



*Name of Jesus*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*January 1, 2023*

*“Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are a vibrant congregation that shares the love of Christ with each other, the community, and the world.”*

## *HOLY COMMUNION*

*Based on Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three  
(Available via You Tube and Zoom Remotely)*

*Congregational responses are in bold print*

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

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

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

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

### **Gathering**

#### **Gloria Patri**

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

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, ✝ one God,  
the Word made flesh,  
our life and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Trusting the goodness and lovingkindness of God our Savior,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**you promise good news of great joy for all people,  
and call us to be messengers of your peace.**

**We confess that too often we hoard our joy,  
our resources, and our security.**

**We nurture conflict and build barriers.**

**We neglect the needs of our neighbors  
and ignore the groaning of creation.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Where we are self-centered, open our hearts.**

**Where we are reluctant, give us courage.**

**Where we are cynical, restore our trust.**

**Renew us with your grace**

**and give us again the hope of eternal life in you.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises  
through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In ✝ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed.

Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth  
shall know the salvation of God.

**Amen.**



Gathering Hymn: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say; Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866  
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

## Apostolic 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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

*We sit.*

**Word**

**Numbers 6:22-27**

A reading from Numbers:

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;


<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Bright and Glorious Is the Sky




1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the  
 2 On that ho - ly Christ - mas night through the dark - ness  
 3 Sa - ges from the east a - far, when they saw this  
 4 Him they found in Beth - le - hem, yet he wore no



heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.  
 beamed a light; all the stars a - bove were pal - ing.  
 won - drous star, went to find the king of na - tions  
 di - a - dem; there they saw a maid - en low - ly



All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to  
 all their lus - ter slow - ly fail - ing as the won - drous  
 and to of - fer their ob - la - tions to the child, the  
 with an in - fant pure and ho - ly rest - ing in her



heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.  
 star drew nigh, as the won - drous star drew nigh.  
 new - born king, to the child, the new - born king.  
 lov - ing arms, rest - ing in her lov - ing arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found  
 him whose praise the ages sound.  
 We too have a star to guide us,  
 which forever will provide us  
 with the light to find our Lord,  
 with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,  
 that will never lead astray  
 with its message so appealing,  
 is the Word of God, revealing  
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life,  
 Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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**Psalm: Psalm 8**

*We read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Amen and Amen.**

**Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7**

A reading from Galatians:

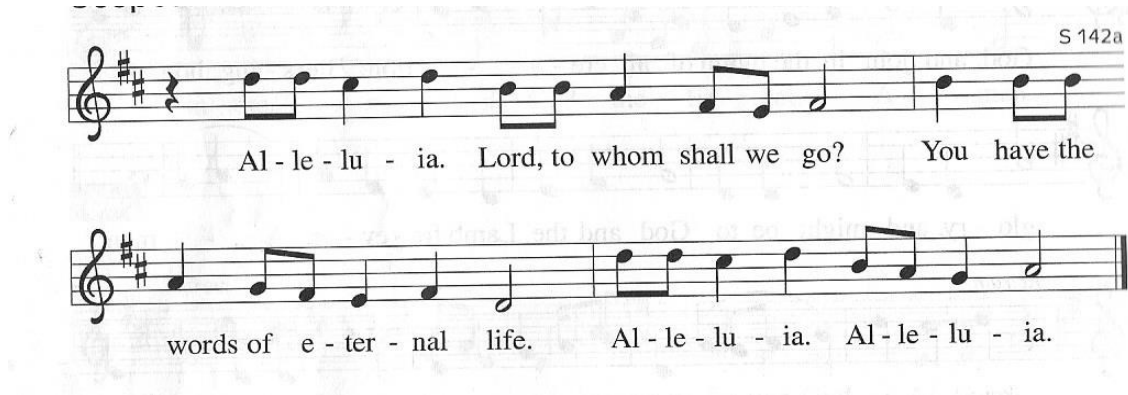
<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **Gospel Acclamation**



S 142a

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

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

### **Gospel: Luke 2:15-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

*We sit.*

Children's Message

Pastor Paul Pingel

Sermon

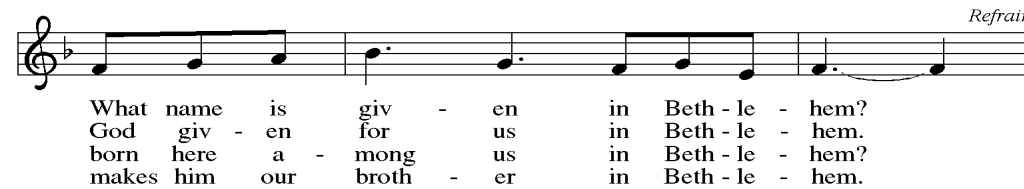
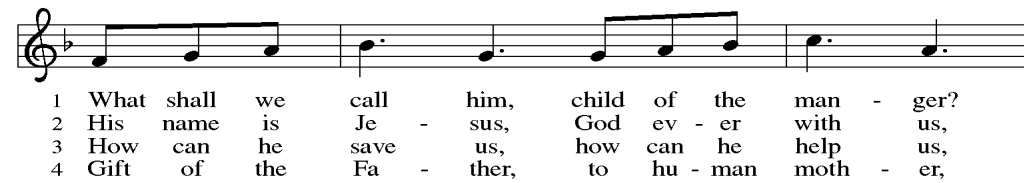
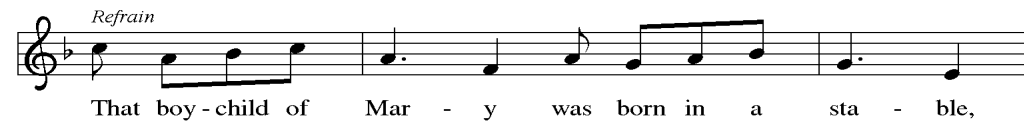
Pastor Paul Pingel

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn of the Day: "That Boy Child of Mary"

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### That Boy-Child of Mary



5 One with the Father,  
he is our Savior,  
heaven-sent helper  
in Bethlehem.

6 Gladly we praise him,  
love and adore him,  
give ourselves to him  
in Bethlehem.

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## Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

**Ninamwamini Mungu, Baba Mwenyezi,  
Muumba wa mbingu na dunia;**

**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.**

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la Roho Mutakatifu, akazaliwa na Bikira  
Maria. Akateswa zamani za Pontio  
Pilato, akasulibiwa, akafa, akazikwa,  
akashuka kuzimuni mwa wafu,  
akafufuka katika wafu siku ya tatu,  
akapanda mbinguni, anakaa kwa  
mukono wa kuume wa Mungu,  
Baba Mwenyezi, ndipo atakuja tena  
kuhukumu wazima na wafu.**

**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.**

**Ninamwamini Roho Mutakatifu, Kanisa  
kikristo takatifu, ushirika wa watakatifu,  
ondoleo la zambi, ufufuko wa mwili, na  
uzima wa milele. Amina**

The  
Apostles'  
+ Creed +

## **Prayers of Intercession**

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these words*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

**Amen.**

**Meal**

### **Peace**

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

*Please greet those around you, offer a sign of peace to one another.*

*We sit.*

### **Offering**

*We offer our thanks to God for "ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love" by our offerings. The offering plates will be passed by the ushers from the center aisle.*

*(Please place visitor cards and communion cards in the offering plate)*



*We stand*

**Offertory Response** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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**Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of abundance,  
**receive and bless these gifts we have offered.**  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.  
Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
Amen.



**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:** "Love Has Come"

**#292, Verses 1-3**

### Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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## Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life;  
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.  
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.  
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.  
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.  
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 of my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith;  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ has risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word  
dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**


Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,  
One God, now and forever.  
**Amen**



I will *praise*  
the name  
of *God*  
with a song, and will  
magnify him  
with  
*Thanksgiving.*

Psalm 69:30, NKJV



## 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

Glory to God in the highest!  
Come to the table of peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit*

## The Holy Communion

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

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

## Baba Yetu

**Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako  
litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako ufike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.**





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.

**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.

God our redeemer,  
**you have fed us at this table**  
**with gifts of grace, truth, and life.**  
**As you have gathered us in joy,**  
**send us forth as messengers of your peace.**  
**Make us shine with the good news of your glory,**  
**born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**



## **Sending**

*Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.*

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Benediction**

# Benediction+

God bless you and keep you,  
✝ Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

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## **The Dismissal**

Christ the Savior is born!  
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

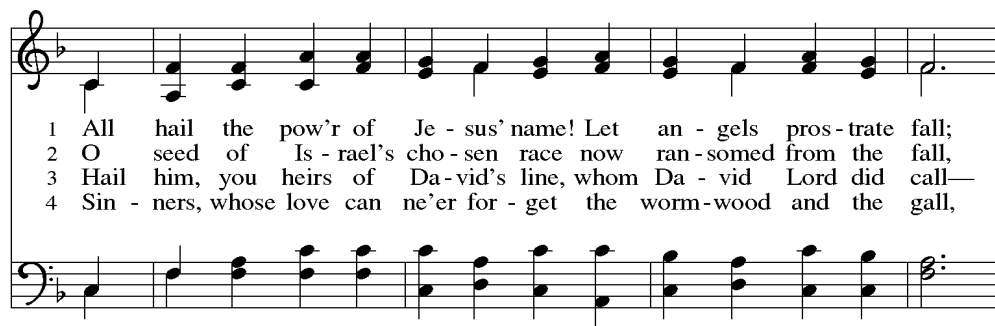
## **Postlude**

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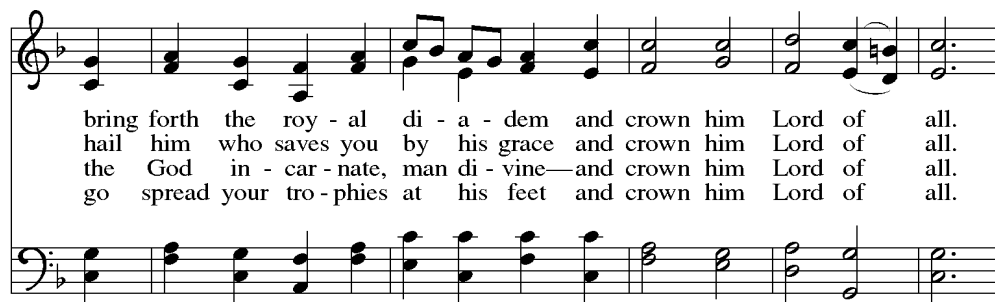
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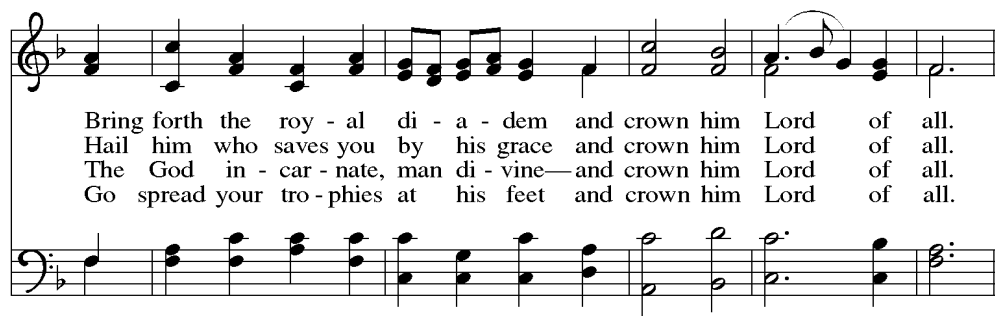
## All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—  
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.  
 Go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5–6  
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844



Altar Flowers

*Chancel flowers this morning  
are given to the Glory of God*

*Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons*

*January 8, 2023*

*Baptism of Our Lord*

*Holy Communion*

*10:00 a.m.*

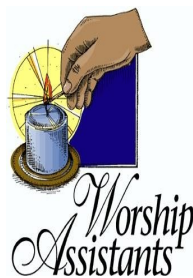
*Pastor Karen Van Stee  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

*Psalm 29*

*Acts 10:34-43*

*Matthew 3:13-17*



*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*

*Altar Flowers: Open*

*Altar Guild:*

*Assisting Minister: Linda Meyer*

*Communion Assistants: Marsha Howard*

*Karen Walck*

*Council Person of the Week: Karen Walck*

*Offering Stewards: Pat Brady*

*Vivian Proctor*

*Ushers: Ron Almarode*

*Lee Lynch*



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

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

Phyllis Kite  
Jan McCombs

Bill Lucas  
Vernette Nichols

Lorre White

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

**Beth Hausrath Crickenberger**, Friend to Many at Grace

**Pat Foster**, Friend of Lee and Sharon Lynch

**Rev. Dr. Rolf Hedberg**, Friend of David and Vivian Proctor

**Lauren Kinese**, Friend of Lee and Sharon Lynch

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

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

Emily Almarode  
Fred Brower  
Glenn Myers  
Ingrid Sevigny

Liz Ann Binns  
Sandra Hoy  
Jimmy Owens

Beth Brady  
Kathryn Johnson  
Janet Parmer

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

**Timothy Bradford**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

**Janice Collins**, Friend of Grace

**Nina Crow**, Mother of Cathy Crowder

**Natalie and Nicole Dodge**, Friends of Ron and Sylvia Almarode

**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative

**Darren Graf**, Son of Woody and Irma Graf

**Regan Grant**, Friend of Richard and Kathy Bump

**Sandy Higgs**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

**Rosalind Holt**, Friend of Gail Johnson

**Joshua Horn**, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht

**Jen Kearney**, Friend to Many at Grace

**Continued**

**Dot Metz**, Sister of Marge Cloutier  
**Ken & Letty Rosen**, Friends of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
**Kirsten Schwiesow**, Daughter of David and Nancy Schwiesow  
**Judy Simpson**, Sister of Sharon Lynch  
**Larry Spoon**, Husband of Bonnie Spoon, Friend of Many  
**Kay Truslow**, Friend of Mike and Cindy Trauscht  
**Douglas Williams**, Friend of Sylvia Almarode, deployed to Kuwait for one year  
**Toretta Wyatt**, Friend from Christ Tabernacle

Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for 4 weeks\*)  
**Family of Marie Brown**, Member of Grace, Mother of Jane McGehee and Janet Parmer  
**Family of Pat Jennings**, Sister of Jim Nelson  
**Family of Kevin Machon**, Nephew of Linda Tomey  
**Family of Marty Johnson**  
**Family of Flossie Myers**, Member of Grace  
**Family of Margaret Neely**, Mother of Jill Pingel

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year Celebrating Birthdays**

**Easton Carper (01/01)**  
**Carrie Jones (01/04)**  
**Linda Meyer (01/08)**

**Paul Pingel (01/04)**  
**Mike Myers (01/05)**  
**Vivian Proctor (01/08)**

**The Needs of the World**

**First responders: Fire, EMT, Medical Personnel, Police and Military at risk in their service to others**  
  
 The Homeless in our Community (35 are served by WARM, but it is estimated that there are an additional 45-60 not served by the Shelter)  
  
**This Fall's flu and virus proliferation, and continuing Covid dangers**  
  
 Winter Storms and Tornadoes' impact across our nation in mid-December  
  
**For peace on earth: The Ukraine, Republic of Congo, Syria, Ethiopia, Yemen**  
  
 Earthquakes in California  
  
**For those traveling this holiday season**

**The Church**

**Grace's Strategic Planning**  
  
 Our friends in Christ at St. John Episcopal  
  
  

**Our Neighbors**

**Our neighbors in the Wenonah area**



**First Sunday Fellowship** - Beginning **today**, our Fellowship Team - as well as other Grace ministries and groups - will be hosting a First Sunday Fellowship each month. It is simply an opportunity for us to have a little extra time after worship to enjoy some light refreshments, and the Community and Fellowship we have in Christ here at Grace! We look forward to seeing you then!



Donations

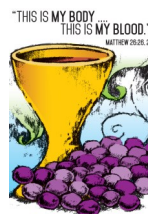
**Cold Weather Donations Request** — We are collecting donations of socks, hats, scarves, gloves, toothbrushes and toothpaste for distribution at the Disciple's Kitchen breakfasts during the upcoming cold months. We would like to collect items for women, men, and children. New or clean, gently used items will be greatly appreciated! We have a box outside the office door for drop off. Any questions, please call Cindy Trauscht at 434-227-6100. Thank you!



**Adult Sunday School!** Pastor Karen Van Stee leads an engaging study of Matthew's gospel at **8:30** a.m. *Please note the new, earlier starting time.* Come join us!



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food pantries. We have made **thirty-one** deliveries thus far, fifteen to Main Street United Methodist, and sixteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 3248 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off



**Eucharistic Ministry at Grace** - Each month our Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to homebound Grace members. It is a blessed way to offer Jesus and his love, mercy and forgiveness to others. If you feel called to this ministry, please let Pastor Paul know, as we have received additional requests for this ministry.



**Drive-Thru Youth Soup Fundraiser on January 8th!!!** Grace Youth will be working at Westminster Presbyterian Church parking lot on Sunday, January 8th, 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to serve up a variety of soups when you drive up!! The Fundraiser supports the Waynesboro organization Foster Love Ministries, which provides ministry and support to local foster families. We'll take your order, and deliver right to your car without you having to get out, for a delicious soup lunch or dinner ready to go! Come on out January 8th!



**Grace Photo Directory 2023!** (And NO "HARD SELL" OF PHOTO PACKAGES!) In January/February of this year, we will be creating a new Photo Directory IN-HOUSE, using Grace's Church software program (called Realm) that includes a Photo Directory feature! Look in your bulletin, e-blast, Grace website and Facebook page in January for dates and times, and instructions on how to sign up to take your (family) photograph. We'll have Sunday-after-Church times, and weekday/night times as well, to be sure as many people as possible can take part. For those unable to take part, you can also provide a photo yourself. We will place all the photos into the Directory with contact information, and provide the Directory in electronic or paper form. A Photo Directory works the best when all take part! Stay tuned for important information first of the New Year!



**Dear Friends in Christ:** I join with the my namesake, the apostle Paul to thank God for you! (Philippians 1:3) You have blessed me and my family with a very generous Christmas gift! Thank you for your love and kindness, and I pray that God will continue to guide us, together in Grace, **as** Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in 2023!



**New Adult Bible Weekday Class!** A four week class on I Corinthians, which we'll be reading during the Season of Epiphany! Pastor Paul leads the class, on Thursdays, or other best time for those attending. We start on January 19. Interested? Sign up in the sheet in the Narthex!





### Covid Policy at Grace

- Masking is optional during worship.
- We will continue to post the CDC "risk" color (green [low], yellow [medium] or orange [high risk] in the narthex
- There is a "social distance" section available in the front right of the worship space
- Holy Communion will continue to be offered by coming up front and receiving bread and individual cups of wine; pastor and assistants will mask when the CDC "risk" color is orange (high)
- Masks and hand sanitizer continue to be available in the narthex.

### ***We continue to encourage:***

- Vaccination and keeping up-to-date with current shots
- Staying home when not feeling well, especially with flu and other infections on the rise this time of year
- Masking if you have not been vaccinated for Covid or Flu
- Masking for Covid, flu or other infections.

#### **Monday**

Genesis 17:1-12a, 15-16  
Colossians 2:6-12  
John 16:23b-30  
Morning Psalm 98, Evening 99

#### **Tuesday**

Genesis 12:1-7  
Hebrews 11:1-12  
John 6:35-42, 48-51  
Morning Psalm 48, Evening 9

#### **Wednesday**

Genesis 28:10-22  
Hebrews 11:13-22  
John 10:7-17  
Morning Psalm 111, Evening 107



#### **Thursday**

Exodus 3:1-15  
Hebrews 11:23-31  
John 14:6-14  
Morning Psalm 20, Evening 93

#### **Friday**

Joshua 1:1-9  
Hebrews 11:32—12:2  
John 15:1-16  
Morning Psalm 99, Evening 96

#### **Saturday**

Ecclesiasticus 3:3-9, 14-17  
1 John 2:12-17  
John 6:41-47  
Morning Psalm 72, Evening 100



## GRACE - WARM Cold Weather Shelter

**Collecting Toiletries** (travel/hotel-sized: shampoo/conditioner, soap, toothpaste, lotion)

**Collecting Breakfast and Snack Food Items** (cereal, fruit cups, nutra-grain bars, fruit juice boxes, nabs, individual portion bags of chips, cookies)

**Box located on back table in the Nave**

### **Volunteer Opportunities January 23-30**

***Sign-up Sheets are located in the back of the Nave before and after services***

- **Set-up teams:** January 22 and/or 23 to organize and set-up check-in, Fellowship Hall tables, cots, chairs, dividers.
- **Check-In teams:** 3-4 volunteers/night; assist Staff Host and welcome guests - make them feel welcome, let them know we care, participate in time of fellowship – let them know that God’s love is present in their lives! Make coffee!
- **Shower Host:** 1 volunteer/night; ensure guests have needed toiletries, towel; monitor shower schedule and collect towels
- **Meal Teams:** Join a team to provide dinner for about 50 people; volunteer to prepare food, serve and/or clean-up. Assist preparing sack lunches, if time/able. January 23 - 29 - we have 7 Teams scheduled; more volunteers are welcome to fill out teams. Welcoming individual volunteers as well as whole teams! If you're interested in leading a team, let me know!
- **Overnight Hosts:** 2 volunteers/night; assist the Staff Host overnight (in-person OR by telephone); in morning, make coffee and put out breakfast items and sack lunches, Clean up after.
- **Clean-up Team:** light cleaning duties. WARM will have guests complete basic chores (sweeping, mopping if needed, removing garbage). We will come in during the day (after the guests are gone,) to check the area, follow-up as needed - Lysol bathrooms, showers; wash/dry/fold towels.

### **Questions? Suggestions?**

Please contact Susan Myers 434-760-1660  
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*Life of Grace Church*  
*January 1-8, 2023*

	DATE	TIME	MEETING
 <b>New Year's Day</b> Sunday		8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	<b>Matthew—Adult Bible Class</b> <b>First Sunday of Christmas</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Paul Pingel</b> Presiding and Preaching <b>Congregational Meeting</b> <b>First Sunday Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	01/02	 CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED	<b>Grace Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	01/03	9:30 a.m.	<b>Quilting Group</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	01/04	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	01/05	8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>CCEJ Group Zoom Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	01/07	11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>7th Day of Planning</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
<b>Sunday</b>	01/08	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m.	<b>Matthew—Adult Bible Class</b> <b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Van Stee</b> Presiding and Preaching <b>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</b>



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