



Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

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

February 16, 2020

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

Holy Communion

(Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Five)

Congregational responses are in bold print

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

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

Gathering

Gloria Patri

Congregation and Choir Sing

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

Welcome and Announcements

Dedication of Holy Communion Chalice

Prelude: "Andante Con Moto"

Bernards

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

The congregation stands.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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

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

Gathering Song: "What Is This Place"

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What Is This Place



1 What is this place where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem-ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie



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



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

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



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



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



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



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



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



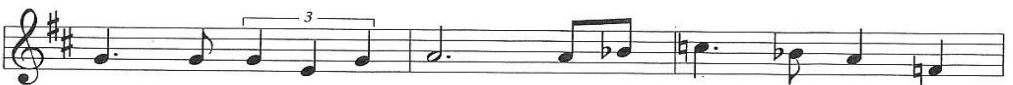
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The congregation is seated.

Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy:

[Moses said to the people:] ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who follow the teaching of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe your decrees and seek you with all their hearts,**

³who never do any wrong, but always walk in your ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with a true heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

¹Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The congregation stands.



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

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

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

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

[[Jesus said to the disciples:] ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Continued

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

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

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

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The congregation stands.

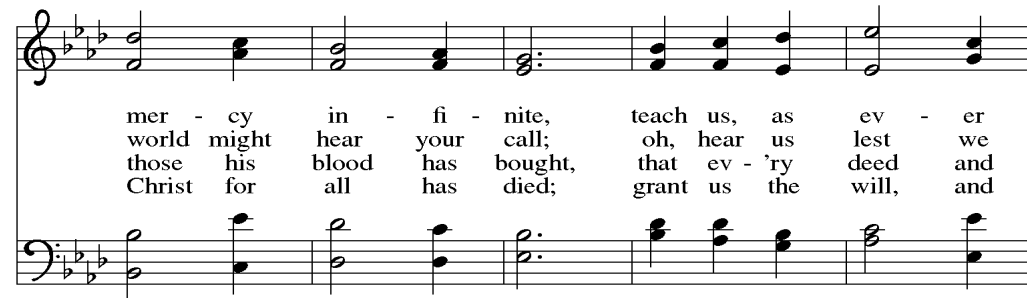
Hymn of the Day: “O God of Mercy, God of Light”

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O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
 world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
 those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
 Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
 stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
 word and thought may work a work for you.
 grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
 may we each other's burdens share;
 may we, where help is needed, there
 give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
 all those who live to live in love,
 till you receive in heav'n above
 all those who live in you.

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Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,

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

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

Prayers of Intercession

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, you protect and guide us with your word. Lead your church into ever closer relationship with you, that we might better know your commands, hold fast to your decrees, and live in your law.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

Peace

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

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

The congregation is seated.

Meal

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate.

Anthem: "The Way of Peace"

Tallis Canon/Arr. Curry

The congregation stands

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

Offertory: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff continues with 'might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.'. The third staff starts with 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth staff continues with 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the'. The fifth and final staff concludes with 'high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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

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

Lord's Prayer

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

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

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

Thanks Be To God.

The congregation may be seated.

Holy Communion

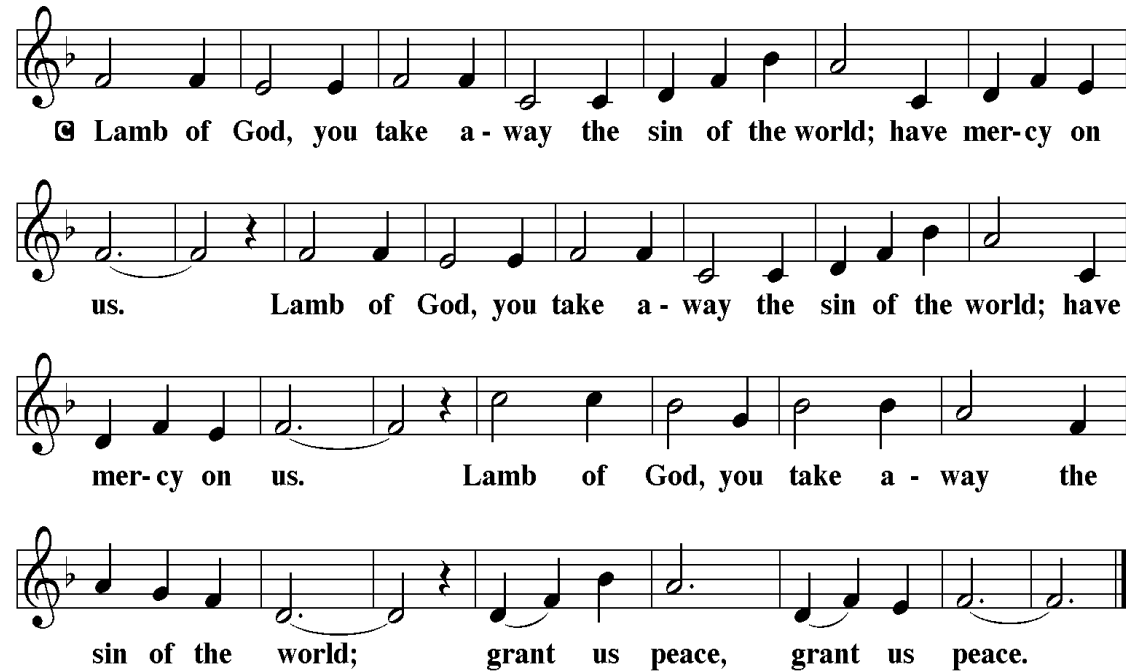
OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL! At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening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

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

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

Amen.

As the ministers commune the congregation may sing the following:



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

Communion Hymns:

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Hymn #614, Page 19

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Hymn #659, Page 20

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymn #638, Page 21

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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

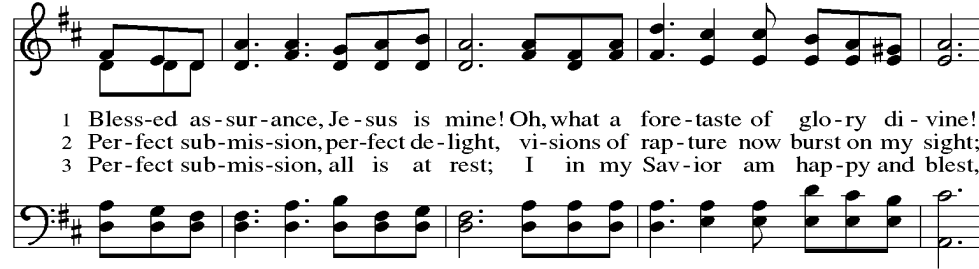
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

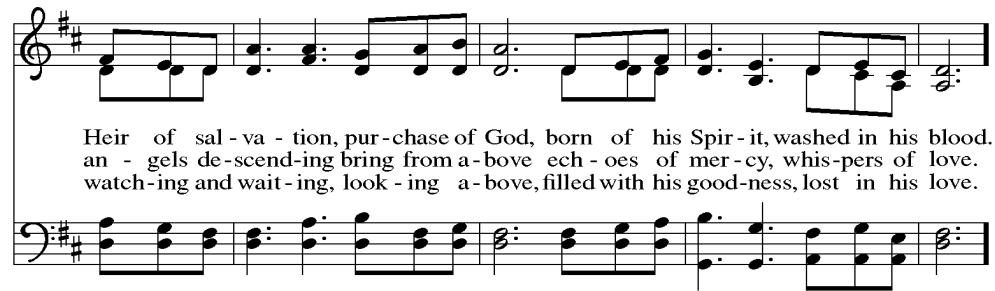
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Blessed Assurance

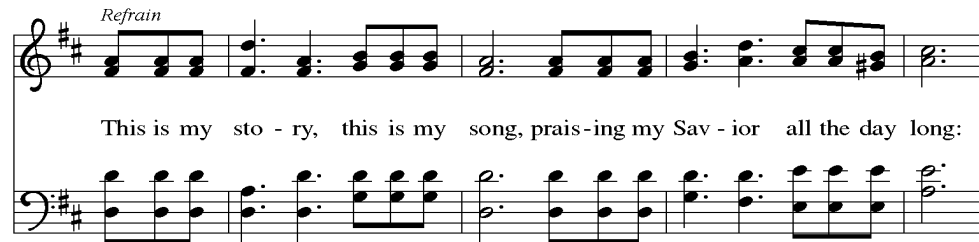


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

The Communion Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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

Sending

Blessing

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

Sending Song: *“Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word”*

Hymn #663, Page 23

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *“Mosso Moderato”*

Zientarski

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;

Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
 and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
 let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
 Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704
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Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	<i>Ron Almarode</i>
<i>Communion Assistants:</i>	<i>Tripp Franklin and Marlene Shaw</i>
<i>Ushers:</i>	<i>Bill Meicke, Pat Brady, Chris Carper and Tom Carper</i>
<i>Offering Stewards:</i>	<i>Ernestine Moomaw and Eleanor Sampson</i>
<i>Acolyte:</i>	<i>Thea Franklin</i>
<i>Cup Gatherer:</i>	<i>Sara Kite</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<i>Nursery Caregivers:</i>	<i>Jill Pingel</i>
<i>Altar Flowers:</i>	
<i>Council Person of the Week:</i>	<i>Kathryn Johnson</i>

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

Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

February 23, 2020

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Holy Communion

10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

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

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

Pete Giesen

Bob Moyer

Janet Parmer

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

Melissa Matherly Bowers, Friend of the Lynches

Lou Cary, Friend of the Hites

Mary Grim, Sister of Ernestine Moomaw

Mike Huff, Brother of Donna Gum

Ellen Moyer, Sister, Sister-in-Law of Moyers

Susan Struble, Friend of Myers

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

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

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

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

Mary Bertelsen

Liz Ann Binns

Fred Brower

Jean Brower

Marie Brown

Nancy Fitzgerald

Sandra R. Hoy

Sandy Johnson

Bob and Carol Knemoller

Peggy Lucas

Janet Lungert

Glenn and Flossie Myers

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

Nancy Delaney, Dave Delaney's Wife

Lisa Dofflemeyer, Daughter of Linda Tomey

Kyle Getler, Member Relative

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

Katherine Lambertson, Daughter of Hal Aaslestad

Maxine Pierce, Mother of Cindy Trauscht

Barbara Shifflett and Family

George Toop, Friend of Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

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

Family of Myrtle Kite, Member of Grace

Family of Pauline (Polly) McKinley, Friend of Grace

Family of Fred Moyer, Brother and Brother-in-Law of Moyers

Family of Deanna Stumpf, Aunt of Susan Myers

Family of Keith Thomas

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Carol Bowers

Marcus Crowder

Robert Quickel

Ed Driskill

The Needs of the World

Coronavirus outbreak in China and elsewhere

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

Our care of God's Creation

Our military and first responders

The Church

Unity of Christ's Church in Jesus Christ alone

Our friends in the United Methodist Church

WARM Cold Weather Shelter

Announcements



Grace Annual Congregation Meeting —The Annual Congregation meeting, in which we receive Grace's Annual Report of our ministry together, is today immediately following Worship. We will have a **potluck lunch** during the meeting.

"You are the Salt of the Earth" - *The following are ways in which our Gracious and abundant Lord Jesus continues to bless us and work through us so that we may be a Communion of Servants Sharing in the Word and Work of Jesus:*



Rise Against Hunger Meals Location - Last September Grace and 15 other Lutheran, ecumenical and local helping organizations gathered and put together approximately 30,000 meals! They have been sent as a part of a total 285,120 meals in a container ship that will be distributed by ARAHA (American Relief Agency for the Horn of Africa) to provide nourishment in Somalia. Our contribution to the container was over 10% of the total. See <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/global-impact/>, and pray that our actions are a means for the God's love of for the world in Jesus Christ to be made known in the daily lives of those who are hungry.



Souper Bowl of Caring - Over \$460 was raised by our Souper Bowl of Caring post-worship collection by our children and youth! The money will be used to help alleviate hunger through local food banks. Thanks for your generous response, as God's Spirit continues to guide us here at Grace!



WARM Cold Weather Shelter Week at Grace- During WARM's Shelter week at Grace this February, we averaged 32 guests per night for meals. We averaged 19 guests staying overnight at Grace and 13 going to WARM's overflow shelter. This year we had four Grace Teams provide dinners and other dinners were provided by Zion Lutheran Church, Waynesboro Kiwanis Club and St. John's Episcopal Church. Thank you to all the meal teams, check-in hosts, overnight hosts and everyone who provided special items for our guests. 48 Grace members helped make this week possible!

The Envelope Campaign Results for WARM—During January, a total of \$2,928 was given by Grace members to the envelope campaign for WARM.

Announcements Continued



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



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



Funding is available for distribution during 2020 from our **Mission Endowment Fund**. Ministry categories are: Christian Education, Seminary/Missionary Education, Social Ministry, Disaster Relief, Alleviating Hunger, Special Music and The Grace Fund (*undesignated category*). Any member of our congregation is encouraged to submit grant requests to Grace Council. Information and forms are available in the back of the Nave. You can submit your request by placing it in the offering plate, giving it to a Council member or turning it into the Church Office. **Requests need to be submitted by Sunday, March 15.** Grace Council will review proposals in March 17 to select the grants. Please see the Request Grant Form.



Pouring Chalice dedicated today - Thanks to Joan and Joe Ranzini for their donation of a new "no drip" pouring chalice that is given in honor of Jean Morgan and her dedication in leading the Altar Guild.



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



Free Tax Preparation assistance - is available to those with a household income of \$56,000 or less. There are four locations to receive assistance in our area; see the bulletin boards outside the church office or in the hallway to the seminar room.



LENT

This year, note the following additions to the Lenten Season:

- Both Bethlehem and St. James are both offering Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers. We'll burn our Palm Sunday palms of 2019 to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday at Bethlehem.
- Zion Lutheran Church will join us for our Ash Wednesday morning worship service
- The Ash Wednesday Noon service will be a truly ecumenical gathering at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church with at least six other congregations participating;
- This year's Lenten worship focus will be the Old Testament lessons of Lent; the Sunday Old Testament readings will be the focus of the following Wednesday's Lenten worship
- The Rev. Kelly Bayer-Derrick, Assistant to the Bishop will join us Sunday, March 15th to preach and offer a presentation of appreciation for Grace's many year hosting of ACTS (Ambassadors Community for Theological Study)
- Holy Week worship services will feature participation and presentations from our children and youth.

See the schedule for Lent and Holy Week on the following pages, and join the journey with our Lord Jesus to new life for you and me through his death and resurrection!

Tuesday, February 25

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

Ash Wednesday will be celebrated February 26 as follows:

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



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Sunday, March 1

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

Noon	Saint John the Evangelist Catholic	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
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6:00 p.m.	Zion Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
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7:00 p.m.	297 Zion Church Rd	Season of Lent Evening Prayer
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Sunday, March 8

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Second Sunday of Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, March 11

Noon	Westminster Presbyterian Church	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
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6:00 p.m.	St. James Lutheran	Season of Lent Soup Supper
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7:00 p.m.	320 St James Road, Fishersville	Season of Lent Evening Prayer
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Sunday, March 15

10:00 a.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Assistant to the Bishop Kelly Bayer-Derrick preaching	Third Sunday of Lent—Holy Communion
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Wednesday, March 18

Noon	First Presbyterian Church	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
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6:00 p.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
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7:00 p.m.		Season of Lent Evening Prayer
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Sunday, March 22

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

Noon	First Baptist Church	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
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6:00 p.m.	Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
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7:00 p.m.		Season of Lent Evening Prayer
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Sunday, March 29

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

Noon	Main Street United Methodist	Lenten Lunch \$3/person (RSVP needed)
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6:00 p.m.	Bethlehem Lutheran Church	Season of Lent Soup Supper
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7:00 p.m.	1148 Ladd Road	Season of Lent Evening Prayer
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HOLY WEEK



Sunday, April 5—Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

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



Thursday, April 9—Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m. Chapel

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



Friday, April 10—Good Friday

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

7:00 p.m. Grace



Saturday, April 11—Easter Vigil

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



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

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

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

**Life of Grace Church
February 16-23 2020**

Day of Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	02/16	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Sixth Sunday of Epiphany Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding Annual Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch Pastor—Vespers at Summit Square
Monday	02/17	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Presidents Day No School Kiwanis (Conference Room) Book Study (Seminar Room)
Tuesday	02/18	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Quilting (Fellowship Hall) Congregation Council (Conference Room)
Wednesday	02/19	10:45 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room) Office On Youth (Seminar Room) Handbell Choir Worship Choir
Thursday	02/20	8:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 12:30-2:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Newcomers (Fellowship Hall) Grace Walkers Bridge (Fellowship Hall) Bible Study (Conference Room)
Sunday	02/23	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sunday School Worship Choir Transfiguration of Our Lord Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding

