



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The First Sunday of Christmas
December 26, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided during worship for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Grace Council Statement on Racism: Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

On the first Sunday of Christmas, we are in Jerusalem. Twelve-year-old Jesus is there to celebrate Passover with his parents. When the festival ends, he finds his way back to the temple. There he leaves the teachers amazed. Even then his mission is clear and focused. He must be about his Father's business. Growing in wisdom he is on a path that leads right back to Jerusalem. There he will become the temple. Broken and fractured on the cross and seemingly lost for three days in a borrowed tomb he will rise again. He is our Passover Lamb who forgives sin once and for all. Now by the Spirit, you and I have become the dwelling place of God. Joined to the temple himself, we are chosen, holy, and beloved children. Our lives are marked by this same wisdom. All of this leaves us amazed. With Mary we treasure all these things in our hearts and whatever we do, we do in the name of Jesus.

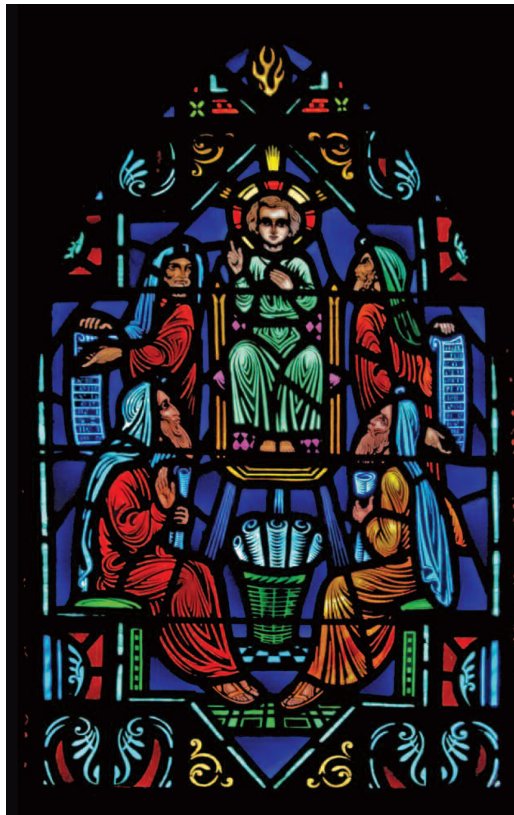


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✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

John Leavitt

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

We face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Let Our Gladness Have No End

(green) **LBW #57**



- 1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!
- 2 See the love - liest bloom - ing rose, Hal - le - lu - jah!
- 3 In - to flesh is made the Word, Hal - le - lu - jah!



for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!
from the branch of Jes - se grows. Hal - le - lu - jah! On this day God
he, our ref - uge and our Lord. Hal - le - lu - jah!



gave us Christ, his Son, to save us; Christ, his Son, to save us.

Text: Bohemian carol, 15th cent.; tr. unknown

Music: NARODIL SE KRISTUS PÁN, Bohemian carol, 15th cent.



APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God,
and open our minds to the knowledge of your word,
that in all things we may think and act according to your good will
and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

We sit.

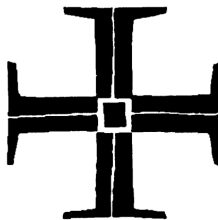
FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



PSALM 148

ANTIPHON: The splendor of the Lord is over earth and heaven.

Robert Hobby

- L** Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;*
praise him | in the heights.
- C** **Praise him, all you an- | gels of his;*
praise him, | all his host.**
- L** Praise him, | sun and moon;*
praise him, all you | shining stars.
- C** **Praise him, heav- | en of heavens,*
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- L** Let them praise the name | of the LORD;*
for he commanded, and they | were created.
- C** **He made them stand fast forev- | er and ever;*
he gave them a law which shall not | pass away.**
- L** Praise the LORD | from the earth,*
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- C** **fire and hail, | snow and fog,*
tempestuous wind, do- | ing his will;**
- L** mountains | and all hills,*
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- C** **wild beasts | and all cattle,*
creeping things and | winged birds;**
- L** kings of the earth | and all peoples,*
princes and all rulers of the world;
- C** **young | men and maidens,*
old and | young together.**
- L** Let them praise the name | of the LORD,*
for his name only is exalted, his splendor is over | earth and heaven.
- C** **He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his | loyal servants,*
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12–17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Colossians 3:15–16

John Ferguson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia.

C REFRAIN (*below*)



Choir Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

C REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:41–52

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Amazed Temples

Pastor Troy E. Medlin
Luke 2:41–52, Colossians 3:12–17

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Angels, from the Realm of Glory

(green) **LBW #50**

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Edwin C. Johnson

Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.

Visit GraceRiverForest.org to give online.

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: John 1:1, 14

Robert Wetzler

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;
and we have beheld his glory, the glory of the only Son from the Father.

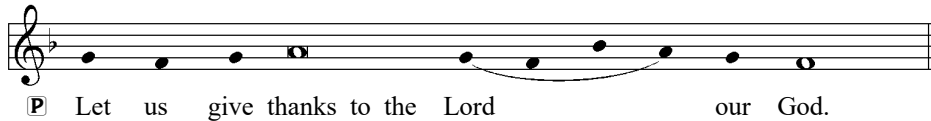
OFFERTORY PRAYER

☐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

☑ we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P 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,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished 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 disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving,
and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

C Amen.



P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

C 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.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

*Please remove your mask as you approach the head of the aisle,
where we receive the consecrated wafer and then drink from one of the individual cups.*

Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may pick up a gluten-free host from the table at the head of the aisle.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: Cold December's Winds Were Stilled

Catalonian Carol
arr. Donna Gartman Schultz

Cold December's winds were stilled in the month of snowing,
As the world fell dark one night, springtime's hope was growing.
Then one rose tree blossomed new, one sweet flower on it grew.
On the tree once bare grew the rose so fair;
Ah, the rose, ah, the rose tree blooming,
Sweet the air perfuming.

When the darkness fell that night, bringing sweet reposing,
All the land was hid from sight, sleep our eyes was closing.
Suddenly, there came a gleam from the sky, the wondrous beam
Of a heavenly star, giving light afar;
Ah, the star, ah, the star beam glowing,
Brightness ever growing.

Now the month of May was here, filled with God's own radiance;
Now the purest lily bloomed, flower of sweetest fragrance.
To the people far and near came a breath of heavenly cheer;
O, the incense rare of the lily there!
Ah, the scent of the lily blooming,
All the earth perfuming.

Traditional Catalonian Carol





1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time when all the birds had fled, that
 2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found; a
 3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair as
 4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel - song is true; the



*God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead; be -
 rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round; but
 was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there. The
 ho - ly child of earth and heav'n is born to - day for you. Come,



fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn:
 as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the an - gel song rang loud and high:
 chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.
 kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus your king is born! Je - sus is born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!

* original: "mighty Gitchi Manitou"

Text: Jean de Brébeuf, 1593–1649; tr. Jesse E. Middleton, 1872–1960, alt.
 Music: UNE JEUNE PUCELLE, French folk tune, c. 16th cent.
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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

C Amen.

A We give you thanks, almighty God,
 that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
 and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift,
 in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

▮ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

▣ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(green) **LBW #55**



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



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



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



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

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866

Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *In dulci jubilo*

Norman Dello Joio

LEADING WORSHIP

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister

Rebecca Dahlstrom, assisting minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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Linda and Scott Street, altar guild

Elliot Engebretson, crucifer/Bible bearer

Joyful Voices (Sophia Andrews, Ellie Beck, and Sadie Beck), choir

Gwen Gotsch, director

Larry Caponigri and Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

Andrew Costello and Justin Martin, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Betty Albain	Erica Charles Garcia	Jerry Koenig	Marnie Rourke
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Kay Armstrong (<i>mother of Neal Armstrong</i>)	Ellen MacGregor (<i>friend of Chrissy Nelson</i>)
Pat B. (<i>friend of Pat Anderson</i>)	Tom Maggio (<i>brother of Joe Maggio</i>)
Javed Bachew (<i>relative of Susan Franzone</i>)	Jane Martin (<i>mother of Justin Martin</i>)
Frances Benson (<i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i>)	Pam Mattox (<i>friend of many at Grace</i>)
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Elena Davis (<i>friend of Sue and Pat Allen</i>)	Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (<i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i>)
Stella Dillberg (<i>mother of Gretchen Weaver</i>)	Duncan McEachern (<i>brother-in-law of John Reynolds</i>)
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Benjamin Galiher (<i>nephew of Paul May</i>)	James Powers (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)
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Allison Heppner (<i>daughter-in-law of Kenneth and Marilyn Heppner</i>)	Nancy Stelling (<i>friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten</i>)
Harry Heppner (<i>brother of Ken Heppner</i>)	Lee Stephens (<i>brother of Tony</i>)
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Alice Hollis (<i>friend of Marge Sanger</i>)	Jennifer Sylvester (<i>daughter of Janet Sylvester</i>)
June Hostetler (<i>aunt of Larry Garber</i>)	Donald Tegeler (<i>friend of Debbie Conley</i>)
Judy Johnson (<i>Grace School alum</i>)	Russ Tellio (<i>friend of Susan and David Franzone</i>)
Ellen Kanik (<i>friend of Eileen Maggio</i>)	Martin A. Thieme (<i>brother of Susan Franzone</i>)
Derek Kaufman (<i>son of Nancy Kaufman</i>)	Ilene Thompson (<i>sister of Marilyn Heppner</i>)
Doug Kelner (<i>friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson</i>)	Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (<i>sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel</i>)
Patrick Kennedy (<i>friend of Grace Church</i>)	Verna Walsh (<i>aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz</i>)
David Kopp (<i>friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner</i>)	Bob Weaver (<i>husband of Gretchen</i>)
Arnold Krubsack (<i>brother of Irmgard Swanson</i>)	Nola Williams (<i>Grace student</i>)
Kathryn Krubsack (<i>niece of Irmgard Swanson</i>)	Karen Wischhusen (<i>sister of Ann Mason</i>)
Maxx Kusper (<i>friend of Deb Maxwell</i>)	Nancy & Dick Woodka (<i>friends of Susan & David Franzone</i>)
Beth Luebbe and family (<i>sister of Jenny Luebbe</i>)	Randi Woodworth (<i>sister of Tammy Bretscher</i>)
Ken Lukes (<i>friend of George and Nancy Wohlford</i>)	Veronica Zurowski (<i>mother of Tom</i>)

Benevolence ministries

ELCA World Hunger

In Thanksgiving For

The baptism of **Avery Tan** (*son of Alex and Allison Tan*)

For those who mourn

Barbara Koehneke Ellwanger (*former member of Grace*)

Robert Homann (*uncle of Susan and David Franzone*)

Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

Kellyn Daly (*niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Matthew Grosz (*nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Carolyn Martin

Christopher Davis

Barbara Rinnan

Gloria Hillert

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, DECEMBER 26

Worship Service – Holy Communion.....10:00 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

Building Closed

Dads of Grace (Online) **7:30 p.m.**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Board of Spiritual Life (Online)..... **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year’s Eve service – Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

New Year’s Day service – Holy Communion.....10:00 a.m.

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