

# **Jourth Sunday of Epiphany**

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

January 31, 2021

" A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus"

# Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on ELW Setting Three)

# Congregational responses are in bold print

In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.

MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.

# Gathering

# **Welcome and Announcements**

# **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God.

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

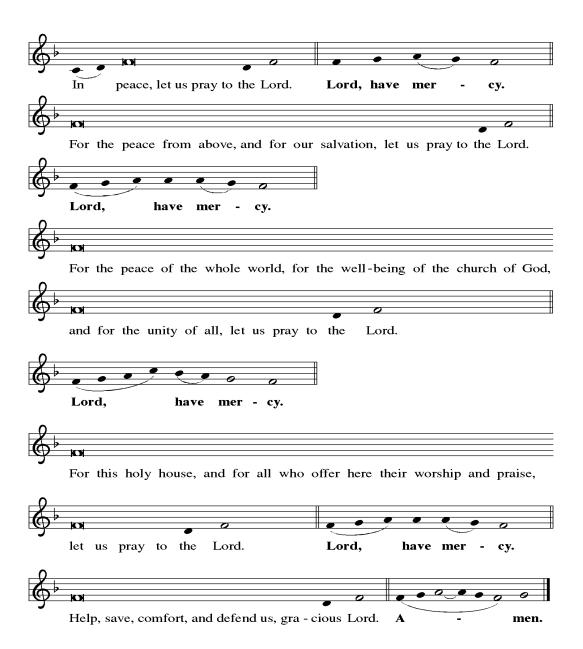
# **Musical Presentation**

# **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.

# **Kyrie**



# Son of God, Eternal Savior



Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932 Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

# **Prayer of the Day**

Lord of the Sabbath,

Your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

# Word

Psalm: Psalm 92

<sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,

<sup>3</sup>to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

<sup>4</sup>For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

<sup>5</sup>How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

<sup>6</sup>The dullard cannot know, the stupid cannot understand this:

<sup>7</sup>though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish,

they are doomed to destruction forever, 8but you, O LORD, are on high forever.

<sup>9</sup>For your enemies, O LORD, for your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

<sup>10</sup>But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox; you have poured over me fresh oil.

<sup>11</sup>My eyes have seen the downfall of my enemies;

my ears have heard the doom of my evil assailants.

<sup>12</sup>The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

<sup>13</sup>They are planted in the house of the LORD, they flourish in the courts of our God.

<sup>14</sup>In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

<sup>15</sup>showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

# **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel: Luke 6:1-16

The holy gospel according to Luke:

# Glory to you, O Lord.

¹One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ³Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" ⁵Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."

<sup>6</sup>On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup>The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. <sup>8</sup>Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. <sup>9</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup>After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup>But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

<sup>12</sup>Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. <sup>13</sup>And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: <sup>14</sup>Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, <sup>15</sup>and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, <sup>16</sup>and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Children's Message

The Bokelman Family

<u>Sermon</u> Pastor Paul Pingel

# **Musical Offering**

# **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**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayer for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

# **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

# **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.

# Sending

# <u>Blessing</u>

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you + that you may be a blessing in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sending Song: "The Church of Christ, In Every Age"

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# **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

# **Postlude**

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# The Church of Christ, in Every Age



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# Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Assisting Minister: Tripp Franklin

Offering Steward: Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Open

Council Person of the Week: Holly Carper

**Children's Sermon:** The Bokelman Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God



# Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 7, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Epiphany
Service of the Word via YouTube
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Raising the Widow's Son Luke 7:1-17 Psalm 119:105-107



Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Church Office Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 to noon. If you would like to have them mailed to you, please contact the church office.

The Season of Lent: Ash Wednesday is February 17th of this year. We will be finalizing plans for our Ash Wednesday observance this coming week, with details forthcoming both for Ash Wednesday and our Wednesday Lenten observance. Jesus journey to the Cross is our journey as well. What does "taking up your cross" mean? Lent is also a time for Baptismal preparation, a time for you to consider your baptism into Christ's death and resurrection as well. Martin Luther in his Small Catechism says in our Baptismal life we "daily die and rise to new life." What does that mean for each day that you live? What needs to die? What needs God's hope for new life?



Confirmation Sunday on February 14th! - Because of our extended time of Coronavirus, three Confirmands - Kaitlyn Hull, Quinn Franklin, and Zachary Rankin - have not yet Affirmed their Baptism, to be Confirmed. We will

be doing this on Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday before the beginning of Lent, on Sunday February 14th. Please pray for Kaitlyn, Quinn and Zach as they prepare for this important day in their lives, and in OUR lives as the Church!

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 <a href="mailto:thirteen">thirteen</a> deliveries thus far, six to Main Street United Methodist, and seven to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

WARM and Disciples Kitchen Meals—Grace served breakfast and lunch for WARM from January 25 to 31, lunch at Disciples Kitchen on January 21 and breakfast on January 23. We provided over 600 meals during the past two weeks. Thanks to all Grace members who helped with these meals and to Zion Lutheran, Waynesboro Kiwanis Club and Christ Tabernacle Church for their support in feeding people in need.



Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks. 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\*)

Caroline Biggers Margaret Quickel

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

Leah Johns Ashby, Friend of Kathy Johnson Loren Dittmer, Brother of Carol Wolf Mary Lang, Friend of Kathy Johnson Sally Massey, Friend of Kathy Johnson Regan Grant, Friend of the Bumps Donna Rowley, Friend of Kathy Johnson

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

Liz Ann BinnsFred BrowerMarie BrownNancy FitzgeraldPete GiesenSandra R. HoyBob KnemollerGlenn and Flossie MyersJanet Parmer

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey
Larry Hinebaugh, Friend of Donna Gum
George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife Kyle Getler, Member Relative Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

# Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Carol Knemoller, Grace Member Family of Carl Machen, Friend of the Tomeys Family of Peggy Rodgers, Friends of the Hulls and Steins Family of Helen Moore Wetsel, Sister of Peggy Marks

# Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Lily Pingel

Dennis Barnes

**Linda Owens** 

### The Needs of the World

Our Nation and its leaders: President Biden,
Vice-President Harris, Senator Warner,
Senator Kaine and Representative
Cline, our Governor Ralph Northam,
and Virginia Representative Avoli,
State Senator Hanger

All in our criminal justice system; judges, lawyers, police officers, court clerks, bailiffs and justice advocates The deliveries of Covid-19 vaccine

Families affected by Covid-19 vaccine health, employment

### The Church

The Student Care Center at Grace
Our unity in Christ with Churches
in our Community
Our trust in God, our refuge and strength
(Psalm 46)

### **Our Neighbors**

Our neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn area



# Life of Grace Church January 31— Jebruary 7, 2021

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	01/31	10:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Epiphany Service of the Word via YouTube
			Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
		5:45—6:55 p.m.	Online Power in the Spirit
Monday	02/01	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		5:45—6:55 p.m.	Online Power in the Spirit
Tuesday	02/02	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		5:45—6:55 p.m.	Online Power in the Spirit
Wednesday	02/03	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		5:45—6:55 p.m.	Online Power in the Spirit
Thursday	02/04	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		11:00 a.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
		5:00 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
		5:45—6:55 p.m.	Online Power in the Spirit
		7:00 p.m.	Bible Study via Zoom
Friday	02/05	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	02/07	10:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Epiphany Service of the Word via YouTube
			Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

# Monday

Isaiah 51:17-23 Galatians 4:1-11 Mark 7:24-37

# Tuesday

Isaiah 52:1-12 Galatians 4:12-20 Mark 8:1-10

# Wednesday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Galatians 4:21-31 Mark 8:11-26



# **Thursday**

Isaiah 54:1-10 Galatians 5:1-15 Mark 8:27—9:1

### **Friday**

Isaiah 55:1-13 Galatians 5:16-24 Mark 9:2-13

### **Saturday**

Isaiah 56:1-8 Galatians 5:25—6:10 Mark 9:14-29



# **Members of Grace Congregational Council**

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