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**The Season of  
Advent, Five\***  
**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**9am Contemporary Worship**  
**December 8, 2024**

GATHERING

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Songs** *"Great Things"* (Matt Maher)  
*"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"* (Meredith Andrews)

**Greeting & the Advent Wreath**

**Prayer of the Day**

WORD

**Scripture Reading** **Luke 3.1 – 6**

**Reflection**

**Song** *"Starlight"* (Bethel Music)

**Prayers of the People**

MEAL

**Confession & Forgiveness**

**The Story of the Last Supper & The Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Song** *"Psalm 34 ~ Taste and See"* (Shane & Shane)

**Prayer after Communion**

SENDING

**Blessing & Dismissal**

**Music as You Depart<sup>1</sup>** *"Great Things"* (Reprise)

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**We are glad you are with us for worship today, and 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.

**In thanksgiving to God for the saving grace shown to all of us in the death and resurrection of Christ, 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. Finally, communion assistants are located on both sides of the sanctuary, with both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)**. Please place your empty cup in the bowl on your way back 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, and the people who are present in person are coming forward, please eat your bread and drink your cup as you are moved to do so.

**If you have questions** about our worship service, please don't hesitate to ask someone around you. For more information about Baptism or Communion, about what Lutherans believe, or even about Grace Lutheran Church, please do not hesitate to reach out to our pastor.

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