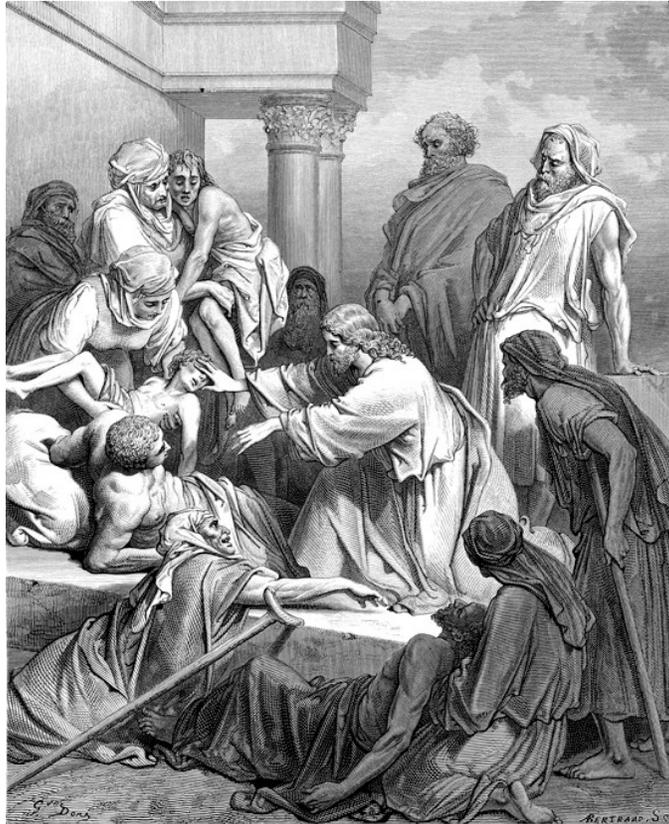


The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021



*As promised, the Christ
delivers sinners from
sufferings brought on by sin.*

South Big Horn Lutheran Parish

**Grace Lutheran Church
Greybull**

For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9

**Zion Lutheran Church
Emblem**

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 12:6

Notes for the Season

Advent (of Latin: *Adventus Domini*, the Coming of the Lord) is a season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. As difficult as this may be, surrounded by the increasingly pagan and premature celebrations of the godless world, this is a time of **penitence**. We are reminded of why He had to come for our salvation - and that He shall come to judge, and we should be ready to meet Him, when He does. The **colour of the season** is the colour of penitence, **purple**.

Today:

Penitential Order of Holy Communion, LSB p. 184, *Apostles' Creed*

Hymns: 398 - 350 - 781:1-2 - 333/357/334 - 387:1

About Holy Communion

In the Sacrament we are made one with the risen Christ, and with each other. According to Holy Scripture, oneness in faith and confession is a precondition for such unity. As such, only Christians who share our faith and confession, and who therefore belong to congregations in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will commune in our church. **Visitors wishing to receive the sacrament** - please speak with Pastor prior to the service. We ask that our guests be respectful of our faith. **We sincerely welcome our visitors**; we assure you that we uphold this practice *also* out of concern for *your* spiritual welfare, and that our Pastor would love to study Scripture with you and help you embrace the full counsel of God, so that we can celebrate the Sacrament in a manner pleasing to God and beneficial for us all.

Just so we do not forget:

But deliver us from evil. What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in Heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in Heaven.

Of the Small Catechism

This is our faith - *from the Confessions of our Church*

The Gospel is, properly speaking, that command which enjoins us to believe that God is merciful to us for Christ's sake.

Of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession

Advent Dinner at Grace Wednesday at 6 pm. With pork Loin and mashed potatoes. Free will offering for our Youth Account.

Advent Midweek Worship Wednesday at 7 pm. Our theme this year is *Three Trees*. While the Christmas trees are being put up around us, we meditate upon how Holy Scripture sets the promised salvation of God before us by telling us about three other trees.

Services of penitence and prayer are held at Grace on Friday nights at 7 pm. in response to the Wuhan Virus and other current threats to the peace and freedom of the Church of Christ and to the well-being of people in the country and in the community.

Saturday Evening Communion Worship at Grace upon request. Please call the Parsonage by Friday evening if you wish to attend.

Christmas Eve Worship at Grace on Christmas Eve (sorry, if that is confusing!) at 4 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship at Zion on Christmas Eve (sorry, again, if that is confusing!) at 6 pm.

Christmas Day Worship at Grace on Christmas Day (well, you know) at 10:30 am.

New Year's Eve Dinner at Grace at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent, with fish fillets and salmon. Free will offering for our Youth Account.

New Year's Eve Worship at Grace at 7 pm. After worship we shall gather again downstairs to toast the new year.

Epiphany Dinner with tacos at Grace on Wednesday, January 5, at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent. As Epiphany marks the end of Christmas, it would be highly appropriate for you to bring your leftover Christmas goodies and let the rest of us help you get rid of them.

Epiphany Worship at Grace on Wednesday, January 5, at 7 pm.

A Life Thought from Lutherans For Life: Our Savior embodies a God who does not just tolerate us in our physical weaknesses. He favors those who need Him the most (Luke 7:22), and that makes the Gospel the opposite of abortion and physician-assisted suicide. Is there any reality in which we may rejoice more than this (Philippians 4:4)? Why would we find this message offensive (Luke 7:23)? And why should we deny anyone else the delight by staying silent about it?

A Stewardship Thought for the Sunday: Part of our readings for today is Philippians 4:5-6 - "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

From the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

This Week:

Tuesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Wednesday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	6 pm.	Advent Dinner at Grace
	7 pm.	Advent Worship at Grace
Thursday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
Friday:	Noon - 1 pm.	Pastor's office hours at Grace
	7 pm.	Penitence and Prayer worship at Grace
Saturday:	7 pm.	Communion worship at Grace
		- please register by Friday evening!
Sunday:	8 am.	Communion Worship at Grace
	9:15 am.	Bible Study at Grace
	10:30 am.	Communion Worship at Zion
	11:45 am.	Bible Study at Zion