



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022
8:30 & 11:00 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 at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services 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.

Altar Flowers are sponsored by the Wilkie Family in memory of Wesley Wilkie.

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.

Educational opportunities occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

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

His inaugural tour of Galilee is going perfectly well. News of this new teacher is spreading throughout the region, and everyone is praising him. Things take a turn when Jesus returns to his hometown, however. Worship in the synagogue is proceeding according to a pattern not so different from our own, with the reading of scripture followed by interpretation. Jesus reads ancient words of hope from Isaiah, but then does the most amazing thing. He says that these words are about him! And that they are fulfilled today! This is Luke's way of getting around to the place where John began: Jesus is the Word of God, the One from whom all other divine words flow, the one to whom our words of praise return. This Word, Jesus, has come to bring release and liberation, work that he continues through us, his body, today.



Photo by Jonathan Hillert

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Partita on Nettleton

Jeffrey Blersch

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 processional cross as we sing.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW #843

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - ered in our place;

praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.

Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis-ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.

calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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.



C 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,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord God,

you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people.
Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast
to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

We sit.

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 19

ANTIPHON:

Michael D. Costello

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

- L** The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,*
and the firmament | shows his handiwork.
- C** **One day tells its tale | to another,***
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.
- L** Although they have no | words or language,*
and their voices | are not heard,
- C** **their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,***
and their message to the ends | of the world.
- L** In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;*
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- C** **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of | it again;*
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.
- L** The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;*
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom | to the innocent.
- C** **The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;***
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light | to the eyes.
- L** The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;*
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
- C** **More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,***
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
- L** By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,*
and in keeping them there is | great reward.
- C** **Who can tell how often | he offends?***
Cleanse me from my | secret faults.
- L** Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;*
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.
- C** **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart**
be acceptable | in your sight,*
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

[St. Paul writes:] For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Luke 4:18

John Ferguson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C REFRAIN (*below*)



Choir The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor,
and to proclaim release to the captives.

C REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:14–21

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

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

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸”The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

(8:30) **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

SERMON: A Word for Today

Pastor David R. Lyle
Luke 4:14–21

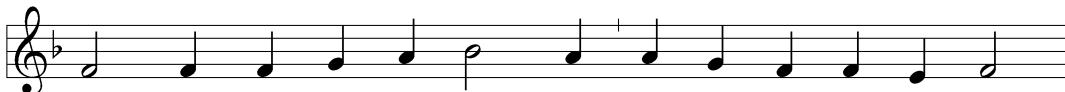


We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

(green) **LBW #87**

(11:00) *Stanza 3 is sung by the choir in a harmonization by Leonhard Schroter.*



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
- 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
- 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;
- 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
Be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



to take a - way trans-gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.
whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, were pre-cious in his sight.
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

APOSTLES' CREED

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

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Robert J. Powell

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We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Psalm 34:4–6

David N. Johnson

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

The poor cried, and the Lord heard them, and saved them from all their troubles.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

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



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

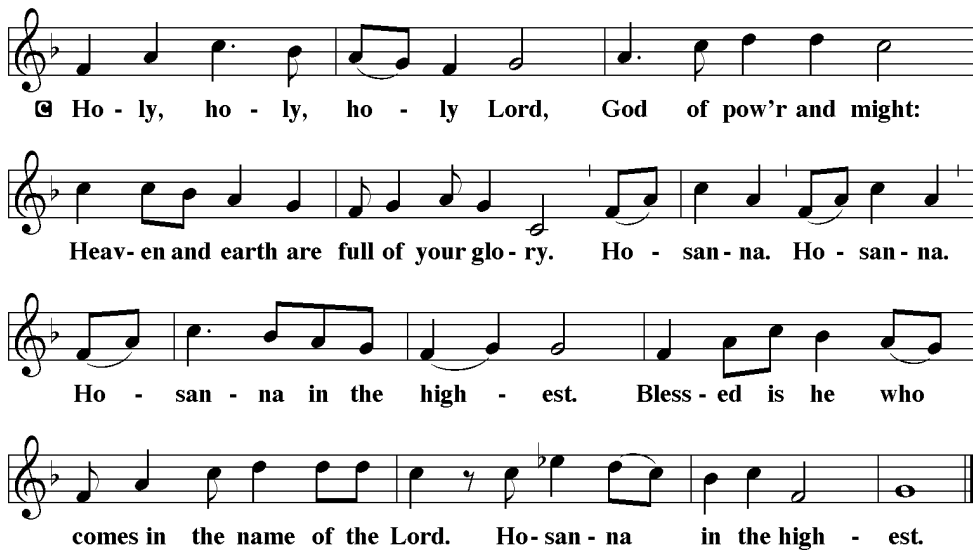


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ¶ 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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.
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 preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both 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

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** When Invited to the Feast

William Allen Pasch

When invited to the feast,
Claim no exaltation;
Be humble in your hope.
Take instead the lower place:
Your host may yet say, "Friend, come up!"

Do good works in Christlike love.
Speak in kindly blessing;
Give thanks for what you have.
Make your love a light for all;
Dwell righteously in God's good grace.

When you give your own rich feast,
Do not call those like you
With means of recompense.
Call instead the sick, the poor,
The outcasts who cannot repay.

Charity is God's command.
Gifts in great abundance
Call forth our love and care.
Strangers may be angels, too,
Who visit us when unaware.

To the final holy feast
All will be invited,
No fee but simple faith.
First and last shall be as one
In resurrection evermore!

William Allen Pasch, based on Proverbs 25:6–7, Psalm 112,
Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16; Luke 14: 1, 7–14

HYMN: Hark, the Glad Sound!

(green) LBW #35



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be -
 soul to cure, and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to • en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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 Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
 and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.
 Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
 and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore;
 through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

☞ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

(green) LBW #559

1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n

the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)

Benedetto Marcello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Paulette Reddel
Gwen Gotsch and Julie Hinz
Zack Morgan and Andrew Gullo
Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson and John Lochner
Paul Koester and Dick Calhoun
Susie Calhoun
Justin Martin and Andrew Costello

Deacon

Lectors

Crucifer/Bible Bearer

Altar Guild

Ushers

Gift Bearers

Livestream Audio/Video

Choir

11:00

Lori Martin
Carrie and David Simpson
Lucy Williams and Magdalena Keberlein
Ellie Schnack and Roberta Gillespie
Lance and Stephanie Wilkening
Al Swanson
Parish Choir

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Betty Albain	Hans Dumpys	Virginia Hillert	Dave Moeller
Susan Allen	Louis Elia	Amy Juel	Jennifer Murtoff
Diane Amati	Hena Gantepalli	Phyllis Kersten	Marnie Rourke
Annalise Balock	Erica Charles Garcia	Karla Koehne	Pat Scala
Cathy Barker	Sandy Grams	Scott Krueger	Jim Scherer
Len Berghaus	David Gruendler	Karen Lemke	Cameron Valencia
Larry Caponigri	Don Heimbürger	Carolyn Martin	
Rosemary Cheatem	Patricia Herendeen	Karen McMahon	

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)
 Kay Armstrong (*mother of Neal Armstrong*)
 Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 Javed Bachew (*relative of Susan Franzone*)
 Greg Ball (*friend of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Frances Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)
 Jamie Carpenter (*cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher*)
 Elena Davis (*friend of Sue and Pat Allen*)
 Stella Dillberg (*mother of Gretchen Weaver*)
 Clara Dorsey (*mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey*)
 Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)
 James Flutch (*nephew of Valerie Spiller*)
 Benjamin Galier (*nephew of Paul May*)
 Chandramma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)
 Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)
 Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)
 Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)
 Carol Hartung (*mother of Justin Hartung*)
 Allison Heppner (*daughter-in-law of Kenneth and Marilyn Heppner*)
 Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)
 Margaret Hofmaier (*mother of Barbara Hofmaier*)
 Alice Hollis (*friend of Marge Sanger*)
 June Hostetler (*aunt of Larry Garber*)
 Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
 Derek Kaufman (*son of Nancy Kaufman*)
 Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)
 Patrick Kennedy (*friend of Grace Church*)
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Maxx Kuser (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
 Beth Luebbe and family (*sister of Jenny Luebbe*)
 Ken Lukes (*friend of George and Nancy Wohlford*)
 Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)

Ellen MacGregor (*friend of Chrissy Nelson*)
 Jane Martin (*mother of Justin Martin*)
 Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)
 Neal Mast (*relative of Susan and David Franzone*)
 Pam Mattox (*friend of many at Grace*)
 Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)
 Duncan McEachern (*brother-in-law of John Reynolds*)
 Dolores Pelz (*cousin of Evelyn Grams*)
 Paul Peters (*son-in-law of Robert and Billie Navarro*)
Hunter Phillips (*son of Dave Moeller*)
 Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
Vincent Pisano (*nephew of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
 Mark Redheffer (*son of Virginia Walker*)
 Paula Rosenberger (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)
 Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)
 Mary Lu Shipstad (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Huxley Shoup and family (*friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
 Lee Stephens (*brother of Tony*)
 Pastor Steve Swanson (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)
 Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)
 Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)
 Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)
 Ilene Thompson (*sister of Marilyn Heppner*)
 Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (*sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
 Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)
 Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)
 Nola Williams (*Grace student*)
 Michael Winters (*friend of Dick and Linda Martens*)
 Karen Wischhusen (*sister of Ann Mason*)
 Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan & David Franzone*)
 Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
 Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

Chicago Cornerstone Academy

In Thanksgiving For

The birth of **Jacob Scott Owens** (*grandson of Scott and Linda Street*)

For those who mourn

John Johnson

Conrad Spurrison (*alum of Grace School*)

Virginia Deniston-DiFebo, (*stepmother of Ralph DiFebo*)

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*)

Benjamin Ho (*Mexico*)

Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Christopher Davis

Gloria Hillert

Joan Koerber

Carolyn Martin

Kathleen Wrobel

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, JANUARY 23

Library Open for Self-Service 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Worship Services – Holy Communion..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 3–5-year-olds (Nursery) 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School, Grades 1-6 (3rd floor Commons)..... 9:45 a.m.
Confirmation, 7th Grade (Fellowship Hall)..... 9:45 a.m.
Mentor Sunday, 8th Grade (Library Media Center)..... 9:45 a.m.
Teen Talk (Fellowship Hall)..... 9:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room)..... 9:45 a.m.
Congregational Meeting (Virtual) 12:15 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Stephen Ministry Training (Virtual) 7:00 p.m.
Dads of Grace 7:30 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Meeting (Virtual) 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

School Chapel..... 8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 a.m.
GriefShare (Virtual) 7:00 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

Yoga (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Theology on Tap (Virtual)..... 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Koenig Visitation (Fellowship Hall) 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

Overeaters Anonymous (Virtual) 9:00 a.m.
Memorial Service for Jerry Koenig..... 10:00 a.m.

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We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

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- ☐ I am interested in a path toward membership.
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