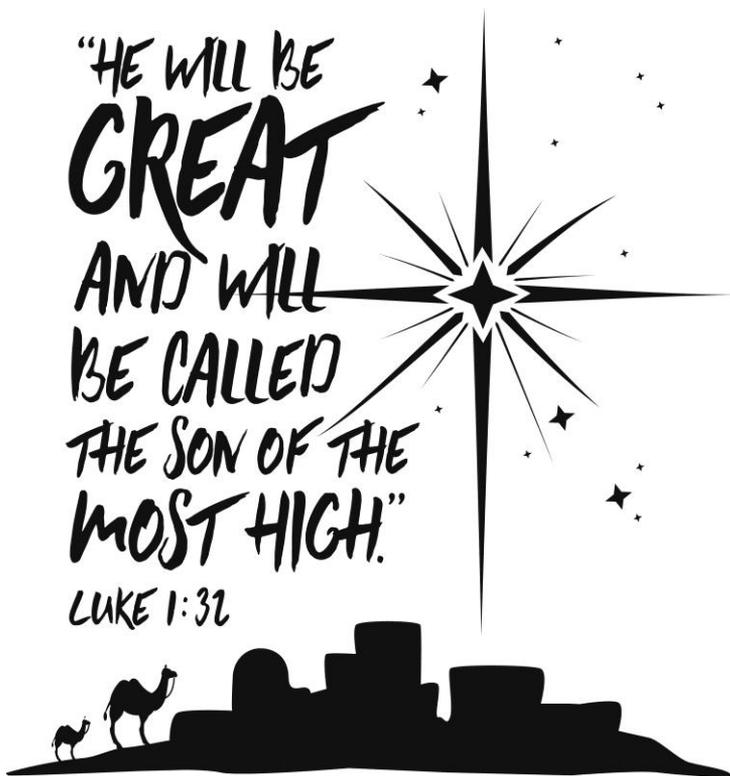


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"HE WILL BE
GREAT
AND WILL
BE CALLED
THE SON OF THE
MOST HIGH."

LUKE 1:32



PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
DECEMBER 23RD & 24TH, 2017

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 KRGI—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.

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4th Sunday in Advent -- December 24th, 2017

Hymn “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” #356

Confession and Absolution – p. 184

Introit (*Cantor/Congregation*)



*Show, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down /
righteousness,**

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may / bear fruit.

**The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his |
handiwork.***

In them he has set a tent | for the sun,
*which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his / chamber,**
and, like a strong man, runs its / course with joy.

**Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of
them,***

and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.

Glorify 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.

*Show, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down /
righteousness,**

let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may / bear fruit.

Kyrie – p. 186

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



Q And with thy spir - it.

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.



Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.” ⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*is 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

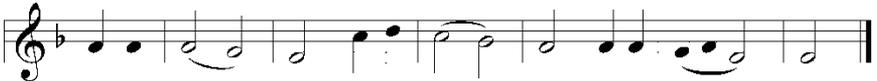
Romans 16:25–27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Saturday)



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

Verse (sung by the Cantor)

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26–38

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the

Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed – (Inside Back Cover of Hymnal)

Hymn – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 357
(Cantor will sing verse 4)

Sermon

Offering

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Prayers of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

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Hymn “What Child Is This” # 370

