



# Transfiguration SUNDAY

*Transfiguration of our Lord*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*February 11, 2024*

**HOLY COMMUNION**  
*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Four)*  
*Congregational responses are in bold print*

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the 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.*

*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 the parts 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,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another**  
**and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant.**  
**Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us,**  
**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**  
**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken:  
The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of ✙ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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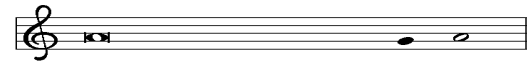
## Greeting

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

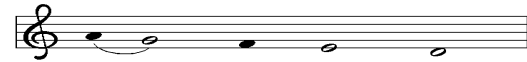
**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

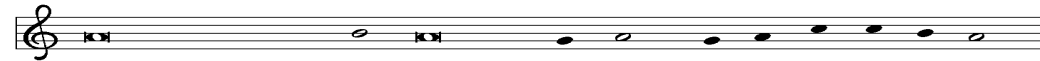
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



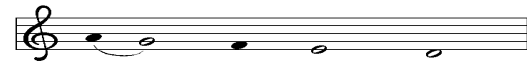
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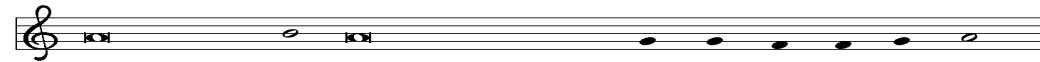
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



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

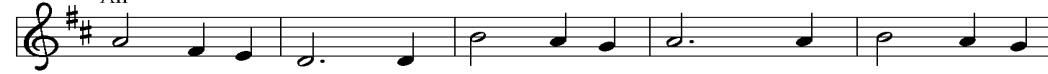
## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## **Word**

### **First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12**

A reading from 2 Kings:

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

*Continued*



<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 50:1-6**

*We read responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

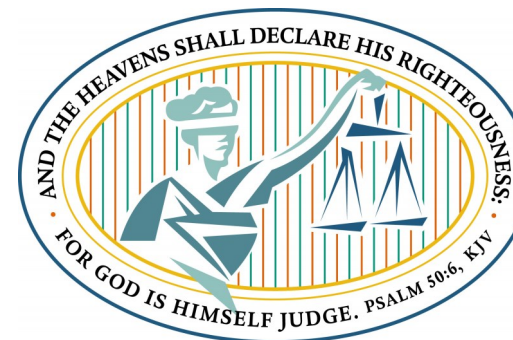
<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

<sup>4</sup>**He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup>"Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge.**



**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

A reading from 2 Corinthians:

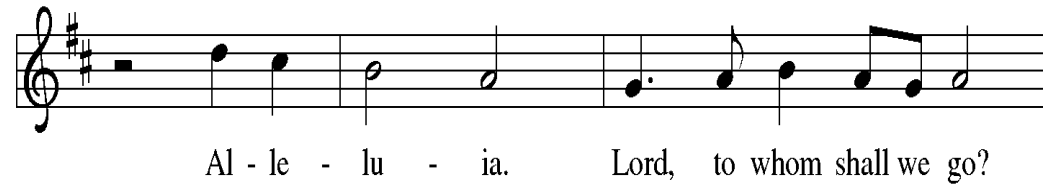
<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.  
<sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



Let light  
shine out of  
darkness...

2 Corinthians 4:6

**Gospel Acclamation**



*The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.*



# Gospel

## Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

The holy gospel according to St. Mark:

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated.*



## TRANSFIGURATION

### Children's Worship

Pastor Pingel

### Sermon

Pastor Pingel

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

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

Hymn of the Day: "How Good, Lord to Be Here"

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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.**

**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.**

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

**Na Yesu Kristo, Mwana wake wa pekee,  
Bwana wetu, aliyetwaa mwili kwa tendo  
la R` oho 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.**

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

### Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words.*

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

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## Meal

### Peace

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

### Offertory

*The congregation stands.*

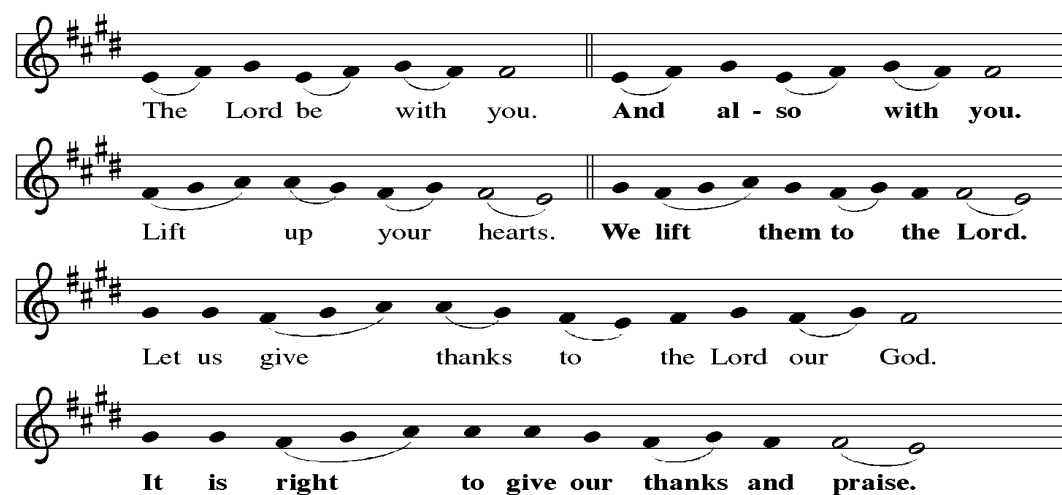
Offertory Response *"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Holy One,  
**for all good things come from you.**  
**In bread and cup you open heaven to us.**  
**Meet us at this table,**  
**that we receive what we seek**  
**and follow your Son, Jesus,**  
**in whose name we pray.**  
**Amen.**



The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

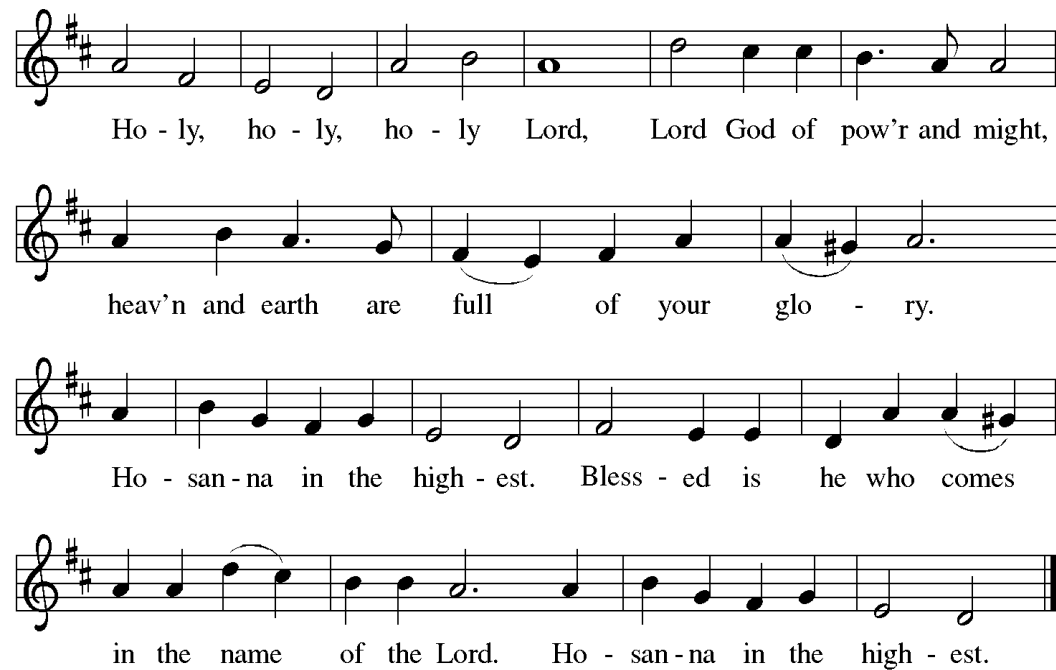
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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, 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

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 in 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 all people for forgiveness of sin.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

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

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth  
from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
That, rejoicing in the hope of resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.  
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,  
almighty Father, 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

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

### 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, grant us peace.

### 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)*

***Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister, then turn to the side you have sat on, and receive the wine/grape juice from the communion assistant at the altar rail. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your pew via the side aisle.***

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

### **The Communion Blessing**

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

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

Giver of every gift,  
**Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.**  
**Raise us to life by your power**  
**for the benefit of all and to your glory,**  
**now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

### **Sending**

### **Blessing**

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✚ bless you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



**Sending Song:** *“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**





# Worship Assistants

## Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

- Altar Flowers:* *Open*
- Altar Guild:* *Jean Morgan*
- Assisting Minister:* *Donna Gum*
- Communion Assistants:* *Allison Fink*  
*Andrew Sell*
- Council Person of the Week:* *Susan Myers*
- Offering Stewards:* *Pat Brady*  
*Jean Morgan*
- Ushers:* *Jack Eckstrom*  
*Esme Hilker*  
*Jim Nelson*



Altar Flowers

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



## Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

*Sunday, February 18, 2024*

*First Sunday in Lent*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Genesis 9:8-17*

*Psalms 25:1-10*

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

*Mark 1:9-15*



**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 four (4) weeks)**

**Caroline Biggers**

**Gloria Nelson**

**Pete Warren**

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

**Claire Biggers**, Daughter of Fred and Caroline Biggers

**Rick Van Norton**, Friend of Pat Giesen

**Phoenix Oberg**, Friend of Sarah Kite

**Trina Shipley**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Tiffany Tate**, Friend of Pat Giesen

**Hellen Vindas and Family, CICRIN**

**Children and Staff at CICRIN**

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

**50th Wedding Anniversary of Charlie and Betty Karol Wilson**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Emily Almarode**

**Genevieve Arneson**

**Marge Cloutier**

**Chuck Goodrich**

**Kathy Johnson**

**Sandy Johnson**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Glenn Myers**

**Tom and Carol Varner**

**Sharon Vorel**

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Sherry Aldinger**, Friend of Tami Radecke  
**Jack and Nancy Crenshaw**, Friends of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Nina Crow**, Mother of Cathy Crowder  
**Natalie Dodge**, Friend of the Almarodes and Amy Warren  
**Joshua Horn**, Friend of the Trauschts  
**Joe Keesee**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Carrie Peters**, Niece of Schwiesows  
**Mary Etta Randolph**, Friend of Betty Karol Wilson  
**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer

**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**

**Family of Emma Lou Artz**, Relative of Gloria Nelson  
**Family of Katie Caraher**, Friend of Amy Warren  
**Family of Lena Cook**, Friend of the Meickes  
**Family of Cinzia Occhioni**, Niece of Linda Meyer  
**Family of Liz Shumate**, Wife of Pastor Joe Shumate

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Helen Moyer (2/13)**

**Carolyn Hite (2/17)**

**Jackson Chaffin (2/13)**

**PRAYER**  
*list...*

### Prayers for the World

As Followers of Christ, we begin early this year to pray for our Nation in what has already shown itself to be a difficult Presidential campaign, and that God would guide US, as faithful people, not in our fears, but by our faith in the One who creates, the One who has saved us for life that really is life, and the One who guides each of us daily *in this United States of America.*

**We bring before God areas of war and tension—The Red Sea and shipping lanes attacked by Houthi Rebels; border clashes in Pakistan vs. Iran; Chinese tensions with Taiwan; Ukraine/Russia's continuing war; Israeli war in Gaza and Middle East tensions; civil war in Sudan displacing millions and risking famine.**

Families of US military killed in the Middle East, and for all serving in harm's way.

### The Church

For the Southern Valley Conference of the Virginia Synod, ELCA (of which Grace is a part).

**For our downtown neighbors at St. John Episcopal, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, Main Street United Methodist and The Prayer Room, as well as the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.**

For our friends at Bethlehem Lutheran, Waynesboro, and Christ Lutheran, Staunton as they prepare to seek a pastor to serve in our community.

**For our sisters and brothers in Christ At Christ Tabernacle Church of Christ, Shiloh Baptist, Union Baptist, St. James Baptist, Oak Grove Baptist and beyond in this Black History Month.**

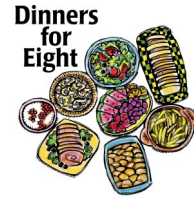


**Words You Don't Want to Say, but We Must!** Those words are **COVID**, *flu*, *RSV* and *Winter Viruses*.

- If you have any symptoms, or have tested positive, please stay at home. YouTube worship services are available live every Sunday for those who are sick.
- If you have COVID, flu, fever or aches, please wait until you test negative - usually 5-10 days or until symptoms end - until you return to worship.



**Spaghetti Supper Hosted by Youth on Friday, March 1st!** - This Fundraiser will be a great time of fun and fellowship, served and hosted by our Youth going to the National Youth Gathering in July 2024! Look for FULL DETAILS, next Sunday, and make plans to attend Friday Evening!



**Dinners of Eight – 2024** - Members and friends of Grace are invited to join in the next round of Dinners of Eight – a monthly time of informal fellowship and getting to know each other better as a family of faith. Thirty-two members participated in the autumn gatherings. If you'd like to be part of the winter-spring gatherings, or for more information, contact the coordinator Mark Radecke at radecke@susqu.edu.



**First Sunday Fellowships!** These are wonderful opportunities for fellowship as well as a time to get a great “snapshot” of the ministries of Grace! **We need your ministry to sign up** to provide light refreshments, as well as make a brief presentation of your ministry. However familiar you think Grace is with what your ministry does, it's always important to share our ministries at Grace! See the **sign-up sheet** in the narthex and sign-up today!

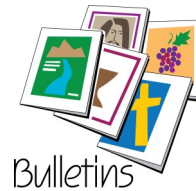


**All God's Children** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Grace conference room.

- Starting February 12<sup>th</sup>, we begin discussion of *A Fever in the Heartland – The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them* by Timothy Egan. The next book is a historical thriller by a Pulitzer and National Book Award-winning author that tells the riveting story of the Ku Klux Klan's rise to power in the 1920s, the cunning conman who drove that rise, and the woman who stopped them. The book is compelling, powerful, and profoundly resonant today. Join us!



**Shrove Tuesday meals!** **St. James** is offering a Noon Pancake meal on the day before Ash Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, while **Bethlehem** offers its annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Both receive donations for their ministries. "Fat" or Shrove Tuesday was a day designed to clear out the cupboards of rich, fatty foods to prepare for the disciplines of Lent. Enjoy these events to do the same!



**Our Bulletin and Worship** - Beginning this Sunday, we will ask worshipers to use the pew hymnals to sing hymns. This will save costs in printing and paper and use the hymnals we have invested in. (Hymns from newer resources will continue to be printed.) *We will also print **announcements in the bulletin no longer than three weeks** in an effort to keep announcement pages fresh and concise.*



**Sunday Text Study Continues Thursday Evenings** - Pastor Paul's Bible Study of the Readings for the following Sunday continues through Lent, Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We meet either In Person, or via Zoom. A phone blast with the Zoom link is sent Wednesdays each week.



**WARM Lunches Prepared** - Thanks to the All God's Children, Grace/Christ Tabernacle CCE&J; and Youth groups of both congregations for preparing 385 lunches for The WARM Cold Weather Shelter staying at Augusta EXPO this past week!



**Lift Every Voice and Sing** - Our Offertory for the month of February is the great African- American hymn Lift Every Voice and Sing. We sing it as a celebration of our unity in Christ during Black History Month, and as we prepare for the Feast of Forgiveness and New Life that is ours in Holy Communion!



**Annual Congregational Meeting and Lunch** - In keeping with the pre-COVID practice of enjoying a lunch fellowship in conjunction with the Annual Congregational meeting, we will be having a modified potluck lunch **after worship on February 25**. There will be main dishes of soups/stews/chilis, along with salads, bread, and desserts. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church or call the church office by February 18. Come for the Annual Meeting and stay for lunch fellowship on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Questions, contact Linda Meyer (540-256-2277) or Karen Walck (765-480-9920).



**Tutoring Needs**—We are working with Westminster Presbyterian to offer tutoring of the children of Jules Madawa and Masoka Mmeswa once a week on Thursdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. There are four (4) lively children in school right now – and the baby, Happy, also likes to join in the activities. If you have an interest in participating in the tutoring every week or just a time or two a month, please contact Linda Meyer (540-256-2277).



**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

**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-nine deliveries** thus far, sixteen to Main Street United Methodist, and twenty-three to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over 4,125 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.





February

February 11-18, 2024

Day of Week	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	02/11	8:30 a.m.	 <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube  <b>First Sunday Fellowship</b>  <b>Confirmation Class</b>  <b>K-5 Sunday School</b> (Sunday School Classroom)
		10:00 a.m.	
		11:00 a.m.	
		11:10 a.m.	
Monday	02/12	7:00 p.m.	<b>All God's Children Book Study</b> (Conference Room)
Tuesday	02/13	9:30 a.m.	<b>Quilting</b>
Wednesday	02/14	9:00 a.m.	 <b>School Backpacking</b> (Fellowship Hall) <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> (Chapel) <b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room) <b>Ecumenical Worship Services of Ashes &amp; Holy Communion—First Baptist Church</b>  <b>Choir Practice</b>
		10:00 a.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	
		7:00 p.m.	
		8:00 p.m.	
Thursday	02/15	8:00 a.m.	<b>Newcomers Meeting</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Grace Walkers</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>CCE&amp;J</b> (Conference Room)  <b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room)
		8:30 a.m.	
		11:00 a.m.	
		12:30 p.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	
		7:00 p.m.	
Saturday	02/17	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday	02/18	8:30 a.m.	 <b>Adult Sunday School</b> <b>First Sunday in Lent</b> Service of Holy Communion In Person and via You Tube  <b>Confirmation Class</b>  <b>K-5 Sunday School</b> (Sunday School Classroom)
		10:00 a.m.	
		11:10 a.m.	
		11:15 a.m.	

**Monday**

Proverbs 27:1-6; 10-12  
 Philippians 2:1-13  
 John 18:15-18, 25-27  
 Morning Psalm 145, Evening 47

**Tuesday**

Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33  
 Philippians 3:1-11  
 John 18:28-38  
 Morning Psalm 146, Evening 99

**Wednesday**

Proverbs 27:1-6; 10-12  
 Philippians 2:1-13  
 John 18:15-18, 25-27  
 Morning Psalm 147:1-12, Evening 91

**Thursday**

Habakkuk 3:1-10, 16-18  
 Philippians 3:12-21  
 John 17:1-8  
 Morning Psalm 147:13-21, Evening 116

**Friday**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
 Philippians 4:1-9  
 John 17:9-19  
 Morning Psalm 148, Evening 20

**Saturday**

Ezekiel 39:21-29  
 Philippians 4:10-20  
 John 17:20-26  
 Morning Psalm 149, Evening 63

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