



“Sing Aloud”
Third Sunday of Advent
December 16, 2018

KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

VISIT

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

WORSHIP

As we move farther into the Advent season, the readings for the Third Sunday in Advent tell us to rejoice because the Lord is near and comes with salvation.

- In the Old Testament reading, the prophet Zephaniah urges us to rejoice and sing because the Lord has cleared away our enemies, taken away the judgments against us, and has come to reign in our midst. He rejoices over us!
- Likewise, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to rejoice, pray, and give thanks for our forgiveness in Christ.
- The Gospel reading presents an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. He called to Jesus from prison and was strengthened by Jesus' assurance that his kingdom had come as had long been promised!

STUDY TODAY, 12/16, at 9:30 AM

- "Ephesians" with Pastor Ekhooff
- "Catechism: Baptism" with Pastor Ferkenstad
- "Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" with Pastor Mark Gungor via DVD
- (Pastor Wiechmann is preparing the youth for the Christmas service)

ENCOURAGE NEXT WEEK, 12/23, AT 9:30 AM

- coffee, refreshments, and friendship
- no Bible studies

DIVINE SERVICE RITE 2 – PAGE 60

The Divine Service Rite 2 is also known as "The Common Service." It is a version of the traditional, historic liturgy (order of service) of the Christian Church. In this service, we confess our sins and are forgiven, we hear God's Word read and preached, and we unite with our Savior in Holy Communion.

OPENING HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" | #103 v.1-3

INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND ABSOLUTION*Page 60***GLORIA PATRI, KYRIE ELEISON, AND GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO***Page 62***SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY***Page 66*

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Word

EPISTLE READING*Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

SHEPHERD'S CANDLE HYMN*"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" | #123 v.6 & 14***GOSPEL READING***Luke 7:18-28*

John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?" When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?'" At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." After John's messengers left, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear expensive clothes and indulge in luxury are in palaces. But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

SERMON HYMN

“Rise, Children of the Kingdom” | #105

SERMON

*Zephaniah 3:14-20***“Sing Aloud”**

SING, O DAUGHTER OF ZION; SHOUT ALOUD, O ISRAEL! BE GLAD AND REJOICE with all your heart, O Daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away your punishment, he has turned back your enemy. The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm. On that day they will say to Jerusalem, “Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands hang limp. The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing. I will remove from you all who mourn over the loss of your appointed festivals, which is a burden and reproach for you. At that time I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame. At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes,” says the Lord.

OFFERING

The offering is given by the members of King of Grace as a fruit of faith to thank God for how He provides for our earthly needs daily and richly. If you are visiting us today, please do not feel compelled to participate.

OFFERTORY HYMN*“Create In Me” | Page 70***PRAYERS*****The Sacrament – Page 72***

We desire to have all commune with us at the Lord’s Table. However, since Scripture encourages us to ‘recognize the body and blood of the Lord’, ‘examine ourselves’, and join together as ‘one body’, we ask our visitors to allow us the opportunity to share our beliefs before joining us in this act of fellowship. By this practice, we are in no way judging your personal faith in Jesus. We look forward to sharing our beliefs with you so



that together we can make a true expression of oneness at the Lord's Table. We are happy to have you worship with us!

THE PREFACE AND SANCTUS Page 72

LORD'S PRAYER, INSTITUTION, AND LAMB OF GOD Page 77

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *"Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness" | #328*
"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" | #325

Personal Prayer for After Holy Communion: Merciful Redeemer, you have fulfilled your promises. At Your Table I have received nourishment for my soul. You have wiped away my sins and have put on me the garments of Your righteousness. Let this Sacrament be in me a power overcoming unbelief and doubt, conquering temptations and evil desires, and enabling me to live according to Your will. Having been a guest at Your Table, help me to share the Bread of Life with others, that they too may share in my joy and happiness. To You and the Father and the Holy Spirit be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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CALENDAR December 16 – December 23

SUNDAY	8:15 AM 9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Communion Service Bible Study Youth Christmas Service
TUESDAY	9:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study Pioneers Jesus Cares Board of Youth
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM	CDS Advent Worship Service
THURSDAY	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
FRIDAY	8:30 AM	Chapel Service
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
SUNDAY	8:15 AM 10:45 AM	Worship Service Worship Service

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher.....Rev. Ben Wiechmann | **Liturgist**.....Rev. Aaron Ferkenstad
Organist.....Amy Sehloff

SERVING IN SUPPORT

Counters TodayLori Helmen, Jim Cummings, Barb Cummings
Counters Wednesday..... Deb Anderson, Beth Hoem, Jerry Hoem
Counters Next Sunday Nathan & Polly Potratz, Ken & Carol Johnson
Usher Captains Today.....Curtis Merchant, Tom Studanski
Usher Captains Wednesday Steve Kopacek, Loren Braun
Usher Captains Next Sunday.....Bruce Christensen, Brian Pederson
Video Team Today Jason Luxford
Video Team Next Sunday Gerry Reason
Coffee Clean Up Today..... Board of Elders
Coffee Set Up Next Sunday Membership Committee
Coffee Clean Up Next Sunday..... School Board
December Altar Guild.....Alice Ringen, Barb Cummings

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER REQUESTS? Please contact Wanda Warnke at 612-529-1497.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: 512 worshiped on Sunday and 147 worshiped on Wednesday.

OFFERING LAST WEEK

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,154

Received Last Week: \$31,480

Average Needed Year to Date: \$387,696

Received Year to Date: \$376,209

GREETERS NEEDED!

Please sign up to be a greeter on the **yellow bulletin board**. **During the holiday season, visitors especially appreciate a welcoming face when they come to worship for the first time.** You can also sign up online at kingofgracelutheran.com/missions/greeter. **Thank you for your help with this important ministry!**

THANK YOU FROM KING'S DAUGHTERS

Our King's Daughters thanks the congregation for their generous support. They were able to sponsor two families in-need this Christmas season!

CHRISTMAS AT WEST

Join us **Tuesday, December 18 at 7:00 PM**, at West Lutheran in celebration of the coming of God's promise of the Savior born in Bethlehem. The choirs and bands will present favorites of religious Christmas music to prepare our hearts. Prior to the Christmas celebration concert, we will have an Open House at 5:30 - 6:30 PM to tour the school and meet with faculty.

WOULD YOU LIKE A COPY OF YOUR FAMILY PHOTO?

If you would like your own family photo emailed to you, please email your request to the church office at ppotratz@kog-els.org. Please remember to include your first and last name.

HOLIDAY FOOD SHELF DRIVE

The King of Grace Stewardship Committee is championing a food drive **through the end of the year. The need is extra high this holiday season!** Please donate non-perishable food items. Please see the flyer below for most-needed items. **Our running total so far is 1,249 pounds donated of non-perishables, please help us pass the goal of 2,000 pounds by December 31!**

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN

West Lutheran High School is currently looking for candidates to fill the newly created Development Director position.

The ideal candidate would excel at:

- Building relationships with current and potential donors
- Communicating a passion for Christian Education
- Self-starting and organization
- Inspiring others to support the Ministry of West Lutheran High School.

The initial duties of the Development Director will include crafting a vision for the program and building a culture of philanthropy and Christian stewardship throughout the organization and its stakeholder groups. The Development Director will work closely with the Principal and the Board of Regents as well as other staff within the organization to promote awareness and understanding of the ministry of West and to secure appropriate funding for ongoing programs, capital projects and endowment. To keep the needs of the Ministry of West in front of its stakeholders, the Development Director will make frequent contact with such groups as parents and grandparents of current students, alumni, congregations of the West Association, members, organizations and businesses of the community that have been touched by West and other supporters. If you or someone you know fits this description, please contact Principal Steve Merten, smerten@wlhs.net, or 763-509-9378.

King of Grace

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 16

8:15 AM Communion Service
10:45 AM Sunday School and Youth Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 19

6:30 PM Christian Day School Service in the gym

Sunday, December 23

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM Worship Service

Monday, December 24

5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Worship Service with the Senior Choir
8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

Tuesday, December 25

10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 30

8:15 AM and 10:45 AM Worship Service

Monday, December 31

5:00 PM New Year's Eve Communion Service

