends with the following:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude with the following:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen**

**10:45 Service continues on the next page**

## Service Concludes (8:15)

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- 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**

## Collect

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen

## Closing Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

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## Postlude

*Savior of the Nations, Come - Paul Manz*



## Service of the Sacrament (10:45)

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**G** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**G** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. 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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

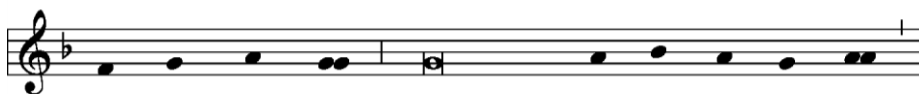
*Matthew 6:9-13*



Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*



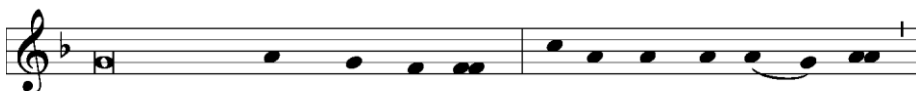
**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{I}$  bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



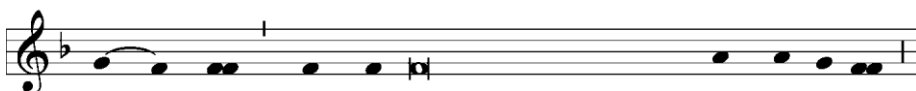
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My  $\text{I}$  blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*



## Distribution

**Communion Instructions:** The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, "Take and drink."

Hymn: The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

Hymn: Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350

Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341

*Stand*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Luke 2:29–32*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

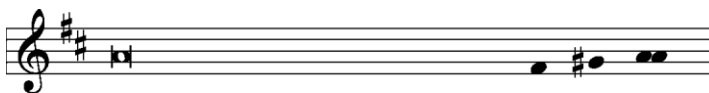
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

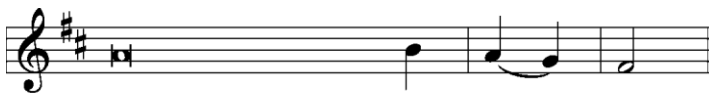
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** 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 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.



**G** A - men.

## Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*



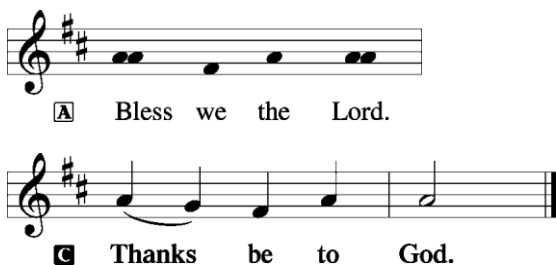
**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

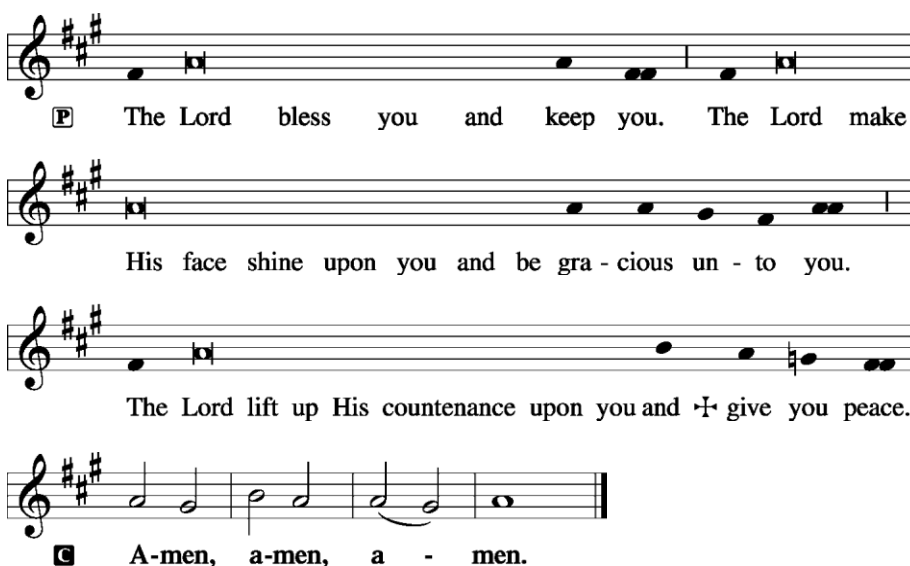
## Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*



## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*



## Closing Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

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## Postlude

*Savior of the Nations, Come - Paul Manz*



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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service  
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor  
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall  
9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church  
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall  
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion

**MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center

**MONDAY:** 7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Study

**TUESDAY:** 12:00 noon – Sit and Sew  
5:15 p.m. – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir  
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir

**WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)  
5:30 p.m. – Advent Dinner  
7:00 p.m. – Advent Evening Prayer Service

**THURSDAY:** 5:15 p.m. – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 2:00 p.m. – Shower for Krista Stein and Blakely Reeder

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Our children will study “Jacob’s Dream” in Sunday School today, a story that shows God renewing His promise to bless all people through Jacob’s family. God kept His promise by giving Jesus to be our Savior. *Your family could discuss, “What reminders does God give us of His promises to us?”*

**PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS** meets each Sunday morning upstairs in Parker Hall. Today Pastor Walter is beginning a new study entitled ***The Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe.*** Have you ever talked with a Mormon? They sound Christian because they say all the right Christian words and phrases: they confess Jesus Christ as their Savior—they even include His Name in their official church name: “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” They baptize in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. They believe in heaven and hell, and they believe you cannot get to heaven without Jesus’ atonement. But is using Christian terms enough to make any of us Christians? Does it mean we have saving faith? This study from Lutheran Hour Ministries will acquaint you with the Mormons—who they are, what they believe, and the meaning behind the Christian phrases that they use, and it will equip you for sharing the truth of Jesus Christ.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in classrooms downstairs in the church.

**THIS MORNING** our coffee and refreshments are being served by our junior and senior youth. You will have the opportunity to give a freewill offering. Part of it` will be used for a youth shopping trip where they will purchase items needed for the children coming into the Department of Children and Family Services-East Office. The other part will be used for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in 2016. Thank you for supporting our youth!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

Dec. 1 – Betty and Chris Pils

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

Dec. 3 – Tommy Borchert, Carol Jones, Beth Paulson

Dec. 4 – Heidi Litwa, Tallulah Ray

Dec. 5 – Caleb Bryant, Kyla Wilbert

Dec. 6 – Lindsey Long, Joshua Ralston

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Pearl Spotts is recovering following a fall.

Bud Evans is continuing his recovery at home.

Carol Jones is recovering at home following surgery.

Joan Ann Olsen is recovering in rehab in Maumelle.

Allen Deislinger is continuing his recovery at home.

Dennis Fastenau has completed his treatments and is recovering at home.

Rudy Bischof has completed treatments and praying for successful test results.

**LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance:** Sunday 11/23: 197 (8:15 – 98 and 10:45 – 99). Thanksgiving Day Service 11/27: 131. **Offerings:** Sunday 11/23: \$6,769.00. Mid-Week Service 11/19: \$40.00. Building Fund: \$125.00. Memorials: \$810.00.

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** to the family of Bobby Drummond who died last Sunday night, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, in Eugene, Oregon. Bobby is the nephew of Janet Killough. Please keep Janet and her family in your prayers.

**BRIDAL SHOWER** - A bridal shower for Krista Stein and Blakely Reeder will be held next **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Parlor. Krista and Blakely will be married on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond, William Sonoma, and The Full Moon. Hostesses are Pat Funk, Sharon LeBlanc, Stephana Loyd, Ginny Ralston, and Paula Walter.

**ADVENT EVENING PRAYER SERVICES** will be held each **Wednesday: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, December 10<sup>th</sup>, and December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** Join us this Wednesday for worship at 7:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m.

**ADVENT DINNERS** will be served at **5:30 p.m.** each Wednesday prior to the Advent Service. This week the Board of Parish Fellowship will be serving soup. Join us for dinner and fellowship before our Advent service.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION** class meets at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday in the Parlor.

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION** class meets at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday in the Parlor.

**SIT AND SEW** will meet on **Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 12:00 noon** in the classroom downstairs in the church. Bring your sewing project and join us...it's great fellowship. Call Sammie Sue Harrill, Riley Middaugh or Carole Nichols for details.

**POINSETTIAS** - We will be decorating the chancel area of our sanctuary with poinsettias for Christmas. If you would like to order a poinsettia, please fill out the form in the bulletin. The cost is \$13.50. The deadline for ordering is **Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please make your check out to Grace Lutheran Church and place it along with the form in the offering place or send it to the church office.

**LUTHERAN BIBLE COMPANION** - Immerse yourself in historical, archaeological, theological, and biblical knowledge with the new two-volume ***Lutheran Bible Companion***. Each book of the Bible – as well as the Apocrypha – is covered in detail along with commentary from Lutheran theologians. Includes more than 600+ color photographs and art, illustrating stories, daily life, and landscapes. Hardback – two volumes – 1,204 and 1,100 pages. Order your copy of the ***Lutheran Bible Companion*** by signing up on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sending your check for \$49.99 to the church office. **The deadline to order is today - November 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**NOTES AND CARDS** - The holidays are fast approaching, please remember our sick and home bound members in your prayers and send them a note or card to let them know we're thinking of them and praying for them.

**THE GRACE YOUTH GROUP** is ready to rake your leaves! If you (or a relative) have a yard full of leaves and want help - we have youth ready to work. We accept donations of any size that will go toward funding raising for the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2016. Contact Dave Roberts or the Church office to schedule a Saturday.

**THANK YOU** - We are so thankful for all of your prayers, phone calls, cards and visits while Dennis was in the hospital, undergoing treatments, and after he returned home. We extend a special thank you to Pastor Walter for all of his visits and pastoral care during this time.  
*God's blessings, Dennis and Judy Fastenau*

**THANK YOU** - To our Grace Family, we want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you for coming and participating in Bill's funeral service, for the ladies who served lunch for us and for your many cards and best wishes.  
*Mildred Wilkins and family*

**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** - We will decorate the trees in the sanctuary for Christmas on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m.** This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to enjoy some sweets and treats!! Join us on December 13<sup>th</sup> – call Angie Proud if you have questions.

## **MEMORIALS -**

**IN MEMORY OF MRS. ARLEEN SAENGER** – mother of Samantha Saenger  
**TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND**  
By Ed and Susan Mahnken

**IN MEMORY OF MR. BILL WILKINS**  
**TO THE GRACE GENERAL FUND**

By Sharon Burks

**TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND**

By Bill and Anita Allaben

Rudy Bischof

Alma Carle

Linda Ferguson

Carroll and Doris Holzhauer

Janet Killough

Ed and Susan Mahnken

Warren and Judy Rivers

Rachel Allen

Bette Bogart

Irvin and Sherry Clawitter

Raymond and Sammye Sue Harrill

Bert and Shirley Jenkins

Ron and Russlynn Krueger

Randy and Riley Middaugh

Elsie Westerfield

**THE GREAT COOKIE WALK**  
**Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Between Services in Parker Hall**

**What is it?** Purchase a bag to fill with an assortment of cookies.  
Proceeds benefit Grace Families with special Christmas needs.

Each year the fundraiser raises over \$700, through your generosity.

Help the effort by baking batches of your favorite cookies  
to donate to the event.

Bring them to church by end of first service that morning.

The JOY Club will set out the amazing selection of treats  
for your choosing.

Purchase a bag for \$7.50 and fill it with an assortment of wonderful homemade cookies.

Take home and enjoy, if you can wait that long!!!

Proceeds benefit Grace Families with special Christmas needs. One of these families is that of Wes and Melanie (Stillman) Davis. Wes is facing a 6-month course of chemotherapy, and will be unable to work during his treatments. We hope to provide loving support during this difficult time for them.

If you have questions, contact Bev Sanders at 425-8806 or  
225-6390 or Riley Middaugh at 240-4035.

**LWML Mission Grant**  
**Supporting Seminary Students**

As Christmas draws near, remember our seminary students in prayer. Some will be staying at the seminary facilities away from families, either alone or with their immediate family. They are so appreciative of financial support; a surprise package in the mail; or a card of encouragement. Celebrate the birth of Jesus by reaching out to a student.

As Christmas draws near, remember in prayer, pastors who have completed their course of study and now shepherd a church family. Many LWML districts support seminary students through the Mission Grant program of the LWML. *“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”* (Romans 10:15b)