

Epiphany of Our Lord

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 6, 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 <u>us</u> 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

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: "Prepare the Royal Highway" #264

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



Prayer of the Day

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: 72:1-7, 10-14

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the king's son;
- ²that 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.
- ⁴Let 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.
- ⁶Let 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.
- ¹⁰May 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.
- ¹²For 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.
- ¹⁴From oppression and violence he redeems their lives, and precious is their blood in his sight.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

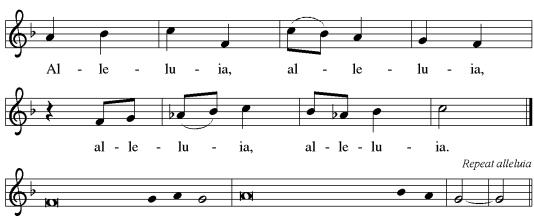
⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is 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.

Gospel Acclamation

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



Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

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:

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.

Glory to you, O Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

<u>Children Sermon</u> Pastor 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.

<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: "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" #241

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

Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these words

Hear us, O God.

Your Mercy is great.

Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior. **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)

Anthem

The congregation stands

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

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



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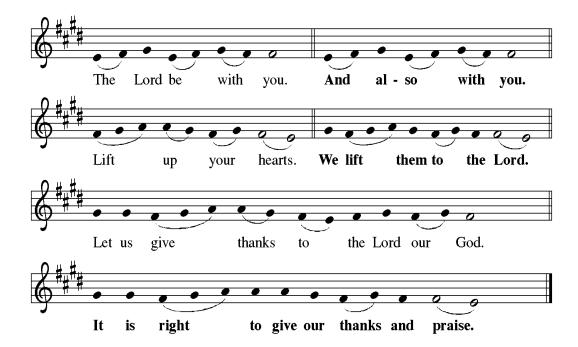
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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

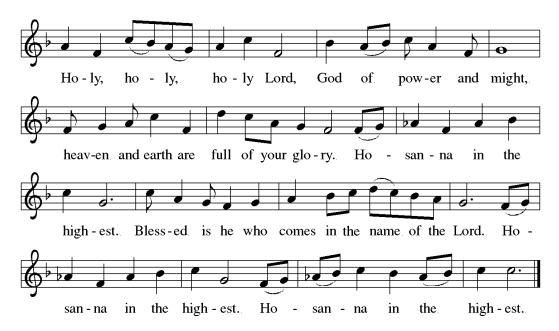
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



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 waters 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:



Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life; Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, 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.

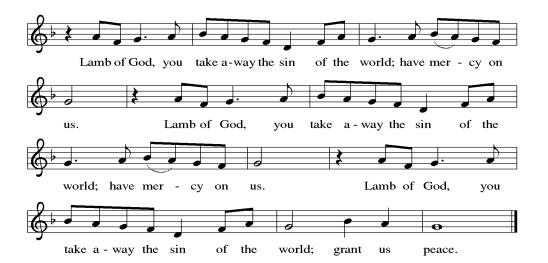
The Holy Communion

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.**



(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:

"The King Shall Come"	#260
"All Earth is Hopeful"	#266
"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"	#717

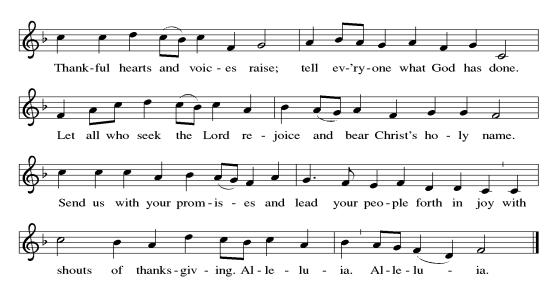
After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.

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



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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

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.**

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: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" #244

The Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today			
Assisting Minister:	Lily Pingel		
Communion Assistants:	Linda Meyer and Jerry Kite		
Ushers:	Bob Moyer, Fred Biggers, Jerry Kite and E. G. Rankin		
Greeters:	Berenice Archambeault and Peggy Marks		
Offering Stewards:	Ernestine Moomaw and Eleanor Sampson		
Acolyte:			
Cup Gatherer:			
Altar Guild:	TBD		
Nursery Caregivers:	Sarah Kite and Deloris Wertman		
Altar Flowers:	Open		
Council Person of the Week & Sunday School Support:	Jack Eckstrom		
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 Marge Cloutier

Tom Sheaffer

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Terry Arey, Friend of Donna Gum Family of Fave Glover, Grace Member

Members/Friends Celebrations

Birth of James Elias Tyler, Great grandson of Deloris Wertman

Ongoing Need for Prayer

Jimmy and Liz Ann Binns, Grace Members

Beth Brady, Grace Member

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

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

Kyle Getler, Member Relative Sandy Johnson, Grace Member

Jean Brower, Grace Member

Sandra Hoy, Grace Member Myrtle Kite, Grace Member

Bob and Carol Knemoller, Grace Members

Shirley Krizovsky, Grace Member Janet Lunger, Grace Member

Peggy Lucas, 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

Barb Susen, Grace Member

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends

Seneva Augustin, Friend of the Almarodes

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

Michelle Matthews, Sister of Cindy Trauscht Ellie McCauley, Friend of Donna Gum

Bill Moore, Friend of Grace Members

Kaira, Jax and Aurora Pentz and their parents Steve and Allyssa Pentz,

family members of a friend of a guilter group member Lillian Pingel, Mother of Pastor Pingel

Roger Stasic, Ex-Husband of Maribeth Faivre

Doris Whitmore, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht

The Needs of the World

Our Nation in the New Year

"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"

The Church

The ELC-PNG New Guinea Islands District
The Virginia Synod ELCA
The Church throughout the world

Weekly Prayer for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Drew Kozubal Gene McCombs Ellen Miller Carlos Martinez Linda Meyer Vivian Proctor

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

January 13, 2019 Baptism of Our Lord

Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Announcements

Round Tables Meeting this Tuesday - We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall this Tuesday evening 7:00 p.m. for our first meeting in the New Year.

Volunteers Needed for WARM's Cold Weather Shelter January 21 to 28—Grace will be hosting the WARM's Cold Weather Shelter the week of January 21th to 28th and we need volunteers to support and staff the shelter at Grace. We need help with 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 two overnight hosts per night of operation and we can use couples as overnight hosts or you may have a friend or member that you would like to coordinate with for hosting. The hosts take turns sleeping during the evening with one host staying awake at all times. Check in hosts assist WARM staff with nightly registration and other tasks. We also need help with meal preparation and serving the evening meals. Please contact Jerry Kite at 910-3372 or jerrykite@ntelos.net if you have questions. Please see signup sheet on the table in the back of the church.

125th Anniversary Glasses - Some Grace members have asked about the possibility of ordering the Grace 125th Anniversary pilsner glasses that were offered prior to and on our November 18th Celebration day. If we meet a minimum order of 24, we will be able to place another order. Please indicate your interest on the sheet on the round table in the narthex. Cost for glasses is \$8 each.

Bible Class Resumes this Week! In *January*, here at Grace we will resume our Weekday Bible Classes at their regular times of Wednesday at 11am, and Thursday evening at 7pm. Then in *February*, we will meet again with our friends at St. John for an ecumenical class on our LARCUM covenant, and what being in that covenant means for our congregations here in Waynesboro. There will be a day *and* evening class, final times to be determined. God's Living Word comes alive when we study it together! Whether morning or evening is convenient for you, start fresh in 2019 studying God's Word!

Life of Grace Church January 6—13, 2019

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY 01/06	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School	
	9:30 a.m.	Worship Choir Practice	
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany of Our Lord Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding	
Monday	01/07	10:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.	Lutheran Family Services (Conference Room)
Tuesday	01/08	9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesuay	0 1/00	7:00 p.m.	Roundtable
Wadaaday	/ednesday 01/09	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Wednesday	01/09	7:30 p.m.	Worship Choir
Thursday	01/10	12:30—2:30 p.m.	Bridge (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday 01	01/13	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		9:30 a.m.	Worship Choir Practice
		10:00 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

Daily Lectionary

Monday

Psalm 68:24-35 2 Samuel 6:6-12a Acts 21:27-39

Tuesday

Psalm 68:24-35 2 Samuel 3:12-16 Acts 23:12-35

Wednesday

Psalm 68:24-35 2 Samuel 6:16-23 Luke 7:31-35

Thursday

Psalm 89:20-37 1 Chronicles 11:15-19 Colossians 1:15-23

Friday

Psalm 89:20-37 1 Chronicles 14:1-2 Acts 17:16-31

Saturday

Psalm 89:20-37 1 Chronicles 15:1-2, 16:4-13 Luke 18:35-43



Members of Grace, Ministers

Robin Crowder, President Linda Meyer, Vice-President Deloris Wertman, Secretary

Council Members

Jack Eckstrom, Pete Giesen, Kim Hull, Carrie Jones, Jerry Kite, Gordon Putnam, Marlene Shaw, Rudolph Yobs

Hannah Pingel/Laura Shaw, Youth Co-Representatives

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

8:30 a.m.—Noon - Friday

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