



DO JUSTICE ...

*love kindness ...*

WALK HUMBLY

*with our God.*

MICAH 6:8



*FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*January 29, 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: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

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## Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
 the Lord whom we adore:  
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-1891, alt.  
 Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834-1916

## Greeting

The grace 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 in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words split across lines. The score ends 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.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

### **Word**

#### **First Reading: Micah 6:1-8**

A reading from Micah:

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,

and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

*Continued*

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 15**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?  
<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**  
<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.  
<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**  
<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
**Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,  
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

*Continued*

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

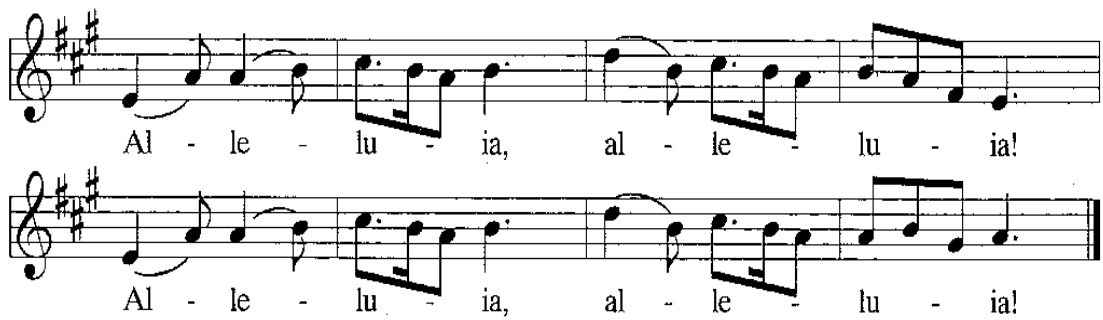
<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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!

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**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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:** “*Let Streams of Living Justice*”

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*We stand*

## Let Streams of Living Justice

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934  
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934  
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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

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.**

**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**

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has four vocal lines with lyrics: 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. The second system has a single vocal line with lyrics: 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. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right and left hands.

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

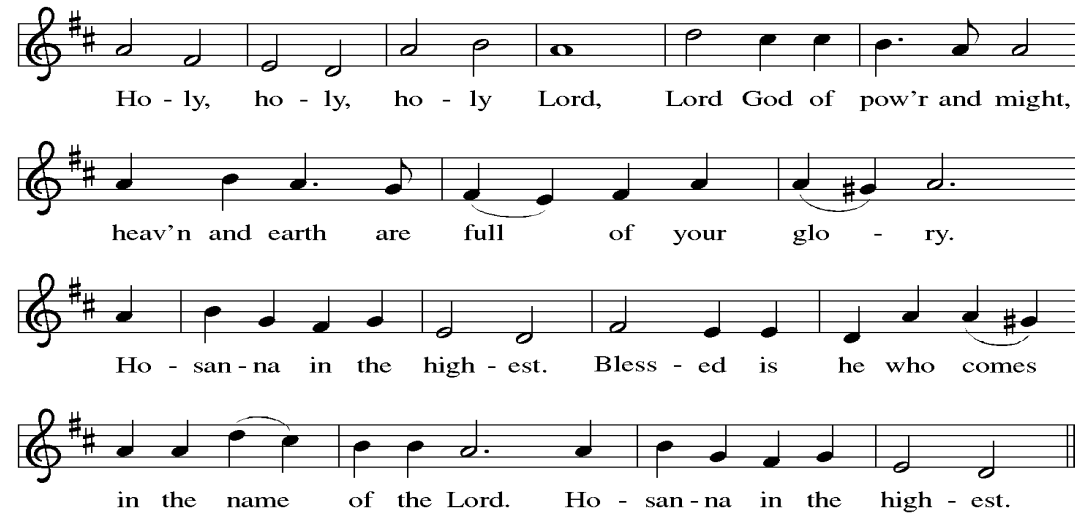
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

**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.**



### Benediction

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

Benediction 

Sending Song: *"O Master, Let Me Walk With You"*

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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## O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.  
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*

*February 5, 2023  
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.*

*Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalm 112:1-9  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:13-20*



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

*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*

*Altar Flowers: Marge Cloutier*

*Altar Guild: Jane Stein*

*Assisting Minister: Kathy Bump*

*Communion Assistants: Marsha Howard  
Gloria Nelson*

*Council Person of the Week: Jack Eckstrom*

*Offering Stewards: Pat Brady*

*Jean Morgan*

*Ushers: Rick Bump*

*Linda Meyer*



**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\*)**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Ellen Moyer**

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

**Shirley Breckenmaker**, Mother of Tami Radecke

**Russell Goff**, Family Member of Gloria and Jim Nelson

**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**

**Liz Ann Binns**

**Beth Brady**

**Fred Brower**

**Sandra Hoy**

**Kathryn Johnson**

**Bill Lucas**

**Glenn Myers**

**Jimmy Owens**

**Janet Parmer**

**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 Debbie Caldwell**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Family of George Savage**, Friend of Gail Johnson

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

<b>Dennis Barnes (1/27)</b>	<b>Linda Owens (1/31)</b>	<b>Esme Hilker 1/31</b>
	<b>Becky Jones (2/4)</b>	

**The Needs of the World**

**First responders: Fire, EMT, Medical Personnel, Police and Military at risk in their service to others**

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 the Evangelist Catholic Church

**The WARM Cold Weather Shelter, and our hosting of it at Grace**

The Roman Catholic Church upon the death of Benedict XVI

**Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Wenonah area





**New Adult Bible Weekday Class!** A four week class on I Corinthians, which we'll be reading during the Season of Epiphany! Pastor Paul leads the class. We began on January 19. You are invited to join the class at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays. The class is held in the Conference Room.



**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 at least 19 counted groups, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.



#### **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



**Midwinter Power in the Spirit**—A Virginia Synod education and worship event begins under the theme, **Blessed Are**. Pastor Paul will present a workshop on the Role of Relationship in Racial Equity and Justice. The event is January 30—February 1.





**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.



**Grace Photo Directory**—Jack Eckstrom will be our photographer for the Grace Pictorial Directory. The initial kickoff for this will be **Sunday, 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 5<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>. Pictures will be taken immediately after each service. In addition, Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Six (6) Grace Members travel in Mission 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.



**Life of Grace Church  
January 29-February 5, 2023**

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY— SUNDAY	01/29	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Matthew—Adult Bible Class</b>  <b>Fourth Sunday After Epiphany</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching  <b>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</b>  <b>Confirmation Class</b>
Monday	01/30	5:30—7:30 p.m.	<b>Midwinter Power in the Spirit</b>
Tuesday	01/31	9:30 a.m. 5:30—7:30 p.m.	<b>Quilting</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Midwinter Power in the Spirit</b>
Wednesday	02/01	10:00 a.m. 5:30—7:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)  <b>Midwinter Power in the Spirit</b>  <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Thursday	02/02	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot)  <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>CCEJ Group Zoom Meeting</b>  <b>Pastor's Bible Study</b> (Conference Room)
Saturday	02/04	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	02/05	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.  10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>Matthew—Adult Bible Class</b>  <b>Fifth Sunday After Epiphany</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching  <b>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</b>  <b>Confirmation Class</b>

**Monday**

Isaiah 51:17-23  
Galatians 4:1-11  
Mark 7:24-37  
Morning Psalm 145, Evening 112

**Tuesday**

Isaiah 52:1-12  
Galatians 4:12-20  
Mark 8:1-10  
Morning Psalm 146, Evening 86

**Wednesday**

Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
Galatians 4:21-31  
Mark 8:11-26  
Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 4

**Thursday**

Isaiah 54:1-10 (11-17)  
Galatians 5:1-15  
Mark 8:27-9:1  
Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 27

**Friday**

Isaiah 55:1-13  
Galatians 5:1-13  
Mark 9:2-13  
Morning Psalm 148, Evening 20

**Saturday**

Isaiah 56:1-8  
Galatians 5:25—6:10  
Mark 9:14-29  
Morning Psalm 149, Evening 63



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