



Welcome to

## Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send  
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



### Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the  
inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover  
to tell us more about you.

### Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the  
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)  
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page  
about additional resources for worship.

### Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements  
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us  
online at [www.graceriverforest.org](http://www.graceriverforest.org).

### The Holy Communion

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

## **Welcome to Grace**

Welcome 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.

## **Children's Resources**

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

## **Nursery Care**

The nursery is open and staffed 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.

## **Holy Communion**

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, 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.

## **Assistance in Worship**

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. 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.

## **Electronic Devices**

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

## **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.

## **Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers are sponsored by Deb Schmidt-Rogers and Chris Rogers in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **As We Gather**

Call stories abound in our texts today. Samuel has his eyes opened from slumber by the call of the Lord, even if it takes Eli's assistance to realize it is the Lord who is speaking. Nathanael's eyes are opened in a different way. He isn't sleeping, but blinded by prejudice. Can anything good come out of Nazareth? Well, come and see. Samuel and Nathanael are surprised to find that their lives are turned upside down when God calls them. The same can be said for Philip and Paul. The same can be said for you and for me. Our names may not be long remembered, but God calls us to see and follow Jesus here and now. May Samuel's words be our words: "Speak, for your servant is listening."



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal

Setting by Benjamin Culli

*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.**

**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**

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

**G** **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.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer,  
for the countless blessings and benefits you give.

May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you,  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:1–20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

*The reading continues on the next page.*

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

ℒ The Word of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 139: 1–5, 12–17

ANTIPHON: Lord, you have searched me out and known me.

John Folkening

ℒ Lord, you have searched me | out and known me;\*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.

☞ **You trace my journeys and my | resting-places\*  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.**

ℒ Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,\*  
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.

☞ **You press upon me behind | and before\*  
and lay your | hand upon me.**

ℒ Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;\*  
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

☞ **For you yourself created my | inmost parts;\*  
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.**

ℒ I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;\*  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.

☞ **My body was not hid- | den from you,\*  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths | of the earth.**

ℒ Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written | in your book;\*  
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was | none of them.

☞ **How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!\*  
How great is the | sum of them!**

ℒ If I were to count them, they would be more in number | than the sand;\*  
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like yours.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** John 1:41, 17b

John Ferguson

*We join in singing:*



**Choir** We have found the Messiah:  
Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth.

**G** **REFRAIN**



## HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:43–51

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

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON:** An Eye-Opening Word

Pastor David R. Lyle  
John 1:42–51; 1 Samuel 3:1–20



*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** The Son of God, Our Christ

*(green)* **LBW #434**

*The choir sings stanza three in a harmonization by Michael D. Costello.*



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,  
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,  
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare  
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,  
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;  
these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;  
to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,  
may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,  
what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be  
and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought  
to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,  
and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,  
that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.  
the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.  
de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.  
o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.  
and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

Text: Edward M. Blumenfeld, b. 1927, alt.

Music: SURSUM CORDA, Alfred M. Smith, 1879–1971

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**☩ 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.**

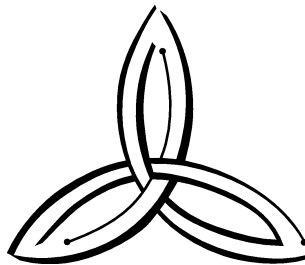
**He descended into hell.**

**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,  
**G** **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.  
**G** **Amen.**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Canzonetta

Alfredo d'Ambrosio

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** John 2:11, 10

Michael D. Costello

Jesus manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.  
Everyone serves the good wine first, but you have saved the good wine until now.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**G** **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.



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.



To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



☐ A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

☑ **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.**

☐ The gifts of God for the people of God.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

☐ 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.*

*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

### 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

### VOLUNTARY: O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

Setting by Robert J. Powell



**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.

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** Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those  
whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

# ✠ SENDING ✠

## BENEDICTION

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

✪ Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised

(green) LBW #503



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.

Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** O Jesus, I Have Promised

Michael D. Costello

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Val Spiller, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Brianna Wurpts, alto saxophone

Owen Kaiser, horn

Jacob Kimble, bass clarinet

Eileen Maggio, Al Swanson, lectors

Evelyn Walsh, Jackson Brayton, crucifer/Bible bearer

Paulette Reddel, Donna Serpico, gift bearers

Thomas Ewert, Paul Koester, John Sanger, Alex Tan, ushers

Roberta Gillespie, Gerlinde VanDriesen, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Allison and Avery Tan, greeters

Anne Claud, Eunice Eifert, livestream audio/video

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## LET US PRAY...

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 Mike Arvis (*uncle of Grace student Luke Murphy*)  
 Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
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 David Eastman (*brother of Pat Anderson*)  
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 Debbie Frederick (*friend of Bob Burke*)  
 Benjamin Galiher (*nephew of Paul May*)  
 Chandramma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)  
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 Sharon Mitchell (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)  
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 Louis and Gloria Nuechterlein (*relatives of Eunice Spurgat*)  
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 Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

## Benevolence ministries

Appalachia Service Project

## In thanksgiving for

The 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Deb Schmidt-Rogers** and **Chris Rogers**

## For those who mourn

**Nicholas Grosz** (*brother-in-law of Bob Shaner*)

**Bob Gilliland** (*godfather of Tom Thomas*)

## Those serving in the armed services

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

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

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 studying abroad

Lila Shea (*England*)

**Isabella Staples** (*The Netherlands*)

## Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Tim Sandvoss

Christopher Davis

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

## Those who need encouragement

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

*Prayer requests can be made through the church office. Contact Esther Armstrong ([eamstrong@gracriverforest.org](mailto:eamstrong@gracriverforest.org)) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht ([kathy.lucht@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lucht@gmail.com)) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.*

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# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, JANUARY 14

- Library Open (self service) ..... 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Grace Gathers** (Fellowship Hall) ..... 8:45 a.m.
- Epiphany Activities – All Ages (Fellowship Hall) ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Holy Communion** ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Health Cabinet (8<sup>th</sup> Grade Classroom) ..... 11:15 a.m.
- Worship Committee (1902 Room) ..... 11:30 a.m.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 15

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- School Chapel Service** ..... 8:25 a.m.
- Cornerstones Bible Study (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Morning Prayer** ..... 11:30 a.m.
- Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall) ..... 12:00 p.m.
- Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- GriefShare (Conference room) ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library) ..... 9:30 a.m.
- Moms of Littles (Youth Center) ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.
- Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- Theology on Tap (Offsite) ..... 7:00 p.m.
- Religion in Literature (Offsite) ..... 7:30 p.m.

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