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**"Rorate Coeli" - The Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ December 20, 2020**

### CALENDAR for December 20<sup>th</sup> - December 27<sup>th</sup>

**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*

**MON. 21** *Festival of St. Thomas, Apostle*  
**Matins, 9a, Grace**

**TUES. 22** **Matins, 9a, Grace**  
6:00 p.m. Grace Elders Mtg., Grace

**WED. 23** **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**

**THUR. 24** *Christmas Eve*  
9:00 a.m. **Matins, Grace**  
7:00 p.m. **Lessons & Carols, Grace**  
11:00 p.m. **Midnight Mass, Trinity**

**FRI. 25** *Feast of the Nativity*  
10:00 a.m. **Divine Service, Grace**  
11:30 a.m. *Misa de la Navidad, Grace*

**SAT. 26** *Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr*

**SUN. 27** *The Feast of St. John*  
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*

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**ORATIO MEDITATIO TENTATIO:** a monthly theological book club meets next at Grace from 9am-12pm on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to pray Matins and discuss three short stories by Flannery O'Connor: "A Good Man Is Hard to Find," "Everything that Rises Must Converge," and "Parker's Back" in *The Complete Stories*. 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 **today at Grace at 3:30pm**. Pastor has extra copies for \$5 if you'd like one.

**WHAT'S THE BENEFIT OF LATIN AND GREEK** in today's world? 60% of English words come from Latin and Greek, so knowing them helps with language arts. Latin is also the basis of Spanish, which will be taught at Concordia as well. In STEM subjects, 90% of the terminology comes from Latin and Greek. Latin and Greek grammar teaches logical thinking skills. They're two of the historical languages of the Church and are vital in studying Scripture and theology. Many great works of Western antiquity are in these languages; knowing them aids in the understanding of history and literature. (Potential students do not need prior language instruction to enroll at Concordia.) For more, see [www.concordiaacademywichita.org](http://www.concordiaacademywichita.org).

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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](mailto:pastor.boyle@gmail.com)).

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

**Our Sister Church:** The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia

**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

**Synod President:** Rev. Matthew Harrison

**Baptismal Anniversaries:** Becky Morse, Scott Schneider

**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, Morgan Goscha, Susan Lee

**Birthdays:** Alan Bacon III, Kelsey Wellner, Michael Unruh, Goldene Peck, Angie Patterson

**Wedding Anniversaries:** Ted & Amy Brown, Jonathan & Crista Switzer

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

## **READINGS for next week**

~ Feast of St. John ~

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Revelation 1:1-6

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 1:1-2:2

**GOSPEL:** John 21:20-25

## ***Looking Ahead...***

*Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols, 7pm, Grace  
Nativity Midnight Mass, 11pm, Trinity*

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

*Dec 31 ~ Eve of the Feast of the Circumcision, 5:30pm, 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: Jeanette & Margie*

*Greeters: the Brunners*

*Ushers: Cory & Terry*

*Altar Guild: the Unruhs*