

Second Sunday After Epíphany

January 16, 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 <u>as you</u> <u>are able</u>. 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 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 +I+ 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





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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Patient God,

Your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Psalm 127:1-2

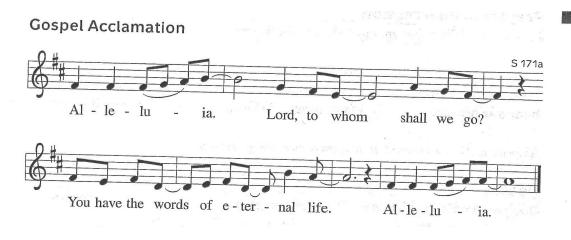
A reading from Psalms:

¹Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. ²It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for he gives sleep to his beloved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel: John 2:13-25

The holy gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

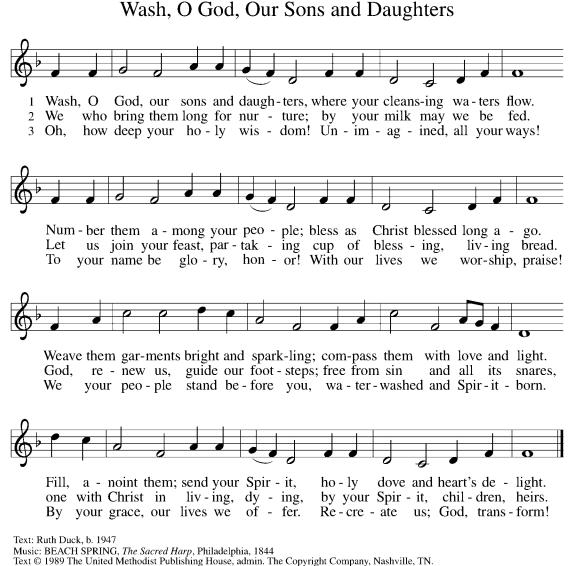
The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation is seated

Children's Worship

Pastor Pingel

<u>Sermon</u>	Pastor Pingel
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.	
The congregation stands to proclaim the word of God in song.	
Hymn of the Day: "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"	#445, Page 9
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.	



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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.**

<u>Peace</u>

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...



Text: traditional Music: VICTORY IS MINE, traditional

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

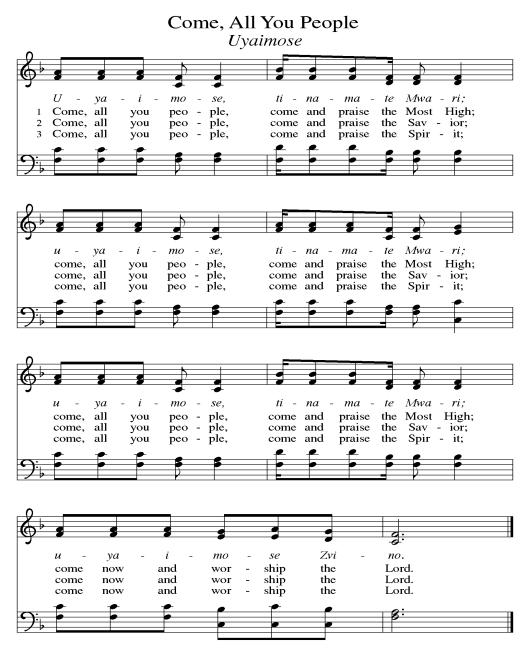
Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

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.

<u>Preface</u>

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:



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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.



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)

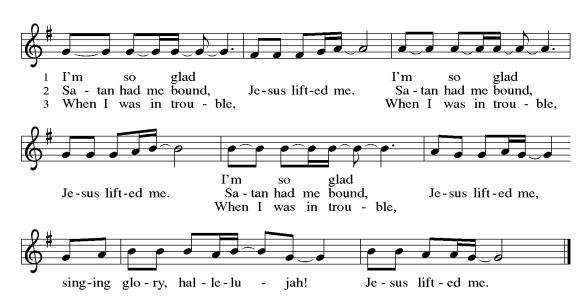
Communion Distribution: One communion team will serve the left side of the nave; another team will serve those on the right. You are invited to come to the altar by the center aisle; take an empty individual glass (or filled grape juice glass) available at the railing, and proceed to the railing, filling 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.



I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted 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

<u>Blessing</u>

Sending Song: "In His Temple"

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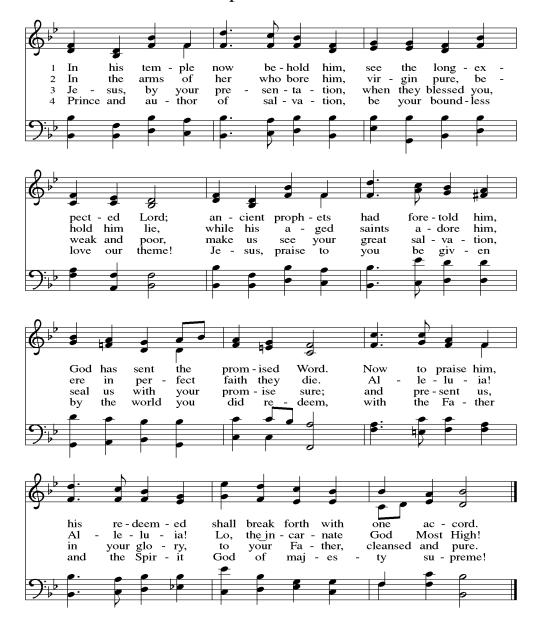
Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary World. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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In His Temple Now Behold Him



Text: Henry J. Pye, 1825–1903, alt. Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:



Altar Guild:Kathy MeickeAssisting Minister:Andrew SellCommunion Assistant:Linda MeyerCouncil Person of the Week:Kathy BumpCovid Monitor:Jill PingelOffering Stewards:Jean MorganDavid Proctor

Ushers:

Jean Morgan David Proctor Ron Almarode Lee Lynch

The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joe Moyer.



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

January 23, 2022 Third Sunday of Epiphany

Service of Holy Communion And via You Tube

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Psalm 139:13-18 John 3:1-21



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*) Janet Parmer

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*) Pam Fenlon, Friend of Gail Johnson Yolanda Figueroa, Mother of a Dear Friend of Lily Pingel Craig George, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf Dr. Hammock, Friend of Many Members Garlin Howard, Friend of Beth Brady Carol Keane, Friend of Marsha Howard Sharon McCarthy, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

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

Liz Ann Binns Marie Brown Sandra R. Hoy Bob Knemoller 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 Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow Hilary Hoffman, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht George Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

> <u>Members/Friends Grieving</u> Family of Sharon O'Hare, Friend of Kathryn Johnson Family of Ron Hite, Brother of Bobby Hite Family of Allison Lawhorne, Niece of Gloria Nelson Family of Joe Moyer, Member of Grace Family of Geraldine Mitchell, Friend of Grace

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year Rudy Yobs **Emily Almarode** Susan Myers Amaya Cooper The Needs of the World The Church Our nation and democracy and seeking Pray for God's plan for Grace—our life the common good together and witness and service to the Community Covid-19—our patience and vigilance at a time of weariness Prayer for neighboring Lutheran congregations: St. James,

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

Wildfire Devastation in Colorado

Grieving families after the Bronx, NY fire

Our Neighbors

Bethlehem, Zion and Bethany

Our neighbors in Basic



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 <u>contemporary form of the Lord's Prayer</u>. 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.



Temple Talks Today and January 23 - What are we called to do? What is your dream for Grace? Our Strategic Planning Committee will have Temple Talks beginning to lead us into prayerful conversation about our life together at Grace, and God's Mission for us as A Community of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus in the second decade of the 21st century! We need your help and input; come and be a part, in-person or via Zoom at worship.



Prayer Group on Wednesdays - Grace is offering a regular Prayer Group on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We begin each time with an abbreviated Morning Prayer worship, and conclude with Prayers offered by all participants: for the World, for the Church and its Mission of the Gospel; for Creation, for Peace and Justice among the Nations, for those who are sick, poor, grieving, lonely; for Grace church, and for special concerns. You are invited to Prayer!



Yoga Class Offered at Grace - Shelton Sprouse, who had the "Blue Moon Yoga" studio on Main Street until the pandemic, is offering a Yoga class Saturday mornings at Grace. It is designed for beginners and senior adults, for "physical activity and mindfulness." The class is offered at 11:00 a.m.—12:15 a.m. Saturday mornings, in the Fellowship Hall. A donation may be given, but is not required.



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 <u>twenty-three</u> 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.



WARM Cold Weather Shelter Needs—The WARM Homeless Shelter is in need of Breakfast and Lunch foods during the week of January 24th thru 30th . This is the week that Grace has provided shelter in our Fellowship Hall before COVID.

Can you help? If so, please bring any of the following breakfast or lunch items to the Seminar Room (on the same floor as the Worship Space) between now and Sunday, January 23rd. If you would be willing to deliver the meals, please let Jerry or Gwen Kite (910-0508) know.

- Instant Oatmeal (12 count or 48 count box)
- Cereal in Individual Serving Cups or Variety Pack
 (of individual serve boxes)
- Individual-serving Fruit Cup packs
- Microwaveable Soups Individual serve cups
- Microwaveable Mac n' Cheese Individual serve cups
- Microwaveable Pasta Roni Individual serve cups
- Variety Pack box of individual-serve chips/snack bags



Refugee Resettlement—Several people at Grace have asked about the potential opportunity to assist in resettlement of Afghan refugees as they transition from their initial stay at military camps and bases into communities around the country. Grace has a history of sponsoring refugee families from Vietnam and the middle east over the years. There was a meeting with a Church World Service representative from Harrisonburg at Westminster Presbyterian this past week to give us an opportunity to learn about the needs of these families and the ways in which we might help. It is clear that helping these individuals and families transition to American communities - into homes, jobs, schools, and community life – is a long and complex process; but there are many ways in which members of Grace might provide assistance in the process. Stay tuned for further information as we discuss the possibility of teaming with Westminster or other congregations. If you have a particular interest in participating at some level in the resettlement of families, please let the church office or Linda Meyer know of your interest (lameyer@cfw.com or 540-256-2277) and we will keep you informed as conversations and plans progress. Or, you may sign-up on sheet is in the Narthex.

Monday

Genesis 8:6-22 Hebrews 4:14-5:6 John 2:23—3:15 Psalm Morning 135, Evening 97

Tuesday

Genesis 9:1-17 Hebrews 5:7-14 John 3:16-21 Psalm Morning 123, Evening 30

Wednesday

Genesis 9:18-29 Hebrews 6:1-12 John 3:22-36 Psalm Morning 15, Evening 48

Thursday

Genesis 11:1-9 Hebrews 6:13-20 John 4:1-15 Psalm Morning 36, Evening 80

Friday

Genesis 11:27—12:8 Hebrews 7:1-17 4:16-26 Psalm Morning 130, Evening 32

Saturday

Genesis 12:9—13:1 Hebrews 7:18-28 John 4:27-42 Psalm Morning 56, Evening 118

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Life of Grace Church January 16-23, 2022

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DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING	
Sunday	01/16	10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Epiphany Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom	
Monday	01/17	CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed No School	
Tuesday	01/18	7:00 p.m.	Council (Conference Room and Zoom)	
Wednesday		9:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall)	
	01/19	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group (Chapel)	
		8:00 a.m.	Newcomers Club (Fellowship Hall)	
Thursday 0		8:30 a.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)	
	01/20	12:30 p.m.	Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall)	
		6:00 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom (CCE&J)	
Saturday	01/22	11:00 a.m.	Yoga (Fellowship Hall)	
Sunday	01/23	10:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Epiphany Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube Pastor Paul Pingel Presiding and Preaching	
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom	



Members of Grace **Congregational Council**

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m., Lunch 11:30—12:30, Monday-Thursday **Closed Friday**

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