

The First Sunday of Advent  
Grace Lutheran Church  
9:00 am Contemporary Worship  
Sunday, November 27, 2022

*“Wait for the Lord,  
Whose Day is Near.  
Wait for the Lord;  
Keep Watch, Take Heart.”\**

## GATHERING

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Songs**      *“Come Thou Fount” (arr. Chad Gardner)*  
*“King of My Heart” (John Mark McMillan)*

### **Greeting & Prayer of the Day**

## WORD

### **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 24:36 – 44**

### **Sermon**

**Song**                      *“Jesus We Love You” (Bethel Music)*

### **Prayers of the People**

## MEAL

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **The Story of the Last Supper**

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

**Song**                      *“Mighty to Save” (Hillsong Worship)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

**Music as You Depart\***                      *“Mighty to Save” (reprise)*

*\*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.***

***We are so glad you are here!***

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

**The season of Advent is about waiting for the coming of the Lord.** We wait for Christ's arrival that happened two thousand years ago and for the arrival that is yet to occur. We journey toward Bethlehem in the comforting but challenging reality of the "already" and the "not yet." Advent is about hope for today, as we continue to wait for what is to come. And Jesus is with us in this time between the already and the not yet.

**Children are welcome in worship at Grace!** The voices of children only enhance worship, and they are welcome in this space! If needed, there is a nursery available for any family to use.

**Your bulletin** contains an outline of the worship service. We invite you to look to the screens at the front of the church for the texts to the prayers and songs, and other service information.

**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 let the pastor know and the dish will be offered to you, from which you may take your own wafer. Finally, both **wine (red)** and **juice (white)** are available, on both sides, based on your preference.

**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.

**Again, we're glad you're here! Welcome to worship!**