



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.

The Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 28, 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 today by the Wilkie family in loving memory of Wes Wilkie.

As We Gather

Jesus has shown up on the scene, announcing the coming of the Kingdom and calling his first disciples. Immediately, the powers and principalities mount their resistance. While the people in the synagogue recognize something in Jesus, the unclean spirit knows exactly who he is. Jesus is Holy One of God, the long-promised prophet like Moses who is also so much more. Jesus brings the immediate presence of God into this world. The forces of evil, so very strong, are no match for him. As those who have been baptized into Christ, we are called to push back against evil and all things demonic, trusting that the little word of faith will subdue all that opposes the peaceable reign of God.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Trumpet Tune in B-flat

Mark Shepperd

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: O God of Light

(green) **LBW #237**

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.

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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.

G And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



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



B 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.

Compassionate God,
you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence
and continually reveal your Son as our Savior.
Bring wholeness to all that is broken
and speak truth to us in our confusion,
that all creation will see and know your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

[Moses said:] The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak — that prophet shall die."

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

ANTIPHON: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Hal Hopson

℟ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

☞ **Great are the deeds | of the Lord!***

They are studied by all who de- | light in them.

℟ His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,*
and his righteousness en- | dures forever.

☞ **He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;***
the Lord is gracious and full | of compassion.

℟ He gives food to | those who fear him;*
he is ever mindful | of his covenant.

☞ **He has shown his people the power | of his works***
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

℟ The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;*
all his command- | ments are sure.

☞ **They stand fast forev- | er and ever,***
because they are done in | truth and equity.

℟ He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant forever;*
holy and awesome | is his name.

☞ **The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom;***
those who act accordingly have a good understanding.
His praise en- | dures forever.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not bring us close to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no

better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:16

John Ferguson

We join in singing:



Choir The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light;
for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned.

G **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:21–28

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

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

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Cast Out, O Christ

ACS #1016

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the
 2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are
 3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you
 4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that
 5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that
 Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -
 sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you
 break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,
 de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.
 plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.
 brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.
 home in peace to live your gos - pel call.
 sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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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.

G **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/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 with us as we move on.

Refrain

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*

Shirley Erena Murray

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Psalm 31:16, 19

David N. Johnson

Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!
O how abundant is your goodness, which you have laid up for those who fear you,
and wrought for those who take refuge in you, in the sight of all people.

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.

☐ 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.

☑ **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.

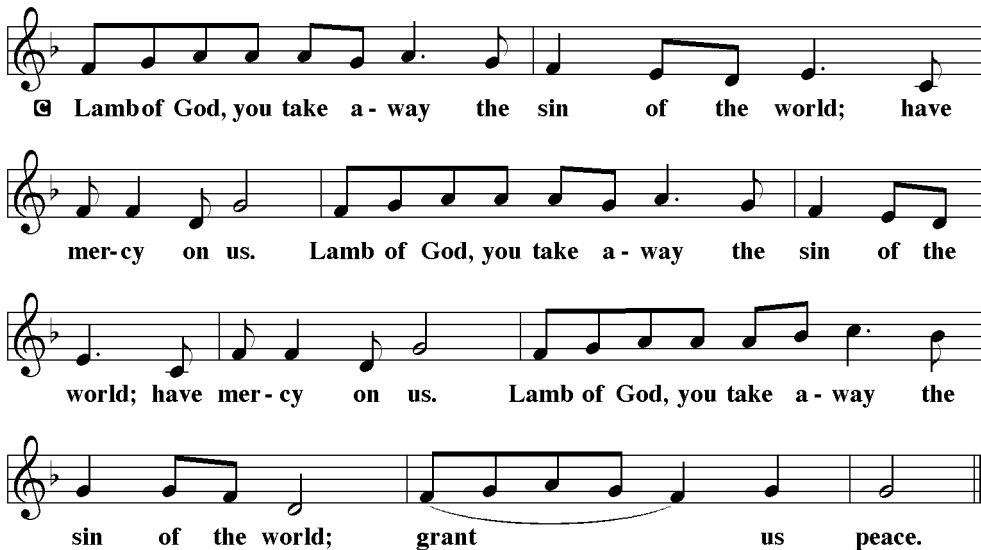
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

ANTHEM: Praise to the Lord

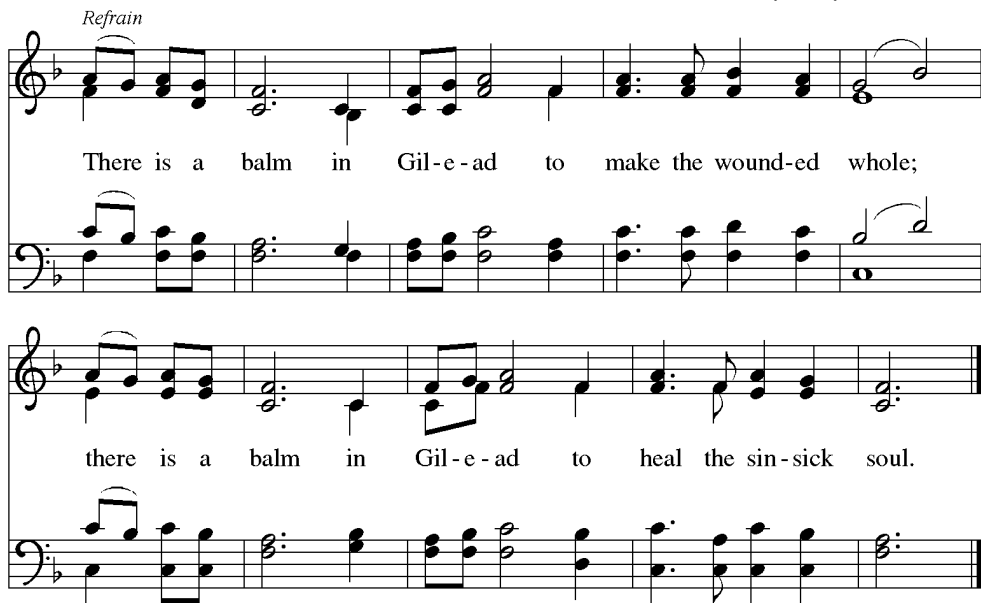
Hugo Distler

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation.
Oh my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration.
Praise to the Lord who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.
Shielded thee under his wings so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth.

HYMN: There is a Balm in Gilead

(blue) **WOV #737**

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain
 but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

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

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Rise, Shine You People!

(green) LBW #393



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark-ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free-dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion his new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, b. 1934

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in G

Jeremy Bankson

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
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Sandy Lentz, Henry Schueler, lectors
Laney Juel, Katharina Sonksen, crucifer/Bible bearer
Bob and Kathryn Jandeska, gift bearers
Thomas Ewert, Mike Gillespie, Michael Nelson, ushers
Catherine Amato, Gerlinde VanDriesen, altar guild
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Marcia Kruse (*mother-in-law of Carl Wahlstrom*)
Alice Lindberg (*sister of Carol Prinz*)
Kozene Lofton (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
John Lunde (*friend of Susan Messerli*)
Pam Mattox (*former member of Grace*)
Betty McClerren (*aunt of Stephanie Wilkening*)
Charles Miller (*friend of Ruth Reko*)
Sharon Mitchell (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)
Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)
John Noris (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Louis Nuechterlein (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)
Louis and Gloria Nuechterlein (*relatives of Eunice Spurgat*)
Ryan O'Neil (*friend of the Johnson family*)
Sharon Peridis (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)
Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)
James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
John Riley (*father of Karin Danganan*)
Joan Seevers (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)
Joel Somers (*friend of Susan Scherer*)
Leah Stanger (*daughter-in-law of Carol and John Stanger*)
Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)
Jill Sunderman (*mother of Elyssa Salinas Lazarski*)
Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)
Mary Lou Wagoner (*sister-in-law of Stan Reddel*)
Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)
Amy Wischhusen (*relative of Ann Mason*)
Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

Benevolence ministries

Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic

For those who mourn

Galen Gockel

Jonathan Mindrum

Anita Lyle (*mother of Dave Lyle, grandmother of Greta, Anders and Torsten Lyle*)

Bernadine Lonak (*friend of Stephanie and Lance Wilkening*)

Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)

Ione Hanson (*friend of many at Grace*)

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 (earmstrong@graceriverforest.org) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht (kathy.lucht@gmail.com) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, JANUARY 28

Library Open (self service)	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall)	8:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room).....	9:00 a.m.
Bible Study (Conference Room).....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery).....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Gr 1-4 (3 rd Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Faith Formation, Gr 5-6 (6 th Grade Classroom).....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation (School Library)	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
Congregation Meeting (Fellowship Hall).....	11:15 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room).....	3:00 p.m.
Bach Cantata Vespers	3:45 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

Stephen Ministry Training (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministers (Church Library)	7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room)	7:00 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones Bible Study (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room).....	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

GriefShare (Church Library)	9:00 a.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center).....	6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 p.m.
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.

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