

January 9, 2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

Holy Communion

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

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this wonderful evening of light, music, the Holy Word and fellowship. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate. We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card. We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available please inform Communion Assistant of your need.

We have 4 assisted listening units that are simple to operate. They consist of a small unit with an earpiece and volume control, each unit is replaced after each use. See the ushers to use one today.

Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.

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! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Gloria Patri:

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 and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God.

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:

In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

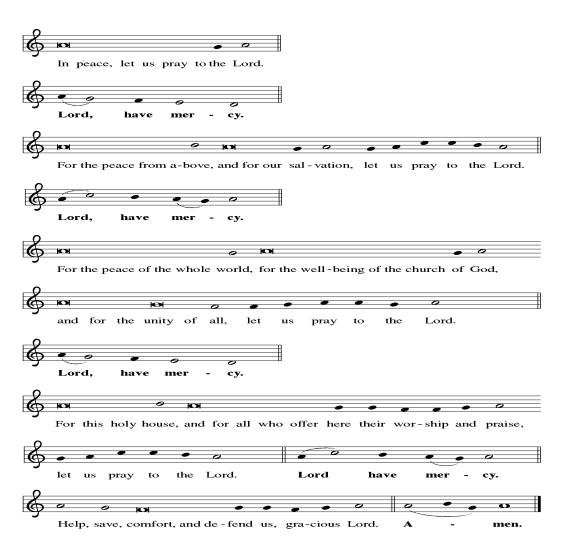
Prelude

<u>Greeting</u>

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.

<u>Kyrie</u>



Canticle of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of revelation,

You made your son known at a wedding, a public celebration of love. Celebrate love with us by revealing Jesus in our midst.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Psalm 104:14-16

A reading from Psalms:

14You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,
15 and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel: John 2:1-11

The holy gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ¬Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁶He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ഐWhen the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹ond said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated

Children's Worship

Pastor Pingel

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Shall Reign" #434, Page 9, Verses 1, 4, 5

Apostle's 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

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Peace

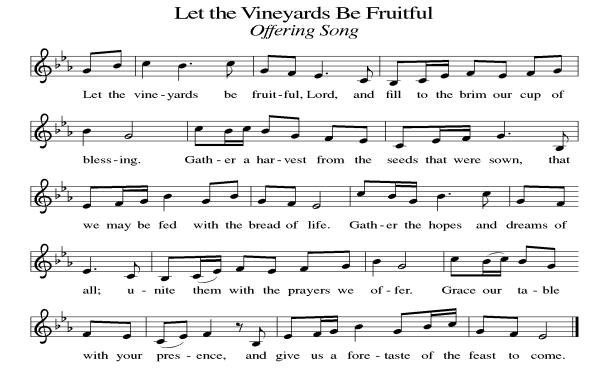
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Offertory

The congregation stands

Meal

Offertory Response



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927 Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

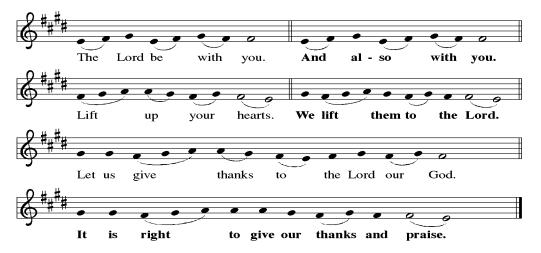
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
Amen.

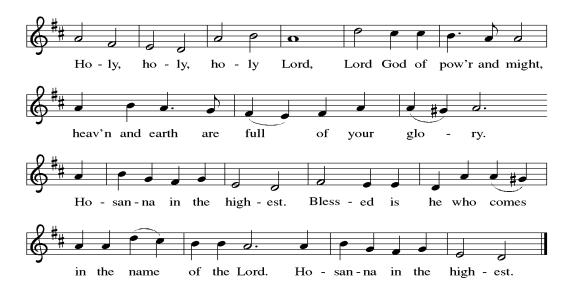
Great Thanksgiving



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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the water of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Continued

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

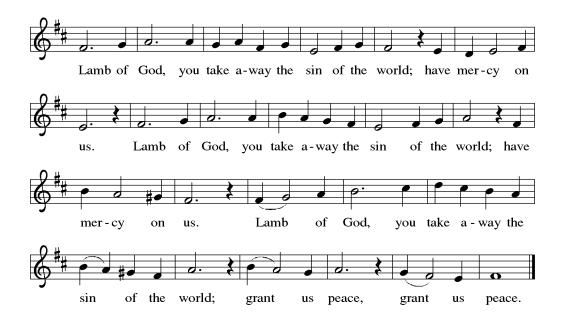
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Come to God's table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.
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.

The Communion Blessing

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

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SENDING

<u>Blessing</u>

Sending Song: "Oh, Worship the King"

#842, Page 16, Verses 1, 3, 5

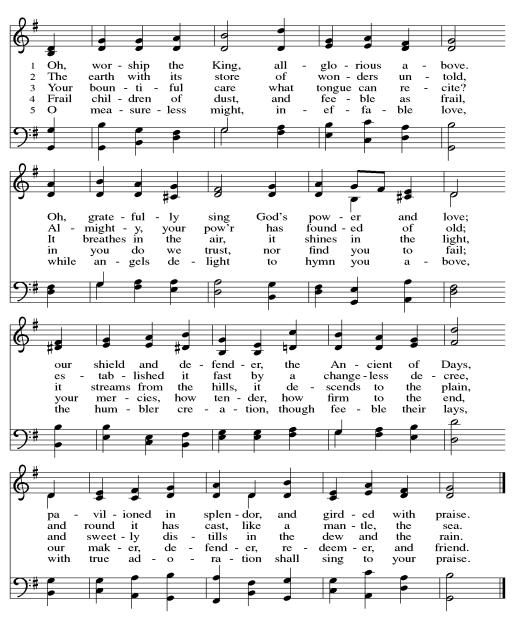
Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary World. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Oh, Worship the King



Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt. Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:

Jean Morgan

Altar Guild:

Jean Morgan

Assisting Minister:

Cathy Crowder

Communion Assistant:

Robin Crowder

Council Person of the Week:

Fred Biggers

Covid Monitor:

Bill Lucas

Offering Stewards:

Pat Brady

Robin Crowder

Ushers:

Pat Brady

Jean Morgan

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

January 16, 2022 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Psalm 127:1-2 John 2:13-25



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 Need for Prayer" list.

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Al McKechnie Janet Parmer

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Janet Bess, Call in Request
Pam Fenlon, Friend of Gail Johnson
Yolanda Figueroa, Mother of a Dear Friend of Lily Pingel
Ginger Fries, Friend of Bob and Carolyn Barrette
Philip Giang, Friend of Bob and Carolyn Barrette
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Dr. Hammock, Friend of Many Members
Garlin Howard, Friend of Beth Brady
Carol Keane, Friend of Marsha Howard
Sharon McCarthy, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Lois Ostapczuk, Friend of Bob and Carolyn Barrette

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns Fred Brower
Marie Brown Nancy Fitzgerald
Sandra R. Hoy Phyllis Kite
Bob Knemoller Glenn and Flossie Myers

Barb Susen

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow **Hilary Hoffman**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow **George Toop**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Sharon O'Hare, Friend of Kathryn Johnson Family of Ron Hite, Brother of Bobby Hite

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Genevieve Arneson Ron Knicely
Karla Rankin Phyllis Kite
Ellen Moyer Donna Gum

The Needs of the World

Our nation and democracy and seeking the common good

Covid-19—our patience and vigilance at a time of weariness

Tornado Devastation in Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri

Wildfire Devastation in Colorado

Our Veterans who have served with selflessness

The Church

Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life together and witness and service to the Community

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors near Club Court



Welcome to Worship! We gather in praise, we hear a living Word from our God, and God nourishes us at the Table so we can go forth as Ambassadors, as Salt and Light, wherever we are! Please remember the following as we continue to worship and *bear with one another* with care and Christian friendship during Covid:

- We continue to mask during worship
- Fellowship is a blessing of our time together! Remember social distancing, and take good conversations outside.
- Smart phones are a marvel of our time! Please check your phone before worship and mute, silence or turn your phone off before the service begins.



Holy Communion

Holy Communion Chalices remain available from the Church Office - Call the Church Office in order to pick up Communion Chalices for Sunday worship if you are watching via You Tube or Zoom.

Holy Communion at Grace—We have returned to a more "active" form of Holy Communion:

- Ushers will invite communicants by row to come down the center aisle, safely distanced.
- The Communicant will receive the bread (the body of Christ) from the Pastor, or Assisting Minister, who will be masked.
- The Communicant will pick up a pre-filled cup of wine or grape juice from the trays, and hear the pronouncement of "the blood of Christ" from the (masked) communion assistant located on the other side of the communion rail.
- The Communicant will then put their glass in another tray located further down the aisle, and return to their seat via the side aisle.
- Those unable to come forward will have Communion brought to them by the Pastor and communion assistant.

In addition to participating more fully in Holy Communion, this will reduce the plastic waste from the use of chalices—or more recently, the bags and containers—used in Holy Communion.



Dear Friends in Christ—Thank you for your great generosity of heart and mind toward me and my family through your Christmas gift given on Christmas Eve by Treasurer Ron Almarode. We are grateful for this gift! May the Lord God continue to guide our path together in the New Year! Pastor Paul and Family



Temple Talks January 16 and 23 - What are we called to do? What is your dream for Grace? Our Strategic Planning Committee will have Temple Talks beginning to lead us into prayerful conversation about our life together at Grace, and God's Mission for us as A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus in the second decade of the 21st century! We need your help and input; come and be a part, in-person or via Zoom at worship.



Giving envelopes for 2022 are available in the Nave. Please pick them up or contact the church office to have them mailed to you. In an effort to reduce waste, we did not get envelopes for those who have been giving electronically. And, as a result, many giving numbers have changed this year and not everyone will receive envelopes. If you have any questions, etc., please contact the church office.



Prayer Group on Wednesdays starting in January - Grace will offer a regular Prayer Group on Wednesday mornings beginning in January at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We will begin each time with an abbreviated Morning Prayer worship, and conclude with Prayers offered by all participants: for the World, for the Church and its Mission of the Gospel; for Creation, for Peace and Justice among the Nations, for those who are sick, poor, grieving, lonely; for Grace church, and for special concerns. You are invited to Prayer!



Grace Office Hours to Change starting January 2022: Grace's Office Hours are Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with Nancy taking lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The office will then be **CLOSED** on Fridays. This extends office hours by 1/2 hour Monday through Thursday.



Yoga Class Offered at Grace - Shelton Sprouse, who had the "Blue Moon Yoga" studio on Main Street until the pandemic, is offering a Yoga class Saturday mornings at Grace. It is designed for beginners and senior adults, for "physical activity and mindfulness." The class is offered at 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 a.m. Saturday mornings, in the Fellowship Hall. A donation may be given, but is not required.



WARM Cold Weather Shelter Needs—The WARM Homeless Shelter is in need of Breakfast and Lunch foods during the week of January 24th thru 30th . This is the week that Grace has provided shelter in our Fellowship Hall before COVID. They are staying at a motel in Verona for the winter season. We have been asked to provide the breakfast and lunch and to deliver the food to the motel.

Can you help? If so, please bring any of the following breakfast or lunch items to the Seminar Room (on the same floor as the Worship Space) between now and Sunday, January 23rd. If you would be willing to deliver the meals, please let Jerry or Gwen Kite (910-0508) know.

- Instant Oatmeal (12 count or 48 count box)
- Cereal in Individual Serving Cups or Variety Pack (of individual serve boxes)
- Individual-serving Fruit Cup packs
- Microwaveable Soups Individual serve cups
- Microwaveable Mac n' Cheese Individual serve cups
- Microwaveable Pasta Roni Individual serve cups
- Variety Pack box of individual-serve chips/snack bags

As you can see from the list, individual servings are important, as the WARM guests are still staying in a motel room, now moved to Verona, and microwaves are the primary way to heat or prepare food. We will be delivering several times during that week so we could also prepare sandwiches for a lunch. We will be preparing 40 breakfasts and lunches for each day. Thank you!



Lutheran Disaster Response is on the ground in tornado and wildfire stricken states. The reputation of LDR is they (we!) remain until the response to survivors is complete. Make check payable to Grace and put "LDR/Tornado or Wildfire" in the memo line.



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made <u>twenty-three</u> deliveries thus far, ten to Main Street United Methodist, and thirteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. Overall, we have given well over a TON of food! If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Life of Grace Church January 9-16, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	01/09	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Tuesday	01/11	7:00 p.m.	Round Tables (Fellowship Hall and Zoom)
Wednesday	01/12	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall) Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	01/13	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom (CCE&J)
Saturday	01/15	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall) Prayer Vigil for Racial Reconciliation (North Park)
Sunday	01/16	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Epiphany Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

Monday

Genesis 2:4-9 (10-15) 16-25 Hebrews 1:1-14 John 1:1-18 Psalm Morning 5, Evening 82

Tuesday

Genesis 3:1-24 Hebrews 2:1-10 John 1:19-28 Psalm Morning 42, Evening 102

Wednesday

Genesis 4:1-16 Hebrews 2:11-18 John 1:(29-34) 35-42 Psalm Morning 89:1-18, Evening 1



Thursday

Genesis 4:17-26 Hebrews 3:1-11 John 1:43-51 Psalm Morning 97, Evening 16

Friday

Genesis 6:1-8 Hebrews 3:12-19 John 2:1-12 Psalm Morning 51, Evening 142

Saturday

Genesis 6:9-22 Hebrews 4:1-13 John 2:13-22 Psalm Morning 104, Evening 138



Members of Grace Congregational Council

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Kathy Bump

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