

Welcome to Worship

*Our Mission: To boldly live out
our faith in Jesus through worship,
fellowship, and service to God and
our neighbor, here and around the
world.*

December 14, 2025 - 10:45 AM

Third Sunday of Advent



Grace Lutheran Pastors, Staff, and Musicians

Rev. Dr. Allison Cobb: Senior Pastor
Rev. Cole McCormick: Associate Pastor
Nicole Kolbe: Office Administrator
Brad Anderson: Maintenance
Jane Reiman: Finance Director

Amber Hansen: Open Door Meal Coordinator
Organist: Carol Madsen
Chancel Choir Director: Joyce Jorgenson
Pianist: Molly Bless
Praise Band: Jen Kahler and Musicians

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Please Note: Worship services are broadcast on local TV and online. Being in the Sanctuary implies consent to be on camera. If you do not wish to be on camera, please sit in the back rows or balcony. Communion may be brought to you in your pew.

THE
true
STORY
OF CHRISTMAS

Grace Lutheran Church BLAST Children
Present:

"The True Christmas Story"

***There will be a short delay on the TV screens.
Thank you for your patience!**

Music Director: Kris Tillotson
Asst. Directors: Emma Pockrus and Natalie Flaherty
Accompanist: Carol Madsen and Keatan Andersen
Coordinators: Jamie Core & Joice Forster
Speaking Coach: Barb Duffey
Program Designer: Hayley Bewley Family
Prelude Pianists: Pierce Brackey, 4th grade
 Go Tell It on the Mountain
 Simon Traetow, 4th grade
 We Three Kings/O Come All Ye Faithful
 Brielle Core, 2nd grade
 Angels We Have Heard on High/
 Silent Night
 Maxwell Flohrs, 2nd grade
 We Three Kings/Singing Donkey
 Addie Kryzer, 1st grade
 Jingle Bells, Duet with her mom
 Rosie Rademaker, 3rd grade
 Away in the Manger/Go Tell
 Reed Aukes, 3rd grade
 We Three Kings/O Come All Ye Faithful
 Luther Steinkamp, 5th grade
 Angels We Have Heard on High/
 Little Drummer Boy
 Irah Eisenbacher, 5th grade
 Away in the Manger/
 O Come All Ye Faithful
 Peyton Smith, 5th grade
 Silent Night

Welcome	Jace Busiahn
Reader 1	Jace Busiahn
Reader 2	Grant Schmidt
Reader 3	Peyton Smith
Reader 4	Jack Busiahn
Reader 5	Irah Eisenbacher
Reader 6	Violet Olson
Reader 7	Nolan Harris
Reader 8	Hadley Herman
Reader 9	Joseph Tate
Prayer	Peyton Smith
Mary	Jacey Hansen
Joseph	Aden Fett
Wisemen	Pierce Brackey Camden Harris Garrett Klusmeier
Angel of the Lord	Jordyn Herman
Star of Wonder	Braxton Bergemann
Inn Keeper	Brayden Maday
King Herod	Simon Traetow
Shepherds	Eva Curry, Clay DeBoer, Cameron Hartwig, Harper Jensen, Bailey Kloeckner, Zachary O'Sell, Rhilyn Wolfe, Simon Traetow
Angels:	Pre-School and Kindergarten
Donkeys:	1 st Graders
Cows:	2 nd Graders
Sheep:	3 rd Graders

At Grace Lutheran, we believe in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality with an open table. **All persons**, whether visiting or a member, are welcome to meet Jesus at the table. Please ask your communion server if you prefer grape juice or a gluten free communion kit. The ushers will direct you to the front for communion or you may receive communion in your pew. Jesus invites all to come and be fed, forgiven, and free!

Prelude and Bell Ringing

Welcome and Announcements

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

P: Welcome to Worship!

Candle Lighting

Reader 1: In the midst of our waiting and longing for God to make the world right again, we cling to the truth that God has saved, God is saving, and God will save. So today, we join our voices with the prophet Isaiah, who calls us to live in the joy of the truth of God's salvation.

Congregation: We choose to believe that the day is coming when "the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away".

Reader 2: We light this candle of joy as a sign of the Truth that sets us free to live in joy as we wait and work for the day when all creation will flourish together.

Light three candles of the Advent wreath.

Call to Worship

He Came Down v. 3

#253

The True Story of Christmas

Welcome

The Prophecy

Isaiah 9:6-7

Congregation Hymn

O Come O Come Emmanuel v.1-4 #257

Birthplace of Jesus

Micah 5:2

2-6 Grades Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

The Journey

Luke 2:4-5

1-3 Grades Hymn

The Friendly Beasts

Jesus is Born!**Luke 2:6-7****Pre-1st Grades Hymn****Away in the Manger****Angels Rejoice****Luke 2:8-14****Pre-1st Grades Hymn****Hark the Herald Angels Sing****Shepherds Worship****Luke 2:15-20****2-6 Grades Hymn****Go Tell It on the Mountain****Three Wisemen Seek****Matthew 2:1-12****2-6 Grades Hymn****We Three Kings****Jesus Forgives Sins****Galatians 4:4-5****Children's and Congregation Hymn****Silent Night #281
vs.1 Children, vs. 2-3 All****Prayer****Congregation Hymn****Joy to the World****#267****Offering****Offering Hymn****Mary Did You Know
Mother/Daughter Duet:
Becky Flohrs, Natalie Flaherty****Communion****People, Look East****#248****Special Music****Keaton Andersen****Blessing**

The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit remain upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song**Prepare the Royal Highway****#264****Sending**

P: Go in peace. Keep awake.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Special Thank You

**We thank all BLAST teachers and confirmation helpers for their love and guidance. We thank Kris, Emma, Natalie, and Carol for sharing Christian songs with our children. We thank all guardians for bringing your children to learn about God's Word and the Love of Jesus. Lastly, we all rejoice in thanking God for giving us the BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT....
JESUS CHRIST!**

May God bless you and your family this Christmas and for the New Year.

***Cookies for all in the Gathering Area following the service.**

***All children will need to be picked up from their BLAST classrooms following the service.**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH BLAST TEACHERS 2025-26

**Carolyn Kryzer
Becky Whitmore
Sam Johnson
Joice Forster
Emily Fett
Emily Lubenow
Brenda Lubenow
Rebecca Kelly
Illyana Kelley
Megan Aust
Samantha Were
Jaime Core
Leigha Johnson
Jana Brackey
Carisa Andersen**

**Abby Ehlert
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Melissa Klusmeier
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Kris Tillotson
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Amber Kettner
Amber Hansen
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