



Sermon on the Mount

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 5, 2023

“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world.”

HOLY COMMUNION

*(Based on Bread of Life, Jay Beach Setting)
(Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely)
Congregational responses are in bold print*

We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of Word and Sacrament. 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 that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

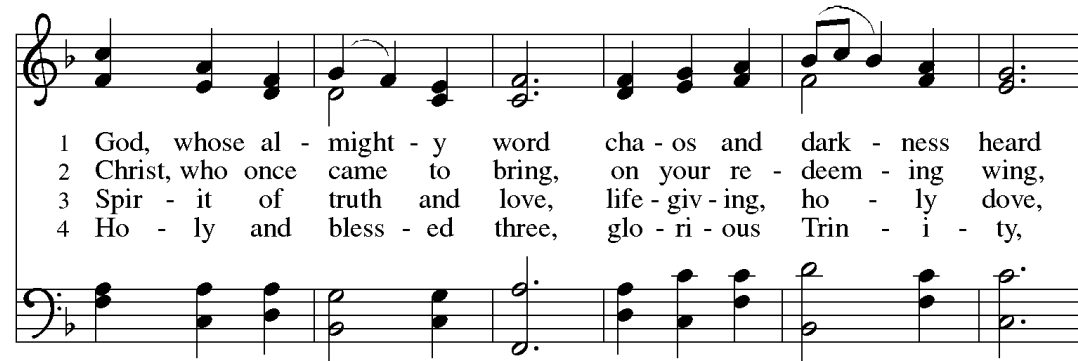
Thus says our God:
"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.
Amen.



Gathering Hymn: "God, Whose Almighty Word"

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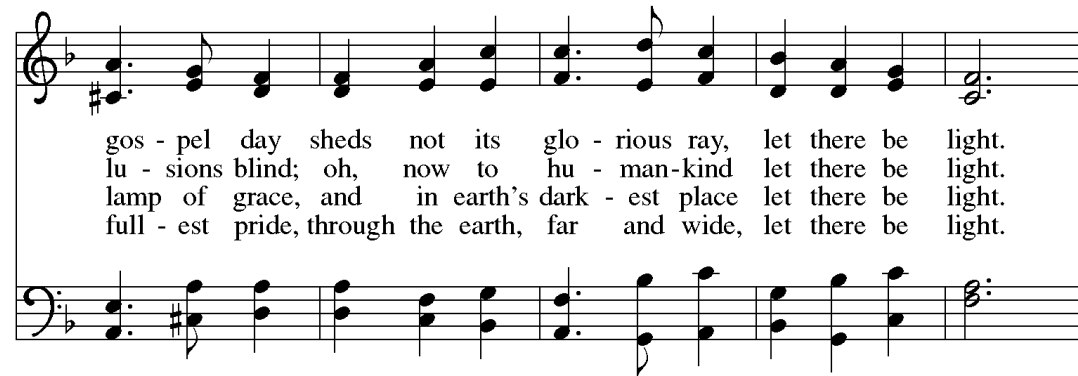
God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

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.

Hymn of Praise

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I Was Glad

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting on the first line of music and the second column starting on the second line. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
Here the poor are wel - comed, here the lost are claimed,
Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,
gath - ered here for wor - ship in this ho - ly place;
Bro - ken lives are mend - ed, deep - est fears are named;
Mer - cy and for - give - ness from God's ho - ly Word,
God is here a - mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
Here the wise are child - ren and the weak are strong,
Here, will be re - peat - ed; Peace! to all pro - claimed,
make the walls and raf - ters ring.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from Isaiah:

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

³"Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?"

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Continued

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-10

We read responsively.

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

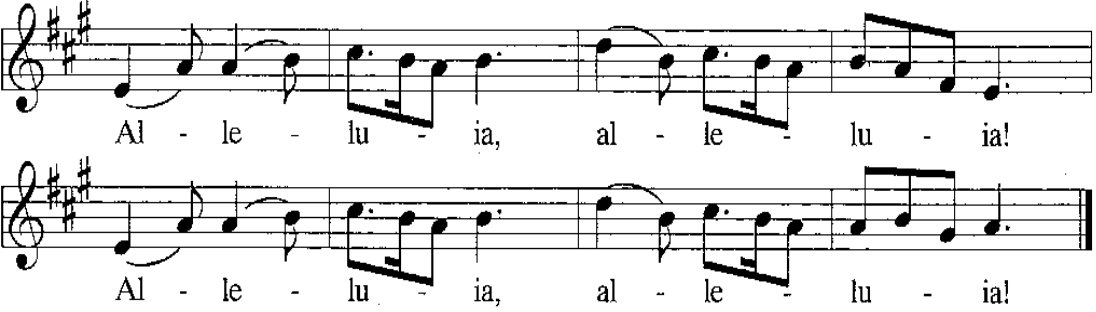
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



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

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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The image shows a musical score for a Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody and lyrics.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

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We stand

Apostles' Creed

Apostle's Creed in Swahili

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;**

**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.**

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,
akapanda mbinguni, ankaa kwa
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.**

**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.**

**Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na
uzima wa milele. Amina**

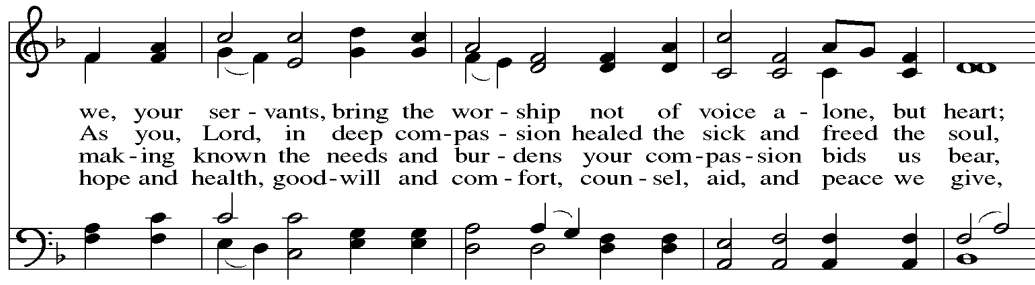
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



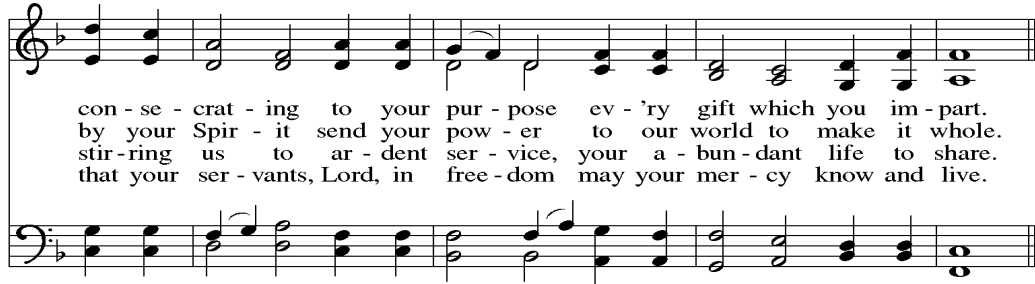
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984
 Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymns*, 1985
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Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these words

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

Amen.

Meal

Peace

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

Please greet those around you, offer a sign of peace to one another.

We sit.

Offering

We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.

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

We stand.

Offertory Song

Verses 1, 4

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Liberating God,
**you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
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; 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 hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we wait 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 and taste the joy of God!
Thanks be to God!

We sit.

Baba Yetu (Lord's Prayer in Swahili)

**Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako
litukuzwe;
ufalme wako ufike,
utakalo lifanyike
duniani kama mbinguni.
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,
utusamehe makosa yetu,
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.
Usitutie katika kishawishi,
lakini utuopoe maovuni.
Amina.**

For the Healing of the World



Des-per - ate peo - ple are mak - ing their way to see
Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our
Still in our world we see peo - ple con - tin - ue to



Je - sus; Wound-ed and bro - ken we
sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of
suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and



come for we've no - where to turn;
death, he's no strang - er to tears;
so man - y liv - ing in pain.



Long - ing for free - dom from de - mons and all our dis -
Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak - ness he
Now we must go with God's heal - ing and jus - tice to



eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and
bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and
of - fer, For this is the call, he



free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.
drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.
asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,
 Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,
 Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his
 sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,
 Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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The 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)*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

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

Post Communion Canticle *"For the Healing of the World"*

Verse 3, Pages 16-17

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Holy One,

**We thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.**

Amen.



Sending

Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.

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.

Sending of the Mission Team to Nicaragua

Benediction

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

Benediction+

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are placed between the staves.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

*February 12 2023
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.*

*Pastor Karen Van Stee
Presiding and Preaching*

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37*



*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the
Glory of our God*

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Karl & Jane Stein</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Cathy Firkin Jane Stein</i>
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Gloria Nelson</i>
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	<i>Andrew Sell Karen Walck</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Nancy Schwiesow</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady Vivian Proctor</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Pat Brady Jean Morgan</i>



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*)

Ellen Moyer

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

Russell Goff, Family Member of Gloria and Jim Nelson

Arta Smith, Friend of Rick and Kathy Bump

Joys and Celebrations (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Kirsten Schwiesow – Grateful for continued healing

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

Emily Almarode

Fred Brower

Phyllis Kite

Jimmy Owens

Liz Ann Binns

Sandra Hoy

Bill Lucas

Janet Parmer

Beth Brady

Kathryn Johnson

Glenn Myers

Ingrid Sevigny

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

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Beth Hausrath Crickenberger, Friend to Many at Grace
Nina Crowe, Mother of Cathy Crowder
Natalie and Nicole Dodge, Friends of Ron and Sylvia Almarode
Kyle Getler, Member Relative
Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf
Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump
Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Rosalind Holt, Friend of Gail Johnson
Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Jen Kearney, Friend to Many at Grace
Dot Metz, Sister of Marge Cloutier
Ken & Letty Rosen, Friends of David and Nancy Schwiesow
Judy Simpson, Sister of Sharon Lynch
Larry Spoon, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many
Kay Truslow, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht
Douglas Williams, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year
Toretta Wyatt, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

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

Family of Annette Boyette, Grandmother of Adrienne Carper
Family of Debbie Caldwell, Friend of Gail Johnson
Family of Cecil Layman
Family of George Savage, Friend of Gail Johnson
Family of Jim Wise
Family of Carl Wondersek, Father of Marlene Shaw

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Kenneth Weller (2/6) **Jennifer Fetterman (2/7)**
Irma Graf (2/10)

The Needs of the World

The family of Tyre Nichols and the continued discussion of police training and accountability in our nation

U.S. Congress and our representatives, as they seek to begin their work of governance in 2023

Racial reconciliation, justice and equity in our community, and in our nation

Winter Storms and Tornadoes' continuing impact across our nation

For peace on earth: The Ukraine, Republic of Congo, Syria, Ethiopia, Yemen, Somalia

Earthquakes and flooding in California

Continued mass casualties from gun violence; three shootings in three days: 18 dead in California; two killed in Des Moines, Iowa; two killed in Chicago, Illinois.

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

Our friends in Christ at St. John Episcopal, as they offer Godspeed to their rector, Benjamin Badgett at the end of February

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Wenonah area

Monday

Isaiah 57:14-21
Galatians 6:11-18
Mark 9:30-41
Morning Psalm 57, Evening 85

Tuesday

Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Mark 9:42-50
Morning Psalm 54, Evening 28

Wednesday

Isaiah 59:1-21
2 Timothy 1:15-2:13
Mark 10:1-6
Morning Psalm 65, Evening 125



Thursday

Isaiah 60:1-22
2 Timothy 2:14-26
Mark 10:17-31
Morning Psalm 143, Evening 81

Friday

Isaiah 61:1-9
2 Timothy 3:1-17
Mark 10:32-45
Morning Psalm 88, Evening 6

Saturday

Isaiah 61:10-62:5
2 Timothy 4:1-8
Mark 10:46-52
Morning Psalm 122, Evening 100



Prayers for Grace members on mission trip to Nicaragua— Please keep Chuck and Judi Goodrich, Linda Meyer, Rev. Mark and Tami Radecke and Pastor Paul in prayer as they travel February 11-18 to Centro Infantil Cristiano Nicaraguense (CICRIN), a children’s school and refuge. See the newsletter about their work. We will send them on their way as a part of worship today.



The “First Sunday Fellowships” have begun! Each “first Sunday” of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign- up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for all of the groups at Grace, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions. **This week, the Wednesday Morning Prayer Group will be giving a presentation.**



Called Congregation Meeting on February 19th - Following Worship, we will have our Annual Congregation Meeting, with a presentation of our 2022 Annual Report. Please plan on coming to this important meeting in the life of our congregation!



Music and Worship Meeting—February 7 at 7:00 p.m.



Grace Photo Directory—Jack Eckstrom will be our photographer for the Grace Pictorial Directory. The initial kickoff for this will be **today, February 5**, in conjunction with the First Sunday Fellowship. Pictures should take approximately 10 minutes per family, if that, giving everyone time to enjoy the fellowship and refreshments from the Grace group that is hosting this event for February. Our schedule for the photos is the following Sundays after the service: February 5th, February 12th, February 19th and February 26th. Pictures will be taken immediately after each service. In addition, Wednesday, February 8th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 16th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign up sheets for each date will be located in the back of the church. For those unable to take part, you can provide a photo of yourself and/or family. Cell phones are great for taking pictures. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Hite, 540-292-0977, or the church office.



Ash Wednesday begins Lent on February 22nd - The Season of Lent is a time to (re)consider WHO WE ARE in our daily lives - baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection - and what that means for how we live them, and how we see the World. Here's our Ash Wednesday Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. - in the Chapel - Ash Wednesday Worship with Ashes and Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. - We are joined - here at Grace - by our brothers and sisters from First Baptist and St. John Episcopal - Ashes and Holy Communion are a part of worship



Weekday Bible Study of I Corinthians - We will **NOT** meet Thursday, February 16th, and will have our final class on Thursday the 23rd.



Altar Flowers—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



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 pantries. We have made thirty-one deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and sixteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3,248 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Covid Policy at Grace

- Masking is optional during worship.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk] in the narthex
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front right of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and receiving bread and individual cups of wine; pastor and assistants will mask when the CDC "risk" color is orange (high)
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

We continue to encourage:

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year
- Masking if you have not been vaccinated for Covid or Flu
- Masking for Covid, flu or other infections



Life of Grace Church
February 5-11, 2023

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	02/05	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class—Matthew Fifth Sunday After Epiphany <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching First Sunday Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) Wednesday Morning Prayer Group Confirmation Class
Tuesday	02/07	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Garden Club (Seminar Room) Worship and Music Meeting
Wednesday	02/08	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel) Yoga (Seminar Room)
Thursday	02/09	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCEJ Group Zoom Meeting Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room)
Friday	02/10	February 10– 18, 2023	Mission Trip—Centro Infantil Cristiano Nicaraguense (CICRIN)
Saturday	02/11	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Seminar Room)
Sunday	02/12	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Class—Matthew Sixth Sunday After Epiphany <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Karen Van Stee Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship Zoom Confirmation Class



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