

OUR LIFE TOGETHER... WEEK OF DEC 22-29, 2024



SUN 12/22: 4th Sunday in Advent/Lessons & Carols

8:45am Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service with Communion

Sanctuary/Online

TUE 12/24:

7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sanctuary/Online



WED 12/25:

10:00am Christmas Day Service

Sanctuary/Online

SUN 12/29:

10:00am Worship Service with Communion

Sanctuary/Online

**The Church Office will be closed will be closed Dec. 24 – Jan. 3rd
for Christmas Break. See you in the New Year!!**

Online access: [Facebook.com/glcva](https://www.facebook.com/glcva) or [glcvirginia.org/video-recordings](https://www.glcvirginia.org/video-recordings)



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WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE!

If you are with us for the first time, please stop by our **Welcome Center** located in the Hallway to pick up a gift!

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

A CHILDREN'S QUIET ROOM where parents can follow the service is available. Please ask an usher for more information.

BUDDY BAGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN are located in the Narthex. The bright, colorful bags are hanging off the staircases for your child to choose one. Each bag has a stuffed animal, coloring book, crayons and stickers. Please return the bag after the service

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for use in the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING Our Sunday Services are streamed on both Facebook and YouTube. Please continue to worship on Facebook, or view at [youtube.com/@glcvirginia](https://www.youtube.com/@glcvirginia). Wednesday Bible Study will only be streamed on Facebook. Video recordings are available after the services on www.glcvirginia.org, under Worship Services-Video Recordings or follow the YouTube channel.



OWLS: The Senior Group will meet for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at noon fun, food and fellowship in the Multipurpose Room. Please notify Shirley Brennan if you are planning on attending or have any questions.

CONGREGATIONAL STUDY COMING IN JANUARY

All members and friends of Grace are invited to be part of a special congregational study in the New Year, focusing on St. Luke's view and portrayal of Jesus. In our congregational study (January 12—March 2), titled Luke's Epiphany, we'll utilize Sunday sermons, Wednesday/Sunday classes, and Tuesday/Thursday home studies to dive in to the early chapters of Luke's Gospel. We'll look at every single verse from the very beginning of Luke through his story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. As we read, discuss, and study together in our Luke's Epiphany congregational study, perhaps we'll discover ways to help our friends and neighbors to come to an epiphany of their own regarding Jesus Christ. Visit Grace's website (www.glcvirginia.org/ministries/congregational-study) for more details.



DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING CLASS: Ever had interest in helping out with disaster response? Interested in learning about how Lutherans organize and mobilize when disasters strike? Want to know more about recent hurricane response in our Southeastern District? Wondering whether you could actually assist? Members and friends of Grace are welcome to participate in a *Basic LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training Class* on Saturday, January 25. Participants will be introduced to the LCMS Disaster Response program, and learn the basic nature of disasters and how Christians can support neighbors in need as the hands and feet of Jesus. Other class topics include response and deployment protocol in times of disasters, a ministry of presence, and safety practices. Check out the details and register at glcvirginia.org. Contact Pastor Puls with questions. Please note that a Chainsaw Training Class will be held at Grace in late winter; but the Basic LERT Training Class will be a pre-requisite.

2025 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN UP: The sign up sheet for next year's altar flowers is now available and is hanging in the hallway near the water fountain. Please sign up as a way to remember a loved one who has passed away or perhaps to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. The arrangements are **\$30 each (\$60 for both)** and after the Sunday service, can be taken home and enjoyed. Please make checks out to Grace Lutheran Church and put "**Altar Flowers**" in the memo line.



BOARD OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Thank you for contributing to our Enduring Envelopes and purchasing Christmas Baskets during November and December. Keep an eye out for more fundraising opportunities in the New Year!!

GRACE COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Send your prayer request to prayerchain@glcvirginia.org, the church office grace@glcvirginia.org or your Elder. You may also make a notation on the blue attendance cards. Prayers will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise noted. This week we pray for:

HEALING

- Rene Batigne
- Elaine Bedard
- Randy Haack
- Judy Haeske
- Shay Manuel
- Suzi Moser
- Amalia Reinat
- Bill Sarofim
- Tim Corbett (Simmons)
- Dan (Huff)
- Elaine Eagle (Frevort)
- Heather Frevort (Anita)
- Glenn Harris (Koontz)
- Terri Johnson (Jean)
- Rob McIntire (Nasi)
- Leah Pyatt (Schmidt)
- Mike Sova (Huff)

SERVICE MEMBERS

- All Veterans
- Dan Buer, ARNG
- Josh Chambers, USAF
- Joshua Noble, USA
- Mike Sneath, USN
- Jesse Brown, USAF
- Paul DeLong, USA (Fred & Carol)
- Aaron Haaf, USMC (Sneath)
- Chris Hobbs, USAF (Ernie & Diana)
- DJ Sutton, USA (Johnson)
- Leith Masri, ARNG (Jones)
- Adam Nasi, USAF (Paul & Robin)
- Keith Russell, USA (Derrick)
- Connor Schmidt, USA (Patrick)
- Ethan Schmidt, USA Cadet (Patrick)
- Luke Simmons, USN (John & Ferrin)
- Paul Steinhibel, ARNG (Vicki)
- Tate Turner, USA (Simmons)
- Nathan Weiss, USSF (Gordon/Brandon)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VERSE OF THE MONTH: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

ADVENT BIBLE CLASSES FOR ADULTS: "INTRUDE"

During the weeks of Advent, all adults at Grace are welcome to a study of the first chapter of Luke. The word *intrude* means to "*thrust oneself in without invitation, permission, or welcome.*" In our **Intrude** classes, we'll be reading and talking about how God himself intruded into the lives of Zechariah, Elizabeth, and Mary, in unique and momentous ways, and how these servants of God responded. We'll also take time to discuss how God intervenes in our modern-day lives, and how we respond to God's presence and activity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM

- December 22 Pastor Puls – Intrude (Luke 1:67-80)
- December 29 no class (Christmas Break)