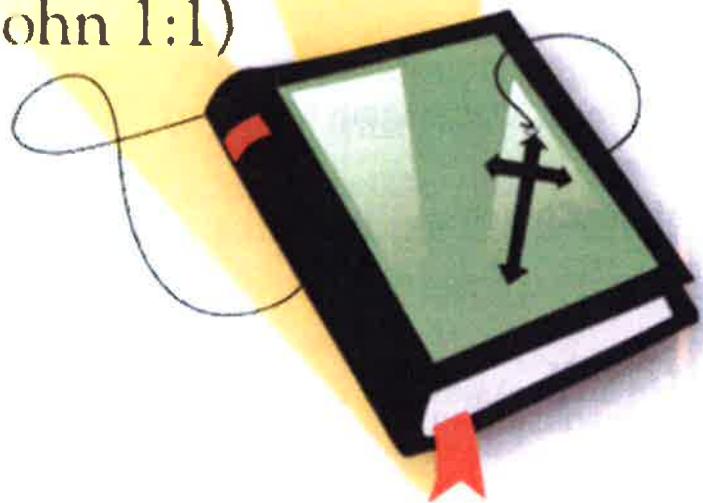


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you to
The Great Thanksgiving*

"In the Beginning
was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God."

(John 1:1)



*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

January 2, 2022

Pastor Jim Helgren

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We carry the "light" out into the world! Depart to serve!



Today's Readings

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 2, 2022

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the **LORD**:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O **LORD**, your people,
the remnant of Israel."
⁸See, I am going to bring them from
the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts
of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor,
together;
a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them
back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not
stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the **LORD**, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

¹¹For the **LORD** has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too
strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the
height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the
goodness of the **LORD**,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and
the herd;
their life shall become like a watered
garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in
the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be
merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them
gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with
my bounty,
says the **LORD**.

or Sirach 24:1-12 [not printed]

Psalm

Worship the **LORD**, ¹ O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹ God, O Zion,
¹³who has strengthened the bars
¹ of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹ dren
within you.

Psalm 147:12-20; tone 1

¹⁴God has established peace ¹ on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹ finest wheat.
¹⁵God sends out a command ¹ to the earth,
a word that runs ¹ very swiftly.
¹⁶God gives ¹ snow like wool,
scattering ¹ frost like ashes.

continued

Psalm, continued

¹⁷God scatters ¹ hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹ gainst God's cold?
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹ word
and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹ waters flow.

¹⁹God declares the ¹ word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ ments to Israel.
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any
other nation;
they do not know God's judgments.
¹ Hallelujah!

or Wisdom 10:15-21 [not printed]

Second Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set

forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Gospel

[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his

own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

TODAY'S READINGS January 2, 2022

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AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,
Linda Daniels, Julie Eden, Eric Fass, Mary Goudie, Jan Rader,
Joan Staack*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.

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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box
in the south office. You may email the church office
grace68329@gmail.com*

The 2022 Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 16th following joint worship with Hope at 10:00 a.m.

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of Worship Duty – sign up sheet is at the back of the church.

*Offering envelopes and ELCW Yearbooks are ready to be picked up.
They are in the back of the church.*

Thank you to everyone who brought Poinsettias to share with us. Please be sure to stop by and pick yours up if you would like to enjoy it at your home.

**Thank you for your donations! We were able to sponsor
4 Tanzanian Orphan Scholarships this year! More
information on the orphans will be coming.**

Today 1/2/22

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

No Sunday School

Tuesday 1/4/22

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – All Day

Wednesday 1/5/22

Confirmation – 4:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 1/9/22

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

