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"Gaudete" - The Third Sunday in Advent ~ December 13, 2020

CALENDAR for December 13th - December 20th

SUN. 13 *Third Sunday in Advent*
8:00 a.m. **Divine Service, Grace**
9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Grace
11:00 a.m. **Divine Service, Trinity**
2:00 p.m. *Misa en Español, Grace*
6:30 p.m. Advent/Christmas Caroling, Trinity
Commemoration of St. Lucia, Martyr

MON. 14 **Matins, 9a, Grace**
Labor Finders

TUES. 15 **Matins and OMT, 9a, Trinity**
6:15 p.m. Sisters of Sophia, the Ladder
6:30 p.m. Grace Council Mtg., Grace

WED. 16 **Matins, 9a, Grace**
9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Grace
11:00 a.m. **Divine Service, Grace**
6:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Meal, Trinity
7:00 p.m. **Midweek Advent Compline, Trinity**
TORCH deadline

THUR. 17 *Commemoration of Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men*
9:00 a.m. **Matins, Grace**
6:00 p.m. Grace Elders Mtg., Grace
7:30 p.m. Hall of Men, the Ladder

FRI. 18 **Matins, 9a, Grace**
4-5:00 p.m. **Private Absolution, Trinity**

SAT. 19 *Commemoration of Adam and Eve*
9:30 p.m. Ladies Guild

SUN. 20 *Fourth Sunday in Advent*
8:00 a.m. **Divine Service, Grace**
9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Grace
11:00 a.m. **Divine Service, Trinity**
2:00 p.m. *Misa en Español, Grace*
3:30 p.m. Elders Book Study, Grace
Commemoration of Katharina von Bora Luther

A WORD OF CAUTION AND FREEDOM: Dear Saints of God, I want to remind you all that as Christians we are to follow our conscience, washed in Holy Baptism and made clean by the blood of Christ. We are not given to judge one another, neither in motive nor in action. In times such as our own – with heightened political tension, with weariness from various forms of lock-down, from economic distress, not to mention physical, mental, and spiritual suffering – we must pray for one another and forgive one another, bearing with one another the trials of this evil day. To that end, I want to remind you that there are various ways in which you might gather with the faithful here at Grace and Trinity—each of which can and ought to be done with a clear conscience before our Lord.

- We are blessed to gather with as many as so choose on Sunday mornings. Typically, at Grace we have about 30 each week, while at Trinity it's about 70. If 70 is too many for you, please feel welcome at Grace!
- Also, Grace offers a Wednesday morning Divine Service at 11am, at which about 15 regularly attend. That provides even more distancing.
- Finally, you're welcome to meet with me individually – either in the sanctuary or your home – and I'd be more than happy to accommodate.

The Lord has gifts to give. Please be sure to take part as your conscience and context provide.

CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS: we're still observing some precautions of social distancing and a higher-sanitary reception of the Holy Sacrament. Until noted otherwise:

- Please sit in every other pew (not next to aisle);
- Make use of the hand-sanitizer at the entrance;
- Offerings will be collected in the Narthex;
- Communion will be offered in a single-file line by families to avoid touching the communion rails;
- We use more potent wine and use Everclear on the purificator to sanitize;
- No sharing of the peace prior to service;
- Please feel free to continue your fellowship outside, rather than in the Narthex, and keep spacing while departing the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER: Daily prayer & devotion is vital. The half-page insert is for daily use in the home. We invite you to make use of it however you find it helpful. It can also be found on Grace's website.

DAILY MATINS: This ancient morning prayer service is offered at Grace, **Mon-Fri at 9:00a.m.** Join us around our Lord's word, prayers for the Church, and singing beautiful hymnody. [Live-streamed on Grace's FB page.](#)

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS is at 9:30am at Grace today. We're still working our way through Revelation. Join us!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: meets at **Grace at 9:30am.** We're in St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Join us!

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES: Wednesdays in December at Trinity we're preparing for the Lord's coming, 'advent', with a meal at 6pm and Compline at 7pm. We'll consider the Latin title for the week as preparation for the Lord's coming. Offerings support our Missionaries—the Conrads in Mexico City and Pastor Gaugert in the Congo.

YOUTH CATECHESIS is on break until January 13th.

PRIVATE ABSOLUTION: For those seeking opportunity to confess their sins and hear our Lord's forgiveness, we offer Private Absolution from **4-5pm on Fridays at Trinity**, or by appointment. *The Lord has put away your sin; go in peace!*

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER: The Grace Food Pantry asks for **flour** for December. Please place items in the crate in our Narthex.

WHITE TUBE SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS: Grace's Board of Social Ministry will fill tube socks for the homeless again this year. We need your help filling them with goodies. Suggestions: hard candy, small snack packages, "Slim Jims", playing cards, small first aid items, trial size toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. We'll collect until Sunday, Dec. 13th. Donations can be left in the narthex at Grace or Trinity in the Food Pantry collection box. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND: Grace's Board of Social Ministry will also put together (with your help) baskets for our dear homebound members. We'd love to have a few baked goods, small personal religious items (a cross, bible verses, trinkets, ornaments), crossword puzzle books, socks, blankets, etc. Donations may also be placed in the food pantry box. We'll collect these until Dec. 13th. Thank you and God bless your giving hearts!

ORATIO MEDITATIO TENTATIO: Our monthly theological book club meets next at Trinity from 9am-12pm on Tuesday, December 15th to pray Matins and discuss Jaroslav Pelikan's *Divine Rhetoric: The Sermon on the Mount as Message and as Model in Augustine, Chrysostom and Luther*. We'll pray Matins, discuss the book, then get lunch. Join us!

BOOK STUDY: The elders at Grace & Trinity invite anyone interested to join in reading Martin Luther's *Concerning Christian Liberty*. We'll meet next **12/20 at Grace at 3:30pm**. Pastor has extra copies for \$5 if you'd like one.

WANT TO KNOW MORE about Concordia Academy, Wichita's up-and-coming Lutheran high school? Curious about classical education? Wondering what makes us distinctly Lutheran? We invite you to check out our Facebook page. Stop by, read our posts, and "like" our page to keep up on the latest news.

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SAFETY NOTE: For your safety and your belongings, please lock your vehicle before entering the building on the Lord's Day. Also, do not leave valuables such as cell phones, checkbooks, purses, or cash visible in your parked vehicle.

WEEKLY UPDATE & COMMUNICATIONS: Every Friday Pastor sends out a "Weekly Update". If you don't receive this, or our monthly newsletter, prayers, or announcements, contact Pastor (pastor.boyle@gmail.com).

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Our Sister Church: The Portuguese Evangelical Lutheran Church

Missionaries: Rev. Daniel, Kathryn & Ana Conrad, Rev. Jacob Gaugert

Pastors: Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle, Rev. Daniel Metzger

Circuit Visitor: Rev. Thomas Johnson

District President: Rev. Justin Panzer

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Servants of our State: Brandon Whipple, Laura Kelly, Donald Trump

Training/Deployed in Armed forces: Caleb & Colby Bartel, Dawson Bromlow, Keaton Wellner

Our Schools: Concordia Academy, Euraquilo Christian Academy (VanSant Homeschool)

Our College & Seminary Students: Dakota Bennett, Amber Bonine, Dawson Bromlow, Anna Casner, Abigail & Gladys Heitzmann, Kyle Nelson, Matthew & Neal Patron, Casey Reyes, Nicole Withrow

Comfort, Health, and Recovery: Rose Griffith (*granddaughter of Lenny Rose*), Julia Lessman (*granddaughter of the Lessmans*), Justin Montgomery (*friend of the Lessmans*), Kim Nunnold, Kathy Patron, Gary (*brother of Angie Patterson*), David Clements (*friend of Kendall Patterson*), Jeff (*son of Angela Mooneyham*), Carolyn Schaub, Debra Engelbrecht

Birthdays: Miriam Lessman, Anthony Scheffer, Andrew Schaub

Wedding Anniversaries: Cory & Veronica Laflin, John & Cynthia Hutter

Shut-ins: Gil & Judy Holstein, Ginger Manchesian, Julia Ruble, Louise Smith, Alice Smith, Trivona Stegman, Mary Jane Zumalt

READINGS for next week

~ Fourth Sunday in Advent ~

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: John 1:19-28

Looking Ahead...

Dec 13 ~ Advent & Christmas Caroling, 6:30pm, Trinity

Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols, 7pm, Grace

Nativity Midnight Mass, 11pm, Trinity

Dec 25 ~ Feast of the Nativity, 10am, Grace

Those Serving at Grace & Trinity today...

Trinity

Counters: the Schneiders

Greeters: the Smiths

Ushers: Derrel Pressnell &

Roger Zwemke

Altar Guild: Sheryl Anderson

Elder: Keith Buhr

Grace

Counters: Tom & Sandy

Greeters: the Howards

Ushers: Terry & Ted

Altar Guild: the Nickels