



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 30, 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 Koenig Family in memory of Gerald (Jerry) Koenig.

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

He is standing before them. The one who was raised in their midst has come home to be among his townspeople. They are filled with anticipation and pride. What signs will he do there? For them? We cannot get too closed in. Jesus has something more to reveal. Our epiphany journey must take us beyond the borders of our own Nazareths where we are comfortable and safe, and things are predictable. Jesus senses they might have a little too much ownership over him. They have become stuck in a vision narrower than the vision of the prophetic tradition that Jesus is a part of. The work of God has always moved outward. Towards the widow in Sidon, the Syrian and others along the way. Love always reaches across borders and boundaries. Love never ends until he crosses sin and death to embrace you and me and all the outcasts and sinners of this world. Love is set loose in all kinds of places. Now we can get caught up in this vision.



Photo by Jonathan Hillert

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

(8:30) Dearest Jesus, at Your Word, BWV 731

(11:00) Allegro (from *Trio in G Major*, IAB 22)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Alexander Borodin

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: Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

(green) **LBW #248**



1 Dear-est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark-ness
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o -



hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in
shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night, fill - ing
ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light; help our
ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most: your blest



glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is - es here
us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good
hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and songs may
gos - pel's con - so - la - tion, while we here on earth a -



giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

APOSTOLIC 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



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



♩ 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.

Almighty and ever-living God,
increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love;
and that we may obtain what you promise,
make us love what you command,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✝ WORD ✝

We sit.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4–10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: From my mother's womb you have been my strength.

- L** In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;*
let me never | be ashamed.
- C** In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;*
incline your ear to | me and save me.
- L** Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;*
you are my crag | and my stronghold.
- C** Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,*
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor.
- L** For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD,*
my confidence since | I was young.
- C** I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have | been my strength;*
my praise shall be al- | ways of you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1–13

[St. Paul writes:] If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Jeremiah 1:7-8

John Ferguson

[Choir] Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

[C] REFRAIN (*below*)



[Choir] You shall go to all to whom I send you.
Do not be afraid for I am with you.

[C] REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:21–30

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

[C] Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

[P] The Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Love Never Ends

Pastor Troy E. Medlin
1 Corinthians 13:1–13, Luke 4:21–30

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Word of God Incarnate

(green) **LBW #231**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The time signature is 4/4. The score is in a standard hymn format with a key signature of one sharp and a time signature of 4/4.

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

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

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

Visit GraceRiverForest.org to give online.

(8:30) **VOLUNTARY:** O Word of God Incarnate

Paul W. Hofreiter

(11:00) **VOLUNTARY:** Sonata in F, KV 244

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY HYMN: In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931

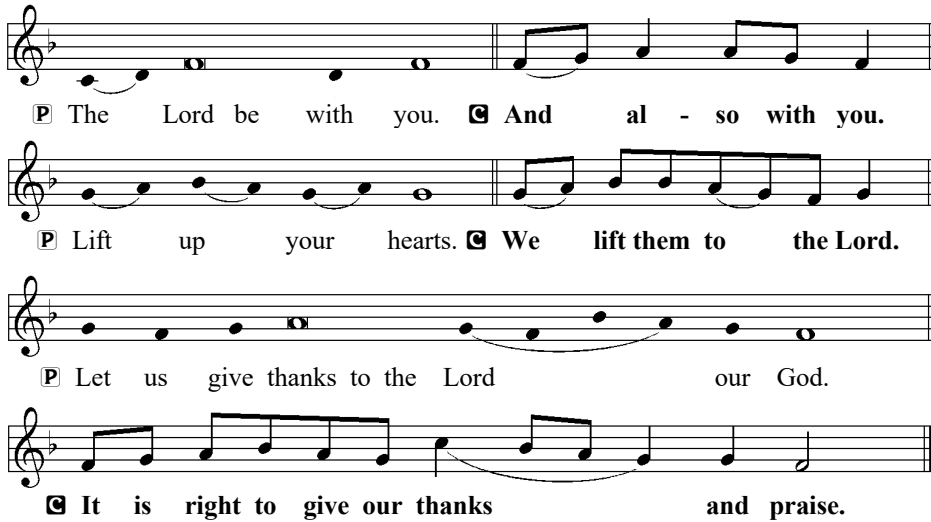
Music: BREAD OF PEACE, Carlton R. Young, b. 1926

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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



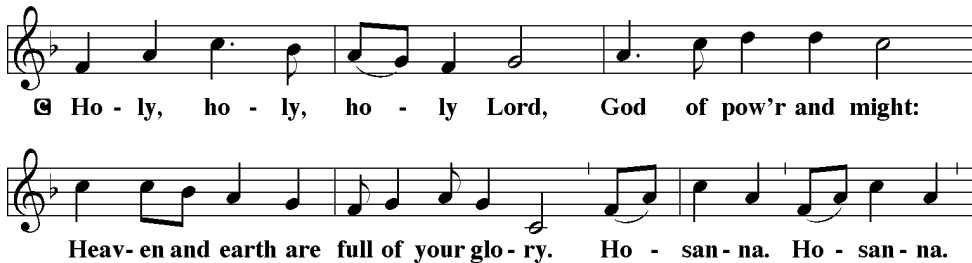
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

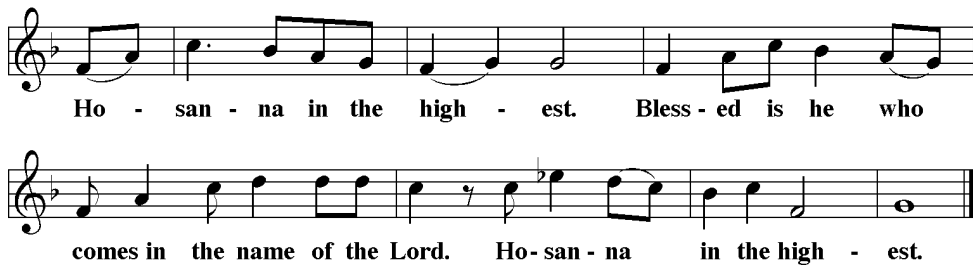
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- 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.
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:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



- 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.

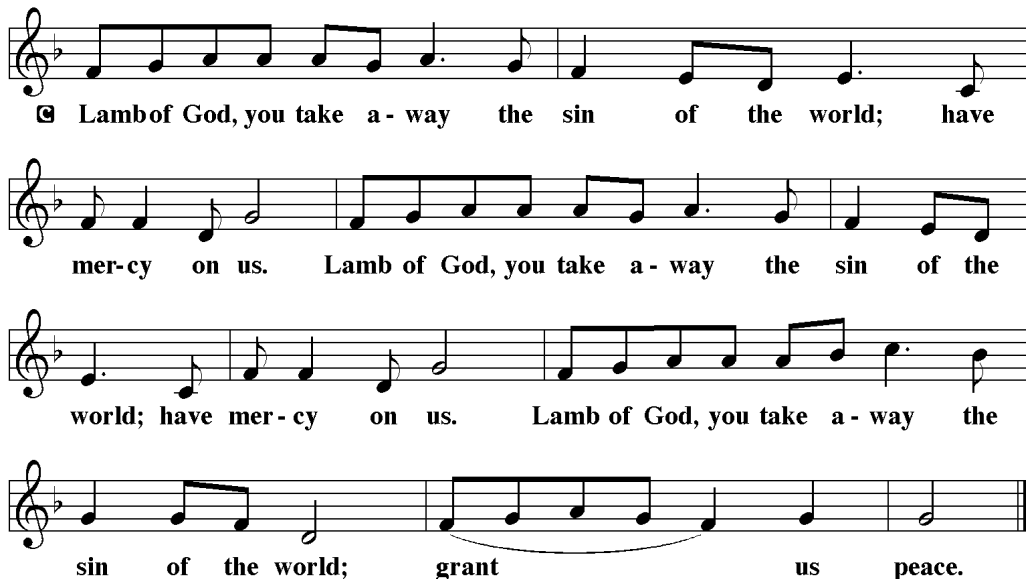
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** Set the Sun Dancing!

Helen Kemp

Set the sun dancing! New life has begun!
Star, you must fade, for your journey is done.
New Year rides onward now, Christmas is gone.
Carry the light wish us as we move on.
For the light that is shining is our light to hold.
Light that's not hidden where Good News is told.
Wise Men with riches of knowledge and thought
Found greater treasure than ever they brought.
Here is Epiphany, wrapped in a shawl,
Christ who is light, who is wiser than all. *Refrain*
For the light that is shining is our light to hold.
Light that's not hidden where Good News is told.

Shirley Erena Murray

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** Creator God

Carole Halmekangas

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,
Before you were born, I called you by name.
Lord, Lord! You created my being, you knit me together in my mother's womb;
My frame was not hidden from you, when I was formed, you were there.
Long before I knew you, you reached down and touched me,
Loving me before I was born; Elohim Jehovah, Creator God, my Father,
Praise and blessed by your holy name.
I am fearfully and wonderfully made, my soul knoweth that full well;
Lord, your thoughts ever are upon me, and all my days are written in your book.

Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
 2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
 3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
 4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
 part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
 foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
 birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
 dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
 cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
 tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
 sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
 not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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 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: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

(blue) WOV #721

(11:00) *Stanza two is sung by the choir in a setting by Carl F. Schalk.*



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
- 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh

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DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Frank Stoldt

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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

8:30

Ed Mason
Paul Eichwedel and Eileen Maggio
Zach Morgan and Meredith Brayton
Marilyn Moehlenkamp and Jane Andrew
Paul Koester and Scott Schwar
Lois Harb and Susan Weber
Eunice Eifert and Andrew Costello
Grace School 5–8 Grade Choir
Johanna Johnson

Deacon
Lectors
Crucifer/Bible Bearer
Altar Guild
Ushers
Gift Bearers
Livestream Audio/Video
Choir
Director
Strings

11:00

Susie Calhoun
Sandy Lentz and Aiden Koehne
Lucy Williams and Andrew Gullo
Linda and Scott Street
Gerlinde VanDriesen and Richard Calhoun
Keith and Jessica Bullock

Parish Choir
The Rev. Michael D. Costello
Eleanor Bartsch, violinist
Francois Henkins, violinist
Becky Coffman, violist
Jean Hatmaker, cellist

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

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

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*)
Khadija Bougdim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
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 Galiher (*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*)
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Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)
Patrick Kennedy (*friend of Grace Church*)
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Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
Maxx Kusper (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
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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*)
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*)
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Huxley Shoup and family (*friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)
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Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)
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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*)
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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

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For those who mourn

Ellis Allinson (*brother-in-law of Carolyn Garber*)

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

Joan Koerber

Christopher Davis

Carolyn Martin

Gloria Hillert

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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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, JANUARY 30

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 (Fellowship Hall) 9:45 a.m.
Teen Talk (Youth Center)..... 9:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room)..... 9:45 a.m.
School Open House (Gym)..... 1:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room) 3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers 3:45 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

Stephen Ministry Training (Virtual) 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Tuesday Conversations (Conference Room)..... 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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, FEBRUARY 3

Moms of Littles (Youth Center) 6:30 p.m.
Social Ministry Committee (Virtual) 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Stephen Ministry Training (Virtual) 8:30 a.m.
Overeaters Anonymous (Virtual) 9:00 a.m.

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