Saving Grace Lutheran Church



The First Sunday of Advent
Saturday, November 28, 2026 @ 3pm
Sunday, November 29, 2026 @ 8:30am, Live-Streamed

Invocation

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

Opening Hymn **"Fling Wide the Door"** **Hymn #32**

Confession and Forgiveness

Heavenly Father, you have made us your people. We are the work of your hands.

Left to our own devices, we choose sin. Do not remember our iniquity, but please remember your mercy.

Jesus, you have provided the grace of God for us so that we will be blameless on the day when you come again.

We confess with our lips and believe in our heart the message about Jesus, the Son of God.

Holy Spirit, you comfort us and guide us until the Lord Jesus returns.

Our flesh is weak, but we pray that you would strengthen our spirit to stay alert and awake until the day of Christ's second coming.

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

Almighty God, give us endurance to press on as we wait for Christ's return. We rely completely on your grace in our lives as you've provided for us in our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 have a hard time being patient. We might not want to wait even until Christmas to open gifts that have been given to us. How much more difficult it is for us to wait in our present suffering until Christ's return. Give us patience 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 Wreath: *Candle of Prophecy*

Advent Hymn "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" (vs. 4) Hymn #54

The Word

First Reading **Isaiah 64:1-9** **OT p. 680**
*(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, **"Thanks be to God"**)*

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** **NT p. 1040**
*(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, **"Thanks be to God"**)*

Special Music (Sun.) **"Forgiveness" Mary Burce (spoken word)**

Gospel Acclamation "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (vs. 2) Hymn #30

Gospel **Mark 13:24-37** **NT p. 927**
*(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says **"Glory to you, O Lord"**)*
*(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, **"Praise to you, O Christ"**)*

Sermon **"The Future Kingdom"** **Pastor Dan Doran**

Response to the Word

Hymn of the Day **"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"** **Hymn #31**

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 *(You may be seated.)*
Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Communion (Saturday)

Lord's Prayer (Sung)
Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 (Saturday)

Sending

Sending Hymn **"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel" (vs. 1-3, 5) Hymn #34**

Benediction & Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (7)

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!

3 Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

4 O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
6 You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.
18 Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.

19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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