



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to Grace! We are glad that you joined us today, whether online or here at Grace. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith as taught here at Grace Lutheran Church, please contact our pastor.

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Exodus 33:12–23

Romans 12:6–16

John 2:1–11

Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory

The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that “*the mountains shall drip sweet wine*” (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The “*back*” of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to “*love one another with brotherly affection . . .*” and to “*outdo one another in showing honor*” (Rom. 12:6–16).

HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in our Service this morning. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to receive this Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, we ask that you first speak with our Pastor so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given today by Rev. Leroy & Deborah Leach in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary (1/18), for the beautification of God's house and in thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:
Communion Assistant
Kantor:
Altar Guild:
Soloist:
Ushers:
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THE DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prelude

Ringin of the Bell

Stand

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

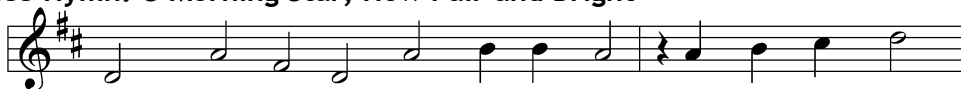
[John 20:19-23]

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Entrance Hymn: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.
not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!



Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-sa
In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-es
Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls
Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!
here and a-bove: This is Your great sal-va-tion.



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 66:1–5, 20; antiphon: v. 4; 92:1



- A** All the earth worships you and sings praise- | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name.
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.
- C** Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!
Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!”
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.
All the earth worships you and sings praise- | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name.”
Come and see what | God has done:*
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.
Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- A** All the earth worships you and sings praise- | es to you;*
they sing praises | to your name.
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



- C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

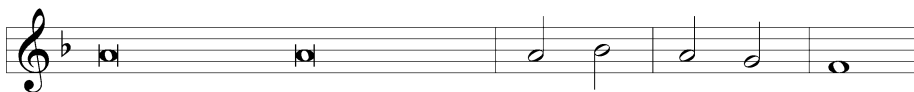
Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



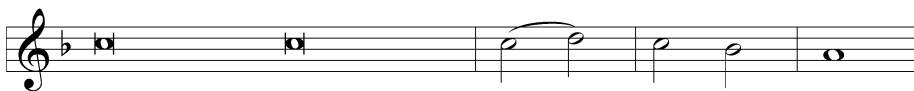
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



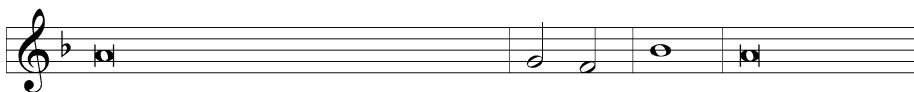
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



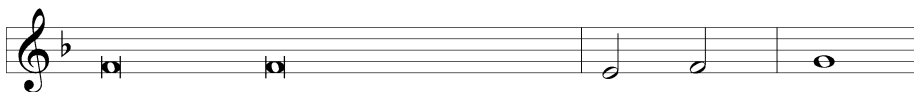
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



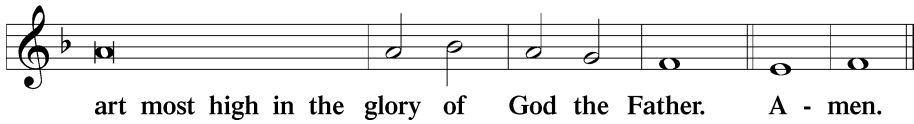
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before

you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 107:20–21



C He sent out his word and | healed them,*
and delivered them from their de- | struction.
Let them thank the LORD for his | steadfast love,*
for his wondrous works to the chil- | dren of men!

Epistle

Romans 12:6–16

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 148:2

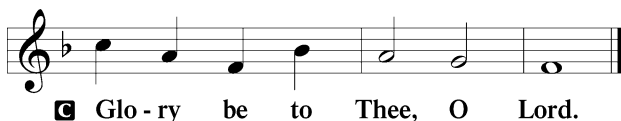


Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.



On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

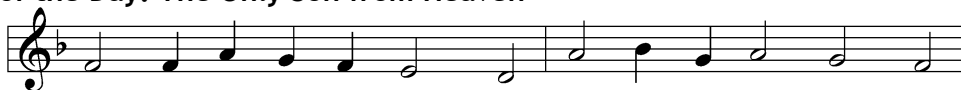
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: The Only Son from Heaven

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1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
 △ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10–12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering & Voluntary

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends with the following:

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

After the final petition:

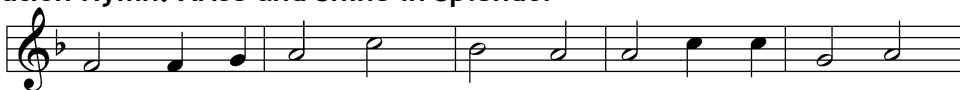
C Amen.

Following the Prayer of the Church, the live stream is paused for the Service of the Sacrament. If you would like to request a pastoral visit to receive the Sacrament, please contact Pastor Schaaf or the church office.

The live stream audio will resume with the distribution hymns, and the video will resume after the distribution of the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn: Arise and Shine in Splendor

LSB 396



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er
 5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has
 sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your
 wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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Distribution Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



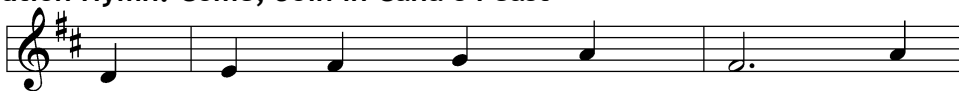
ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Distribution Hymn: Come, Join in Cana's Feast

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1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where
 2 The old wine now is gone From
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here
 △ 5 For now He lives and reigns Through



Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who
 jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it
 wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty
 drink the wine sup - plied By Him who is both
 all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,



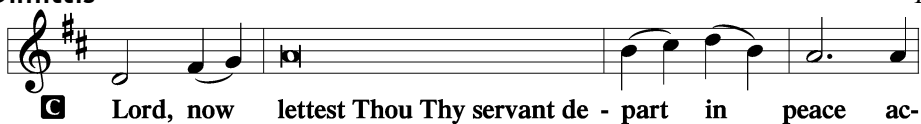
come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.
 sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.
 cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.
 guest and host— For us, the cru - ci - fied.
 Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

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Stand

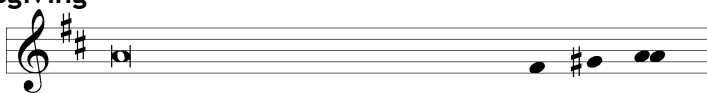
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

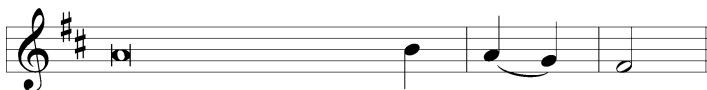


Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



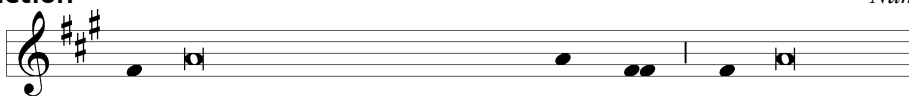
A Bless we the Lord.



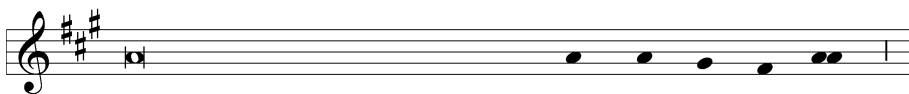
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

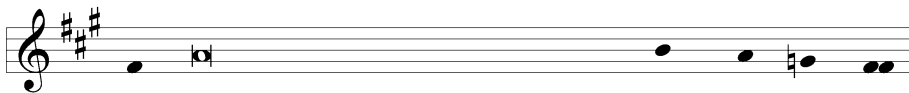
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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Postlude

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

January 16 – James Robb

January 18 – Klaus Wolfenberger

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

January 17 – David & Kara Mainard

January 18 – Rev. Leroy & Deborah Leach

- IN OUR PRAYERS -

**Names of those with health concerns will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks after a request is made. If you wish to make or renew a prayer request, please call or email Pastor Schaaf or the church office.*

HEALTH CONCERNS: Bill (JoAnn Bischof’s brother), Cheyenne Staggs & Sara (friends of the Leach’s), Jeanne Von Der Ahe

SEMINARY STUDENT: John & Jana Carpenter

MEMBERS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY: Nicholas Wold (Marine Corps) & Ethan Wold (Navy Corpsman)

MEMBERS WE PRAY FOR THIS WEEK: Colleen Moorman, The Morrison Family, The Nichols Family, Ralph & Joan Ann Olsen, Nancy Orpin, Jack Osborn, Brenda Parscale, Jane & Kristen Parsons, Marion Piazza, Chris & Betty Pils, Gary & Angie Proud, Janet Pulliam, David Raddle, The Ralston Family, The Reeder Family, Deena Reynolds, Robert & Wilma Richter, Sheri Rivers, Dave, Diane & Alex Roberts

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Ralph & Joan Ann Olsen, Nancy Orpin, Myrna Smith, Robert & Jan Grant, Robert & Wilma Richter, Sherry Clawitter, Elsie Westerfield, Kay Jenkins, Dorris Deislinger, Joe & Cecillia Gelzine, Mildred Burgess, Emily Esget, Carol Ann Mitchell (Donna Langlais’ friend)

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF RACHEL ALLEN:

TO THE GRACE LUTHERAN GENERAL FUND

By Debbie Craig

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT JONES:

TO THE GRACE LUTHERAN GENERAL FUND

By Jon & Sandra Lindemann, Debbie Craig

IN MEMORY OF RACHEL ALLEN:

TO THE PASTOR JAMES WALTER MEMORIAL FUND

By Sally McNabb, Robert & Sheila Wilimzig

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT JONES:

TO THE PASTOR JAMES WALTER MEMORIAL FUND

By Jim & Judy Keppel, Sally McNabb, Robert & Sheila Wilimzig

IN MEMORY OF RON KRUEGER:

TO THE PASTOR JAMES WALTER BENEVOLENCE FUND

By Raymond & Sammye Sue Harrill

IN MEMORY OF PAT FUNK:

TO THE PASTOR JAMES WALTER BENEVOLENCE FUND

By Raymond & Sammye Sue Harrill

- NEWS & NOTES -

Please submit announcement requests for News & Notes to the church office by noon on Tuesday.

PARISH PLANNING MEETING The next Parish Planning meeting is scheduled for this Tuesday, January 16th, at 6pm. This is an in-person meeting.

VOTERS MEETING The next Voters Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th, immediately after Divine Worship.

ECDC IS HIRING! We are looking for a Teacher and an Assistant Director. If you know of someone who is interested in sharing the love of Christ with Jesus' little lambs and helping them Grow in Grace, please have them contact Robyn Robb at ecdc@gracelutheranlr.org or 501-663-0755. Thank you for your support!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2024 *Altar Guild* is a quiet service with both men and women encouraged to sign up. You can find the 2024 sign-up sheet at the church entrance or in the Sacristy. Please email Angie Proud at angieproud12@gmail.com for more information. *The Usher Ministry* at Grace is in need of both men and women volunteers on Sunday mornings. Please contact Monica at (monica@glclcr.org) or 501.663.3631 for more information and to sign up to assist in this ministry.

Thank you!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Martina, the girls, and I were deeply moved by your kind and generous spirit over the past Christmas season. Your outpouring of love through gifts, cards, and delicious food was truly heartwarming. We feel blessed to have such wonderful fellowship in the Gospel here at Grace with all of you, and we appreciate your unwavering love, prayers, and support for our family. We cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for us.

May God continue to bless each one of you and guide you in this New Year!

Goodness and joy to you in Christ!

The Schaaf's

Acolyte Schedule

The Acolyte(s) light the candles & the Crucifer carries the Crucifix.

January 14 - Henry - Acolyte / Effie – Crucifer

January 21 - Tyler - Acolyte / Velta – Crucifer

January 28 - Ike - Acolyte / Avery – Crucifer

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Schaaf at 501.663.3631 or ***kent.schaaf@glclr.org*** to make an appointment. If there is a pastoral care emergency, you may call/text his cell **24/7** at 501.703.4474. Please leave a message if he does not answer.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
12:00 p.m. Church Fellowship/Chili Showcase

MON. – FRI.:

7:30 a.m. Early Childhood Development Center

MONDAY:

6:00 p.m. Parish Education Meeting

TUESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Parish Planning Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist Service
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Freewill Meal (Parker Hall)
6:00 p.m. Schola Cantorum (Choir Room, 2nd-8th graders)
6:00 p.m. Preaching Partners (Parker Hall)

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Kantorei Rehearsal (Choir Room & Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion