

SAVING GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Second Sunday in Advent
Saturday, December 6, 2025 @ 3pm
Sunday, December 7, 2025 @ 8:30am, Livestreamed

INVOCATION In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn **“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”** **Hymn #31**

**Wake, awake, for night is flying, The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: “Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bride-groom comes! Awake; Your lamps with gladness take!”
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord, Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.**

**Zion hears the watchmen singing, And in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom, For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her star is ris’n; her light is come.
Oh, come, you Blessed One, Lord Jesus, God’s own Son.
Sing hosanna! We go until the halls we view Where you have bid us dine with you.**

**Now let all the heav’ns adore you, And saints and angels sing before you.
The harps and cymbals all unite. Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal, We gather round your dazzling light.
No eye has seen, no ear Has yet been trained to hear.
What joy is ours! Crescendos rise; your halls sound; Hosannas blend in cosmic sound.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9)

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen

Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with You.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, we are at home in your Son Jesus Christ. In your presence we have always had enough for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - BETHLEHEM

READING	1 Samuel 16:4a, 10-13	OT p. 257
Advent Hymn	"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	(vs. 1) Hymn #41
<p>O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.</p>		

THE WORD

FIRST READING	Isaiah 11:1-10	OT p. 627
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i>		
SECOND READING	Romans 15:4-13	NT p. 1037
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i>		
SPECIAL MUSIC (SUNDAY)	"Carol of the Bells" Shayla Menter (piano), Denny Menter (guitar)	
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Alleluia"	p. 83
<p>Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.</p>		
GOSPEL	Matthew 3:1-12	NT p. 880
<i>(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")</i> <i>(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")</i>		
SERMON	"No Place Like Home"	Pastor Dan Doran

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day	"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"	Hymn #34
<p>Oh, come, oh, come Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear <i>Refrain:</i> Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to you, O Israel.</p> <p>Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might, Who to your tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times once gave the law In cloud, and majesty, and awe. <i>Refrain</i></p>		

**Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free Your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.**

Refrain

**Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Refrain

**Oh, come, O Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery.**

Refrain

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

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. Amen**

BLESSING AND PRAYER

Sending Hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem" (v. 2-4) Hymn #41

**For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.**

**O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!**

**How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear my hear his coming; But, in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!**

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL Go in peace and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God!

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
²May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
³May the mountains yield prosperity for the
people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the
people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

⁵May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all the
generations.
⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
⁷In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no
more.

¹⁸Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
¹⁹Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.
Amen and Amen.

Notes:



A member of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
3735 Jeffers Rd, Eau Claire, WI 54703
715 - 514 - 3552
www.saving-gracechurch.com

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

WORSHIP:

Sat 5:00 pm, Radio Broadcast on FM 107.1

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am Livestream

David Irgens, Senior Pastor, Dan Doran, Associate Pastor

Katherine Altreuter, Office Administrator, Music Director

Cheryl Eberhardt, Education Director, Keith Muchow, Videography

Kayla Shoemaker, Saturday Pianist, Shayla Menter, Sunday Pianist, Seth Anderson-Lind, Audio

All music reprinted/podcast/streamed with permission under One License #A-738182 and CCLI License #1113414