



Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 South Wayne Avenue
Waynesboro, VA 22980

February 9, 2020

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

Holy Communion

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Five)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church! There are four key parts to our Worship Service: we **GATHER** before our God to prepare to worship, and bring ourselves and all that we are before God. Then we hear the **WORD** of God; we share the four Bible Readings with at least one billion other Christians around the world each Sunday! And we hear that word proclaimed through the Sermon, confess our faith in the God whose Grace we hear about in the Word, and offer our prayers to God, for the sake of the Church, the World, and each other in our needs and joys. We then share in the **MEAL** of Holy Communion, offering ourselves and what we have to God, and then discovering God's love and forgiveness as we receive Christ's Body and Blood through the bread and wine. Finally we are **SENT**, the shortest but perhaps most important part of worship, because it is **THEN** that we live out our Faith and what we believe about God's Grace and Love, and how it makes us a blessing in this world as we share it.*

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

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir Sing

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

Welcome and Announcements

Dedication of Holy Communion Chalice

Prelude: "Andante Cantabile"

Volckmar

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

The congregation stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, † one God,
the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one,
the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God who searches us and knows us,
**you have shown us what is good,
but we have looked to other lights to find our way.
We have not been just in our dealings with others.
We have chosen revenge over mercy.
We have promoted ourselves
instead of walking humbly with you.
With what shall we come before you?
Forgive us our sin,
and show us your salvation
in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God,
you have not received the spirit of the world,
but the Spirit that is from God,
poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ.
Receive the promise of baptism:
You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.
Amen.

Gathering Song: *"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"*

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Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSTER JESÚ, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **G** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Hymn of Praise or another appropriate hymn may be sung.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



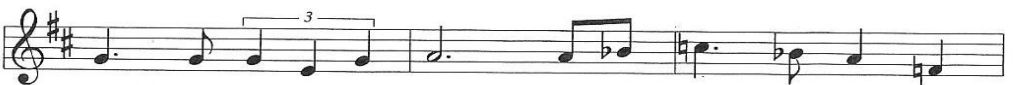
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



② Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



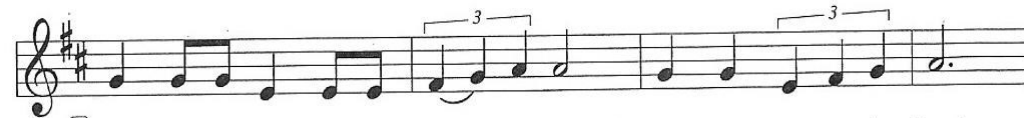
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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

The congregation is seated.

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?

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 112:1-9

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.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands.



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

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³You 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.

¹⁴You 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.

¹⁷Do 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.

The congregation is seated.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Following the Children's Sermon, children ages 3-9 are invited to attend Children's Church, which is held on the same floor as this worship space in the Library, and Chapel. Here the children will learn more about the same Bible readings as were heard in worship, and will be taught songs and about the way we worship. Children's Church will return to worship around the time of the Sharing of the Peace, in order to take part in Holy Communion.

NOTE: The Nursery is available for children age 5 and under as the Worship Service begins. Children under 5 not attending Children's Church will have the Nursery available throughout the Worship Service. (As always, parents may choose to have their children remain with them in worship.) Children 10 and over will join in regular Worship.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands.

Hymn of the Day: "Christ, Be Our Light"

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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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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

A brief silence.

Trusting that God hears us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Confident that you are able to accomplish more than we even dare to ask, we bring these prayers before you, believing in your saving grace revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

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

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, saying, "Peace be with you"

The congregation is seated.

Meal

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 Light Will Come"

Martin

The congregation stands

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

Offertory: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of wonder,
you formed us in our mother's womb,
and from mother earth you bring forth this bread and wine.
We place them on your table,
together with our lives and all that you have made.
Open the heavens to us and pour out your Spirit.
We wait for your mercy;
we long for your peace;
we hunger and thirst for Jesus Christ,
our banquet of life.
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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The third staff continues for the third line. The fourth staff continues for the fourth line. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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

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

Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table of mercy and joy.

Thanks Be To God.

The congregation may be seated.

Holy Communion

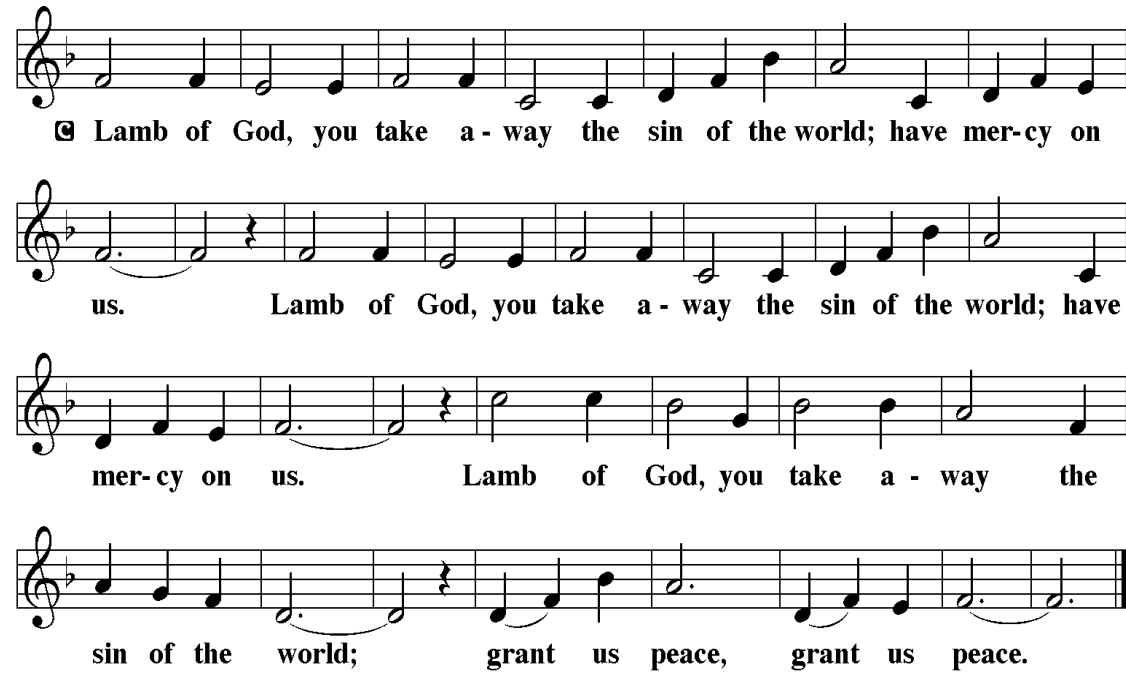
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening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

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

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

Amen.

As the ministers commune the congregation may sing the following:



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns:

“Light Shone in Darkness”

Hymn #307, Page 19

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart: Gift of Finest Wheat”

Hymn #484, Page 20

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Hymn #712, Page 21

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

Light Shone in Darkness



- 1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,
- 2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;
- 3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na-ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.


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Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



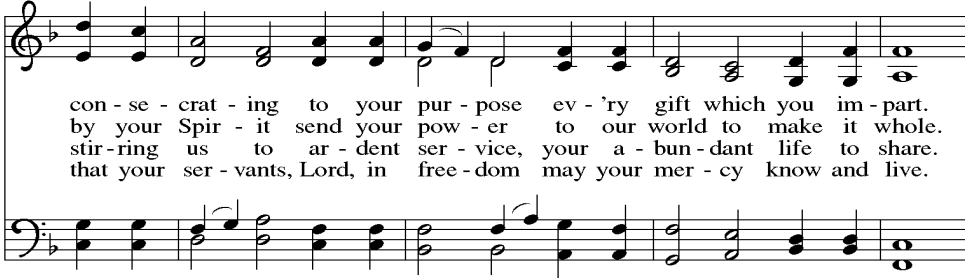
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



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.

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The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

**Faithful God, you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Sending

Blessing

May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.
Amen.

Sending Song: *“This Little Light of Mine”*

Hymn #677, Page 23

Dismissal

Go in peace. Let your light shine!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *“The Light of the World is Jesus”*

Bliss

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This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Karla Rankin</i>
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	<i>Donna Gum and Bill Meicke</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Jack Eckstrom, Carrie Jones, Brad Keefer, David Proctor</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Pat Brady and Bob Shumate</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Charlotte Jones</i>
<i>Cup Gatherer:</i>	<i>Amelia Jones</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jane Stein</i>
<i>Nursery Caregivers:</i>	<i>Lisa Gray and Eleanor Sampson</i>
<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	<i>Karl and Jane Stein</i>
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Carrie Jones</i>

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

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 16, 2020

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Please print your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to keep the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need for Prayer" list.

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

Pete Giesen

Bob Moyer

Janet Parmer

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

Melissa Matherly Bowers, Friend of the Lynches

Mary Grim, Sister of Ernestine Moomaw

Mike Huff, Brother of Donna Gum

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

Rev. Janice Marie Ely Lowden's installation at Trinity Lutheran

David and Vivian Proctor's Prayers were answered for their daughter, **Krista Traynor and Her Family**

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

Mary Bertelsen

Liz Ann Binns

Fred Brower

Jean Brower

Marie Brown

Nancy Fitzgerald

Sandra R. Hoy

Sandy Johnson

Bob and Carol Knemoller

Peggy Lucas

Janet Lungert

Glenn and Flossie Myers

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

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

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

Katherine Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Barbara Shifflett and Family

George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Rev. Delmar Carlson, Chuck Goodrich's Brother-In-Law

Family of Myrtle Kite, Member of Grace

Family of Pauline (Polly) McKinley, Friend of Grace

Family of Deanna Stumpf, Aunt of Susan Myers

Family of Keith Thomas

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Sarah Knicely

Dick Tomey

Helen Moyer

Carolyn Hite

Justin McCloskey

Mike Trauscht

The Needs of the World

Coronavirus outbreak in China and elsewhere

The Senate of our nation and Judiciary in the midst of impeachment hearings

Our care of God's Creation

Our military and first responders

The Church

Unity of Christ's Church in Jesus Christ alone

Our friends in the United Methodist Church

WARM Cold Weather Shelter

Announcements



Grace Annual Congregation Meeting —The Annual Congregation meeting, in which we receive Grace's Annual Report of our ministry together, will be next **Sunday, February 16th**, immediately following Worship. In case of inclement weather, our "make-up date will be Sunday, February 23rd. Please mark your calendars for this important time in our life together.



We will have a **potluck lunch** during the meeting. Please sign up on the yellow sheets on the round table in the back of the church so we will know what to prepare and for how many. Thank you!



Church Council **New Council Member Installed, and Dedication of New Chalice this morning** - Karla Rankin is our newest Council Member filling a term for Zach Bandy, who resigned early this year. Karla will be installed this morning. We will also dedicate a new Pouring Chalice this morning, given by Joe and Joan Ranzini in honor of Jean Morgan and her service to Grace through her stewardship of the Altar Guild.



BOOK STUDY **Grace Book Study** - This Monday group will continue its study of books related to racial reconciliation, in addition to monthly meetings of how we live out God's call for All to be one in Christ, and the Holy Spirit's vision (in the book of Acts, and in Paul's letters), that as we live out our Faith, "there are no distinctions...all are one in Christ." We decided to study the book "How to be an Anti-Racist" by Ibram Kendi! Come and be a part on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.



Midweek Bible Study **Wednesday Morning Bible Class Time Change** - Our Wednesday morning Bible Study is changing times - by 15 minutes - to allow for any noon appointments, by request of the existing class. So, please note our starting time beginning this Wednesday will be 10:45am. A Vital congregation deepens its Faith through the study of God's Word. Come join us!



Faith in Film Movie Series at The Wayne Theater - This evening, February 9th at 6:00 p.m., The Wayne Theater will be showing the movie "Harriet", about the life and determination of American historical figure Harriet Tubman, founder of the Underground Railroad before and during the Civil War. Members of Christ Tabernacle Church of God in Christ will be going to see the movie as well, and there's an opportunity for Grace members attending the event to sit with our friends from Christ Tabernacle and participate together in the Panel discussion that follows the film.



Virginia Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering is at the Roslyn Retreat Center Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, 2020. If interested, information and application forms are on the round table in the back of the church.



LENT

We all know times of anticipation, where there is much to prepare for before what we are anticipating comes to pass.

Lent is our time of anticipation and preparation. It's more than fasting, or giving something up, or even a sense we should focus on Jesus' death. We know the story of Lent leads us to the cross - we must come to the cross in order to celebrate resurrection - and yet we come to the cross because we *anticipate* what God is going to do - bring new life to this deathly world through the Son.


In the ancient Easter Vigil worship service, we gather to hear what God has already done to offer new life and salvation to the world - through creation, through Noah and his family, through the people of Israel freed from slavery in Egypt, through the prophets reminding us of the power of God's Word to give life over death. We'll share the Old Testament Lenten stories of the Lenten Season over the five Wednesdays of Lent with our brothers and sisters at Bethlehem, St. James and Zion. We'll also have an opportunity to join with our downtown brothers and sisters to show our unity in Christ, and begin to show our community that our unity is more important than any differences we may have. See our schedule , and take part in the anticipation of this Lenten Season!

LENT

Tuesday, February 25

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| 5:00 p.m. | Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1148 Ladd Road | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for Lent
(Burning of the Palms) |
| 6:00 p.m. | St. James Lutheran Church
320 St James Road, Fishersville | Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for Lent |

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated February 26 as follows:

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| 10:00 a.m. | Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church | Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
May be sharing with Zion Lutheran |
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| 12:00 p.m. | Saint John the Evangelist Catholic
300 Maple Avenue | Ecumenical Worship with
Imposition of Ashes |
| 7:00 p.m. | Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church | Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
May be sharing with St. John |

Sunday, March 1

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| 10:00 a.m. | Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church | First Sunday of Lent—Holy Communion |
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Wednesday, March 4

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| 6:00 p.m. | Zion Lutheran Church | Season of Lent Soup Supper |
| 7:00 p.m. | 297 Zion Church Rd | Season of Lent Evening Prayer |

Sunday, March 8

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| 10:00 a.m. | Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church | Second Sunday of Lent—Holy Communion |
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LENT CONTINUED

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m.	St. James Lutheran	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	320 St James Road, Fishersville	Season of Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 15

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Third Sunday of Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, March 18

6:00 p.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.		Season of Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 22

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fourth Sunday of Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, March 25

6:00 p.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.		Season of Lent Evening Prayer

Sunday, March 29

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Fifth Sunday of Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, April 1

6:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
7:00 p.m.	1148 Ladd Road	Season of Lent Evening Prayer

HOLY WEEK



Sunday, April 5—Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

10:00 a.m. Procession with Palms, joined by members/disciples from other congregations



Thursday, April 9—Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m. Chapel

7:00 p.m. Confession and Forgiveness/Footwashing/Holy Communion/Stripping of the Altar

Friday, April 10—Good Friday

3:00 p.m. Saint John-Evangelist Catholic - The Way of the Cross - walking together down 11st Street to the Library and back, with stops along the way to ponder the meaning of Jesus' death on a cross - we're invited with other Christians to make this walk together



7:00 p.m. Grace



Saturday, April 11—Easter Vigil

7:00 p.m. Service of Light/Old Testament Salvation Readings/Affirmation of Baptism, welcoming new members into Grace/Holy Communion



Sunday, April 12- Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of our Lord

Easter Breakfast - will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will continue to be served through 9:45 a.m.

Easter/Resurrection of our Lord Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m., the same worship time as our other Sunday worship services.

**Life of Grace Church
February 9-16 2020**

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	02/09	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	WARM Shelter Sunday School Worship Choir Fifth Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding
Monday	02/10	6:30 p.m.	Book Study (Conference Room)
Tuesday	02/11	9:30 a.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	02/12	10:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Backpacks Bible Study (Conference Room) Office On Youth (Seminar Room) Handbell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	02/13	8:30 a.m. 12:30-2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers Bridge (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study (Conference Room)
Friday	02/14		 <i>Valentines Day</i>
Sunday	02/16	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Sixth Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch Pastor—Vespers at Summit Square

