

Grace Lutheran Church

Norfolk, Nebraska

Ray S. Wilke, Pastor

Chris Asbury, Associate Pastor

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday in Advent

FROM THE RECORDS OF LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Saturday.	45	Total Attendance.	261
Sunday.	216	Communed.	161

Offerings

Operating Fund.	\$7,905.03	Needed to Meet Budget.	11,096.00
Total towards Budget.	7,905.03	Building Fund.	25.00

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Saturday

Organist: Emily Carlson
 Elders: Waylon Petsche
 Ushers: Kevin Kortje
 Video Operator:
 Acolytes:

Sunday

Emily Carlson
 Glenn Spreeman
 Ray Wilke II
 Shawn Fuhrman
 Zachary Baumann, Hunter Jorgensen

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5:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 19:28-40

Monday: Isaiah 1:1-18; Revelation 1:1-20
Quilting 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Isaiah 2:1-18; Revelation 2:1-11

Wednesday: Isaiah 5:1-16; Revelation 2:12-29
Advent Worship 10:00 a.m.
Ladies' Bible Class 11:00 a.m.
5th-8th Catechism 3:45 p.m.
Jubilee Ringers 5:00 p.m.
Ding-A-Lingers 5:30 p.m.
Shekinah 6:00 p.m.
Advent Supper 6:00 p.m.
Advent Worship 7:00 p.m.
Adult Choir 7:45 p.m.

Thursday: Isaiah 6:1-13; Revelation 3:1-13
Moms & Tots 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Service on channel 12, 10:30 a.m.
Worship at The Meadows 1:30 p.m.

Friday: Isaiah 7:10-14; Revelation 3:14-22
Family of God Night 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: Isaiah 8:16 - 9:2; Revelation 4:1 - 5:10
Communion Service 5:30 p.m.

Next Sunday: Malachi 3:1-7b; Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)
Communion Service 10:00 a.m.
Graceland & Catechism Class 8:30 a.m.
Building Faithful Families 8:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Coffee/Fellowship Time 9:30 a.m.
Soup & Pie Supper 5:00-7:30 p.m.

Opening Hymn: "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"

LSB 342 v.1-2

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Stetsyn Louise Watson
(Saturday Evening)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Samuel Wayne Peterson and
Zoey Elaine Klosterman
(Sunday)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with Him and with His people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Parents and Sponsors: We present Stetsyn Louise Watson to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Parents and Sponsors: We present Samuel Wayne Peterson and Zoey Elaine Klosterman to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

P: In Christian love you have presented your child(ren) for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring them to the services of God's house and teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As they grow in years, you should place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess in the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Parents and Sponsors: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Stetsyn Louise Watson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Samuel Wayne Peterson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Zoey Elaine Klosterman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour Your Holy Spirit upon Stetsyn / Samuel & Zoey, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in Your presence.

C: Amen.

P: Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Sponsors: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

(Present Candle)

P: Receive this white cloth to show that Christ has taken away and borne your sin and put upon you His perfect righteousness. So shall you in faith ever stand before Him.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the parents of this child / these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child(ren). Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their child(ren) the salvation You have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Through Baptism God has made Stetsyn / Samuel & Zoey a member(s) of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear His creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

P: Peace be with you.

C: Peace be with you.

Hymn: "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" LSB 342 v.3-4

(During hymn, light 1st candle in wreath/extinguish Christ candle)

P: O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution: Psalm 25:6-7

P: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another. We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought,

word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!

Hymn: “Kyrie for the Four Sundays in Advent”

Forgive us, Lord, for times when hope was lost,

And moments when we never thought to trust,

For times when we despair and forget

That You are where all joy and truth have met.

Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins

And help us hope and trust You without end.

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P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Introit: Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C: Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord?

P: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

C: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O Lord, in the light of Your face,

P: who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

C: For our shield belongs to the Lord, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children’s Message

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14–16

(The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

(Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25–36

(The kingdom of God is near.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB 357 v.1-5

Sermon

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB 357 v.6-7
(sung during Offering)
“Long Ago Prophets Knew” Adult Choir

Prayers of the Church

P: As we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ’s coming, we turn to the Lord in prayer.

O Wisdom from on high, guide Your Church throughout the world to be a demonstration of hope. Move the leaders, pastors, teachers, and all the people of the Church to yearn for that coming day when Jesus will reign forever in justice and righteousness, and all creation will be restored. We pray,

C: **hear us, coming Lord.**

P: O Desire of nations, bless the leaders of nations, our president and Congress, our governors and local leaders. Move all leaders to cease envy and boastfulness, injustice and corruption. Guide our leaders to be honorable people who do not neglect the rights of anyone and who strive toward the flourishing of all human beings. Bless those who serve in our armed forces and lift up refugees and all victims of war. Bring peace between us and our enemies and let Your peace reign over this broken world. We pray,

C: **hear us, coming Lord.**

P: O Dayspring from on high, come to the aid of all who are in need. As You humbly entered this world as a vulnerable baby, help all of us to enter humbly the lives of those who are sick, facing surgery, or dying, to offer comfort and hope, (*especially* . . .). Bring healing according to Your will and peace to those whose suffering endures. Thank You for the work of doctors, nurses,

and other medical professionals who work toward healing and restoration of wholeness. Guide scientists searching for cures for diseases that bring suffering to the world that their work might lead to healing for many. We pray,

C: **hear us, coming Lord.**

P: O Key of David, let Your joy, forgiveness, and peace flow freely in and among the families of this congregation. Empower parents and grandparents to love their children and children to love their parents. Watch over all who travel and comfort families who are separated. Guide families to be places where Your love is demonstrated to strangers as well as to friends. We pray,

C: **hear us, coming Lord.**

P: O Lord of might, help us during this Advent season both to look back to those days when our salvation was won in Your death and resurrection and to look forward to the day of Your return, when by Your power You will bring the dead to life and restore all creation. We pray,

C: **hear us, coming Lord.**

P: O Immanuel, You deliver Your people even from the grip of death. Comfort those who mourn and use us to express the hope that comes from trusting in You. Bring us to be with them on that great day to come, and until that day give us grace to endure life’s difficulties, while also abiding in Your love. We pray,

C: **hear us, coming Lord.**

P: You, O Lord, know the thoughts of our hearts and hear those prayers that come to You in sighs too deep for words. All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. We pray,

C: **hear us, coming Lord.**

Dedication of Banner

P: O Lord God Almighty, you instructed Moses Your servant to make hangings and fine linens for use in Your tabernacle. We ask You to sanctify our new banner for the adornment of Your Church as a blessing for Advent and ongoing rejoicing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB 348

NOTES AND NEWS

Welcome in the name of our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, as we once again begin to celebrate the Advent season. May your visit with us be a blessed one, and may the blessings of Jesus Christ be multiplied in you. Please sign the Welcome Book in the pew.

Baptized on Saturday evening is Stetsyn Louise Watson, daughter of Chance and Alexis Watson. May the Lord bless Stetsyn all the days of her life.

Baptized on Sunday morning is Samuel Wayne Peterson, son of Dustin and Becky Peterson and Zoey Klosterman, daughter of Dustin Peterson. We welcome them into God's family.

The Lutheran Hour: "A Response to the Problem of Evil" Why does God let evil happen? Will that question take us down the path of doubt or lead us to trust God more deeply? (Luke 1:1-4). Hear the message Sunday on WJAG at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

It's time to order poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas. The cost will be \$15.00 each. If you would like to order a poinsettia, contact Vicki at the church office or you can put the money in the offering plate—mark it for a poinsettia. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 12.

Stewardship Corner: In order that we may gain wisdom regarding financial matters, God has placed over 2,000 verses about money and possessions in the Bible. In these verses, the Bible makes it clear that money does not bring security. The temporary value of money is described in Proverbs 23:4-5: "*Do not toil to acquire wealth; be discerning enough to desist. When your eyes light on it, it is gone, for suddenly it sprouts wings, flying like an eagle toward heaven.*" We are foolish to think that we have all we need if we have money. Eternal life cannot be bought with gold or silver. Money brings no lasting value or satisfaction. More money often brings greater anxiety. All the things that money can buy can be lost, stolen, destroyed, or eroded.

It's Time to Decorate For Christmas: This Sunday, November 28 we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. Everyone from the congregation is invited and encouraged to help.

This Wednesday starts our weekly Advent Services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Wait Upon the Lord". Advent Suppers will be at 6:00 p.m. The menu for this week will be

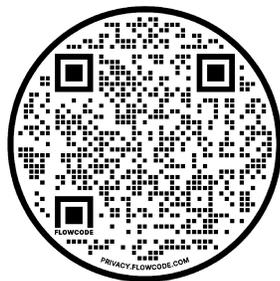
The new banner being dedicated is given in memory of Janice Doerr.

Ladies' Aid: On Thursday, December 9, the Ladies' Aid will be meeting at Black Cow/Fat Pig at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and their monthly meeting.

The Board of Education will be hosting a Soup and Pie Supper next Sunday, December 5th from 5-7:30 p.m. They will be serving Chili, Chicken Noodle, Ham/Potato/Cheese/Broccoli Soup and assorted Pies. A Free Will donation will be taken for these events. All proceeds will go towards the line item budget for Christ Lutheran and Lutheran High Northeast Tuition. Join us for some good food and some wonderful fellowship!

Make plans for this year's Drive Thru Live Nativity sponsored by Christ Lutheran, Grace Lutheran, Mt. Olive, and Our Savior. It will take place on Saturday, December 11 at Memorial Field Parking Lot from 10a.m.-4p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help with this. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



We are looking for donations of mini candy canes and hot chocolate packets for the Drive Thru Live Nativity. Please drop items off in the box in the Narthex or at the church office no later than Sunday, December 5.

Grace Lutheran Picture Wall: “Smile” ☺ We are working on putting pictures up on the board hanging in the hallway outside the restrooms. We are asking, if you are able and willing, to bring in a Vertical 3 X 5 picture of your family that we can put on the board. Please write on the back of the picture the names of everyone in the picture. We will be mounting and labeling each so we can know one another more easily. Pictures can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the box located by the photo board. We would like to get this project completed by the end of December.