



# WELCOME

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - December 24 2023 9:30am and 7:00pm

## ABOUT US

Grace started in 1942 with the purpose to share the Gospel to the growing area of Denison. We're a member of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, a church that upholds God's Word, emphasizes God's grace in our lives, and shows mercy to our community.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

"Grace exists to strengthen people in their relationship with Jesus Christ and to empower them to share Jesus with others."

## VISITOR INFORMATION

**WELCOME...** You can follow the service on the screen. We also have a brief outline of the service in this bulletin.

Please fill out attendance cards found in the pew racks, with service attended and participation in communion. Visitors include contact information. Place the cards at the end of the pew.

For children ages four and younger, we have a staffed nursery at the 10:30am service.

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### **SUNDAY Dec 24**

9:30am Worship Service

### **SATURDAY Dec 30**

9:00am-10:30am Education  
Brunch

### **SUNDAY Dec 31**

8:00am Worship Service  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service

## SERMON NOTES

## SIGNUP SHEETS

There are signup sheets for service in 2024 in Fellowship Hall. Needs include money counters, altar care, ushers, readers, nursery workers, and flower dedications.

## DECEMBER 24 CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in learning more about the Lutheran faith you are invited to join this class. It will be held on Sat, Jan 6, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided.

## OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25—JAN 1

### **JANUARY 7 POTLUCK AT 9:15AM**

Come for the fellowship and learn about a savings project for your family.

### **THE EDUCATION BRUNCH IS FOR ALL TEACHERS**

(not just SS teachers). The next brunch is on Sat., Dec. 30, 9:00—10:30am.

### **MIDWEEK RESUMES ON JANUARY 10.**

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS JANUARY 3.**

### **SOJOURNERS RESUMES ON JANUARY 4.**

## 9:30am CHRISTMAS EVE

### OPENING HYMN

Candle Lighting Litany  
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

### SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: II Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Epistle: Hebrews 3:16-4:3  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

### SERMON SONG

357 "I Come, O Come, Emmanuel"  
Vs. 1, 2, 6, 7

**SERMON** Waiting for Jesus:  
The Promised Land

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Video "Come Thou Long Expected  
Jesus"  
370 "What Child is This"  
379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

### CLOSING HYMN

332 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

## 7:00pm CANDLELIGHT

### OPENING SONG

Candle Lighting Litany  
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

### POEM

"Twas the Night Before Jesus was  
Born"

### SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Isaiah 7:10-14

### HYMN

361 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

### SCRIPTURE

Gospel: John 1:1-14

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON SONG

"Joy to the World" Praise Team

### SERMON

Waiting for Jesus" The Tabernacle

### OFFERTORY

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly  
Light"

### CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN

363 "Silent Night"

# Let's Celebrate

## Birthdays

Brad Waters 12/27

## Anniversaries

Dave & Kristi Frauhiger 12/26

## Baptisms

Denise Certain 12/25

Jane Klauser 12/27

## Serving Today

**9:30am**

### Ushers

**Elders** Steve Lain

### Reader

**Keyboard** Jane Bronstad

### Nursery

**Altar** Sandra Noth

**7:00pm**

### Ushers

**Elders** Glenn Dube, Steve Lain

**Reader** Dr. Rand Certain

**Keyboard** Valerie Keitz, Debra L. Jackson

**Altar** Sandra Noth

## FLOWERS

The flowers today are given  
in honor of  
Steve & Robin Gilbert's  
50th Anniversary.

## LAST WEEK

### Worship Attendance

Early 46 Late 125

### Sunday School Attendance

Children 30 Adults 46

### Weekly Giving

\$3,861.91