

# Come, Lord Jesus!

## Advent/Christmas 2018



*People look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able trim the hearth and set the table.*

*People, look east, and sing today—*

*Love, the Guest, is on the way.*

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In this season of Advent, here at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, we wait together in expectation for the coming of our Lord with worship on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11:00 am and each Sunday evening at 5:00 pm, as we gather for *Holden Evening Prayer*.

### Wonder & Worship on Wednesdays

New at Grace! Every Wednesday we are all invited to gather together for a variety of programs with worship at the heart of it all. We are calling it **Wonder & Worship** with the expectation that we will wonder at the ways God blesses us with the Word, worship and with deepening relationships. For those who are not able to worship on the weekend, there will now be an opportunity mid-week to gather for worship with Holy Communion. We will also have other ministry opportunities, and a simple dinner will be offered.

In the Advent season, there will be special musical concerts and worship.

It is a good time to invite friends - ALL ARE WELCOME!

### Schedule for Wonder & Worship on Wednesdays

Now through December 12th and January 9th - June 12th, 2019

**5:00 pm** Children's Choir Rehearsal

**5:00 pm** Knit/Crochet Group (Prayer Shawl Ministry) Learner's welcome!

**5:00 pm & 7:00 pm** Ministry Council Meetings, Task Group Meetings

**5:45 pm** Dinner

**6:30 pm** Worship

**7:00 pm** Bell Choir Rehearsals, Youth Room open,

**7:00 pm** Adult Learning (Bible Study, Discussion, Book Studies)

### CANDLELIGHT DINNER and CONCERT

Wednesday, November 28, 2018 Dinner at 5:45 p.m. / Concert at 6:30 p.m.

All are invited to a candlelight dinner and music for the season of Advent and Christmas. Thomas Keesecker returns to Winchester to perform music from his Advent and Christmas piano collections in a program of piano music, song, and poetry. Enter the time of Advent and Christmas with gentle and inspiring music of the season.

Candlelight Dinner – RSVP required – by 12 noon, Sunday, November 25.

Call or email Grace Lutheran Church office, 540-662-6678 / [grace@gracewin.org](mailto:grace@gracewin.org)

\$5 per person / \$12 per family

In addition, a freewill offering at the door will help cover the cost of the concert.

# Advent Musical Concerts

Join us for a wonderful evening with music and dinner

**6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 5th with Dr. Tom Mitts**

Dr. Mitts is Associate Professor of Organ and Director of Church Music at Shenandoah Conservatory. In addition to teaching organ performance and related keyboard skills, he oversees the undergraduate and graduate degrees and certificate programs in Church Music. Each summer he plans and leads the Church Music Institute, a two-week intensive study of the skills and knowledge required of a musician working in the church.

As the Artistic Director of Shenandoah's Bach-Handel Festival of Baroque Music, Dr. Mitts works with students from across the Conservatory in the preparation and performance of early music. He also serves as organist for the annual Service of Lessons & Carols, a highly anticipated event that he designs and coordinates. On occasion, Dr. Mitts leads graduate seminars in Music History and Music Theory, and oversees document preparation for doctoral Lecture Recitals.

Since 1993, Dr. Mitts has also served as Organist and Choirmaster at Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington, DC, a church whose worship life is propelled by dynamic music and liturgy. In this capacity, he has composed Mass settings, graduals, psalms and other liturgical elements as well as anthems and festival settings for voices and instrumental ensembles. He has also prepared scholarly performing editions of early music for use in liturgical celebrations and concerts.

**Plan to attend this lovely concert beginning at 5:45 pm with dinner on Wednesday, December 5th. Dinner is \$5 per person/ \$12 per family.**

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Join us on **Wednesday, December 12th** for ***Peter Mayer Stars & Promises Concert***

**7:00 pm– Guitarist and singer Peter Mayer** will perform his  
19th annual Stars and Promises Christmas tour.

“The theme for this year’s Stars and Promises tour is ‘A Junkman’s Christmas,’ which comes from a memory of my father at Christmas who made the most of a forgotten present by weaving together widgets and fix-it objects so that I had another item under the tree,” said Peter Mayer. “The holiday season is celebrated around the world in song, from concert halls to shopping malls, and we are honored to be a part of families’ yearly traditions as we begin our 19<sup>th</sup> year of holiday performances.”

**ABOUT PETER MAYER** Peter Mayer is a Lutheran recording artist, songwriter and touring musician. He has released 13 albums to date and tours year round with his band, the Peter Mayer Group. For the past 28 years, he has performed and recorded with Jimmy Buffett’s Coral Reefer Band and shared the stage with a variety of artists such as Paul McCartney, James Taylor, Dave Mathews, Paul Simon and Ringo Starr. For more information on the Peter Mayer Group, visit [www.petermayer.com](http://www.petermayer.com). From this link, go to News and Press to read the Living Lutheran article about Peter Mayer.

**Join us at Grace Lutheran on Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.**

Concert Tickets are \$20.00 each in advance. \$25.00 at the door.  
Please contact **T. Shafferman** for more information.



## *Sundays in Advent*

### *Advent Gathering I*

Sunday, December 2nd

Services of Holy Communion and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:15 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:30 - 10:45 am Sunday School

5:00 pm Worship ~ Grace Place *Holden Evening Prayer* & Holy Communion

### *Advent Gathering II*

Sunday, December 9th

Services of Holy Communion and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:15 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:30 am Annual Business Meeting with Children's Advent Activity

5:00 pm Worship ~ Grace Place *Holden Evening Prayer* & Holy Communion

### *Advent Gathering III*

Sunday, December 16th

Services of Holy Communion and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:15 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:30 - 10:45 am Children's Christmas Program "**The Promise**" & Reception

5:00 pm Worship ~ Grace Place *Holden Evening Prayer* & Holy Communion

### *Advent Gathering IV*

Sunday, December 23rd

Services of Holy Communion and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:15 & 11:00 am Worship Services

9:30 - 10:45 am Sunday School and Baskets of Joy

5:00 pm Worship ~ Grace Place *Holden Evening Prayer* & Holy Communion

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## *Christmas Eve Services of Worship*

3:30 pm Prelude

4:00 pm

Traditional Candlelight Service of Holy Communion  
Celebration Children's Choir

Emphasis on Children and Families

Youth Ensemble

Live Nativity

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6:30 pm Prelude

7:00 pm

Traditional Candlelight Service of  
Holy Communion

Live Nativity

Grace Ringers/Faith Choristers/  
Grace Chorale

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10:30 pm Prelude

11:00 pm

Traditional Candlelight Service of  
Holy Communion

Grace Choral Scholars

## *Christmas Day Worship*

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

The Nativity of Our Lord

11:00 am Holy Communion



## *Christmas Season Worship*

Sunday, December 30, 2018

The First Sunday after Christmas  
Worship Services of Lessons & Carols

8:15 am Holy Communion

Sunday School will resume Jan. 6th

11:00 am Holy Communion

Sunday, December 30, 2018

5:00 pm Grace Place

Service of Lessons & Carols  
Holy Communion



Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of Our Lord

## **Epiphany Services of Worship & Kings' Party**

Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:15 am Worship with  
Holy Communion

9:30 am Kings' Party

11:00 am Worship with Holy  
Communion

5:00 pm Grace Place Worship

Triple Feature Dinner & Movies 5:30-8pm  
Children - Youth - Adults