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Order of Service - Divine Service Setting 4 LSB 203

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Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

Supporting the Ministry of Grace is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as our Facebook and website so you can give online.

As We Gather: It is still Advent, but today we hear an account of the Christmas story early so that we may know what to look for later this week. The Son of Mary by the Holy Spirit is Jesus, who saves us from our sins and who fulfills the promise of Immanuel: God is with us. Perhaps the richness of the details of Luke's account sometimes distracts us from the message. The Lord has come to keep His Word, to save us from our sins, and to keep us in His hand so that we may be His eternally. None of this was obvious to either Mary or faithful Joseph, and yet the Lord was at work through it all to deliver to us His Son to be our Savior. We will still worry when things do not go as we plan, and we will still struggle with doubts and fears, but the angel of God's presence is no mere messenger sent in His place or another sign yet to be fulfilled. No, the angel of God's presence is His only-begotten Son, whose name is Jesus and whose work is our salvation.

Advent Devotions online. During this season of preparation for the coming of Jesus, additional resources are available through various sources. A recommended source is The Lutheran Hour at lhm.org

Mission Of The Month...for December is Lutheran World Relief, the ministry of our synod that helps provide for those in need.

Christmas Worship Opportunities:

Christmas Eve Worship with Candlelight: We celebrate the Savior's birth through the eyes of the children of the congregation on Christmas Eve at 5:30pm. Please have your children here to get ready by 5:15.

Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion: The Christmas tradition continues as we celebrate the Savior's birth with worship, singing and Holy Communion. Join us at 10:00 Christmas morning!

Angel Tree: Our congregation was generous by fulfilling 20 Angel Tree gifts/ gift cards as well as Linda Krueger made 7 blankets on behalf of Grace! Overall, the Benton Community Norway elementary facility helped 39 families. We give because Christ gave up His heavenly dwelling to come to earth to give us forgiveness and eternal life!

Food Pantry: Thank you to all who supplied food items in the entryway. This week they were taken to the Atkins Food Pantry to help those in need. Again, thank you for your support!

Thank you to all who have provided food for recent Grace events. There are a few dishes/containers in the kitchen to take home. Take a look and take yours home!

Portals of Prayer for the first quarter of 2026 are on the table in the narthex for you to take and use to enhance your daily devotion time. Please help yourself if this tool is a blessing to you or others.

Sign-up for Altar Flowers: The 2026 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to supply the flowers for a particular Sunday. Please indicate on the sign up

sheet the special acknowledgement if you would like it placed in the bulletin.

Poinsettias- Many plants were given to decorate the sanctuary and glorify God for Christmas. Please look over the sheet in the back of church that lists those who gave in memory of a loved one who is with Jesus. After Christmas Day worship, you are welcome to either leave your plant for as long as they stay looking well, or you can take it along with you and share it or beautify your own home during the days of Christmas and Epiphany.