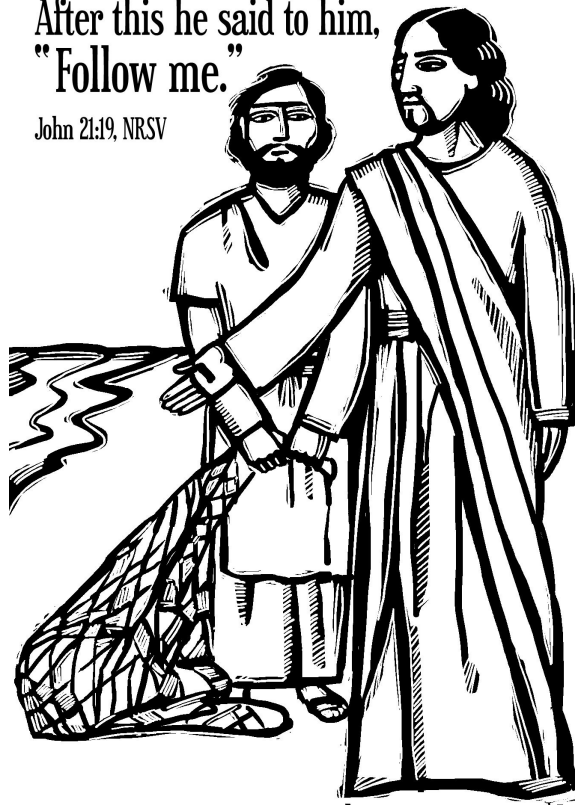


After this he said to him,
"Follow me."

John 21:19, NRSV



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 22, 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 Bread of Life, Jay Beach Setting)
(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 Spirit, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

Thus says our God:
"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.
Amen.



Gathering Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"

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I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
 Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835-1912

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Let Us Go to the House of the Lord

I Was Glad

The musical score is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 4/4. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words split across lines. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us
go to the house of the Lord." I was glad when they
said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
Called from ev - 'ry na - tion, called from ev - 'ry race,
Here the poor are wel-comed, here the lost are claimed,
Words that must be spo - ken, grace that must be heard,
gath-ered here for wor-ship in this ho - ly place;
Bro-ken lives are mend-ed, deep - est fears are named;
Mer - cy and for-give-ness from God's ho - ly Word,
God is here a-mong us, lift your hearts and sing,
Here the wise are child-ren and the weak are strong,
Here, will be re-pea-t-ed; Peace! to all pro-claimed,
make the walls and raf - ters ring.
Here, in Christ, we all be - long.
Shout - ed out in Je - sus' name.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

We sit.

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

A reading from Isaiah:

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

We read responsively.

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one I thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the
beauty of the LORD and to seek God I in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- I on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies I who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and
make music I to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call;
have mercy on me and I answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
**Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of I my
salvation.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

Continued


¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



The musical score consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a strong rhythmic pattern. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' written under each staff.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

Children’s Message

Pastor Pingel

Sermon

Pastor Pingel

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

We stand

Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers end with these words

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **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 Song

Verses 1, 4

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Liberating God,
**you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,
Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

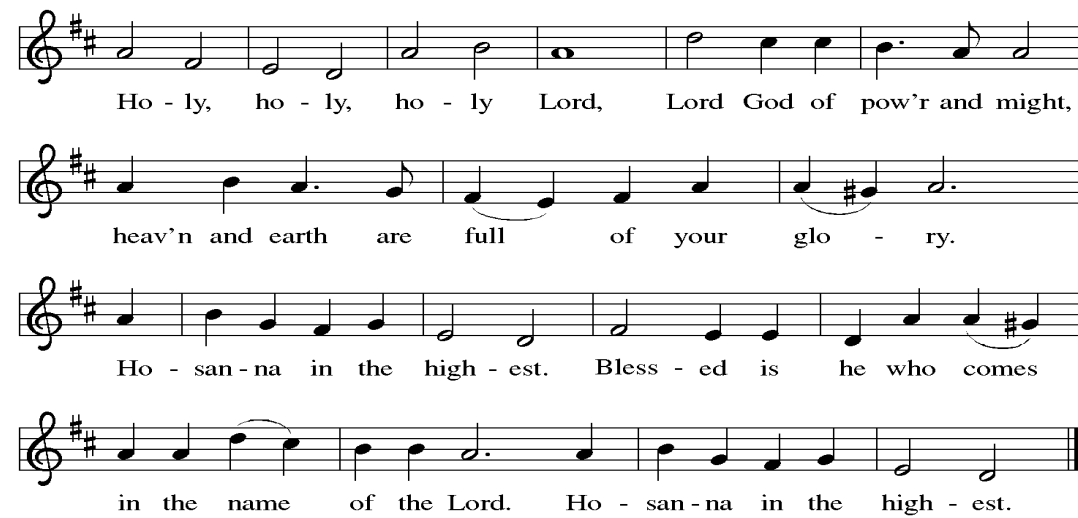
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
 we wait his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love,
 O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom,
 with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory,
 now and forever.

Amen

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

Come and taste the joy of God!
Thanks be to God!

We sit.

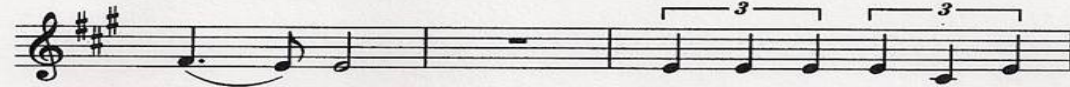
Baba Yetu

**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.**

For the Healing of the World



Des - per - ate peo - ple are mak - ing their way to see
Sure - ly he's borne all our griefs and col - lect - ed our
Still in our world we see peo - ple con - tin - ue to



Je - sus; Wound - ed and bro - ken we
sor - rows; Here, in the sha - dow of
suf - fer: So man - y hun - gry and



come for we've no - where to turn;
death, he's no strang - er to tears;
so man - y liv - ing in pain.



Long - ing for free - dom from de - mons and all our dis -
Si - lent, he goes like a lamb as our weak - ness he
Now we must go with God's heal - ing and jus - tice to



eas - es, He's mak - ing us whole and
bor - rows; He's tak - ing the cup and
of - fer, For this is the call, he



free - ing our souls and we owe him our lives.
drink - ing it up, then he pours out his life.
asks for it all; Will you lay down your life?

Continued

For the heal - ing of the world, Je - sus came,
 Je - sus lived; For the heal - ing of the world,
 Je - sus died and rose a - gain. In his
 sac - ri - fi - cial life God was mak - ing all things right,
 Mer - cy flow - ing for the heal - ing of the world.

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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.

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

The Communion Blessing

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

Amen

Post Communion Canticle *"For the Healing of the World"*

Verse 3, Pages 17-18

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Holy One,
**We thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.
Amen.**



Benediction+

Benediction

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.

Amen.

Sending Song: "We Are Marching in the Light"

#866

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

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Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

*January 29 2023
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.*

*Pastor Paul Pingel
Presiding and Preaching*

*Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12*



*The Chancel Flowers today are given to the
Glory of our God*

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

Altar Flowers:

Altar Guild:

Assisting Minister:

Andrew Sell

Communion Assistants:

Ron Almarode

Marsha Howard

Council Person of the Week:

Robin Crowder

Offering Stewards:

Pat Brady

Dave Proctor

Ushers:

Gail Johnson

Jerry Kite



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

Bill Lucas

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

Shirley Breckenmaker, Mother of Tami Radecke

Pat Foster, Friend of Lee and Sharon Lynch

Russell Goff, Family Member of Gloria and Jim Nelson

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*)

Kirsten Schwiesow– Grateful for continued healing

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

Emily Almarode

Liz Ann Binns

Beth Brady

Fred Brower

Sandra Hoy

Kathryn Johnson

Glenn Myers

Jimmy Owens

Janet Parmer

Ingrid Sevigny

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

Timothy Bradford, Friend from Christ Tabernacle
Janice Collins, Friend of Grace
Beth Hausrath Crickenberger, Friend to Many at Grace
Nina Crowe, 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
Dot Metz, Sister of Marge Cloutier
Ken & Letty Rosen, Friends 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 Debbie Caldwell, Friend of Gail Johnson
Family of Pat Jennings, Sister of Jim Nelson
Family of Kevin Machon, Nephew of Linda Tomey
Family of George Savage, Friend of Gail Johnson

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays

Rudy Yobs (1/22)	Emily Almarode (1/22)	Lily Pingel (1/26)
Susan Myers (1/23)	Amaya Cooper (1/24)	Joe Ranzini (1/26)

The Needs of the World

First responders: Fire, EMT, Medical Personnel, Police and Military at risk in their service to others

U.S. Congress and our representatives, as they seek to begin their work of governance in 2023

Racial reconciliation, justice and equity in our community, and in our nation

Winter Storms and Tornadoes' continuing impact across our nation

For peace on earth: The Ukraine, Republic of Congo, Syria, Ethiopia, Yemen, Somalia

Earthquakes and flooding in California

The Church

Grace's Strategic Planning

Our friends in Christ at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

The WARM Cold Weather Shelter, and our hosting of it at Grace

The Roman Catholic Church upon the death of Benedict XVI

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Wenonah area

Monday

Isaiah 48: 1-11
Galatians 1:1-17
Mark 5:21-43
Morning Psalm 57, Evening 85

Tuesday

Isaiah 48:12-21 (22)
Galatians 1:18-20
Mark 6:1-13
Morning Psalm 54, Evening 28

Wednesday

Isaiah 49: 1-12
Galatians 2:11-21
Mark 6: 13-29
Morning Psalm 65, Evening 125



Thursday

Isaiah 49: 13-23 (24-26)
Galatians 3:1-14
Mark 6: 30-46
Morning Psalm 143, Evening 81

Friday

Isaiah 50: 1-11
Galatians 3:15-22
Mark 6: 47-56
Morning Psalm 88, Evening 6

Saturday

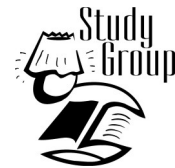
Isaiah 51: 1-8
Galatians 3:23-29
Mark 7:1-23
Morning Psalm 122, Evening 125



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. We began on January 19. You are invited to join the class at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM on Thursdays. The class is held in the Conference Room.



WARM Shelter Begins This Week at Grace! We will provide a second week's hosting of the WARM Cold Weather Shelter this week! Many thanks to all those who have volunteered - hosts, food providers, cleaning crew, shower monitors, and many others needed to provide hospitality to our homeless guests this week. Thanks also to Susan Myers for coordinating this ministry! This is a very real way we follow God's command in Isaiah 58 to "bring the homeless poor into your house," and to be a blessing, as God's people. If you are interested in helping, please call Susan Myers at 434-760-1660.



All God's Children continues to meet and discuss racism and the path to equity and justice. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 23 at 7:00 pm in the church conference room. If you want to join by Zoom, please let Linda Meyer (lameyer99@gmail.com) know by early afternoon on Monday. We will discuss a recent article by Clint Smith from the *Atlantic* - "Monuments to the Unthinkable". This is an article about "how Germany remembers the holocaust and what America can learn about atonement." If you need a copy of the article, contact Rick Bump (rcbump0621@gmail.com). AGC will then resume our usual schedule in February (1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00 pm) and will be discussing Clint Smith's book *How the Word is Passed: A reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America* over the next several meetings. All are welcome.



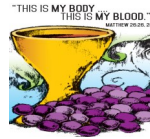
The "First Sunday Fellowships" have begun! Each "first Sunday" of the month, one of our volunteer groups at Grace will hold a gathering in the Fellowship Hall after worship. There will be the opportunity for the groups to explain what their group does, who is involved, answer questions, and have fellowship and a few light refreshments. Please sign up your group so the congregation can learn more about what goes on in the life of our church! A sign-up sheet has been placed in the back of the church with enough dates for at least 19 counted groups, which are listed! Please see Sylvia Almarode if you have any questions.



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



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.



Altar Flowers—Please consider signing up to provide Altar Flowers for Sunday services. You can either sign up on flower chart in the Nave or call the church office.



Christmas DVD's are available—contact Owen Keefer, deltanode@comcast.net or 540-241-7086 or the Church Office



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.



Grace Photo Directory—Jack Eckstrom will be our photographer for the Grace Pictorial Directory. The initial kickoff for this will be **Sunday, February 5**, in conjunction with the First Sunday Fellowship. Pictures should take approximately 10 minutes per family, if that, giving everyone time to enjoy the fellowship and refreshments from the Grace group that is hosting this event for February. Our schedule for the photos is the following Sundays after the service: February 5th, February 12th, February 19th and February 26th. Pictures will be taken immediately after each service. In addition, Wednesday, February 8th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, February 16th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sign up sheets for each date will be located in the back of the church. For those unable to take part, you can provide a photo of yourself and/or family. Cell phones are great for taking pictures. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Hite, 540-292-0977, or the church office.

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
TODAY—SUNDAY	01/22	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<p>Matthew—Adult Bible Class</p> <p>Third Sunday After Epiphany <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Pingel Presiding and Preaching</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p>
Monday	01/23	5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<p>WARM Cold Weather Shelter (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>All God's Children Book Group (Seminar Room)</p>
Tuesday	01/24	5:00 p.m.	WARM Cold Weather Shelter (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	01/25	10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	<p>Prayer Group (Chapel)</p> <p>WARM Cold Weather Shelter (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>Yoga (Seminar Room)</p>
Thursday	01/26	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<p>Grace Walkers (Meet in Parking Lot)</p> <p>Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room)</p> <p>WARM Cold Weather Shelter</p> <p>CCEJ Group Zoom Meeting</p> <p>Pastor's Bible Study (Conference Room)</p>
Saturday	01/28	11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<p>Yoga (Seminar Room)</p> <p>WARM Cold Weather Shelter (Fellowship Hall)</p>
Sunday	01/29	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:50 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<p>Matthew—Adult Bible Class</p> <p>Third Sunday After Epiphany <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> Pastor Pingel Presiding and Preaching</p> <p>Coffee Fellowship Zoom</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p>



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