



GRACE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES-LCMS CHURCH & SCHOOL
BLENDED SERVICE
JANUARY 12, 2020

*Passionate servants, partnering with the community to
transform lives through Jesus for eternity.*



Welcome, members and visitors alike, to worship at Grace Lutheran Church. We are honored by your presence here today.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00 AM	1 st Sundays..... Blended Service with Communion
	2 nd Sundays..... Blended Service
	3 rd Sundays Traditional Service with Communion
	4 th Sundays Traditional Service
	5 th Sundays Blended Service with Communion
10:45 AM	1 st & 3 rd Sundays Contemporary Praise
	2 nd , 4 th , & 5 th Sundays.. Contemporary Praise with Communion

Adult Bible classes located in the Family Life Center at 9:30 AM



YOUNG CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are located in the church narthex. The bags contain a variety of activities to engage your child during the worship service. Ask the greeter or an usher for an activity bag if you did not get one upon entering church! Please return the bag at the close of the worship service.

ACTIVITY BULLETINS FOR CHILDREN 7-12 are also available. These bulletins are designed to coordinate with each Sunday's designated Bible Readings. Ask an usher to get yours!

OFFICE INFORMATION

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EPIPHANY

Welcome

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Ps. 100:1-2

Welcome

Announcements

Greeting

Invocation

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

What hope we hold this starlit night:
A King is born in Bethlehem.
Our journey long, we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground.

What fear we felt in the silent age,
Four-hundred years can He be found?
But broken by a baby's cry;
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground.

(Chorus)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
God incarnate, here to dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Praise His name, Emmanuel.

The Son of God, here, born to bleed;
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow.
And we beheld this offering,
Exalted now, the King of kings,
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground. *(Chorus x2)*

Praise His name, Emmanuel.
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Confession

☞ O Lord, You are good, but I am enslaved by sin. The good I want to do I do not do, and the evil I hate I keep on doing. Enslaved by my sin, I have been selfish instead of giving. I have caved into temptations instead of standing firm against them. And I have allowed my love for the things in life that you have given to me to compete with my love for You. Lord, forgive me and set me free from this slavery to sin. Amen.

Forgiveness

"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses." --Acts 13:38-40

As With Gladness Men of Old (LSB 397)

?As with gladness men of old, Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led by Thee.

As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,
There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek Thy mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare, At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day, Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

In the heav'nly country bright, Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;
There forever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

Prayer

Meeting Jesus Through His Word

"Guide me in your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths" Ps 25:4

Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me
for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written
briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,
⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now
been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the
Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in
Christ Jesus through the gospel.
⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was
given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the

saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Matthew 2:1–12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.”⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was.¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering

We ask that you please sign the red "friendship" pad as it is passed down the pews during the offering. The information you share with us will help us to better assist you, visitor or member. Thank you.

Children's Message

Donna Behnken

Message

Pastor Russ Gipson

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

(Chorus)

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. *(Chorus)*

All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world. *(Chorus)*

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Prayers of the Church

&

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 and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

Now Sing We Now Rejoice (LSB 386)

Now sing we, now rejoice,
Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth
Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth
The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit,
Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

Now through His Son doth shine
The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us
A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing
With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing
In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!



PRAYER/COUNSEL WITH AN ELDER

Immediately following this morning's services, an elder will be located up front, and will be available to speak with anyone needing prayer or counsel. Please feel free to speak with the elder if you have any needs or concerns.

OUR PRAYERS

Give strength to those fighting cancer:

Ruth House; **John** Espil; **Gail** McLennan; **Reece** Stringer; **Pat** Randell; **Caleb** James; **Byron** Batteiger; **Dan** Link; **Jill** Henning; **Sonia** Simmons Robinson; **Regina** West, *mother of Leslie Luchner*; **Roger** Baumann & **Rachel** O'Neal, *brother and niece of Jim Baumann*; **Gary** Sweet; **Susy** Rodriguez; **Janie** Campbell; **John** Neal; **Debbie** Lee; **Nancy** Von Hellens; **Jim** Linberg; **Debbie** Bogema; **Lynda** Bates; **Sherree** Harness; **Billy** Childers; **Sue** Bowden; **Deborah** Johnson; **Rose** Albert; **Lisa** Fussell-Johnson

Grant healing and recovery from diseases, surgeries, injuries:

George Doss; **Ruth** Jurenko; **Marsha** Jones; **David** Carrington; **Carol** Dinkel; **Silver** LaDuke; **Wanda** Littleton; **Clint** Kephart; **Candi** Andrews; **Brian** Dunn; **Betty Jane** Walker; **Jim** Reece; **Katie** Jones; **JP** Patterson; **Debra** Olsen; **Marilyn** Walker; **Joyce** Larder; **Shirley** Olson; **Barbara** Beland; **Jan** Stewart; **Phyllis** Ford; **Janet** Tucker; **Shirley** Counts; **Mitch** Wilson, *grandson of Tom & Sue Wing*; **Carolyn** Chandler, *mother of Annette Rullman*; **Kelly** Grounds; **Mary** Conner; **Brittany** Thomas; **Alice** Williams; **Patricia** Hill, *mother of Karen Scott*; **Emmie** Langford; **John** Rist; **Sue** Stubbs; **Chelsea**, *friend of Mary Connor*; **Kathey** Benham; **Tamara** Fuller; **Myrtle** Skipton; **Shannon** Felice; **Eloise** Meyer; **Jackie** Rullman; **Marlene & Giles** Dail; **Elaine** Eyer; **Krissie** Camealy, *daughter in law of Craig and Marion Camealy*; **Cailey** Moak; **Racheal** Brown; **Denise** Boyer; **Joan** Ray; **Kris** Wyszinski; **Rose** Luther, *sister of Elisabeth Royston*; **Darrell** Deam; **Mary** Larson; **Sarah** Wyszinski; **Paul** Counts; **Pat** Carlson; **Betty** Culver, *mother of Debbie Satterfield*; **Elisabeth** Royston; **Abby** Vaughn; **Lisa** Kelly; **Ronnie** Watson, *son-in-law of Leonard Crain*;

**In order to keep current with health problems, this paragraph will be updated every three weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Keep our soldiers and missionaries safe as they serve stateside and overseas:

Keith Little (Iraq); **Frank** Myers (GA); **Bianca** Philson (KS); **Zach** Gentry (Kuwait); **Julie** Lutz (New Guinea); **Bradley** Rullman (Syria); **Wade** Gallup (WA); **Andrew** Kelly (Afghanistan); **Tommy** Plummer (Connecticut); **Marc** Johnson (Georgia); **Jonathan** Doss (Iraq); **Dakota**; **Kyle** Cypher; **Rodger** Dail; **Jordan** Clark; **Jeremy** Luther; **Nico** Caponey (Iraq); **Jake** Comeau (Parris Island); **Abigail** Tomkovich (Afganistan); **Jason** Charlton (Kuwait); **Fiona** Halbritter; **Justin** Alford (Afganistan); **Eric** Witteveen (Germany); **Joey** Hoecherl (MD); **Lucas** Gant (VA); **Ashleigh & Alan** Schumann (TX)

**In order to update our people serving in the military and our missionaries, please call the Church Office with their names and current duty stations.*

Give our homebound comfort, peace, and joy:

Morton Archibald; **Trish** Landwehr; **Dick** Olson; **Melinda** Rust; **Kay** Schumann; **Jane** Walker; **Jean** Strandemo

Please continue to keep these students in your prayers during their studies at college.

Megan Finley; **Ben** Gillard; **Rachel** Howell; **Brendan** O'Brien; **Julianna** Speck; **Sophie** Thorsen; **Katie** Trausch; **Helen** Steeve; **Emma** Miller; **Sarah** Miller; **Josh** Miller; **Emma** Jagger; **Megan** Zecher; **Kristin** Thoms; **Elaina** Muterspaugh; **Morgan Elizabeth** Renfroe; **Laura** Steeve; **Jeremy** Bailey; **Rachel** Hollings; **Andrea** Johnson; **Lexi** Presley; **Elizabeth** Townsend; **Aaron** Zecher; **Andrew** Mutterspaugh; **Madison** Masters



Altar flowers are placed this morning in celebration and thanksgiving for Nancy Rice's birthday.



WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We encourage first-time guests to stop by the Welcome Center area and receive a free gift of our appreciation for your worship at Grace Lutheran. We welcome receiving contact information about you so we might develop a relationship with you to understand particular interests or needs.

FELLOWSHIP WITH US!

MEET & GREET is held after the close of the 8:00 AM worship service in **FLC Cafeteria**. Coffee and a variety of snack refreshments are available! You are invited to participate in this activity!



CHILD CARE is available for children who need a quiet atmosphere during the worship service and/or Sunday School hour. We offer care for toddlers through age 4 in the room with windows to the sanctuary. Katie Hayden is the nursery/child care staff person. We ask parents leaving their child in the nursery to sign-in and sign-out along with providing their cell phone number.

Today!

Sunday, January 12, 2020

DEDICATION OF THE NEW FLC CLASSROOMS

On **January 12, at 9:30 AM**, we will gather in the **FLC Gym** for a special celebration and a dedication service for our new classrooms. This event will be the culmination of a very successful Capital Investment Campaign, and will mark a special moment in the history of Grace Lutheran Church and School. Plan to come to this dedication, and to participate in a **prayer walk** led by our Elders' Ministry Team, as well as a tour of the new space.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING!

There will be a Voters' Assembly Meeting on **January 12, 2019**. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary following the 10:45 worship service, at approximately 12:00 noon.

AGENDA ITEM - NEW PRINCIPAL CALL

The Principal Call Committee has prepared information sheets on each of the three candidates who came to visit her at Grace. Be sure to pick up your copy at the visitor center in the church Narthex prior to the meeting.

SAINTS' ALIVE will host a planning session meeting on **Wednesday, January 15 at 10 AM** in the choir room. We will be host to **Melissa Kirdindall** who will talk about Hummingbirds. Any senior adult is encouraged to attend. The group will have lunch after the meeting at a local restaurant.

USHER TRAINING SEMINAR - Pastor Russ and the Elder's Ministry Team are going to host an **Usher Training Seminar on January 25 at 8:30 a.m.** Pastor and the Elder's Ministry Team have been working on our procedures and practices on Sunday Mornings for keeping our services safe and minimizing distractions to worship. All ushers are asked to attend this Seminar.

PORTALS OF PRAYER - Portals of Prayer are devotion booklets offered by Concordia Publishing House. Grace provides these booklets of daily devotions for free to anyone who is interested in having one. You can find the most recent publication on the information rack in the church Narthex. If you're looking for a daily devotion to start off the new year, you are welcome to pick one up. Large print copies are also available.

GRACE LUTHERAN HOMEBOUND MEMBERS - Many of you know our homebound members. It's very difficult for those who have been active and involved church members over the years to be isolated. Pastor and our elders visit on a regular basis but their time is limited. Consider sending a card or going to visit one of our homebound members once in a while. The church has all the contact information you would need. Contact Nancy Steeve if you would like more information.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP CALENDAR - A new calendar for signing up to provide altar flowers has been posted on the bulletin board beside the church office for anyone who would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion or remembrance. Just put your name and the event/remembrance on the calendar, and put a check for \$25 (payable to Grace Lutheran with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line) in the offering plate. To make requests for specific flowers or colors, contact Huntsville Florist at (256) 536-4449.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!

Are you looking for a way to get involved in the **Worship** ministry here at Grace Lutheran? If you are, consider one of two ways you could serve and fill a need at your church home.

Video Person - If you would enjoy contributing to the **10:45 worship service** by controlling the screens used to guide worship, this opportunity might be for you! Training on using the computer is available. Contact the church office (**256-881-0552 or secretary@gracelutheran-hsv.org**) to volunteer or for more information.

Altar Guild - Would you be interested in working behind the scenes to prepare the sanctuary for worship services? The Grace Lutheran Altar Guild is looking to add team members to help with this essential task. If you are interested in serving in this capacity for **either the 8:00 or 10:45 service**, contact the church office.

† MAY
THE LORD
BLESS YOU
AND KEEP YOU;
† THE LORD
MAKE HIS FACE
TO SHINE UPON
YOU AND BE
GRACIOUS
UNTO YOU;
† THE LORD
LIFT UP HIS
COUNTENANCE
UPON YOU,
† AND GIVE YOU
PEACE.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE/OFFERING

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 AM - 128 | 10:45 AM - 119 | Total - 247

Offerings to General Fund

Needed each week	\$ 15,865.38
Last Week (1-5-2020)	\$ 18,354.50
Fiscal Year Giving to Date	\$ 382,995.13
Budget to Date (15,865.38* 23)	\$ 364,903.74
Total FY Budget approved by Cong.	\$ 825,000.00

Sacrificial Giving to Retire Our Debt

Mortgage needed monthly	\$ 7,412.09
Debt Retirement (1-5-2020)	\$ 150.00
Total for the Month of January	\$ 150.00
Remaining Debt Balance (as of 1-1-2020)	\$ 513,554.16

Capital Investment Campaign

Capital Campaign (1-5-2020)	\$ 6,207.50
Total for the month of January	\$ 6,207.50
Total Capital Campaign	\$ 872,052.04

THOSE WHO SERVE

MESSAGE		Pastor Russ Gipson
MUSIC	8:00 AM	Elisa Gipson
	10:45 AM	Praise Team
ELDERS	8:00 AM	Gene Satterfield
	10:45 AM	Dick Bradshaw
USHERS	8:00 AM	Jon & Pam Stieglitz & Larry Woellhart
	10:45 AM	Mike & Jackie Huhlein
GREETERS	8:00 AM	Karen Crout & Julie McFerrin
	10:45 AM	Nancy Steeve & Ed Hoover
WELCOME CENTER	8:00 AM	Bob & Sabina Wank
	10:45 AM	Sylvia Miller
AUDIO/VIDEO	8:00 AM	Stephen Wank/Paul Evans
	10:45 AM	Brian Steeve/Bob Drensek
ACOLYTE	8:00 AM	Drew Arreola & Kimberly Mendoza
	10:45 AM	EJ Hill



Sunday January 12, 2020
 8:00 AM Blended Worship
 9:15 AM Meet & Greet
 9:30 AM Dedication of PLC Classrooms
 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship **
 12:00 PM Congregational Assembly Mtg.

Monday January 13, 2020
 1:00 PM Bible Study (Church Library)
 6:00 PM LOG Board Meeting

Tuesday January 14, 2020
 9:30 AM Bible Study (Church Library)
 7:00 PM AA Meeting (Assembly Room)

Wednesday January 15, 2020
 9:45 AM Saints Alive Planning Meeting
 7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday January 16, 2020
 6:30 PM Bradshaw Bible Study

Friday January 17, 2020
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday January 18, 2020

Sunday January 19, 2020
 8:00 AM Traditional Worship **
 9:15 AM Meet & Greet
 9:30 AM Bible Study
 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship

** - Communion Service



Our Staff

Pastor.....Pastor Russ Gipson
 Principal..... Mike Ellis (Interim)
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 Office ManagerKelly Jenks
 Director of Outreach Gene Menzel
 Receptionist.....Laura Ohme

Elder Ministry Team

Michael Beutel	Mike Huhlein
Mike Banzhoff	Scott Jagger
Dick Bradshaw	Dexter McClure
Craig Camealy	Kevin Pedersen
Jason Cuny	Gene Satterfield
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