



CHRISTMAS EVE 2022
5:00 PM

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

Christmas Eve

On this holy night we hear the familiar story of Jesus' birth in a stable filled with animals. The Christ-child came not into a sterile maternity ward, but into the messiness of human life, so that we might know the power of his forgiveness and mercy in our lives. God revealed the nativity news to some shepherds who then came to worship him.

PRELUDE MUSIC

Linda Hoch - organ

"Little Jesus, Sweetly Sleep" – *arr. Alec Wyton*

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" – *arr. Wilbur Held*

"In the Bleak Midwinter" – *arr. David Lasky*

"Away in a Manger" – *arr. David Williams*

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" – *arr. Janet Linker*

"We Three Kings" - *arr. van Sickle*

Stella Blankenship – piano

"Once in Royal David's City" – *arr. Nancy and Randall Faber*

Maggie Hoch and Christopher Hoch – piano duet

“Silent Night” – *arr. van Sickle*

Emily Odum – piano

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” and “Coventry Carol” – *arr. Carol Matz*

Benny Hoch and Christopher Hoch – piano duet

“Joy to the World” – *arr. Daubenmire*

**Sammy Gurgiolo – trumpet, Benny Hoch – xylophone,
Jeff Daubenmire – piano**

“Christmas Medley” – *arr. Daubenmire/Gurgiolo*

Sammy Gurgiolo – trumpet, Jeff Daubenmire – piano

“O Holy Night” – *Adolphe Adam/ arr. James Biery*

Addie Gurgiolo – vocal solo, Jeff Daubenmire – piano

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand to face the Baptismal Font.

Proclamation

John 1: 1-14

¹In 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.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

P Let us pray. Holy Child of Bethlehem,

C **descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We thank you that you have come into our world and have lived among us. Help us to tell your story — just as the angels, shepherds, and the magi did, years ago — so that those who have never heard may come to trust and believe in you. With the Father and the Holy Spirit we give you praise, now and forever. Amen.**

The Gathering

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful”

Oh, come all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, Born the king of angels:

Oh come, let us adore him,
Oh come, let us adore him,
Oh come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, In the highest:

Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Please be seated.

LIVE FROM THE FIRST CENTURY Sunday School Christmas Program

Scene 1 LIVE FROM THE FIRST CENTURY

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ”

Kids only O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

All Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
 who to your tribes on Sinai's height
 in ancient times once gave the law
 in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to you, O Israel.

SCENE 2 ANGELS ALL AROUND

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Kids only Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn king;
 Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled.”
 Joyful, all you nations, rise;
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With angelic hosts proclaim,
 “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

All Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
 Hail, incarnate deity!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

SCENE 3 MARY SAYS YES!

“Mary, Did You Know?” - Mark Lowry, arr. Buddy Greene
Addie Gurgiolo— solo

SCENE 4 INCREDIBLE NEWS TIMES TWO

SCENE 5 NEWS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Kids only O Little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years, Are met in thee tonight.

All For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep, Their watch of wond’ring love.
O morning stars, together, Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king, And peace to all the earth!

SCENE 6 SHEPHERDS KEEPING WATCH

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

Kids only Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ Is born!
While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ Is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior’s birth.
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ Is born!

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.
Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ Is born!

SCENE 7 HEY, BABY!

SCENE 8 TEMPLE TALK

"Joy to the World"

Kids only Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
 And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
 And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

All Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;
 Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
 Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow
 nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
 far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
 far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
 and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
 and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
 and wonders, wonders of his love.

Child The end... but really just the beginning...

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace Ringers Bell Choir

"Cradle Songs" - *arr. Michael E. Akers*

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" - *arr. Linda R. Lamb*

PREFACE: *Sung to the tune of "Angels We Have Heard on High"*

P May the good Lord be with you,
Lift your hearts to God in praise.
C **May the Lord be with you, too.
To the Lord our hearts we raise.
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!**

P In the Word of God made flesh,
great and wondrous mystery.
C **Now we see with vision fresh
God's abundant majesty.
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!**

P Therefore with the church on earth
and the hosts of heav'n above.
C **Let us praise his name whose birth,
brings to us eternal love.
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Holy God,
Creator of all and Source of life,
at the birth of time
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,
you sent your Word, born of Mary,
to shine in our darkness
and to make us your daughters and sons.

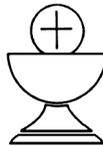
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Sung to the tune of "Away In A Manger"

- 1. Our Father, in heaven, All praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us your will done the same
By mortals and angels. Come, Lord, reign alone:
Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high Throne.**
- 2. The bread that we yearn for provide us each day,
As we forgive others our sins take away;
In times of temptation to lead us be near,
from evil deliver your children most dear.**
- 3. For yours is the kingdom; O'er all things Your reign.
And Yours is the power; all things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again
from all of creation forever! Amen.**

Please be seated.



All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.

You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.

As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it, everyone is also welcome to use the individual cups. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.

Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.

After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided.

(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)

COMMUNION MUSIC

(Selections performed by Maria Laderman – flute, Jeff Daubenmire – piano)

"Weaving Greensleeves (What Child Is This?)" - arr. Judy Nishimura

"Oh, Joy! ("Joy to the World" with "Ode to Joy") - arr. Judy Nishimura

(Vocal selection performed by Heather Bush)

"See Amid the Winter's Snow" - arr. Dan Forrest

(Duet selections performed by Jeff Daubenmire and Linda Hoch)

"Still, Still, Still" – arr. Mark Hayes

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" – arr. Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard

"Coventry Carol" – arr. Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard

After communion is finished, please stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive Him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to His; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

We invite the youth to join us at the altar to sing "Silent Night". Each child will receive a glow stick candle to take home with them.

The Candle Lighting

The ushers will distribute light from the processional candles.

*The person taking flame from a candle shall tilt his/her candle toward the lighted candle.
Once lighted, hold your candle upright so that the next person may take light from you.*

CONGREGATIONAL CAROL “Silent Night”



Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at your birth,
Jesus Lord, at your birth.

Please extinguish candles and youth return to their seats.

The Sending

BLESSING

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, and the peace of the Christ Child. May almighty God, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING CAROL: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

- 1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain *Gloria in excelsis Deo;*
gloria in excelsis Deo.

- 2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? **Refrain**

- 3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. **Refrain**

DISMISSAL

P Go with the hope, peace, joy and love of the birth of Jesus our Savior!
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Jeff Daubenmire - piano; Linda Hoch - organ

"The Festive Carols" - arr. Mark Hayes/ Marvin Gaspard

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service.

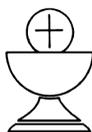
The Actors

Narrator: Lauren Shinabargar
Angel 1: Maddie Nickoli
Angel 2: Anna Young
Angel 3: Maggie Hoch
Angel 4: Hannah Laderman
Angel 5: Stella Blankenship
Elizabeth: Emily Odum
Gabriel: Jack Nickoli
Zechariah: Charlie Nickoli
Mary: Molly Young
Newsboy: Phillip Young
Ruben Burgundy: Sammy Gurgiolo
Asher: Addie Gurgiolo
Director: Kathryn Shinabargar



Joseph: Benny Hoch
Micah: Miguel Arreguin
Grace: Charlotte Holmes
Simeon: Will Cain
Priest: Nate Holmes
Anna: Claire Cain
Shepherd: Sammy Nickoli, Gabriel Young, Owen Laderman
Animal: Alaina Arreguin, Caroline Young
Angel: Macy Braatz, Alison Miliner
Stagehands: Brice Graves, Jack Young

Special Thanks to Molly King, Director of Youth & Family Ministries and Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries; Linda Hoch, Organist; Lois Rumph, costumes; Sue Mahrt, set design; and to ALL of our Volunteers



Emily Odum completed preparation for First Communion and expressed a desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's table.

Today we celebrate with her and her family during this special time.

Serving Tonight

PRESIDER
ASSISTING MINISTER
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
ORGANIST
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
GREETER
USHERS

Pastor Matt Cox
Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
Jeff Daubenmire
Linda Hoch
Eric, Cheryl, Andrea & Heather Bush
Sue & Jim Monroe
Vanessa Stewart, Kenny Odum,
Steve Young, Mike King, Jim Caldwell
Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant,
Eric Bush, Jack Rockwood

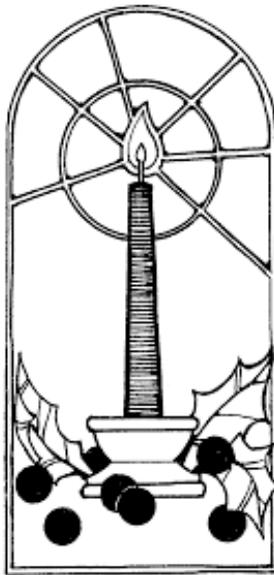


Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettia plants for the sanctuary. Plants may be picked up following the 8:00pm service this evening, Sunday, or during office hours next week.

We will have one service Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 am.

*The church office will be closed Monday, December 26 and
Tuesday, December 27.*

We will have one service Sunday, January 1 at 10:00 am.



Join us tonight for
A Candlelight Service with Holy Communion at 8:00 pm.

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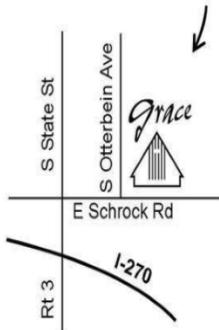
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Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church has been serving the Westerville community for more than 108 years, supporting local ministries such as the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, Westerville Partnership Habitat for Humanity, and Westerville CROP Walk. Grace also supports Lutheran Social Services programs like Faith Mission and provides weekly meeting space for Boy Scout Troop 007 and four AA groups.

Vision Statement: We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

Mission Statement: Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.