



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
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**Worship services: Sundays at 9am,
Tuesdays at 12:10pm**

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Our Mission: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

COVID-19 Protocol: Please note COVID-19 Protocols now in effect.

Mask use is left up to your personal choice while in worship. Please try to keep some sense of physical distancing around those choosing to wear masks. Thank you!

Welcome to Worship: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

Communion Instruction: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. ***Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free.*** If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

Offering: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Nursery Available: We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

PRELUDE (Organ) Raymond H. Haan (arr.), *Five Organ Preludes for Advent and Christmas* (1977)

1. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – Tune: Veni Emmanuel (ELW #257)
2. Creator of the Stars of Night – Tune: Conditor Alme Siderum (ELW #245)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAST PRELUDE (Women’s Choir) Adolf Strube (1894-1973), “Let Our Gladness Know No End” –
Tune: Narodil se Kristus Pán (ELW #291)

Verse 1: Let our gladness know no end, Alleluia!
Unto earth did Christ descend, Alleluia!

Chorus: On this day God gave us
Christ, His Son, to save us,
Gave his Son to save us.

Verse 2: See the loveliest blooming Rose, Alleluia!
From the branch of Jesse grows, Alleluia!

Verse 3: Into flesh is made the Word, Alleluia!
'Tis our Refuge and our Lord, Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation.... through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God...and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ... be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

BLESSING THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Blessed are you....Blessed Be God forever. **C: Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah(Vs.1 Only)* (ELW 240)



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



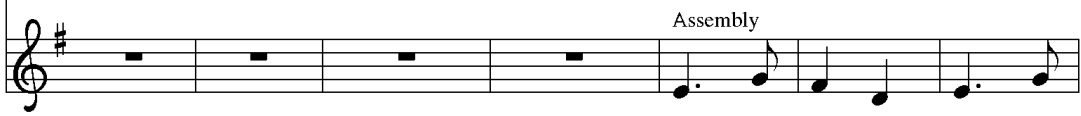
He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

KYRIE

(ELW 157)



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



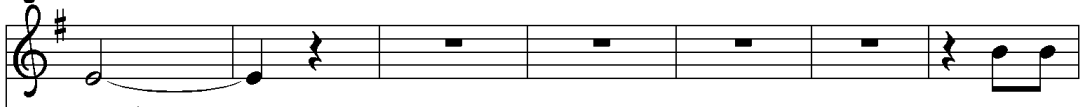
For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord.

For your



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.
mer - cy. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) Faithful God ...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Bring Forth the Kingdom*

(W&P 22)

Cantor: *All/Todos:*

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: Salt for the
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: Light for the
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple: Bring forth the
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: Bound for the

Cantor:

King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple:
Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice,
King - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and love our home - land:

All/Todos:

Life in the King-dom of God!
 Shine for the King-dom of God! Bring forth the King-dom of
 Grow in the King-dom of God!
 Love is the King-dom of God!

mer - cy, Bring forth the King-dom of peace; Bring forth the
 King-dom of jus - tice, Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

PREACHING TEXT Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:17-19

Chapter 1

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ⁵Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. ⁶For I am rousing the Chaldeans,

that fierce and impetuous nation, who march through the breadth of the earth to seize dwellings not their own. ⁷Dread and fearsome are they; their justice and dignity proceed from themselves.

Chapter 2

¹I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Chapter 3

¹⁷Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails, and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹God, the LORD, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights. To the leader: with stringed instruments.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 122

Refrain:

I was glad when they said to me,
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

L: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

C: Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

L: Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

C: to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord. R

L: For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

C: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

L: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

C: For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.

L: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good." R

SPARK BIBLE READING & CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW 169)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The proper verse may be sung, or all may sing this verse.

Repeat alleluia

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 26:36-46

P: The holy gospel, according to Matthew, the 26th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. *(The gospel is announced)*

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. ³⁸Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." ³⁹And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." ⁴⁰Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could

you not stay awake with me one hour? ⁴¹Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴²Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

P: The gospel of our Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

(ACS 949)



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Refrain
 Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of our longing....In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen.**

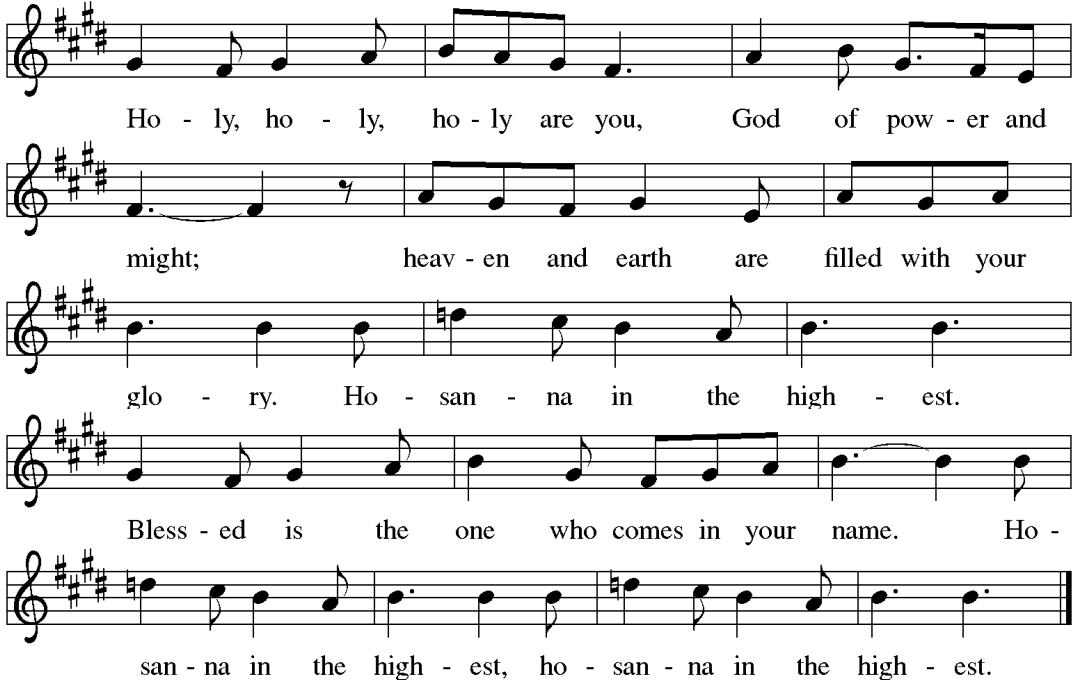
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn: **Holy Holy Holy (ELW 191)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy one,.... mystery of faith: **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread...for his coming. **C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God,..peace on earth. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory...now and forever. **C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

COMMUNION SONG

(ELW Setting 1 p. 112)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG *We Are Waiting for Jesus*

(ACS 905)



1 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
2 We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.



Sun of jus - tice, shine up - on us; we are trust - ing in your prom - ise.
Lov - ing Shep - herd, walk be - side us; stir our hearts, and gent - ly guide us.



We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.
We are wait - ing for Je - sus; Je - sus brings peace.

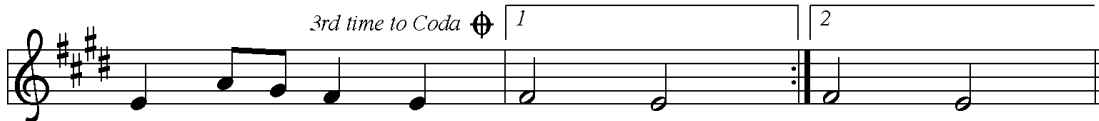
SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Praise to You, O God of Mercy (Vs. 1 only)* (ELW 208)



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re - *to stanza 3*



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God for whom we wait.... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG *Soon and Very Soon*

(ELW 439)



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE (Organ) Raymond H. Haan (arr.), "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," from *Five Organ Preludes for Advent and Christmas* (1977) – Tune: Stuttgart (ELW #455)

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Music Notes:

As the Last Prelude, the Women's Choir presents a popular seasonal Bohemian carol dating from the 15th century. Both tune and text are anonymous. The arranger, Adolf Strube, was a school and church musician and teacher, as well as a music publisher. He founded a specialist journal for church musicians in 1949, today known as the Church Music Forum.

The Hymn of the Day is a traditional blues Spiritual based on the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). It is possible that this song could have had another meaning in the context of the Underground Railroad (though there is not much historical evidence to support that notion).

Today's organ music comprises creative settings of seasonal hymns by American composer Raymond Haan. The two preludes are especially dramatic, rising to a crescendo before fading away into contemplative silence. Raymond H. Haan (b. 1938), an American organist and composer who has served as Director of Music for the Cutlerville East Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, MI since 1960.

Next week: Women's Choir and Men's Chorus warm up at 8:15am and sing for worship at 9:00am. Men's Chorus rehearses after worship at 10:15am. Bell Choir rehearses at 11:00am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Today's Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Next Week's Worship Leaders</u>
Reader: Holly Grassin-Kremmel	Reader: JoAnn Holdmann
Wine: Nancy Perez, TBD	Wine: Janie Robbins, Kim Nagel
Usher: TBD	Usher: TBD
Comm. Set Up: Bev Leidel	Comm. Set Up: TBD
Greeter: TBD	Greeter: TBD

This week at Grace

- Sun 11/27 8:30am Women's Choir Warms Up
9am Worship – Women's Choir Sings
10:15am Women's Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Bell Choir Rehearsal
1pm Parents Day Out
- Mon 11/28 6pm Scout
- Tue 11/29 12:10pm Devotional Worship
- Wed 11/30 6pm Band Practice
- Thu 12/1 12pm Bible Study
- Sat 12/3 9am Christmas Program Rehearsal
9am SBG Band Practice
- Sun 12/4 8:30am Men/Women's Choirs Warm Up
9am Worship – Men/ Women's Choirs Sing
10:15am Community Life Meeting
10:15am Men's Choir Rehearsal
11:00am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Grace's Welcome Statement: Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

Reverse Advent Calendar: The Sunday School kids are sponsoring a food drive to support Family Sharing using a Reverse Advent Calendar. Stop by the welcome desk and take a copy of the calendar. During Advent, each day you can fill a box with the item indicated and bring the filled box to church on Sunday, December 18.

Parents Day Out! This Sunday, November 27 from 1-4pm is Parents Day out - Drop your kids off for a free afternoon! There will be snacks, crafts, games, cookie making, and a movie! Please contact Cindy Karthausser (cindykarthausser@yahoo.com) if you plan to drop off your kids so she knows how many kids will attend.

Grace “Rapid Response Team” - What is it? From time to time an event or occurrence at the church urgently requires a group of people to help address an unplanned or unforeseen event. This could include: cleaning, reconfiguring the sanctuary, snow removal, storm clean-up, etc. A text message will be sent to this group to meet at the church to help as needed. Please considering signing up for this new group. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Driewer or Pastor Bill. Thank you!

Flowers in Church: If you would like to provide flowers for a certain Sunday, please contact Sandy in the office.

El Salvador Sunday Update: The Social Concerns Team would like to express its sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the El Salvador scholarship program this year. Thanks to your generous contributions, we were able to collect over \$2400 for the 2023 program! This will mean so much to our partnership with Pastor Julio and his ministries, and to the lives of these students. Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our Social Concerns ministries.

2022 Mutual Ministry Committee Members: Below are the 2022 Mutual Ministry Committee members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders. The MMC is the liaison between the congregation, the pastor and other staff.

Committee Members: Dan/Theresa Umhoefer, Matt Junker, Pam Stockbridge

2022 Council Members: Below are the 2022 Council members in the event you would like to contact one of these leaders.

Dan Driewer (President)	Matt Bartz
Jim Martin (VP)	Morgan Bernard
Beth Buczynski (Treasurer)	Cindy Karthausser
Beth Beck (Secretary)	Pam Stockbridge
	Terry Young

Nominating Committee News: The nominating committee is looking for candidates for openings on council, endowment, synod assembly, audit committee, and nominating committee. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for any of these positions, please contact a member of the nominating committee: Jordan Beck, Holly Grassin-Kremmel, Steve Mussatti, Kim Nagel, and Geri Schesel.

Community Life Update: The next Community Life meeting will be on Sunday, December 4 following worship. Join us as we discuss upcoming events.

Coffee Fellowship Changes: We have a new process concerning coffee fellowship. Coffee will be provided each Sunday following worship. If anyone would like to bring treats for a special occasion, that's fine. If you wish to bring something, we ask that you contact Sandy at the church office (262)242-1174 at least a week ahead to avoid duplicate servers. Sandy will also put in the bulletin who is providing the treats along with the occasion. It will also be your responsibility to serve what you bring and clean up after. Again, coffee will be made ahead so you won't need to make coffee. Please direct any questions to Janie Robbins.

Lent Planning: Pastor Bill is thinking ahead to Lent and has a question for the congregation. In the past it has been a tradition to have a midweek service during the Lenten season. Generally this was on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Over the years we had seen a decline in attendance at this worship service, so we discontinued it. Last year we had a few people who were looking for that service. So, the question is...would you like to have a midweek Lenten worship service this year at 7pm? 6:30pm? If you are interested in this worship, please let the Pastor know.

Mr. Bobs Under the Bridge: As you all know winter is right around the corner! If you have any gently used coats, boots, blankets, or other cold weather clothing you would like to donate, please consider dropping it off at the church to be donated to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. They are particularly in need of men's items, but items of all sizes are appreciated!

Cookie / Craft Sale! The Cookie Sale / Craft Fair will be on Saturday, **December 10** at 9am. Bakers and crafters may sign up at the welcome desk.

Seat Donations: You may still purchase sanctuary seats for \$250 to help fund the renovation project. Forms are on the welcome desk.

Poinsettias: You are invited to contribute poinsettias again this year in honor or memory of important people in your life. Designations will be printed in the Christmas bulletins. Plants are \$10 each. Forms are available on the welcome desk.

Guest House Sandwiches: We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays, at 9:00am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesday, **December 7 and 21.**

Christmas Worship 2022: Below are the Christmas worship opportunities at Grace this year:

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

2pm Worship with no vocal music

4pm Worship with hymns

6pm Worship with hymns

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

9am Worship with hymns

Handel's Messiah – The Milwaukee Messiah Community Chorus and Orchestra

(www.mamcco.org) will present two presentations of the great majority of Handel's Messiah:

- Friday, December 2 at 7:30 pm at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church, 1200 St. Gabriel Way, Hubertus, WI 53033, and
- Sunday, December 4 at 3:00pm at Crossroads Presbyterian Church, 6031 West Chapel Hill Road, Mequon, WI 53097

The performances are free of charge; a free-will offering will be taken for the Milwaukee Rescue Mission (www.milmission.org). Each performance will feature a 16-piece live professional orchestra, 4 professional soloists, and a 50-voice chorus, drawn from more than a dozen local churches. Our Director of Music is the founding conductor of the group, now in its twelfth season. Don't miss this exciting presentation of God's timeless word set to Handel's glorious music.

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays: Lauren Miller – 11/27, Samantha Wolf - 11/29, Dieter Bruhnke ~ 12/2

Anniversaries: None this week.

Prayers: Prayers: Doris McMahon (Pam Liegeois' mother) **Sandy** Smith, **Judy** and **Bill** (Mother and Stepfather of Sandy Smith's best friend), **Michael** Caughill (family of Diane Omdahl), **Jack** (Florence Panning's son-in-law), **Kate** Autry (daughter of Pam & John Stockbridge), **Chevelle** Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), **Polly** Johnson (friend of Pam and John Stockbridge), **Henry** Walicki (Veronica Junker's brother), **Lee** Robbins, (Janie Robbins' brother).

We have removed people on the prayer list for which we haven't received updates. Call the office if you feel someone should be added.

Text Scam Alert: Please be aware that there is a text scam going around where someone may ask you to help them out by buying gift cards. Some folks have received such a text from a person claiming to be Pr. Bill. This is definitely NOT him, he would never ask that. You may want to consider adding him as a contact in your phone/device so you know when a text is actually from him. 262-674-4714.