



Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 20, 2022

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Holy Communion

Congregational responses are in bold print

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

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

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

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

Gathering

Gloria Patri:

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

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

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

Prelude

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

PRAISE, ADORATION

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Alabaré

Refrain



A - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor. A - la - ba - ré a - la - ba - ré a mi Se - ñor.

1 John saw the num - ber of all those re - deemed, and
2 Wor - thy is Christ . . . the Lamb who was slain, whose
3 Sing with the peo - ple, the peo - ple of God, and

all were sing - ing prais - es to the Lord.
blood has set us free from ev - 'ry sin.
join cre - a - tion in a joy - ful hymn.

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

Refrain

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

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy and loving God,
Your son proclaimed living water to all who are thirsty. We are thirsty, Lord. Quench our
thirst with your living water and heal our souls.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Psalm 147:1-11

A reading from Psalms:

¹Praise the LORD!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

²The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

⁵Great is our LORD, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.

⁸He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,

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makes grass grow on the hills.
⁹He gives to the animals their food,
and to the young ravens when they cry.
¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
¹¹but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

Gospel: John 7:37-52

The holy gospel according to St. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out,
"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸and let the one who believes in me drink. As the
scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now he said
this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit,
because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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⁴⁰When they heard these words, some in the crowd said, "This is really the prophet." ⁴¹Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some asked, "Surely the Messiah does not come from Galilee, does he?" ⁴²Has not the scripture said that the Messiah is descended from David and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David lived?" ⁴³So there was a division in the crowd because of him. ⁴⁴Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him.

⁴⁵Then the temple police went back to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why did you not arrest him?" ⁴⁶The police answered, "Never has anyone spoken like this!" ⁴⁷Then the Pharisees replied, "Surely you have not been deceived too, have you?" ⁴⁸Has any one of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? ⁴⁹But this crowd, which does not know the law — they are accursed." ⁵⁰Nicodemus, who had gone to Jesus before, and who was one of them, asked, ⁵¹Our law does not judge people without first giving them a hearing to find out what they are doing, does it? ⁵²They replied, "Surely you are not also from Galilee, are you? Search and you will see that no prophet is to arise from Galilee."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated

Children's Message

Pastor Van Stee

Sermon

Pastor Van Stee

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

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

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"

#696, Page 9, Verses 1, 4, 5

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
 Music: GALLILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

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

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

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

Peace

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

Offertory

The congregation stands

Meal

Offertory Response

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

Verse 2 Joy in Christ...

Verse 3 Peace on earth...

Victory Is Mine



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



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

Text: traditional
Music: VICTORY IS MINE, traditional

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Come, All You People

Uyaimose

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

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

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

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

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

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Thanksgiving at the Table

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

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

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

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

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

Amen

Lord's Prayer

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

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

Give us today our daily bread.

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may be seated.

O Lamb of God SERVICE MUSIC
Oi, Jumalan Karitsa 197



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

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

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

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

Music: Matti Rantatalo
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The Holy Communion

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

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

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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

The Communion Blessing

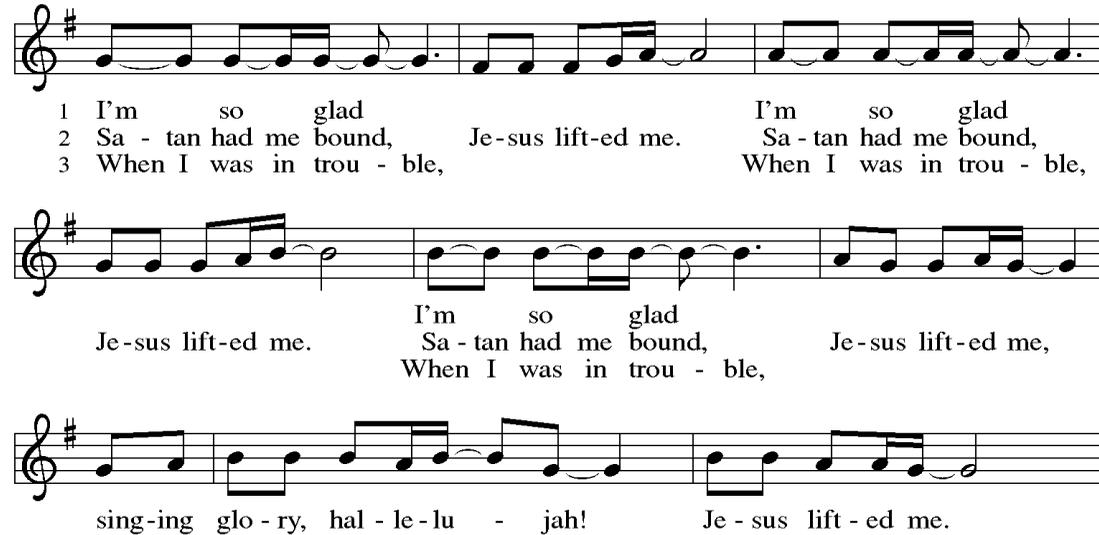
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

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

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

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



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

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

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

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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

Sending

Blessing

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

Sending Song: *“Baptized and Set Free”*

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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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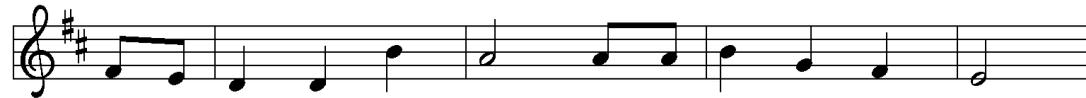
Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

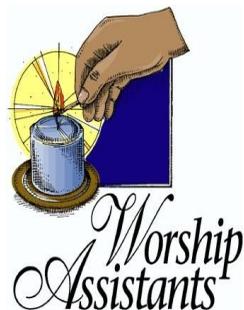


to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



Altar Flowers:	Open
Altar Guild:	Kathy Meicke
Assisting Minister:	Marsha Howard
Communion Assistant:	Kathy Bump Susan Myers
Council Person of the Week:	Nancy Schwiesow
Covid Monitor:	Bill Lucas
Offering Stewards:	Pat Brady Robin Crowder
Ushers:	Rick Bump Linda Meyer



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



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 27, 2022

Transfiguration of Our Lord

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

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching

Psalm 27:1-4

John 9:1-41



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

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

Alex Skelton

Dick Tomey

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

Talika Biggs, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

Jane Brown, Friend of Gail Johnson

Carrie Gibbons, Friend of Hospice Workers

Sharon McCarthy, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

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

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

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

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

Liz Ann Binns

Marie Brown

Sandra R. Hoy

Bob Knemoller

Janet Parmer

Fred Brower

Nancy Fitzgerald

Phyllis Kite

Glenn and Flossie Myers

Barb Susen

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

Janice Collins, Friend of Grace

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

Darren Graf, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

Regan Grant, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

Sandy Higgs, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Joshua Horn, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht

George Toop, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

Members/Friends Grieving

Family of Elizabeth Elliott, Daughter of Ty Elliott and sister of Brad Elliott

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Ed Driskill

Carol Varner

Kim Hull

Pete Rufe

The Needs of the World

**The epidemic of shootings in our nation—
Bridgewater, Blacksburg — 25
this year alone**

Our nation and democracy and seeking the
common good

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

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

**Famine in the Horn of Africa—27 million
at risk**

The Church

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

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

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in Basic



The Season of Lent - The glory of the new life we have in Jesus Christ, the truth that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son," and the joy of Easter and the resurrection, CANNOT be understood fully apart from the journey of Lent, which includes Jesus on the cross. You are invited to participate in the full story of Jesus' death and resurrection, which is our Lenten journey:

Ash Wednesday - March 2nd

Morning Worship - 10:00 a.m. at Grace - Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion - "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return;" we begin our Lenten journey.

Evening Worship - 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist - We join with our sisters and brothers at First Baptist for the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, with Pastor Paul preaching at this ecumenical worship service. Wine and Grape Juice will be available at the Eucharist. Note that like Grace, First Baptist requires masking at worship.

Wednesdays in Lent -

We join with our friends at Bethlehem, St. James and Zion Lutheran Churches for joint worship, using well-known Lutheran author and scholar Walter Wangerin's Lenten devotional "Reliving the Passion" as our guide (*note that Soup Suppers will ONLY be held at St. James prior to worship*):

March 9th - Bethany and Jerusalem - Mark 14:1-9 - at Grace - 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Paul preaching

March 16th - Gethsemane - Mark 14:32-42 - at St. James - 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Carl Trost preaching

March 23rd - The High Priest's House - Mark 14:65, John 3:19-20 - at St. James - 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Gordon Putnam preaching

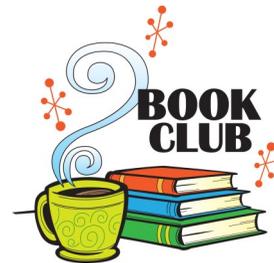
March 30th - The Praetorium - Mark 15:11-15 - at Bethlehem - 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Karen Taylor preaching

April 6th - Golgotha and the Garden of Tombs - Mark 15:29-31, 42-43 - at Zion - 7:00 p.m. worship - Pastor Wes Smith preaching

worship WITH US

Welcome to Worship!

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



A Book Group for Women—A new women's book group will be starting in March. At first, because of COVID, we will be meeting on Zoom, with the hope of in person meetings in the future. Our first book is *These Is My Words* by Nancy Turner. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. All women are welcome to join us for a casual hour of book discussion and fellowship. If you would like to join us, please contact Kathy Bump-kcbump0621@gmail.com.



Afghan Refugee partnership with Westminster Presbyterian - Grace Council endorsed our partnership with Westminster to sponsor an Afghan refugee family here in Waynesboro. There will be opportunities to help in areas of Housing, Transportation, Health, Cultural Adjustment, Schooling, and Jobs and Finance. We are working with Church World Service, an ecumenical organization that has great expertise in helping congregations work with refugee families. If you'd like to join the 20 Grace members already signed up to help, please contact Linda Meyer.



Grace's Strategic Plan - next Sunday, February 27th, our Strategic Planning Committee will be offering a Temple Talk to help us understand the process we hope to take to help us determine God's Mission for us in the coming months and years.



Souper Bowl of Caring! Due to last week's weather, we will delay our Super Bowl Sunday at Grace to February 27. It gives us an opportunity to collect for local organizations that are on the front lines of alleviating hunger in our area! We will be collecting for Calvary United Methodist and Main Street United Methodist food pantries. We regularly donate food and other necessities to both, and know there are times when it is necessary for them to supplement what they receive with other items. Look for our young "Team Members" passing the bucket or pot down your pew after worship!



Bach Around the Clock - *Christ Lutheran, Staunton* is hosting a 12-hour musical event, "Bach Around the Clock" on Saturday, March 19th from 9am - 9pm. Local as well as nationally known musicians will be presenting J.S. Bach works, with an early evening organ concert from Internationally recognized composer, conductor and organist Balint Karosi, and a concluding choral concert featuring two Bach Cantatas (#s12 and 140). Check the BATC Facebook page for a full schedule a week before the concert.



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

Shrove
Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, St. James Fellowship Hall, 320 St. James Road, Fishersville, VA, March 1, 2022. Pancakes, sausage, apples, coffee and orange juice...free will offering accepted.



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



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



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made twenty-four deliveries thus far, eleven 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 2400 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

Monday

Proverbs 1:20-33
1 John 3:18—4:6
John 11:17-29
Psalm Morning 145, Evening 47



Thursday

Proverbs 7:1-27
1 John 5:13-21
John 11:55—12:8
Psalm Morning 147:13-21, Evening 116

Tuesday

Proverbs 4:1-27
1 John 4:7-21
John 11:30-44
Psalm Morning 146, Evening 99

Friday

Proverbs 8:1-21
Philemon 1-25
John 12:9-19
Psalm Morning 148, Evening 20

Wednesday

Proverbs 6:1-19
1 John 5:1-12
John 11:45-54
Psalm Morning 147:1-12, Evening 91

Saturday

Proverbs 18:22-36
2 Timothy 1:1-14
John 12:20-26
Psalm Morning 149, Evening 63

Life of Grace Church February 20-27, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
Sunday	02/20	10:00 a.m.  Sacrament of Communion 10:50 a.m.	<i>Seventh Sunday of Epiphany</i> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Karen Van Stee, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	02/21	7:00 p.m.	Anti-Racism Book Study
Tuesday	02/22	7:00 p.m.	Round Tables (Fellowship Hall & via Zoom)
Wednesday	02/23	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Backpacks (Stage in Fellowship Hall) Prayer Group (Chapel)
Thursday	02/24	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot) Bible Study (Conference Room and Zoom) Bridge Club (Fellowship Hall) CCEJ Group Zoom Bible Study (Conference Room and Zoom)
Saturday	02/26		Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday	02/27	10:00 a.m.  Sacrament of Communion 10:50 a.m.	<i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching Coffee Fellowship via Zoom



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