



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023
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 most 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.

Altar Flowers can be sponsored by members to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please stop by the front desk for more information.

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

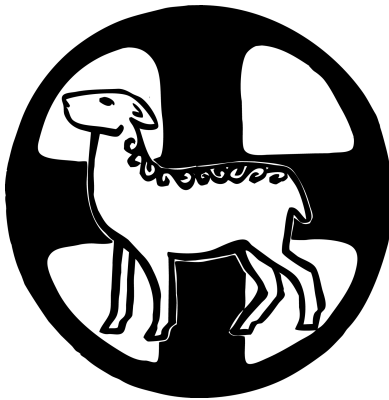
In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

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

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

As We Gather

In recent years, we've become accustomed to keeping our eyes open for danger in public places, from airports to movie theaters to shopping malls. If we see something suspicious, we're supposed to let someone know. This is the flip side of what comes more naturally to us: inviting people to come and see the things that bring us joy or blessing. In today's gospel reading, John sees Jesus. And then he speaks up: "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" This pattern is repeated throughout the reading, as Jesus' public ministry begins. At the heart is Jesus himself, who invites us to come and see. Today, we see Jesus revealed in our midst in Word and sacrament. Today we see the Word, the Lamb of God. Now go. Say something!



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: O God of Light

Richard Hillert

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 stand and face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: O God of Light

(green) **LBW #237**

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



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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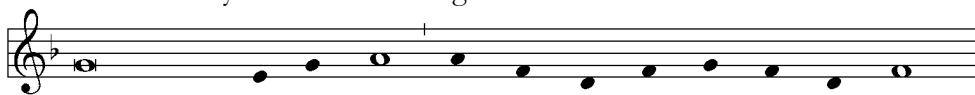
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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



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.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever,
that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,
follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
and that Israel might be gathered to him,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength —
⁶he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
"Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1–12

ANTIPHON: I love to do your will, O my God.

- L** I waited patiently up- | on the Lord;*
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.
- C** **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;***
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.
- L** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;*
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the Lord.
- C** **Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!***
They do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods.
- L** Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
How great your wonders and your | plans for us!*
- There is none who can be com- | pared with you.
- C** **Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!***
But they are more than | I can count.
- L** In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;*
you have given me | ears to hear you;
- C** **burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,***
and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come.
- L** In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:*
- ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart.’”
- C** **I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;***
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O | Lord, you know.
- L** Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;*
- I have not concealed your love and faithfulness
from the great | congregation.
- C** **You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;***
let your love and your faithfulness keep me | safe forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

We stand and join in singing the refrain as indicated.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 1:4

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

C **REFRAIN**



HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29–42

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

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

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P The Gospel of the Lord.

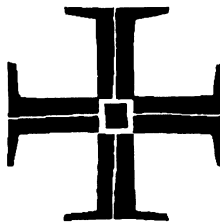
G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: If You See Something, Say Something

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 1:29–42



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Only Son from Heaven

(green) **LBW #86**

(11:00) Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by J. S. Bach.



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!
3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,
4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



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



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly
grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -
that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en
be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us and bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt.
Music: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

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: The Only Son from Heaven

David Maxwell

We stand.

OFFERTORY VERSE: John 2:11, 10

Michael D. Costello

Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Everyone serves the good wine first, but you have kept the good wine until now.

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.

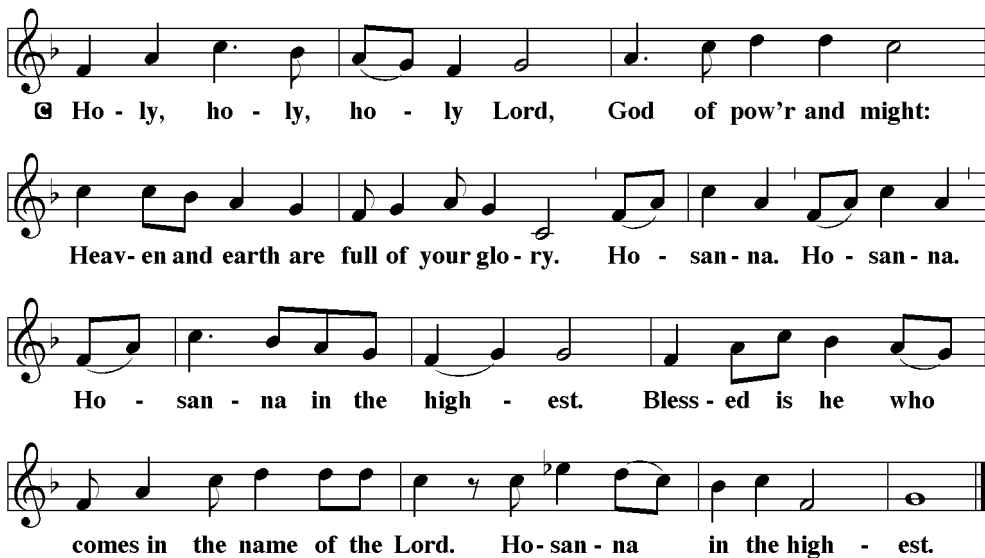


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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:



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.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

- 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 Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

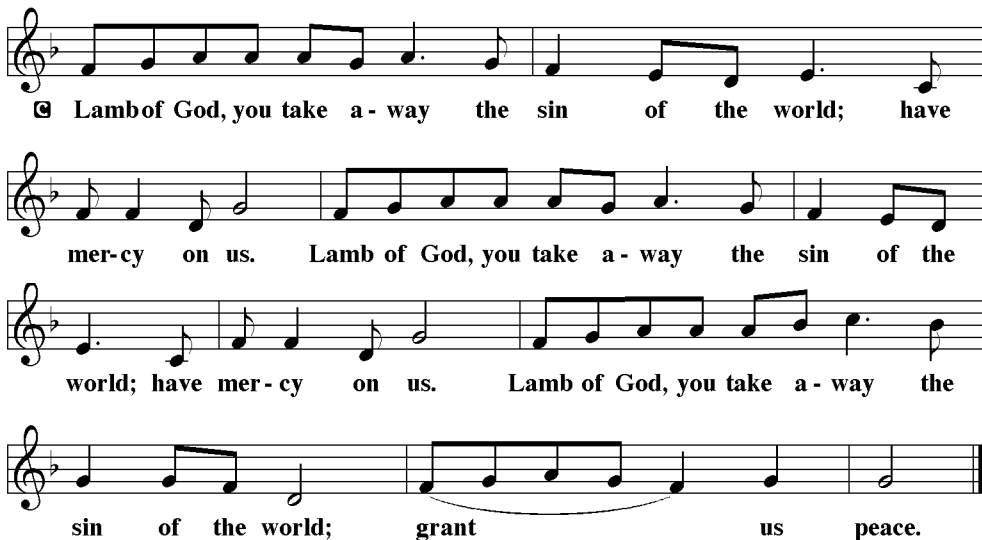
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

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.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** Lamb of God

F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy!
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer;
Our sins by thee were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

Nicolaus Decius, 1531; tr. Arthur T. Russell

HYMN: He Comes to Us as One Unknown

(blue) **WOV #768**



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.

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 Let us pray.

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: Rise, Shine, You People!

(green) LBW #393



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: The Only Son from Heaven, BWV 601

Johann Sebastian Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

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

8:30

Amy Claud
Paul Eichwedel, Gwen Gotsch
Hudson Schedler, Zach Morgan
Bob and Kathryn Jandeska
Thomas Ewart, John Sanger
Catherine Amato, Liz Hanson

Susan Bogner, Sabrina Maggio
Liz Hanson, Eunice Eifert

Deacon
Lectors
Crucifer/Bible Bearer
Gift Bearers
Ushers
Altar Guild
Choir
Greeters
Livestream audio/video

11:00

Lori Martin
Carrie and David Simpson
Nicholas Greig, Luke Murphy
Neal Armstrong, Carol Ewald
Eliza Grahnke
Jane Andrew, Roberta Gillespie
Parish Choir
Kathryn Jandeska

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 Collene Berghaus (*daughter-in-law of Len and Judy Berghaus*)
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 Susan Hickey (*former member of Grace*)
 Clarence Hinz (*father of Julie Hinz*)
 Margaret Hofmaier (*mother of Barbara Hofmaier*)

Owen Huffman (*son of Eileen and Shawn Huffman*)
 Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)
 Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
 Maxx Kusper (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
 Eunice Larsen (*mother of Rebecca Dahlstrom*)
 Beverly and Charles Leistico (*parents of Sue Foran*)
 Kozene Lofton (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
 John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)
Anita Lyle (*mother of Dave Lyle*)
 Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)
 Pam Mattox (*friend of many at Grace*)
 Stacy Maugans (*friend of Johanna Johnson*)
 Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)
 Betty McClerren (*aunt of Stephanie Wilkening*)
 Dwight Nelson (*father of Annalise Nelson Balock*)
 Louis and Gloria Nuechterlein (*brother and sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)
 Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
 James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
 Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
 Mark Redheffer (*son of Virginia Walker*)
 John Riley (*father of Karin Danganan*)
 Larry Schneekloth (*friend of Bob Burke*)
 Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
 Lee Stephens (*brother of Tony*)
 Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)
 Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
 Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)
 Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)
 Bill Werner (*friend of Richard Martens and Grace School alum*)
 Ellen Williams (*daughter of Greg and Cindy Rohlfing*)
 Jordan Williams (*son-in-law of Greg and Cindy Rohlfing*)
 Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan & David Franzone*)
 Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
 Don and Arleta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

Beyond Hunger (OPRF Food Pantry)

For those who mourn

Leonard Berghaus

Thomas Kovacs (*friend of Dave Lyle*)

Mike Calhoun (*brother of Dick Calhoun*)

Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

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

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

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 who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Tim Sandvoss

Christopher Davis

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

Those who need encouragement

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

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

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, JANUARY 15

Library Open (self-service, coffee)..... 8:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
Worship – Holy Communion8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
All Ages Service Project (Gym)9:45 a.m.
No Adult Ed, Sunday School, Confirmation, Teen Talk

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Building Closed (Martin Luther King Day)
Evangelism Committee (Virtual)..... 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Knitting Group (Church Library)1:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

School Chapel8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library)9:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer..... 11:00 a.m.
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall) 11:30 a.m.
Stephen Ministry Leaders (Church Library) 2:30 p.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room)..... 6:30 p.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center)..... 6:30 p.m.
Justice and Peace Committee (Conf Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

GriefShare (Church Library)9:00 a.m.
Boy Scouts (3rd Floor Commons) 7:30 p.m.
Religion in Literature (Offsite) 8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Worship – Holy Communion8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers..... 3:45 p.m.

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