

## G.R.A.C.E. PLACE FALL NEWSLETTER

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Join Kelsey for a short zoom check-in on Sunday from 9:00-9:30am! Meeting password is 09192020  
Join Zoom Meeting:  
<https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/5771068839?pwd=eFdhaXgxZUtGNG8reCtJaS9VTUZsdz09>

This week I invite you to continue Faith5 in your homes this week. I also want to bring a little more Christmas into your homes with Christmas music! We all sing those Christmas songs from the traditional "Silent Night" to "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas". What do these



songs mean to you? How do they help you prepare for Christmas?

Let's sing the song "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant,  
Oh come ye, O come ye  
to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of Angels:  
O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him.  
Christ the Lord.

Now, what were we singing? Come and behold him? How are you preparing to come and

behold Jesus? In the midst of the chaos of life, how are you setting aside time with your family to behold this amazing gift that God is giving us?

Let Us Adore Him. Adore means to deeply love and respect. To worship and praise. Stop, behold God and the importance of Christmas, of Emmanuel, you will find adoration. How are you going to adore Jesus?

Sing other Christmas songs this week and really think about what you are singing and how it helps you prepare for Christmas!

### Faith5

Share your highs and lows for the week with everyone else.

Read a Bible passage.

Talk about how God worked within the Bible passage and how God is working in your lives through your highs and lows.

Pray for everyone's highs and lows and for anything else on your hearts and minds.

Bless each other to close out your family faith formation time either with your own family blessing or one already written.

## PEACE

Luke 1: 67-79

**“And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.”**

Advent 3 is all about the Joy. The Joy that we feel at Christmas time, the Joy that God brings to Mary and Joseph, and the joy that God gifts us.

Head to your space you created with your family for advent. You'll want your candles, this newsletter, and a moment of peace before you enter this advent activity.

Light the first candle, read Matthew 1:18-25, and designate one family member to be the leader of today's 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent candle lighting.

**Leader:** When the world seems scary or uncertain,

**Others:** Our joy comes from the Lord.

**Leader:** When things aren't as they should be...

**Others:** Our joy comes from the Lord.

**Leader:** When we feel sad...

**Others:** Our joy comes from the Lord.

**Leader:** When someone makes us happy...

**Others:** Our joy comes from the Lord.

**Leader:** You, Lord, are our source of joy...

**Others:** Our joy comes from the Lord.

**Leader:** Today, we light the candle of joy...

**Others:** Our joy is in the Lord.

**Leader:** Thank you God, that you are with us. Thank you for your faithfulness. May the candle of joy be a reminder today and throughout Advent that our joy is in you. Amen.

### Service Project

Are you missing our church community? So are others. Come together and write a Christmas card to a family at Grace. If you'd like to participate in this service project, please email Kelsey to get a name!



**Make Your Own Advent Wreath!**

<https://www.catholicicing.com/advent-ideas/>