

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 27, 2019

**“ A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus”**

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Two
Congregational responses are in bold print

*Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in **bold type**. All of us are participants as we worship God!*

Gathering

Gloria Patri:

Congregation and Choir Sing

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude: "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

Bradbury/Koerts

Confession and Forgiveness

*The congregation **stands**. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and call us, who unites us and sends us.

Amen.

The following confession is prayed.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and Loving God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

Entrance Hymn: "Oh For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

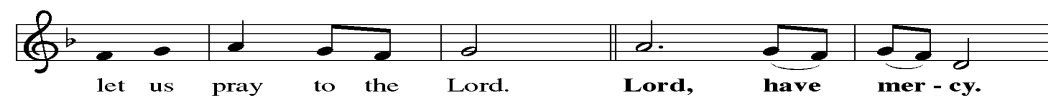
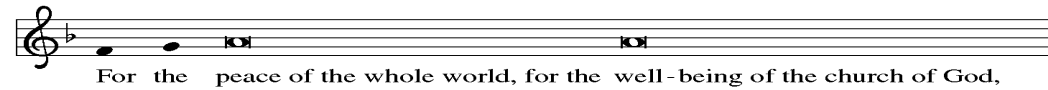
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Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



Canticle of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from Nehemiah:

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. R**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

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If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation **stands** to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

Children Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-9 are invited to attend Children's Church, which is held on the same floor as this worship space in the Library, and Chapel. Here the children will learn more about the same Bible readings as were heard in worship, and will be taught songs and about the way we worship. Children's Church will return to worship around the time of the Sharing of the Peace, in order to take part in Holy Communion.

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 not attending Children's Church will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.) Children 10 and over will join in regular Worship.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day: "Hark the Glad Sound"

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Apostles' Creed:

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these words

Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is great.

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Meal

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

*The congregation is **seated**.*

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)

Offertory: "How Great Is Our God"

Reeves/Bober

*The congregation **stands***

(The Ushers bring the offering to the Altar, as we sing)

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score consists of six staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff with various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

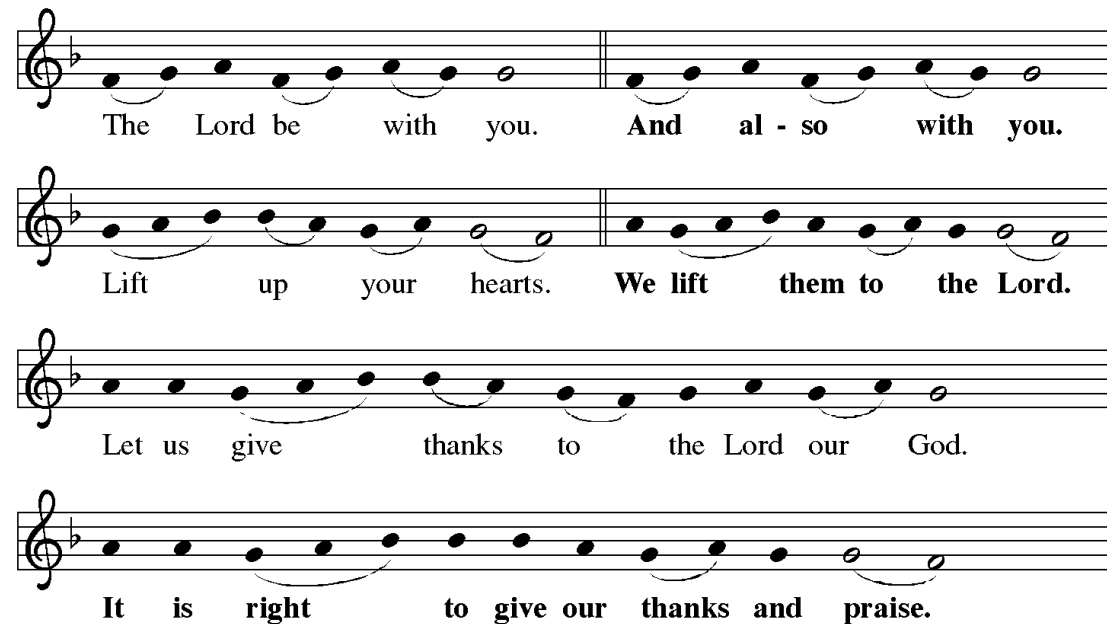
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs and ties.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the table.
Feast on God's abundant life for you.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be seated.

The Holy Communion

The congregation may be seated.

OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

Communion Distribution: *One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling in from the center out toward the side aisle. As you receive the bread and wine, you may respond as follows:*

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(There will be a time of silence as the choir comes down for Holy Communion. Please use this time for prayer and preparation, then join in the singing of the hymns....)

Communion Hymns:

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth” #510

“There is a Balm in Gilead” #614

“We Come to You for Healing, Lord” #617

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation **stands**.*

The Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

The Post-Communion Canticle

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Sending

Benediction

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen

Hymn: *“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”*

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The Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“Ancient Days”*

Sadler/Keveren

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister: Kathy Bump

Communion Assistants: Hannah and Lily Pingel

Ushers: Ron Almarode, Rick Bump, Lee Lynch

Greeters: Rudy Yobs

Offering Stewards: Sharon Lynch and Kate Van Bremen

Acolyte:

Cup Gatherer:

Altar Guild: Kathy Meicke

Nursery Caregivers: Jill Pingel

Altar Flowers:

**Council Person of the Week &
Sunday School Support:** Carrie Jones

Children's Church: Amber Bokelman and Jean Franklin

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS TODAY ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing

Prayer Request for Members

Tom Carper

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Faye Glover, Grace Member

Family of Reuben Harris, Friend of the Tomeys

Family of Whitney Herring, Son-in-Law of Janice Collins

Family of Beth Laughlin, Friend of Linda Meyer

Family of Peter Van Vleet, Friend of Many

Members/Friends Celebrations

Birth of Emarie Pultz, Great-Granddaughter of Linda and Dick Tomey

Ongoing Need for Prayer

Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns, Grace Members

Beth Brady, Grace Member

Jean Brower, Grace Member

Rev. Delmar Carlson, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich

Marge Cloutier, Grace Member

Barbara and Jeff Eagle, Sister and Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Sandra R. Hoy, Grace Member

Sandy Johnson, Grace Member

Myrtle Kite, Grace Member

Bob and Carol Knemoller, Grace Members

Shirley Krizovsky, Grace Member

Peggy Lucas, Grace Member

Janet Lunger, Grace Member

Steve Meicke and Lisa Hall, wife of Steve Meicke, on their mission in Bolivia,

Son and daughter-in-Law of Bill and Kathy Meicke

Glenn and Flossie Myers, Grace Members

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Anne Putman, Grace Member

Tom Sheaffer, Grace Member

Barb Susen, Grace Member

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends

Seneva Augustin, Friend of the Almarodes

Dan Boltz, Friend of Trauschts

Karin Constance, VMA Teacher and Friend of Jane Blosser

Jocelyn Crowder and Stuart Crowder, Daughter-In-Law and Son of Robin and Cathy Crowder

Barbara Hoberecht, Sister of Dick Tomey

Valla Myers, Mother of Mike Myers

Lillian Pingel, Mother of Pastor Pingel

Joshua Scott, Friend of the Jones Family

Cooper Trueblood, Friend of Almarodes

Doris Whitmore, Friend of Trauschts

The Needs of the World

Our Government, and the workers affected
by the shutdown

**“Peace on Earth”—especially in war-torn
Areas (Yemen, Ukraine, Syria)**

Victims of the Tsunami in Indonesia

**Refugees around the world with
“no place in the inn”**

Our military serving in harm’s way in
Syria and Afghanistan

The Church

The ELC-PNG New Guinea
Islands District

The Virginia Synod ELCA

The Church throughout the world

Prayer for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Dennis Barnes

Jane McGehee

Lily Pingel

Rudolph Yobs

Stuart Crowder

Susan Meyers

Joe Ranzini

Mason Crowder

Janet Parmer

Tanner Walter

Announcements

Many Thanks to WARM hosts and meal providers! We are on the last day of Grace's hosting of WARM's Cold Weather Shelter, and we're grateful for many Grace members and friends who *welcomed our guests, shared wonderful meals with them, and stayed with them overnight*. It takes a Body of Christ (see today's second lesson!) to care for those in our midst who do not have a home - MANY who are working one or two jobs even as they need the Cold Weather Shelter for a WARM place to sleep. Many thanks to Jerry and Gwen Kite who coordinated the whole week, and invested time and energy each day to help things to run smoothly. Grace's hosting *is* an important part of our "preaching good news to the poor," following the mission statement of our Lord Jesus Christ (see today's gospel)!

Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3rd - On Super Bowl Sunday, our Children's Church children will be putting on their team colors and collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring, a national, yearly effort to alleviate hunger across our nation, and across the Church! This year our children will also be putting together the food that will be donated locally to alleviate hunger in our area. Support their efforts at the conclusion of worship next Sunday!

The **Annual Meeting** will be Sunday, February 17, after worship a Soup Supper. Snow date of will be February 24th.

Invitation to Share our Unity in Christ - Sunday, February 10, Pastor Paul has been invited to preach at Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ in Basic. You are invited to come and worship as well at Christ Tabernacle, with worship beginning at 10:30 a.m. This is a part of congregations in the Waynesboro area learning to grow in faith and love and knowledge with one another, so that the Church will be one, as "the Father and Son" are one (cf. John 17:11ff). *Note: there will also be regular 10 :00 a.m. worship at Grace, if you are unable to go to Christ Tabernacle.*

February Weekday Study with St. John Roman Catholic: It all sounds so official...the LARCUM (Lutheran/Anglican/Roman Catholic/United Methodist) Covenant agreement we have signed each year for many years that says we are working together toward Christian unity. But what does that mean for our congregations as we share the Gospel in our community? Is it more than "we can do stuff together"? Through the month of February, Tuesdays (Feb. 5, 12, 19, and 26th) at 11am at St. John, and Thursday evenings (7, 14, 21, and 28th) at Grace at 7pm, we'll meet with our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters (and hopefully St. John Episcopal and Main Street United Methodist, too) to share in discussion together what difference it makes. Join us!

New Member Class: Grace is forming a New Member class for those who wish to affirm their Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection, and join Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please use the sign-up sheet on the narthex table to indicate your interest in receiving more information.

Family Greeters at Grace! Welcoming Guests and saying hello to our Grace household of faith has been an important part of Grace over its 125 year history, and we want to continue to make sure all are made welcome to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ! If you are a **Grace member with children**, we're especially hoping that *once per month*, we can have a Grace family to greet before worship. There's a *sign-up* on the table in the narthex with each month listed. Come and be a part of Grace's welcoming tradition!

Year-End Statements from Grace - A full statement of each member's offerings and gifts will be sent out as soon as we are certain that our statements are fully accurate. This past year we have had some major difficulty with our old computer accounting software, and have since purchased a new software program that is widely acknowledged as the most accurate and user-friendly system on the market. We are in the process of re-checking our existing financial information for accuracy, and entering that information into the new software. This process may delay your year-end statement by a few days; please be patient in the knowledge that many people are working diligently and to the best of their ability so that you may have full confidence as you take care of taxes and maintain your records.

Pastor out of town this week: Pastor Paul will be out of town this week for Continuing Ed, and then to help move his mother to nursing care in Arkansas. Please notify Nancy Dowdy in the Church Office during Office Hours, or contact the Council Person of the Week Carrie Jones after hours, in case of pastoral emergency.

Life of Grace Church
January 27—February 3, 2019

| DAY OF | DATE | TIME | MEETING |
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| TODAY— SUNDAY | 01/27 | 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Warm Shelter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School Worship Choir Practice 3rd Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor—Out of Office - Continuing Education</i></p> |
| Monday | 01/28 | 3:00—9:00 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor—Out of Office - Continuing Education</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office on Youth Parenting Class (Fellowship Hall)</p> |
| Tuesday | 01/29 | 9:30 a.m. | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor—Out of Office - Continuing Education</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quilting (Fellowship Hall)</p> |
| Wednesday | 01/30 | 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor—Out of Office - Continuing Education</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Handbell Choir Worship Choir</p> |
| Thursday | 01/31 | 9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;">Backpacks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bridge (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room)</p> |
| Saturday | 02/02 | 10:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor—Out of Town</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seventh Day Planning (Fellowship Hall)</p> |
| Sunday | 02/03 | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Pastor—Out of Town</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday School 4th Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion Rev. Gordon Putnam, Preaching and Presiding</p> |

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 3, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Daily Lectionary

Monday

Psalm 50:16-23

2 Samuel 12:15-25

Ephesians 4:17-24

Tuesday

Psalm 50:16-23

2 Samuel 13:1-19

1 Corinthians 12:27-31

Wednesday

Psalm 50:16-23

2 Samuel 13:20-36

Mark 8:1-10

Thursday

Psalm 130

2 Samuel 13:37—14:24

Romans 15:1-6

Friday

Psalm 130

2 Samuel 14:25-33

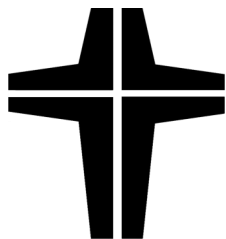
Galatians 6:1-10

Saturday

Psalm 130

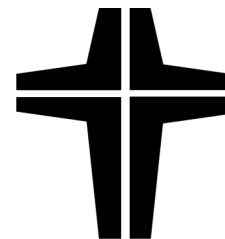
2 Samuel 15:1-13

Matthew 7:7-1



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