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WELCOME TO GRACE!

We're glad you're here! May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone. You can follow along with the service using this worship folder or using the screens above the chancel. If you're new here, below is some helpful information about our sanctuary and our worship...

- Please reserve the **BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.
- A **PARENT'S ROOM** with private changing area and restroom is available through the door at the back of the middle aisle. Windows from the room allow you to still watch the service and speakers allow you to hear as well. A volume control is available on the wall by the door.
- Ask an usher to receive an **AUDIO RECEIVER** and **HEADSET** if you need hearing assistance in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall.
- **RESTROOMS** are available in the Narthex. Exit out of the north doors from the Sanctuary and go to the left. They are located in the alcove behind Luther's Seal.
- **LARGE PRINT** bulletins are available. See an usher to receive one.
- Visit our **WEBSITE** at <http://www.graceglendale.org> for additional information about our ministries and upcoming events.

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AT TODAY'S SERVICE...

Preaching Minister: Pastor Sellnow

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Senior ushers: 8:00 AM – Cash Hill

10:30 AM – Ryan Jacobson / Josiah Meuhlich

A/V Team: 8:00 AM – Tracey Moreland / Mark Breiling

10:30 AM – Paul Sullivan

ABOUT THE THEME

November 30 is the Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle. The Christian Church sets the first Sunday in Advent as the Sunday closest to this festival day which commemorates the choosing of the first apostle. This year the first Sunday in Advent lands on the festival date itself and so we will remember Andrew's calling to follow Christ and his desire to share the Savior with those around him – the very thing we are eager to do this time of year.

Advent marks the start of a new Church Year. Jesus calls us anew to follow him. As we learn his importance for our lives, we are moved to tell others about what we have seen and heard. Soon we will celebrate the first arrival of the Savior on earth. We look forward to the time when he will arrive again, and we celebrate his arrival in the lives of our family and friends.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Morning Praise

HYMN: SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

CW 301

HOLY BAPTISM (8:00)

Ricky Que

Please stand

OPENING SENTENCES

CW 207

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God;
O Lord, come quickly to help me.

ADVENT

Rejoice, your King comes to you:
Praise and thanks to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. The prophets all spoke of the coming of Christ, how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

**On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born.
On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died.**

On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead.

He then ascended into heaven.

On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

As the followers of Christ we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people.

We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

The candle of Hope is lit.

HYMN: WE LIFT THE LIGHT OF HOPE

to the tune of CW 512

We lift the light of hope, O God,
Your presence burning bright.
In praise we sing the gift You bring:
Our hope complete in Christ.
In praise we sing the gift You bring:
Our hope complete in Christ.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, your apostle Andrew obeyed your call without delay. Grant that we who have been called by your Holy Word may likewise follow with joyful heart and life; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 3:16–21

Jesus calls us to speak both law and gospel to the world. In doing so we witness to both our need for a Savior and God's grace to sinners.

¹⁶At the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁷"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ¹⁸When I say to a wicked person, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn them or speak out to dissuade them from their evil ways in order to save their life, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ¹⁹But if you do warn the wicked person

and they do not turn from their wickedness or from their evil ways, they will die for their sin; but you will have saved yourself.

²⁰“Again, when a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before them, they will die. Since you did not warn them, they will die for their sin. The righteous things that person did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ²¹But if you do warn the righteous person not to sin and they do not sin, they will surely live because they took warning, and you will have saved yourself.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRACE NOTES (8:00)

"Lo How a Rose"

SECOND READING

Romans 10:10–18

Jesus calls people to faith and to service in his kingdom. This includes speaking the message about Christ to those who do not yet know him.

¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

¹⁶But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” ¹⁷Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. ¹⁸But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

“Their voice has gone out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL

John 1:35–42

Andrew followed Jesus and believed he was the Lamb of God and promised Christ – a message he was eager to share.

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “**What do you want?**”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

³⁹“**Come,**” he replied, “**and you will see.**”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “**You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas**” (which, when translated, is Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN: BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING

CW 892 sts. 1, 5, 3

SERMON

John 1:35-42

LOOK! THE LAMB!

Please stand

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

CW 210

Music and lyrics can be found on the screens or in the blue hymnal on page 210.

Please be seated

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD

Please complete the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time.

HYMN: HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CRYING

CW 745

Please stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

CW 213

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN: JESUS CALLS US O'ER THE TUMULT

CW 711

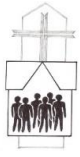
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Grace Groups

Gathering Together Around God's Word

LOOK! THE LAMB!

John 1:35-42

What is your favorite season of the Church Year? Why? What makes Advent special to you?

Why would Christians include festival days in worship to remember the lives and service of certain Christians of the past? How can this serve us well and in keeping with God's Word? What danger could there be in doing this?

Who is your favorite apostle and why?

What characteristics of Andrew might we emulate during the Advent and Christmas seasons?

Agree/Disagree: You can bring people to Jesus without ever actually speaking the gospel to them.
