

*Advent Seven\**  
**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**9am Worship**  
**with Holy Communion**  
**December 21, 2025**



*When Joseph awoke  
he did as  
the angel directed*

GATHERING

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Songs**    *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* (Matt Maher)  
                              *“You Alone Can Rescue”* (Matt Redman)

**Greeting & The Advent Wreath**

**Prayer of the Day & Sharing of the Peace**

WORD

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 1.18 – 25**

**Reflection from Tracks in the Straw**

**by Ted Loder**

**Song**        *“O Come, All You Unfaithful”* (Sovereign Grace Music)

**Prayers of the People**

MEAL

**Confession & Forgiveness**

**The Story of the Last Supper**

**The Lord’s Prayer & Invitation to Communion**

**Song**

*“Purify”* (Nicole Richards)

SENDING

**Blessing & Dismissal**

**Music as You Depart<sup>1</sup>**

*“Purify”* (reprise)

<sup>1</sup>*You are welcome to remain in the worship space & listen to the music,  
or you are free to depart the sanctuary as you are moved to do so.*

# ***Good morning & welcome to Grace***

***Our mission is to invite and welcome all  
to the fellowship of Christ in service to our community.***

*\*Once again this year, Grace is exploring an extended, seven-week Advent season. We're using the appointed texts from the Lectionary each week, but our focus is on the coming of Christ, in the stable, into our everyday lives, and at the end of all things. This is a practice that, while new for us, has gained traction in many mainline Churches over the past ten years. We are excited to invite you – again this year – into the journey with us.*

**We are glad you are with us for worship today.** We offer a special welcome to any guests who may be with us this morning, and to all those who are joining us via Live-Stream.

**Children are welcome in worship at Grace!** The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! There is a Children's Corner in the sanctuary and, if needed, a nursery off the lobby.

**Your bulletin** contains an outline of our worship service, **and additional portions will be projected onto the screens up front.**

**At Grace, we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion each week. All are welcome at the Table.** We do come forward to the front of the sanctuary for Communion. The Pastor stands in the center of the aisle with the bread. Gluten-free bread is available, just ask when you come forward. A Communion Assistant is to the side, with both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)** based on your preference. Please place your empty cup in the bowl as you return to your seat after you commune.

**For those participating from home, please have a small glass of wine or juice and a small piece of bread available for all who are planning to commune.** When we come to the Meal portion of the service, you're invited to share the bread and wine, saying: This is the body of Christ, given for you; and this is the blood of Christ, shed for you, as you commune yourself, and/or others.

**Again, welcome to worship!**