

**November 29, 2020**



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## **We Approach God**

Welcome & Announcements  
Advent – Hope

Praise Singing

\*“Good Grace”

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Congregational Prayer

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

## **We Hear God’s Word**

Message – Discipleship Essentials: Grace

Scripture – Romans 5:8, Luke 15:11-24

## **We Respond to God**

Communion

Prayer

Special Music – Libbi Campbell

\*“Emmanuel (God With us Forever)”

Blessing



# DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS

## FOUR GIFTS

**Grace.Redemption.Justification.Adoption**

Nov. 29-Dec. 20 - Based on Discipleship Essentials: (Chapters 10-14)

### THREE ESSENTIALS OF GRACE

**1. Grace is undeserved f\_\_\_\_\_ , unearned blessing and unmerited**

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*Luke 1:26-30; 15:11-24*

**2. Grace does not provide an escape from \_\_\_\_\_ now, but it offers hope for eternity.** *Luke 6:20-26*

**3. Grace \_\_\_\_\_ a life of gratitude, humility, and obedience**  
*Luke 1:38*

*Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.*

*Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."*

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

## *Upcoming Events*

- Nov 29** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin, Communion  
9:00am – Sunday School  
10:00am – Pastor Kevin, Communion  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group
- Nov 30** 7:00pm – High School Bible Study, Deacon Meeting
- Dec 1** 8:00am – Prayer Meeting  
12:30pm – Women’s Mission Circle  
7:00pm – Elder Meeting – *If you are interested in baptism or membership, please contact Pastor Kevin.*
- Dec 2** 6:30pm – Bible Class, Women’s Bible Study, Youth Praise Team  
7:30pm – Men’s Bible Study, High School Youth Group
- Dec 3** 6:30pm – Outreach Team Meeting
- Dec 6** 8:00am – Pastor Kevin  
9:00am – Sunday School  
10:00am – Pastor Kevin  
6:30pm – Middle School Youth Group

### **Who May/Should Participate In Communion?**

“We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.” (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

*“Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don’t do it in a way that isn’t worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You’ll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Cor. 11:27-28 NIRV)*

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus for the forgiveness of sins to participate in the Lord’s supper. If your child understands the above statement, they too are welcome to the table. As well, we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as active confessing members. For more information, check out “Discovering Membership” on our website or at the information table.

## *Youth News*

**Middle School** – Tonight we're playing games and making gifts for some very special people! See you at 6:30!

**High School** – Guys and Girls groups on Wednesday! Guys meet in the sanctuary from 7:30-8:30, girls meet in the youth room.

**Christmas Card Distribution** – The youth group students will have a table set up for Christmas gifts and cards through December 27<sup>th</sup>. We will pass your addressed Christmas cards (first and last names if possible) out to the correct church mailboxes - all we ask is that you donate the money you would have spent on stamps to the youth group in the box on the table. If you are giving cards to any of the shut-ins, we ask that you mail those to them this year since we don't have people delivering media to the nursing homes at this time. Thank you so much for your support!

## *Opportunities to Get Involved*

**Women's Missionary Circle** is inviting women of the church to join them throughout the year on a monthly basis to grow together in God's Word through bible study, support one another through prayer and fellowship, and to stay in touch with the missionaries our church supports by sending letters and praying for them. This is a great opportunity to grow in your faith, build relationships with other women, and be a blessing to those serving God around the world.

## *Bulletin Board News*

**Offering** may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby.

**Congrats** to Jim Stelsel as he celebrates his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Congrats** to Alvin Harmsen as he celebrates his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**AMEN** articles are due today.

**Winter Clothing Drive** – We will be holding a winter clothing drive for our local schools November 11<sup>th</sup> – December 9<sup>th</sup>. Women's ministries have challenged our Bible classes in a donation challenge!! Please look at your mailbox insert for more details.

**Love Offering** – This year's recipient is Mark Vossekul. A second offering will be collected each week in Sunday school class (parents, please explain to your children that one offering goes in the regular offering and the other should be given to a Sunday school teacher). You may also donate by placing your offering in a labeled envelope in one of the white, locked offering boxes through December 24<sup>th</sup>.

## P - praise R - repent A - ask Y – yield

**Praise:** We praise you, Lord, for the healing you've brought thus far to those listed below. We rejoice in your power to heal and your compassion to see us through.

**Repent:** Lord, we confess that we take healing for granted and lack faith to pray boldly for miracles. Forgive us for doubting your power and love.

**Ask:** Father, give us a greater hunger for Your Word, a clearer vision for the future, and a stronger will to go wherever You lead. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call. •Grant us wisdom and discernment as the church evaluates affiliating with a new denomination. •Pour down Your peace, healing, and protection on teachers, parents, healthcare workers, and those listed below.

**Yield:** We surrender to Your plans and commit ourselves to obey Your Word each day. Amen.

**Healing:** Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Colleen Bille, Harlan Bossenbroek, Keith Bruins, Josie Buiter, Harvey Daane, Paul Elenius, Vance Elzinga, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Dan Hopp, Ken Kamphuis, Dave Rumley, Rollie Schroeder, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Bryan Ter Beest, Brysen Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Ron Vande Zande, Mark Vossekuij, and Silas Willey.

### **Military Personnel:**

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the Middle East, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East; Jim Hopp, a Marine stationed in Hawaii; and for the leaders of our country and the troops stationed overseas.

**Shut-ins:** Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: **Anchor Communities (Brandon):** Dale Kastein **Barrett House:** Lowell Glewen **Christian Home:** Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Warren & Kay Vande Zande **Evergreen:** Glen Loomans **Home:** Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest **Maple Meadows:** Arlene Henning **Marvin's Manor:** Eleanor Loomans **The Meadows:** Donna Kastein

**Missionaries:** Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ