



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 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.

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

Mercy is always an act of God. A miracle. An interruption that creates a new and spacious reality. It is an inbreaking of the reign of God. Every time we experience it. Joseph, against all expectation lavishes mercy and forgiveness on his brothers who sold him into slavery. And in Luke we are told to be merciful. This exhortation itself is rooted in the mercy of God. We must travel a little further in Luke to see the mercy of God fully personified. There on Calvary Jesus forgives his enemies from the cross. There, mercy flows from his wounded side unto all creation, you and me alike. Now, fed by his life-giving Spirit we get to participate in this work of our merciful redeemer. These exhortations from Jesus' sermon become joyful fruits of our resurrection life right here in the present.

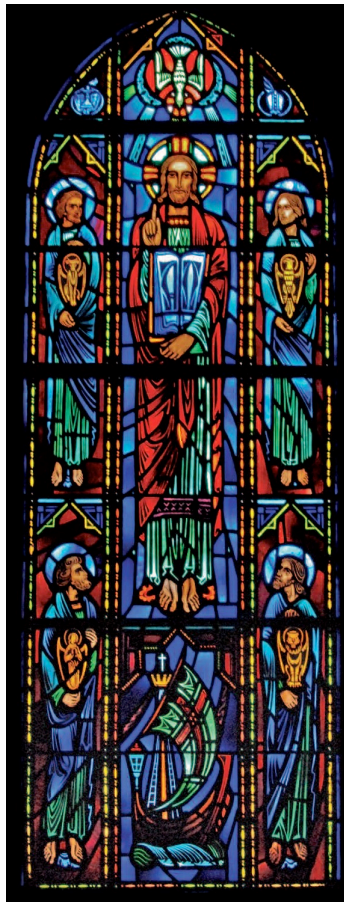


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✠ GATHERING ✠

(8:30) **PRELUDE:** Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, BWV 1047

J. S. Bach
arr. Matthew Naughtin

I. Allegro

(11:00) **PRELUDE:** Partita on LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Charles Callahan

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: All Creatures of Our God and King

(green) **LBW #527**

1 All cre-atures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
2 O ru-shing wind that art so strong, you clouds that sail in heaven a -
3 O flo-wing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
4 All you who are of ten-der heart, for - gi - ving o - thers, take your
5 Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -

4
sing Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou bur-ning sun with gol - den
long, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! O ri - sing morn in praise re -
hear, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! O fire so mas - ter - ful and
part, sing prai - ses, Al - le - lu - ia! All you who pain and sor - row
ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the

8
beam, and sil - ver moon with sof - ter gleam, O__ praise him, O__
joyce, O lights of eve - ning, find a voice: O__ praise him, O__
bright pro - vi - ding us with warmth and light, O__ praise him, O__
bear, praise God and on him cast your care, O__ praise him, O__
Son and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One, O__ praise him, O__

12
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The subsequent staves begin with a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are as follows:

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,

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.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace,
that where there is hatred, we may sow love,
where there is injury, pardon,
and where there is despair, hope.

Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console,
to understand, and to love in your name,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✝ WORD ✝

We sit.

FIRST READING: Genesis 45:3–11,15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: The lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in the abundance of peace.

- L Do not fret yourself because of | evildoers;*
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- C **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,***
and like the green grass | fade away.
- L Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;*
dwell in the land and feed | on its riches.
- C **Take delight | in the LORD,***
and he shall give you your | heart's desire.
- L Commit your way to the LORD and put your | trust in him,*
and he will bring | it to pass.
- C **He will make your righteousness as clear | as the light***
and your just dealing | as the noonday.
- L Be still be- | fore the LORD*
and wait patient- | ly for him.
- C **Do not fret yourself over the | one who prospers,***
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.
- L Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;*
do not fret yourself; it leads on- | ly to evil.
- C **For evildoers shall | be cut off,***
but those who wait upon the LORD shall pos- | sess the land.
- L In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;*
you shall search out their place, but they will | not be there.
- C **Mark those who are honest; ob- | serve the upright,***
for there is a future | for the peaceable.
- L Transgressors shall be destroyed, | one and all;*
the future of the wicked | is cut off.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:35–38, 42–50

[St. Paul writes:] ³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Luke 6:35, 37

John Ferguson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High;
forgive, and you will be forgiven.

C **REFRAIN**



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 6:27–38

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

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: The Miracle of Mercy

Pastor Troy E. Medlin
Genesis 45:2–11, 15; Luke 6:27–38



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

(green) **LBW #419**

(11:00) Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by Philip Gebring.



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.

Music: Šamotulský Kancionál, 1561

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BEATUS VIR

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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.

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(8:30) **VOLUNTARY:** Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, BWV 1047

J. S. Bach

arr. Matthew Naughtin

III. Allegro assai

(11:00) **VOLUNTARY:** Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Randall Sensmeier

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Romans 12:1

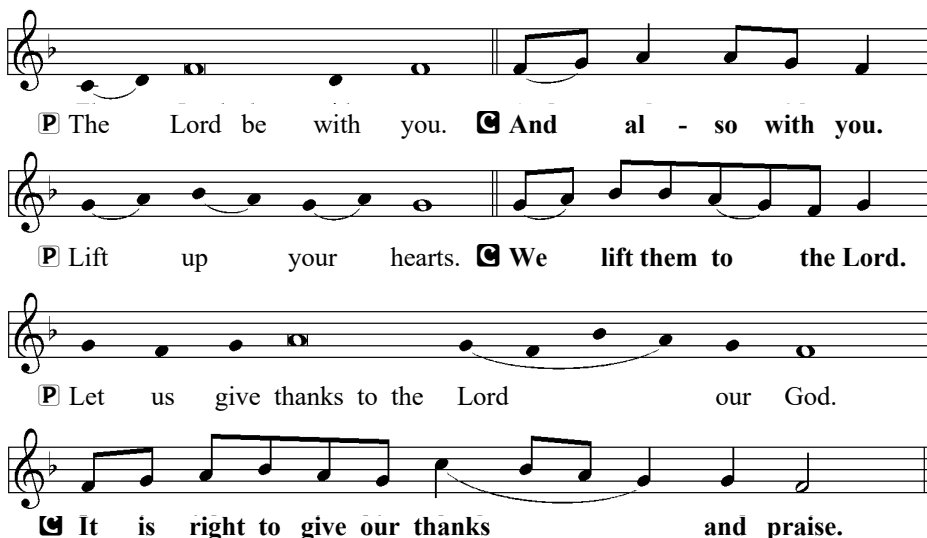
David N. Johnson

I appeal to you, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

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



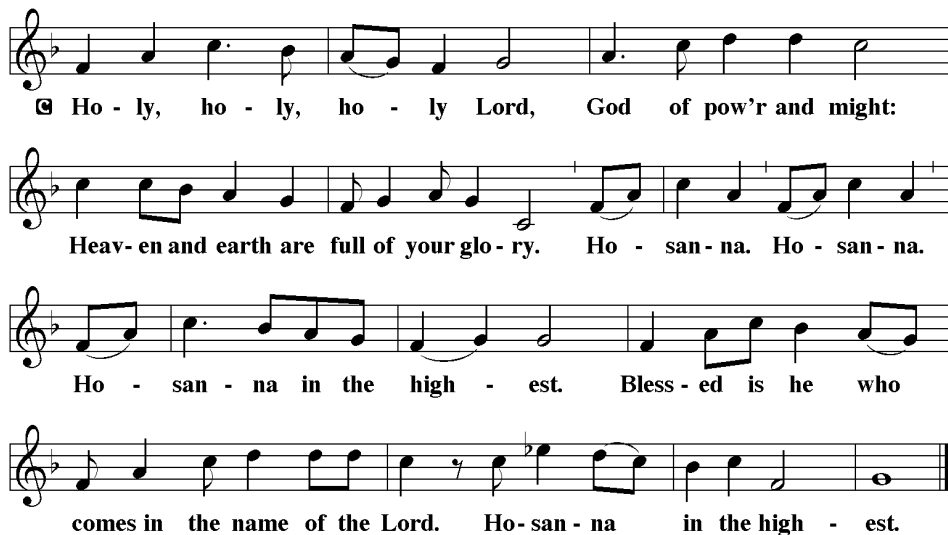
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

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:



- ¶ 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

☩ 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) **VOLUNTARY:** Brandenburg Concerto No. 2, BWV 1047

7 J. S. Bach
arr. Matthew Naughtin

II. Andante

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

David Ashley White

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854

HYMN: Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

(green) **LBW #307**

- 1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart;
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.
 Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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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

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

(green) **LBW #424**



1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our
4 Yes, the sor - row and the suf - f'ings which on
5 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your



life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing
free - ly, of your own. With the sun - shine
hum - blest char - i - ty in your own mys -
ev - 'ry hand we view chan - nels are for
life - blood as the price, nev - er grudg - ing



for the lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
of your good - ness melt our thank - less hearts of stone
te - rious sen - tence, "You have done it all to me."
gifts and of - f'ings due by sol - emn right to you;
for the lost ones that tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–1889, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Anne Krentz Organ

LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

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

Felipe Altamirano (<i>friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker</i>)	Maxx Kuser (<i>friend of Deb Maxwell</i>)
Kay Armstrong (<i>mother of Neal Armstrong</i>)	Beth Luebke and family (<i>sister of Jenny Luebke</i>)
Pat B. (<i>friend of Pat Anderson</i>)	Joyce and John Lunde (<i>friends of Susan Messerli</i>)
Javed Bachew (<i>relative of Susan Franzone</i>)	Jane Martin (<i>mother of Justin Martin</i>)
Greg Ball (<i>friend of Irmgard Swanson</i>)	Esther Martz (<i>friend of Susie Calhoun</i>)
Frances Benson (<i>sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat</i>)	Melina Masihi (<i>friend of Chrissy Nelson</i>)
Karen Berglund (<i>friend of Carol Stanger</i>)	Neal Mast (<i>relative of Susan and David Franzone</i>)
Lieselotte and Dwayne Borgstrand (<i>friends of Anne-Marie Bogdan</i>)	Pam Mattox (<i>friend of many at Grace</i>)
Khadija Bougdim (<i>friend of Pat Anderson</i>)	Stacy Maugans (<i>friend of Johanna Johnson</i>)
Jamie Carpenter (<i>cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher</i>)	Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (<i>cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell</i>)
Elena Davis (<i>friend of Sue and Pat Allen</i>)	Carol Niendorf (<i>friend of Bill and Barbara Urbrock</i>)
Patricia DeBauche (<i>friend of Rebecca Dahlstrom</i>)	Dolores Pelz (<i>cousin of Evelyn Grams</i>)
Stella Dillberg (<i>mother of Gretchen Weaver</i>)	Paul Peters (<i>son-in-law of Robert and Billie Navarro</i>)
Clara Dorsey (<i>mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey</i>)	Elaine Pierce (<i>friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson</i>)
Patti and Neal Enslin (<i>friends of Marilyn Heppner</i>)	James Powers (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>)
Annika Ferguson (<i>daughter of David Ferguson and Jill Koski</i>)	Susan Prather (<i>cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott</i>)
James Flutch (<i>nephew of Valerie Spiller</i>)	Mark Redheffer (<i>son of Virginia Walker</i>)
Benjamin Galihier (<i>nephew of Paul May</i>)	Paula Rosenberger (<i>friend of Janet Sylvester</i>)
Chandramma Gantepalli (<i>mother of Hena Gantepalli</i>)	Steve Schmidt (<i>son of Gick Schmidt</i>)
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Luke Gawencka (<i>friend of Eunice Spurgat</i>)	Huxley Shoup and family (<i>friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner</i>)
Mike Guss (<i>friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening</i>)	Nancy Stelling (<i>friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten</i>)
Jerry Haase (<i>friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke</i>)	Lee Stephens (<i>brother of Tony</i>)
Ken Hansen (<i>friend of Bill and Barbara Urbrock</i>)	Pastor Steve Swanson (<i>friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner</i>)
Jill Hanssen (<i>niece of Ann Mason</i>)	Jennifer Sylvester (<i>daughter of Janet Sylvester</i>)
Carol Hartung (<i>mother of Justin Hartung</i>)	Russ Tellio (<i>friend of Susan and David Franzone</i>)
Allison Heppner (<i>daughter-in-law of Kenneth and Marilyn Heppner</i>)	Martin A. Thieme (<i>brother of Susan Franzone</i>)
Harry Heppner (<i>brother of Ken Heppner</i>)	Ilene Thompson (<i>sister of Marilyn Heppner</i>)
Margaret Hofmaier (<i>mother of Barbara Hofmaier</i>)	William Van Santen (<i>father of Ken Van Santen</i>)
Alice Hollis (<i>friend of Marge Sanger</i>)	Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (<i>sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel</i>)
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Natalie Jenne (<i>friend of many at Grace</i>)	Bob Weaver (<i>husband of Gretchen</i>)
Judy Johnson (<i>Grace School alum</i>)	Michael Winters (<i>friend of Dick and Linda Martens</i>)
Derek Kaufman (<i>son of Nancy Kaufman</i>)	Karen Wischhusen (<i>sister of Ann Mason</i>)
Doug Kelner (<i>friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson</i>)	Nancy & Dick Woodka (<i>friends of Susan & David Franzone</i>)
Patrick Kennedy (<i>friend of Grace Church</i>)	Randi Woodworth (<i>sister of Tammy Bretscher</i>)
Arnold Krubsack (<i>brother of Irmgard Swanson</i>)	Veronica Zurowski (<i>mother of Tom</i>)
Kathryn Krubsack (<i>niece of Irmgard Swanson</i>)	

Benevolence ministries

Beyond Hunger

In Thanksgiving For

The wedding of **Adina Klein and Nathan Krout** (son of Dan and Christa Krout)

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*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

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

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

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
Gary Howell, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Jeff Cribbs
Karen Rohde and Mary Margaret Bartley
Isaiah and Adrienne Reuhle-May
John and Paul Lochner
Dan and Julie Lehmann
Bob and Kathryn Jandeska
Justin Martin and Andrew Costello
Kontras Quartet
Eleanor Bartsch, violin
François Henkins, violin
Ben Weber, viola
Jean Hatmaker, cello

Deacon

Lectors

Crucifer/Bible Bearer Meredith Brayton and Stephanie VanDriesen

Altar Guild

Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson and Ellie Schnack

Ushers

Ted Anton and Tom Swanson

Gift Bearers

Dick and Susie Calhoun

Livestream Audio/Video

Strings/Choir

Grace Parish Choir

11:00

Al Swanson

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, FEBRUARY 20

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.
New Member Class (Conference Room).....9:45 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Building Closed – Presidents’ Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library)9:00 a.m.
Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite)7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Religion in Literature (Offsite)..... 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Overeaters Anonymous (Virtual)9:00 a.m.
Men of Grace (Atrium).....9:00 a.m.
Moms of High School & Young Adults – Bunco Night
(Fellowship Hall).....7:00 p.m.

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Text a dollar amount to 833-471-1346, Grace’s text-to-give number. If you’re a first-time text donor, receive a link with instructions about how to complete your donation.

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