



Epiphany of Our Lord

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Holy Communion

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One)

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! 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

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.

Welcome and Announcements

The congregation stands.

Prelude

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

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, the Son and the Holy Spirit, † one God,
Love from the beginning,
Word made flesh,
Breath of heaven.

Amen.

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another,
trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
we confess that we are not perfect.
We have said and done things we regret.
We have tried to earn your redeeming grace,
while denying it to others.
We have resisted your call
to be your voice in the world.
Forgive us, loving God.
Give us your righteousness,
the strength to put aside our failures,
and the courage to try again. Amen.

Dear people of God, hear the good news:
Christ the Savior is born!
You are loved and forgiven
in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us.
You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved,
because God's love is given to you
as the most precious gift of all.
Rejoice in this love and share it with the world.
Amen.

Gathering Song: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.
 pre - cious in your sight.
 hill to val - ley flow.
 king - dom with out end.

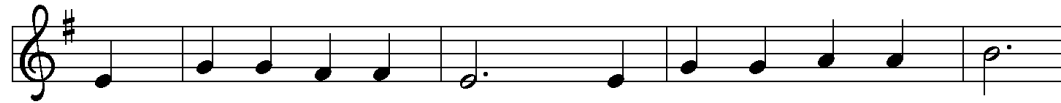
Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
 Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Leader



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader




To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

All



To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Music: Peruvian traditional

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah:

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;

²**that he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice;**

³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people, rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**

⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.

⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth.**

⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;

and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹⁰**May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.**

¹¹May all kings bow down before him, and all the nations do him service.

¹²**For the king delivers the poor who cry out in distress,
the oppressed, and those who have no helper.**

¹³He has compassion on the lowly and poor, and preserves the lives of the needy.

¹⁴**From oppression and violence he redeems their lives,
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from Ephesians:

¹This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands.

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y_a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810-1856

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

Continued

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

Children’s 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.

Hymn of the Day: “The First Noel”

#300, Verses 1, 2, 3, 5; Page 11

The First Noel

1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men - three, full . . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

night that was so deep,
 tin - ued both day and night,
 star wher - ev - er it went, No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay,
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840-1901

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

A brief silence.

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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"

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.

Anthem

The congregation stands

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word, made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

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

Love has come: God's love for all people.
Come and eat, for Christ invites you.

Thanks Be To God.

The congregation may be seated.

Holy Communion

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, the following is announced: :*

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

Amen.

As the ministers commune the congregation may sing the following:



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns:

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Hymn #294, Page 17

“Bright and Glorious is the Sky”

Hymn #301, Page 18

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”

Hymn #308, Page 19

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

In the Bleak Midwinter

1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?


earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894
 Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky



1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing,
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
 him whose praise the ages sound.
 We too have a star to guide us,
 which forever will provide us
 with the light to find our Lord,
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
 that will never lead astray
 with its message so appealing,
 is the Word of God, revealing
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877–1970, alt.
 Music: DELIG ER DEN HIMMEL, BLÅ, Danish, 19th cent.
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O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure,
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
 Our joy be all with music crowned,
 our voices gaily blending!
 For Christ goes with us all the way—
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
 His love is never ending!
 Sing out! Ring out!
 Jubilation!
 Exultation!
 Tell the story!
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
 the Lord we love is first and last,
 the end and the beginning!
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
 transport us to that happy place
 beyond all tears and sinning!
 Amen! Amen!
 Come, Lord Jesus!
 Crown of gladness!
 We are yearning
 for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai
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The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all.
Amen.**

Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent. The presiding minister may say this or a similar prayer of sending.

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Blessing

Grace from God's own heart,
peace from the ✝ Child in the manger,
and strength from the Spirit of life
be blessings for you today and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song: *"As with Gladness Men of Old"*

Hymn #302, Page 22

Dismissal

Christ is born!
Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Assisting Minister:	<i>Lily Pingel</i>
Communion Assistants:	<i>Brian Lundstrom and Hannah Pingel</i>
Ushers:	<i>Bill Meicke, Pat Brady, Chris Carper, and Tom Carper</i>
Offering Stewards:	<i>Ernestine Moomaw and Eleanor Sampson</i>
Acolyte:	<i>Charlotte Jones</i>
Cup Gatherer:	<i>Amelia Jones</i>
Altar Guild:	<i>Lisa Gray</i>
Nursery Caregivers:	<i>Lisa Gray and Eleanor Sampson</i>
Altar Flowers:	<i>Open</i>
Council Person of the Week:	<i>Holly Carper</i>

*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the
glory of God*

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

January 12, 2020

Baptism of Our Lord

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

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 keep 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*)

Beth Ann Doerring

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

Members/Friends Celebrating (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Birth of Clair Alyce Prilenski on December 2, Granddaughter of Larry & Jackie Meeks

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

Liz Ann Binns

Fred Brower

Jean Brower

Marie Brown

Nancy Fitzgerald

Sandra R. Hoy

Sandy Johnson

Bob and Carol Knemoller

Peggy Lucas

Janet Lunger

Glenn and Flossie Myers

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

Delmar Carlson, Brother-in-Law of Chuck Goodrich

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Bobby Haywood, Friend of Trauschts

Bruce Joleaud, Mike Trauscht's Brother-In-Law

Katherine Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Joshua Scott, Friend of the Jones Family

Krista Traynor and Her Children, Daughter of the Proctors

Keith Weller, Son of Wellers

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Jeff Eagle, Brother-in-Law of Nancy Schwiesow

Family of Rose Fantasia, Cousin of Antoinette Eckstrom

Family of George Handley, Former Grace Pastor

Continued

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Beth Ann Brady
Easton Carper
Carrie Jones

Carol Wolf
Pastor Pingel
Mike Myers

The Needs of the World

Australian wildfires

The prevalence of gun violence in our Nation

Our stewardship of Creation in the midst of climate crisis

Peace on earth, peace among nations

The United States of America and its leaders - President, Congress and Judiciary

The Church

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land

Congregations participating in the WARM Cold Weather Shelter this year

Our Lutheran brothers and sisters at Zion, St. James, Bethlehem and Bethany

Our Jewish brothers and sisters in NYC

Announcements



Our next Grace Evangelical Lutheran/Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ event!! Sunday, January 19, 2020 we will share in a time of fellowship and unity in Christ with Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, here at Grace, time TBA. We'll be sharing with each other our Lutheran and Church of God in Christ heritages, and share in a potluck meal where both congregations will bring their best to share the foods of our cultures - an Informative, Fun, and Delicious time together, as we continue to grow in friendship in Christ!! *Put Sunday afternoon, January 19, 2020 on your calendars!*

We will be hosting a potluck dinner with Christ Tabernacle Church on Sunday, January, 19th. Both churches will be bringing wonderful dishes to share. Please look at the yellow sign up sheets on the round table in the back of the church to sign up for what you will bring. Also, remember to fill out the blue insert in the bulletin with your name and the number attending and put this in the offering plate. This is very important so that we will know how many tables/chairs to set up. Thank you!

Announcements



Bible Class resumes Wednesday/Thursday, January 22/23 - We start back on Bible Class a little later than normal in January due to a Pastor's Meeting, and Continuing Education Pastor Paul will be taking in early January. Classes are Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m., and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We're finalizing Class details this week - look for a full announcement this coming Sunday!





The Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM) is currently doing a fundraiser to obtain operating funds for their 2020 programs. The WARM ministry operates both the Cold Weather Shelter that rotates from church to church from November 25 to April 12 and the year round program at the Ruth's WARM House. There is a display board with 100 envelopes on the board in the Narthex. Each envelope has a dollar amount on it ranging from \$1 to \$100. Please take the envelope with the dollar amount of your choice and write a check; made payable to **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church** for the amount on the envelope.....of course you can give more. Place your contribution in the envelope and drop it into the collection plate. The fundraiser will run from Jan. 5 thru Feb. 2. Please be in prayerful consideration on lending your financial support and helping someone have a WARM and safe place to sleep.

Volunteers Needed for WARM's Cold Weather Shelter February 3 to 10—Grace will be hosting the WARM's Cold Weather Shelter the week of February 3rd to 10th and we need volunteers to support and staff the shelter at Grace. Help is needed for check in host from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and overnight hosts from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. This year we will need only one overnight host per night of operation. New this year, WARM is asking for one overnight host from Grace to help staff the overflow shelter site during our shelter week. The hosts take turns sleeping during the evening with one host staying awake at all times. The check- in hosts assist WARM staff with nightly registration and other tasks. Please contact Jerry Kite at 910-3372 or jerrykite@ntelos.net if you have questions or would like to volunteer. Please see the signup sheets on the table in the back of our church.



With Gratitude and Thanksgiving: *Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: For your year end Christmas Gift to me and my family, I am most grateful. I thank God for you, and pray that in the New Year, we will continue to live in faith toward our Lord Jesus, born most humbly and now present in our lives, and in fervent love toward one another, as we often pray in our post-Communion prayer. You are a blessing to me! In Christ, Pr. Paul*

**Life of Grace Church
January 5—12, 2020**

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	01/05	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	 Sunday School Epiphany of Our Lord Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding
Tuesday	01/07	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting Group (Fellowship Hall) Round Tables (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	01/08	5:30—8:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Office on Youth (Seminar Room) Handbell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	01/09	8:30 a.m. 12:30—2:30 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	01/11	All Day	7th Day Planning Group (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	01/12	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	 Sunday School Worship Choir Baptism of Our Lord Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

<p>Monday Isaiah 49:1-7 Revelation 21:22-27 Matthew 12:14-21</p>		<p>Thursday Isaiah 45:14-19 Colossians 1:24—2:7 John 8:12-19</p>
<p>Tuesday Deuteronomy 8:1-3 Colossians 1:1-14 John 6:30-33, 48-51</p>	<p>Daily Lectionary</p>	<p>Friday Jeremiah 23:1-8 Colossians 2:8-23 John 10:7-17</p>
<p>Wednesday Exodus 17:1-7 Colossians 1:15-23 John 7:37-52</p>		<p>Saturday Isaiah 55:3-9 Colossians 3:1-17 John 14:6-14</p>



Members of Grace, Ministers

Linda Meyer, President
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Gail Johnson, Kathryn Johnson,
Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, and
Rudolph Yobs
Deloris Wertman, Secretary
Ron Almarode, Treasurer
Donna Marshall, Assistant Treasurer
Charles Goodrich, Financial Secretary



Rev. Paul Pingel, Pastor
Mike Myers, Organist, Director of Music
Nancy Dowdy, Administrative Secretary
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (lunch 12:00 - 12:30) - Monday - Thursday;
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