

Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is December 5, 2023

This past Sunday was:

1st Sunday in Advent

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday was such a joy for us at Grace. It is always a blessing to begin a new church year and to once again move our focus to the life and the coming of Jesus. It was also a celebratory Sunday for us to give thanks for our congregation family and fellowship. We had our little kids singing, our handbells ringing, and wonderful guests from Lutheran Westland.

Next Sunday, December 10 is:

2nd Sunday in Advent

The 2nd Sunday in Advent always takes us to the message of John the Baptist, the prophet who would prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. John is considered by many to be the last of the Old Testament prophets.

The readings are:

[Isaiah 40:1-11](#)

[2 Peter 3:8-14](#)

[Mark 1:1-8](#)

The Hymn of the Day is:

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” (LSB #344)

Grace Events This Week

Wed 12/6 - Advent Midweek Service (11a/7pm)

This season’s theme is “The Clothing of the King”. This week we will hear of how God clothed Adam and Eve in the garden and what meaning that holds.

Sun 12/10 - Christmas Caroling (2pm)

Anyone is welcome to join us as we make our way around the county to our home-bound and shut-in to sing carols and share the good news. Start at church at 2pm. Food will follow.

Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

2nd Sunday in Advent

December 10, 2023

Psalm: Psalm 85

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

The words of Isaiah in chapter 40 will be echoed in one of our hymns on Sunday, LSB#347, Comfort Comfort Ye My People. Indeed what comfort comes when our Lord tells us that “her warfare is ended” and “her iniquity pardoned.” These promises reflect the work of the Savior Jesus who has come to bring us peace. Peace with God that our sins are forgiven and atoned for so that we can stand guiltless before our Heavenly Father. Isaiah 40 also points to the work of John the Baptist as the one who will “prepare the way of the Lord”.

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

In this passage St. Peter addresses patience and the timing of the Lord. The phrase “with the Lord one day is as a thousand years” is often misinterpreted as one that supports long ages and symbolic interpretations of the days of creation in Genesis. That isn’t at all what Peter is saying. For the next statement refutes it saying “a thousand years as one day.” Instead Peter is telling us that with God time is different and He shows great patience in His work with us giving us plentiful time on earth to be a part of spreading the good news of Jesus and His love.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Throughout the church year of 2023-2024 we will be hearing from Mark’s Gospel. It is the shortest of the four Gospels and we will see how Mark wastes no time getting us on the road to the cross. Mark does not give us the birth account of Jesus or any of His youth. Instead he starts right off with John the Baptist and the preparing of the way for Jesus’ ministry. We hear the quote from Isaiah 40 and immediately we see John moving on to baptize Jesus at the Jordan River. John fulfills his role of pointing all to Jesus and Jesus alone.