

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"THE VIRGIN WILL
conceive
and
GIVE BIRTH
to a
son,
AND THEY WILL
call him
IMMANUEL"

(which means "God with us").

MATTHEW 1:23, NIV



PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
DECEMBER 21ST & DECEMBER 22ND

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU!!

Divine Service with Communion each Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Divine Service with Communion each Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. (ages 2 ½ - grade 8)

Adult and High School Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

Restrooms can be found between the parish hall and the entryway.

Interested in membership at Grace? Pastor Bremer would consider it a privilege to speak with you. Please fill out a pew card expressing your interest or see him after Divine Service.

Radio: Grace, along with St. Paul's, Doniphan, can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on KRGJ—1430 a.m.

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In faithfulness to God's Word we celebrate the Lord's Supper in every Saturday and Sunday Divine Service. Unlike Baptism this Sacrament is to be received again and again for forgiveness and the strengthening of our Christian faith. Also in faithfulness to God's Word we practice closed communion. Our faith is not exclusive but God says that we should have unity of faith and doctrine (which Communion expresses). As we receive His gift today we would ask all visitors and guests to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they speak to Pastor Bremer. We also ask that those members who have not communed in the past 6 months to also speak to the pastor before communing once again. For further instruction please turn to Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 in the hymnal. These questions/answers are for those who desire to receive the sacrament.

Divine Service, Setting Four

4th Sunday in Advent – December 22nd, 2019

Opening Hymn “Savior of the Nations, Come”

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Confession and Absolution

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Introit (*Italics-Cantor, Bold-Congregation*)



Oh that you would rend the heavens / and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your / presence.*

**I wait for the LORD, my / soul waits,*
and in his / word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the / morning,
more than watchmen for the / morning.*

**O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is / steadfast
love,***

and with him is plentiful re- / demption.

And he will redeem / Israel
from all his in- / iquities.*

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit;**

as it was in the be- / ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Oh that you would rend the heavens / and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your / presence.*

Kyrie/ Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us
by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be
quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.”

¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*sung by the Cantor*)

*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

Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (Saturday)

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse of the Day (*sung by the Cantor*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (*Inside Back Cover of Hymnal*)

Hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 357
(Cantors sing vs 4)

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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Closing Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” # 340

COMMUNION -- To help pastor, elders and visiting pastors during communion, if you prefer the common cup please place your hands with both palms up. Thank you for your help in this manner.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Saturday: 27

Sunday: 132

This Week at Grace....

Today	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Children's Christmas Program	11:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Christmas Day Service	9:00 a.m.
Saturday	Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
Next Sunday	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class/Sunday School	10:30 a.m.

THOSE SERVING US THIS MORNING

ELDERS ON DUTY:	Karl Heck/Stu Endorf
ORGANIST:	Shawn Pfanstiel
CANTOR:	Karl Heck
TODAY'S GREETERS/USHERS:	Mike & Kyla Endorf
	Caleb Pobanz/Duane Buss
NEXT WEEKS GREETERS/USHERS:	Jon & Vickie Paulman
	Marilyn Fischer/Dean Bierhaus
TODAY'S DOOR MONITOR:	Keith Pobanz
NEXT WEEKS DOOR MONITOR:	Kevin Liess
CRUCIFER:	Gavin Link
ACOLYTE:	Braxtyn Lemos
RADIO SERVICE SPONSOR:	St. Paul's, Doniphan

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The Children's Christmas program is **TODAY**, at 11am.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN: Orphan Grain Train is in need of plastic grocery and shopping bags (ie: Walmart, Hyvee, etc) The bags are cut into strips and crocheted into sleeping mats by residents of Good Samaritan Village. The made up mats are shipped to the less fortunate by Orphan Grain Train. Please place your bags in a tub provided under the coat rack at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call Judy Rosenkotter at 308-384-4070
Thanks!

ATTENTION: There will **NOT** be a New Year's Eve service this year. Please disregard it on the December calendar.

SUMMER YOUTH TRIP: Any confirmed youth interested in going to the Higher Things conference @ NW Missouri State University, Maryville, MO, July 7-10 (this coming summer), please let pastor know. We will also have a meeting on January 5 right after church to hand out more details.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON REPLACEMENTS: Ruth Strauch and Marilyn Fischer have been co-chairing the luncheons for funerals for several years, and are looking to step down. The process is much easier with two people, so they are looking for two replacements that will help with this responsibility. If you have any questions, or want to help with this, please talk with Ruth Strauch.

YEAR END FINANCES: Thank you for the extra gifts we have been receiving the past couple weeks. Our offerings are trending in the right direction, but YTD offerings remain a little behind our budget. Please continue your support to help us finish favorably for the year and provide us a jumpstart to 2020. Gifts of stock or required retirement distributions can also be arranged. Thank you!