



Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 6, 2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Holy Communion

Congregational responses are in bold print

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

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

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

During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are parts the you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able. As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.

Gathering

Gloria Patri:

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

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

Rejoice in this good news:
In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

Prelude

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.

Canticle of Praise

PRAISE, ADORATION

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Alabaré

Refrain



A - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a - la - ba -
ré a mi Se - ñor. A - la - ba - ré a - la - ba -
ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.
1 John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed, and
2 Wor - thy is Christ . . . the Lamb who was slain, whose
3 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God, and
all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.
join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.

Thou - sands were pray - ing, ten thou - sands re - joic - ing, and
 Pow - er and rich - es, and wis - dom and strength . . . and
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might . . . to

Refrain

all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
 hon - or and all bless - ing shall be his.
 God and to the Lamb be with - out end.

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 Music: Manuel José Alonso, José Pagán
 Spanish text and music © 1979 Manuel José Alonso, José Pagán, and Ediciones Musical PAX, admin. OCP Publications

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of miracles,

Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Psalm 40:1-5

A reading from Psalms:

¹I waited patiently for the LORD;

he inclined to me and heard my cry.

²He drew me up from the desolate pit,

out of the miry bog,

and set my feet upon a rock,

making my steps secure.

³He put a new song in my mouth,

a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear,

and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Happy are those who make

the LORD their trust,

who do not turn to the proud,

to those who go astray after false gods.

⁵You have multiplied, O LORD my God,

your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;

none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them,

they would be more than can be counted.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

S 171a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: John 4:46-54 [5:1-18]

The holy gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶Then he came again to Cana in Galilee where he had changed the water into wine. Now there was a royal official whose son lay ill in Capernaum. ⁴⁷When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." ⁴⁹The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my little boy dies." ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started on his way. ⁵¹As he was going down, his slaves met him and told him that his child was alive. ⁵²So he asked them the hour when he began to recover, and they said to him, "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him." ⁵³The father realized that this was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household. ⁵⁴Now this was the second sign that Jesus did after coming from Judea to Galilee.

Continued

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a sabbath. ¹⁰So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." ¹¹But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" ¹²They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" ¹³Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing worse happens to you." ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, "My Father is still working, and I also am working." ¹⁸For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated

Children's Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

Hymn of the Day: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

Peace

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

Offertory

The congregation stands

Meal

Offertory Response

Add the following words to verses 2 and 3 as we sing together:

Verse 2 Joy in Christ...

Verse 3 Peace on earth...

Victory Is Mine



1 Vic-to-ry is mine; vic-to-ry is mine; vic-to-ry to-day is mine.
2 Joy is mine; joy is mine; joy to-day is mine.
3 Peace is mine; peace is mine; peace to-day is mine.



I told Sa - tan, "Get thee be-hind." Vic-to-ry to-day is mine.
I told Sa - tan, "Get thee be-hind." Joy to-day is mine.
I told Sa - tan, "Get thee be-hind." Peace to-day is mine.

Text: traditional
Music: VICTORY IS MINE, traditional

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Great Thanksgiving

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:

Come, All You People

Uyaimose

U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;

come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;
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 come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.

come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.
 Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo
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Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

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

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
to be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

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

The congregation may be seated.

O Lamb of God

Oi, Jumalan Karitsa

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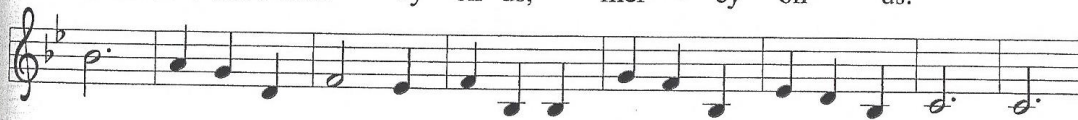
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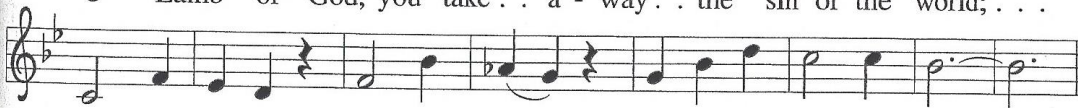
Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man
O Lamb . . of God, you take . . . a - way . . the sin of the



syn - nin, ar - mah - da mei - tä, ar - mah - da mei - tä.
world; . . have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Oi, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa, io - ka pois o - tat maa - il - man syn - nin,
O Lamb of God, you take . . a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .



an - na meil - le rau - ha - si ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
grant us vi - sion, grant us jus - tice, grant us your own true peace.

Music: Matti Rantatalo
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The Holy Communion

*The congregation may be **seated**.*

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

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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The Communion Blessing

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

Amen

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

Post-Communion Canticle: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,

sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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

Sending

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.

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✝ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *“Go, My Children With My Blessing”*

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Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary World.
Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

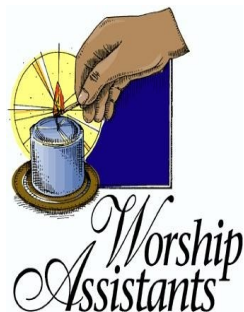


Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers:	Open
Altar Guild:	Jean Morgan
Assisting Minister:	Tripp Franklin
Communion Assistant:	Karen Walck Andrew Sell
Council Person of the Week:	Jerry Kite
Covid Monitor:	Karen Walck
Offering Stewards:	Pat Brady Robin Crowder
Ushers:	Jack Eckstrom Jim Nelson



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

Altar Flowers



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 13, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

**Service of Holy Communion
And via You Tube**

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
Psalm 34:1-10
John 6:35-59



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*)

Alex Skelton

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

Lisa Barmore, Friend of many at Grace, member of Christ Tabernacle

Craig George, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht

Carrie Gibbons, Friend of Hospice Workers

Bob Smith, Father-in-Law of Jessica Lynch Smith

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

Birth of Ruth Helena Kite, Granddaughter of Jerry and Gwen Kite

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

Liz Ann Binns

Marie Brown

Sandra R. Hoy

Bob Knemoller

Janet Parmer

Fred Brower

Nancy Fitzgerald

Phyllis Kite

Glenn and Flossie Myers

Barb Susen

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht

George Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Elizabeth Elliott, Daughter of Ty Elliott

Family of Allison Lawhorne, Niece of Gloria Nelson

Family of Joe Moyer, Member of Grace

Family of Gary and Geraldine Mitchell, Friend of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Irma Graf

Dick Tomey

Helen Moyer

The Needs of the World

The Bridgewater College Community and families of officers killed in yet another campus shooting

Our nation and democracy and seeking the common good

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

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

Wildfire Devastation in Colorado

Grieving families after the Bronx, NY fire

Peace among the nations—Russia, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Burkina Faso

The Church

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

Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James, Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Basic

worship WITH US

Welcome to Worship!

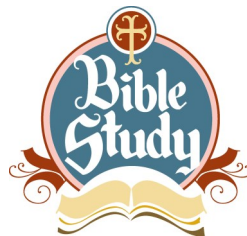
- During the Season after Epiphany, we celebrate our unity in Christ with sisters and brothers from around the world, and in our own communities, with songs of praise, hymns and other songs in the worship service that reflect our rich diversity in Christ. We'll be using this Worship Setting through January and February.
- We will also be using the contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer. The gift and challenge - to doing so is to help us focus on what Jesus has taught us to pray. Using the Contemporary form helps us to pray with new ears and hearts!
- We continue to mask and distance, and remain mindful of each other's health and safety when we gather, and share in fellowship.
- Please mute, silence or turn your cell phone off prior to worship, to help you to hear the Word, share in God's Grace, and give God your praise.



Grace Annual Congregation Meeting - *next Sunday, February 13th, after worship*, there will be a called Congregation meeting for the purposes of (1) **presenting the Annual Report**, and (2) for our Strategic Planning Committee to make **a presentation about the process of the Strategic Plan** and your important part in this process! The meeting is available via Zoom for those unable to be present in-person. See the email sent this past week, or the additional reminder that will be sent this week.



Prayer Group on Wednesdays - We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Our prayer is formed around "ACTS" - Adoration and Praise; Confession; Thanksgiving; and Supplication, asking God for what we need. We pray for the Church, the World, for the sick and those in need; for our household of faith and each other; for God's Creation; we give praise to God. Our time together is typically 30-45 minutes. Come to Grace Chapel for Prayer!



New Bible Study— We will be studying the book Death By Baptism: Sacrament Liberation in a Culture of Fear. How can our Baptism into Christ's death and resurrection free us from fear in a world that sets us on edge with fear and anxiety? This six week class will offer great discussion about what our baptism means for daily life. Come join us at 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays, either in-person in the Conference Room or via Zoom. Order the book from Amazon, or call the Church Office to order a copy. The cost is \$11.54. Let Pastor know if cost is an issue.



Just a reminder... Grace's office hours changed January 1. The Church Office is now open Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **The office is closed on Fridays.**



Souper Bowl of Caring! Next Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday, and it gives us an opportunity to collect for local organizations that are on the front lines of alleviating hunger in our area! We will be collecting for Calvary United Methodist and Main Street United Methodist food pantries. We regularly donate food and other necessities to both, and know there are times when it is necessary for them to supplement what they receive with other items. Take part with generous hearts next Sunday, February 13th!



New Adult Sunday School Class! A new class will begin on Sunday, March 6th, at 9:00 a.m. We will begin with a study of the Gospel of John using the Book of Faith materials from the ELCA. Please contact the church office or use the sheet in the narthex to sign up so we can have enough books on hand. For questions call or text the facilitator Pastor Karen Van Stee at 540.325.0736.



REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

Refugee Resettlement - We have an opportunity to partner with Westminster Presbyterian Church in sponsoring an Afghan family in our area. We have had a great response from Grace (over 15 interested so far!). Church World Service in Harrisonburg is the organization we would work with. Contact Linda Meyer if you are interested or for more information (lameyer@cfw.com or 540-256-2277).



Grace Youth participate in a "Green Hanger Project" - Grace youth joined with youth from four other downtown-area congregations for the second Youth Service Group event, that kicked off November of last year. This time, the Youth met at Embrace Community Center, located in the building of the former Wayne Hills United Methodist Church. The Youth sorted through clothes donated primarily for High School youth, to have good clothes for school and the seasons of the year, which is the focus of Embrace's "Green Hanger Project."



The Racial Reconciliation Readers group will meet on Zoom on Monday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom to plan actions for the year. Call the church office if you need the Zoom link for the meeting. Please watch the following video prior to the meeting. Religion and Democracy: A Conversation with Bishop Curry and Jon Meacham - YouTube.



Sharing Church News—If you would like to add an announcement, add someone to the prayer list, etc. for the bulletin, please have this information to the church office by Wednesday in order to get it included in Sunday’s bulletin. If you would like an article, etc. added to the newsletter (Grace Notes), please have that to the church office by the 20th of the month prior in order to have it included in the upcoming newsletter. Communication and news is a priority for our church family. Word is the preferred format when sending information, but we can also use PDF.



Covid At Home Tests Available to Your Door - the Federal Government has made Covid at-home rapid tests available to you by mail. You can order up to four tests for your household at www.covidtests.gov.



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

Monday

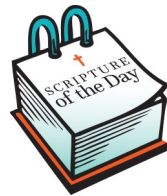
Genesis 25:19-34
 Hebrews 13:1-16
 John 7:37-52
 Psalm Morning 145, Evening 29

Tuesday

Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33
 Hebrews 13:17-25
 John 7:53-8:11
 Psalm Morning 146, Evening 133

Wednesday

Genesis 27:1-29
 Romans 12:1-8
 John 8:12-20
 Psalm Morning 147:1-12, Evening 33



Thursday

Genesis 27:30-45
 Romans 12:9-21
 John 8:21-32
 Psalm Morning 147:13-21, Evening 62

Friday



Genesis 27:46—28:4, 10-22
 Romans 13:1-14
 John 78:33-47
 Psalm Morning 148, Evening 65

Saturday

Genesis 29:1-20
 Romans 14:1-23
 John 8:47-59
 Psalm Morning 149, Evening 98



Life of Grace Church
February 6-13, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	02/06	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	 <p><i>Fifth Sunday of Epiphany</i> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p> <p><i>Pastor Pingel Preaching at Summit Square</i></p>
Wednesday	02/09	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<p>Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Prayer Group (Chapel)</p>
Thursday	02/10	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30-7:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<p>Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)</p> <p>Bible Study (Conference Room and Zoom)</p> <p>Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Virginia Organizing (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom (CCE&J)</p> <p>Bible Study (Conference Room and Zoom)</p>
Saturday	02/12	11:00 a.m.	<p>Yoga (Fellowship Hall)</p>
Sunday	02/13	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	 <p><i>Sixth Sunday of Epiphany</i> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Congregational Meeting Coffee Fellowship via Zoom</p>



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