

Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is December 19, 2023

This past Sunday was:

3rd Sunday in Advent

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday we rejoiced together. It was the pink candle Sunday of Advent and in the midst of this season of repentance we were reminded that there is great reason to rejoice that our Savior has come and we are clothed by Him in the garments of salvation. Rejoice, rejoice!

Next Sunday, December 24 is:

4th Sunday in Advent

The 4th Sunday in Advent takes us ever so close to the birth of Jesus giving us a preview by telling us about the visit of the angel Gabriel to the virgin Mary. We hear the promise of this “gift” of a Savior to all mankind.

The readings are:

[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16](#)

[Romans 16:25-27](#)

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

The Hymn of the Day is:

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB #357)

Grace Events This Week

Wed 12/20 - Advent Midweek Service
(11a/7pm)

This season’s theme is “The Clothing of the King”. This week we will hear of Jonah’s visit to Nineveh and the repentance of that people with sackcloth and ashes.

Sun 12/24 - One 10:00am Sunday morning service for the 4th Sunday in Advent. No Bible Study or Sunday School

Sun 12/24 - 4pm and 7pm services for Christmas Eve.

Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

4th Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2023

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-5 (19-29)

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

All three readings today will remind us of the connection between King David and Jesus. It was prophesied in many places in the Old Testament that the Messiah to come would be of the lineage of David and be referred to as the “Son of David”. In this passage from 2nd Samuel we see the origin of that promise. As David desires to build a temple and a house for the Lord, God turns this around, and instead promises to build a house for David. He promises that an eternal kingdom will come from David’s line and this does point us to Jesus. It makes the reading of Christmas Eve all the more joyful when we hear of Mary and Joseph and the reason why they have to journey to Bethlehem for the census ... it is the city of David.

Epistle Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this closing of his letter to the Romans Paul uses the word “mystery” to describe the promises of the Messiah from the Old Testament. It makes the light of the fact that the prophesies of old didn’t spell out every facet of every detail of the Messiah’s coming. This includes the promise of the Messiah being the Son of David. The New Testament is the good news making these mysteries now clear and how they are fully revealed in the birth and life of Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

There are many who see this passage as one of the most tender and beautiful of the entire New Testament. Can you even imagine what it would be like to be in this moment when the angel visits a young woman named Mary to tell her she is “favored” and will soon be the mother of the Savior coming into the world? Too often we as Lutheran Christians are hesitant to say much or think much of Mary. This shouldn’t be. The place she holds in history is unmatched. The beautiful humility she shows at this gift and blessing given to her is one to be followed. She models the servanthood that her own Son and Savior will come to live out to perfection.