



**B**lessed is the one who is not  
offended by me

*“Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” (Matthew 11:3). Jesus answers by pointing to the blind who see, the lame who walk, the lepers who are clean, the dead who live. Only unbelief causes a person to stumble or be offended. Believing in Christ, receiving His gifts of forgiveness and life, makes us blessed indeed.*

**Amazing Grace Lutheran Church**  
**Preaching the Ancient Gospel in the Modern World**

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**Worship Leader:**  
**Commissioned Deacon, Mr. Wally Bostelmann**

**Welcome to Amazing Grace Lutheran Church!** You enter this church not as a stranger, but as a child of God, joining in worship with our Christian family. Come then, with joy in your hearts and thanks on your lips, offering Him your love and service. **Please worship with us again!** You are always invited to join with us in our mission to our community and world.

*Amazing Grace Lutheran Church exists to share the life-changing  
Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ  
with all peoples and to nurture them in His Word.*

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated the first, third and fifth Sunday of each month. As Lutheran Christians, we affirm that Jesus is our Savior and Lord, that His body and blood are really present “in, with, and under” the bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation, and that we intend to grow spiritually, with the help of the Holy Spirit, in a committed life in Christ and His Church. You are invited to commune with us if you are a baptized believer in Christ, **who:**

- † *has been instructed in the Christian faith,*
- † *repents of all your sins, seeking to turn away from sin and to forgiveness.*
- † *believes in the Real Presence of Jesus in the sacrament - that with the bread and wine we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation.*

***We Reach Out***

**Sunday Worship:** 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday School:** 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Worship:** During Lent & Advent 7:00 p.m.

**Amazing Ladies/Men's Bible Study:** Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. except during Lent & Advent

**Praise Team Practice:** Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Musicians – 5:45 Praise Team & Musicians

**E-mail:** [aglcms@bellsouth.net](mailto:aglcms@bellsouth.net)

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**You Say: “I’m always worried and frustrated”**

**God Says: Cast all your cares on ME**

**1 Peter 5:7**

**December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Third Sunday In Advent**

**The Order of Worship**

*“I Worship You, Almighty God”*

**Welcome**

**Devotional**

*“I Will Call Upon The Lord”*

**Opening Prayer**

**Confession of Sins and Assurance of Forgiveness**

Please be prepared to follow the Scripture readings in your Bible. After the text is revealed and you have found it, reply with “Amen”.

*“He Will Come and Save You”*

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 35:1 – 10*

**Response: Thanks Be To God!**

**Epistle**

*James 5:7 – 11*

**Response: Thanks Be To God!**

**Children's Message**

**Gospel**

*Matthew 11:2 – 15*  
*(Visual Bible DVD)*

*“Open The Eyes Of My Heart”*

**Sermon**

*“Sit With Simba”*

**Statement of Faith**

**Offerings & Tithes**

*“What A Mighty God We Serve”*

**Testimonials**

**The Prayers of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion**  
“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

**Closing Blessing**

“I’ve Got The Joy”

**Recognition of Guests**

**Announcements**

“I’ve Got The Joy”

**We pray the LORD has touched you in a special way today.  
Tell someone this week about Jesus and bring them to church with you next Sunday!**

**THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sunday TODAY	5:00 p.m.	AWANA
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Praise Team
	7:00 p.m.	Children’s Advent Service
Sunday 12/23	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school & Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	AWANA

**The Prayer Family** we are lifting up this week is the **Malone** Family: Jacquie  
**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Read ahead and be fed:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17; Epistle: Romans 1:1-7;  
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

<u>Attendance</u>					
October		November		December	
10/7	42	11/4	38	12/2	58
10/14	48	11/11	35	12/5	24
10/21	48	11/18	41	12/9	37
10/28	46	11/25	44	12/12	20
		11/28	17		

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LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**8720  
Meadow Vale Dr.**

**Sunday Worship:**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School:**

**9:00 a.m.**

<u>Service Schedule</u>			
Readers	Nursery	Welcome Committee	Acolytes
12/16 Patty Alvord	Cynthia Blocker	Linda Couch/Laverne Johnson	Georgia Smeyne
12/23 Norbert Thiel	Michelle Smeyne	Connie McGhee	Jarrod Bethel
12/30 Jim Couch	Linda Couch	Cynthia Blocker	Brittney Jones
1/6 Gwen Robinson	Michelle Smeyne	Connie McGhee	Georgia Smeyne
1/13 M.Brakebusch	Cynthia Blocker	Linda Couch/Laverne Johnson	Jarrod Bethel