## Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

### **News & Notes**

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE - December 21st — December 28th

### The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Setting: Divine Service, Setting 4 beginning on page 203

**Hymns**: 346 357 623 619 900

**Readings:** *Isaiah* 7:10-17 *Romans* 1:1-7 *Matthew* 1:18-25

Sermon: "Trust in the Lord" - Matthew 1:20-21

Praying for: Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, Elaine Schoening, David

Edens, and Andrew Gisel.

## Christmas Eve Worship

Candlelight Service 6:00 pm & 10:00 pm

## Christmas Day Worship

9:00 am



# CALENDAR

12/21/2025	8:00 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship w/Communion
12/22/2025		No Preschool
12/23/2025		No Preschool

12/24/2025 No Preschool/Office Closed

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship—Candlelight 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship—Candlelight

12/25/2025 No Preschool/Office Closed

9:00 AM Christmas Worship

12/26/2025 No Preschool/Office Closed

12/28/2025 8:00 AM Traditional Worship 10:30 AM Traditional Worship

### Office will be closed on:

December 24th, 25th, 26th & 31st January 1st & 2nd

Altar flowers were given by Jill Gisel in honor of John's 70th Birthday.

### Voter's Meeting to Place a Call January 5th @ 7:00 pm

**Annual Camp Board Meeting**Will follow the Voter's Meeting

Offering Envelopes for 2026 are available in the foyer. Please, take a moment following services to pick up your box. Remember, do not use these envelopes until January!

### Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 12/14/2025 To fully fund our church budget we need \$7,481.00 per week.

	Amount
Simply Giving	\$ 1,536.00
Advent	\$ 1,270.00
Tithes & Offering	\$ 5,483.00
Total	\$ 8,289.00

# Attendance for the week of 12/14/2025 Advent Services

35					
22					
Sunday Worship					
134					
44					
Christmas Program					
<u>119</u>					
354					

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st

#### 8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke Elder: Clint Albrecht Acolyte: Collin Oliver

### 10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke Elder: Scott Steffens Acolyte: Carter Paarmann

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker Elder: Aaron Meyers Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

### 10:00 p.m. Service

Organist: Tasha Becker Elder: Clint Albrecht Acolyte: Brynlee Dies

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25th

### 9:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke Elder: Paul Kirby Acolyte: Adelynn Williams

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28th 8:00 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke
Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Ryeigh Spain

10:30 a.m. Service

Organist: Diana Baetke Elder: Scott Steffens Acolyte: Dennis Wold

GRACE LUTHERAN SKI TRIP—Make plans to join us on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> for an evening of fun on the slopes. We're heading to Sundown in Dubuque. This is open to all Grace members. Costs are: \$65 for ski rental, lift ticket & lesson; \$70 for Snowboard rental, lift ticket & lesson; or \$45 for lift ticket only. To register go to https:/sundownmtn.com and navigate to the "More" Tab across the top of the page. Next select "Store" on the top bar of options. From there at the bottom of the next page will be a tile that says "EZ Groups", click on that. You will need the following code to register as part of our group: GLY26. All registrations and payment must be submitted by Sunday, January 18th. After that date the site will close and no further registrations will be accepted.

#### **Grace Endowment Fund**

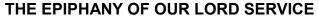
With December 31, 2025, approaching, it is a good time for everyone to review your financial position and make adjustments in preparation for Federal and State income taxes. Charitable contributions can reduce tax liabilities. The Endowment Committee is asking everyone to include the Endowment Fund in their year-end contributions. Each year the Endowment Committee receives requests for funds far exceeding the amount available. If the Endowment Fund grows, more money becomes available for distribution. This fund will provide income year after year for projects supporting missions, education, youth, worship, music and capital improvements that help our church run and grow.



Victory Center—Our next service event meal at the Victory Center in Clinton will be held on January 15th. We need volunteers to bring sub buns, shredded cheese, dessert, side dishes, and volunteers to help serve. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

Please join us on January 4th after late service to help us take down the Christmas decorations.

The 2026 Altar Flower Book is available. To sign up please see the Altar Flower book located on the Welcome Center. Bouquets can be donated in honor of or memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$30 and there are two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. may purchase one or both bouquets.



WHEN? TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, 7PM

WHERE? TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, CLINTON, (656 5TH AVE. S, CLINTON, IA 52732)

WHAT? EVENING PRAYER ON THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD