



*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

*February 27, 2022*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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

# Holy Communion

Congregational responses are in bold print

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

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

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

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

## Gathering

### Gloria Patri:

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

### Welcome and Announcements

### Temple Talk

Strategic Planning Committee

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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

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

### Prelude

### Greeting

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

**Canticle of Praise**

PRAISE, ADORATION

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Alabaré

*Refrain*

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

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

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

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

*Refrain*

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

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### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

God of vision,

Too often we are spiritually blindfolded, unable to see you at work in our world. Remove barriers that keep us from seeing. Help us to be light for others.

**Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

### **Word**

**First Reading:** Psalm 27:1-4

A reading from Psalms:

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers assail me  
to devour my flesh —  
my adversaries and foes —  
they shall stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war rise up against me,  
yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
to live in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD,  
and to inquire in his temple.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The congregation stands to welcome the gospel.*

### Gospel Acclamation

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

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

### Gospel: John 9:1-41

The holy gospel according to St. John

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

<sup>1</sup>We As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup>When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup>saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup>The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup>Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup>But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup>He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup>They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes.

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Then I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

<sup>18</sup>The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup>and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup>His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup>but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup>His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

<sup>24</sup>So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup>He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup>They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup>He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup>We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup>The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup>We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. <sup>32</sup>Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup>They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

<sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup>He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." <sup>38</sup>He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." <sup>40</sup>Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" <sup>41</sup>Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The congregation is seated*



**Children's Message**

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:** "Beautiful Savior"

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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**

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

*A brief silence.*

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

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

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

**Amen.**

## Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904  
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

## Peace

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

## Offertory

*The congregation stands*

## **Meal**

## Offertory Response

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

Verse 2 Joy in Christ...

Verse 3 Peace on earth...

## Victory Is Mine



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



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

Text: traditional  
Music: VICTORY IS MINE, traditional

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

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

### Great Thanksgiving

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

### Preface

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

# Come, All You People

## *Uyaimose*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

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

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

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

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

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

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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

**Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

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

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

**Give us today our daily bread.**

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

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

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

## Invitation to Communion

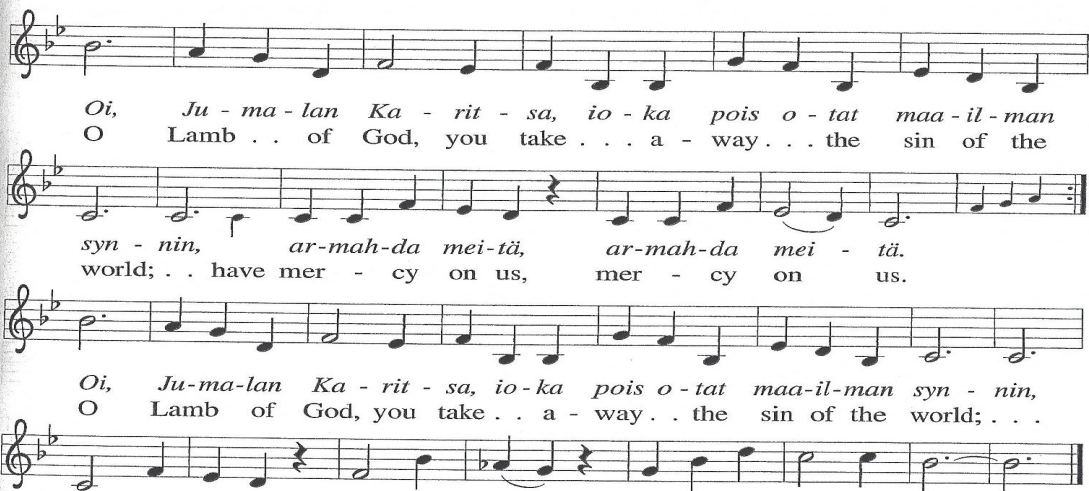
Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**O Lamb of God** SERVICE MUSIC  
*Oi, Jumalan Karitsa* 197



*Oi, Ju-ma-lan Ka-rit-sa, io-ka pois o-tat maa-il-man  
O Lamb . . of God, you take . . a-way . . the sin of the  
syn-nin, ar-mah-da mei-tä, ar-mah-da mei-tä.  
world; . . have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.*

*Oi, Ju-ma-lan Ka-rit-sa, io-ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn-nin,  
O Lamb of God, you take . . a-way . . the sin of the world; . . .  
an-na meil-le rau-ha-si . . ja siu-na-uk-se-si.  
grant us vi-sion, grant us jus-tice, grant us your own true peace.*

Music: Matti Rantatalo  
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## **The Holy Communion**

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

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

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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

## **The Communion Blessing**

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

**Amen**

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



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

## I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

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

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

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

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

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

## **Sending**

### **Blessing**

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

**Sending Song:** *“Christ, Be Our Light”*

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### **Covid Update**

### **Souper Bowl of Caring**

### **Dismissal**

Go with Christ into a weary World.  
Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

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# Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

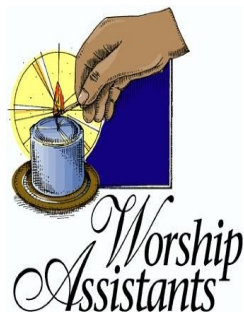


church gath - ered to - day.

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## Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	<i>Driskill Family</i>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<i>Jean Morgan</i>
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	<i>Donna Gum</i>
<b>Communion Assistant:</b>	<i>Gloria Nelson</i> <i>Jim Nelson</i>
<b>Council Person of the Week:</b>	<i>Andrew Sell</i>
<b>Covid Monitor:</b>	<i>Gail Johnson</i>
<b>Offering Stewards:</b>	<i>Jean Morgan</i> <i>David Proctor</i>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<i>Pat Brady</i> <i>Jean Morgan</i>



*The Chancel Flowers today are given  
to the glory of God and in honor of Carol  
Varner's 80th birthday*



*Preparing for Easter*

### Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

March 6, 2022  
First Sunday in Lent

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

Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching  
Psalm 104:1-44  
John 11:1-44



**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\*)**

**Dick Tomey**

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

**Dale Ayers**, Friend of Dick and Linda Tomey

**Talika Biggs**, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

**Jane Brown**, Friend of Gail Johnson

**Mary Sedgewick**, Friend of Kathryn Johnson

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

**Sharon McCarthy** is grateful to God and the wonderful people of Grace to have received a positive prognosis , Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

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

**Liz Ann Binns**

**Marie Brown**

**Sandra R. Hoy**

**Bob Knemoller**

**Janet Parmer**

**Fred Brower**

**Nancy Fitzgerald**

**Phyllis Kite**

**Glenn and Flossie Myers**

**Barb Susen**

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

**Janice Collins**, Friend of Grace

**Nancy Delaney**, Dave Delaney's Wife

**Kyle Getler**, Member Relative

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

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

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

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

**George Toop**, Friend of David and Nancy Schwiesow

**Members/Friends Grieving**

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

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

Isabelle Bokelman

Ernestine Moomaw

Cynthia Long

Richard Bump

Robert Shaw

Sylvia Almarode

**The Needs of the World**

**The Church**

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

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

Our nation and democracy and seeking the  
common good

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

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

Refugees in our nation—Afghan, Haitian

**Our Neighbors**

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

Our neighbors in Basic

The Russian/Ukraine conflict and the  
Casualties of war



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

**Ash Wednesday** - March 2nd

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

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

**NOTE:** Because of Ash Wednesday, Grace Prayer Service will **not** be held Wednesday, March 2.

**Wednesdays in Lent** -

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

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

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

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

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

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

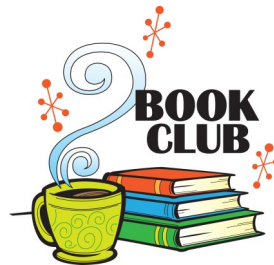
## worship WITH US

### Welcome to Worship!

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



- **Grace's Strategic Plan** - Our Strategic Planning Committee is offering a Temple Talk today to help us understand the process we hope to take to help us determine God's Mission for us in the coming months and years.



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



### **Afghan Refugee partnership with Westminster Presbyterian -**

Grace Council endorsed our partnership with Westminster to sponsor an Afghan refugee family here in Waynesboro. There will be opportunities to help in areas of Housing, Transportation, Health, Cultural Adjustment, Schooling, and Jobs and Finance. We are working with Church World Service, an ecumenical organization that has great expertise in helping congregations work with refugee families. If you'd like to join the 20 Grace members already signed up to help, please contact Linda Meyer at [lameyer@ntelos.net](mailto:lameyer@ntelos.net) or call her at 540-943-6122.





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



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



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

Shrove  
Tuesday



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



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



**Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need**—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made twenty-four deliveries thus far, eleven to Main Street United Methodist, and thirteen to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. **Overall, we have given well over a 2400 pounds of food!** If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.

**Monday**

Proverbs 10:1-12  
2 Timothy 1:15—2:13  
John 12:27-36a  
Psalm Morning 145, Evening 9



**Thursday**

Proverbs 21:30—22:6  
2 Timothy 4:1-8  
John 13:21-30  
Psalm Morning 147:13-21, Evening 130

**Tuesday**

Proverbs 15:16-33  
2 Timothy 2:14-26  
John 12:36b-50  
Psalm Morning 146, Evening 7

**Friday**

Proverbs 23:19-21, 29—24:2  
2 Timothy 4:9-22  
John 13:31-38  
Psalm Morning 148, Evening 40







**Wednesday**

Proverbs 17:1-20  
2 Timothy 3:1-17  
John 13:1-20  
Psalm Morning 147:1-12, Evening 134

**Saturday**

Proverbs 25:15-28  
Philippians 1:1-22  
John 18:1-14  
Psalm Morning 149, Evening 90

## Life of Grace Church February 27—March 6, 2022

DAY OF WEEK	DATE	TIME	MEETING
 <b>Transfiguration</b> <small>SUNDAY</small>	02/27	10:00 a.m.  <small>Sacrament of Communion</small> 10:50 a.m.	<b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching</b>  <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> via Zoom
Tuesday	03/01	Noon-3:00 p.m.  6:00 p.m.	<b>Garden Club</b> (Seminar Room)  <b>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</b> (St. James)
 <b>ASH</b> <small>WEDNESDAY</small>	03/02	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Backpacks</b> (Stage in Fellowship Hall) <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b> (Grace) <b>Ash Wednesday Worship</b> (First Baptist Church)
 <b>March</b> Thursday	03/03	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.  11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b> (Meet in Parking Lot) <b>Church of God in Christ Jurisdiction Meeting</b> (Fellowship Hall)  <b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room and Zoom)  <b>CCE&amp;J Group Zoom</b>  <b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room and Zoom)
Friday	03/04	9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.	<b>Church of God in Christ Jurisdiction Meeting</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday	03/05	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Fellowship Hall)
	03/06	10:00 a.m.  <small>Sacrament of Communion</small> 10:50 a.m.	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Service of Holy Communion</i> <i>In Person and via You Tube</i> <b>Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching</b>  <b>Coffee Fellowship</b> via Zoom



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