



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

Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 11, 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 the Henry, Scherer, Bonebrake and Kaszuba families in loving memory of Margo K. Bonebrake and Marjorie Keene.

As We Gather

The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Processional Jubilee

Anna Laura Page

We stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Thy Strong Word

(green) **LBW #233**

The choir sings stanzas two and four in settings by Carl Schalk.



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

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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 people on earth.



G Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth
shines from the mountaintop into our hearts.

Transfigure us by your beloved Son,
and illumine the world with your image,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 2:1–12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

 The Word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:1–6

ANTIPHON: God reveals himself in glory.

Richard Hillert

- L** The Lord, the God of | gods, has spoken;*
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.
- G Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,***
God reveals him- | self in glory.
- L** Our God will come and will | not keep silence;*
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a | raging storm.
- G He calls the heavens and the earth | from above***
to witness the judgment | of his people.
- L** "Gather before me my | loyal followers,*
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with sacrifice."
- G Let the heavens declare the rightness | of his cause;***
for God him- | self is judge.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:3–6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Luke 9:35

John Ferguson

We join in singing:



Choir This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!

G REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9:2–9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: Only Jesus

Pastor David R. Lyle
Mark 9:2–9



We stand.


HYMN OF THE DAY: Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

(green) **LBW #80**

The choir sings stanza four in a harmonization by John Folkening.




1 Oh, won - drous type! Oh, vi - sion fair
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray,
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
5 O Fa - ther, with the_e - ter - nal Son



of glo - ry that the church may share,
the_in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y;
and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
and from the cloud, the Ho - ly One
what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
for which in joy - ful strains we raise
we pray you, bring us by your grace



where bright - er than the sun he glows!
bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
who joy in God with per - fect love.
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

NICENE CREED

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

C **We believe in one God,**
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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: Oh, Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

Michael D. Costello

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: 1 John 3:2–3

David N. Johnson

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be,
but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
And all who thus hope in him purify themselves as he is pure.

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.

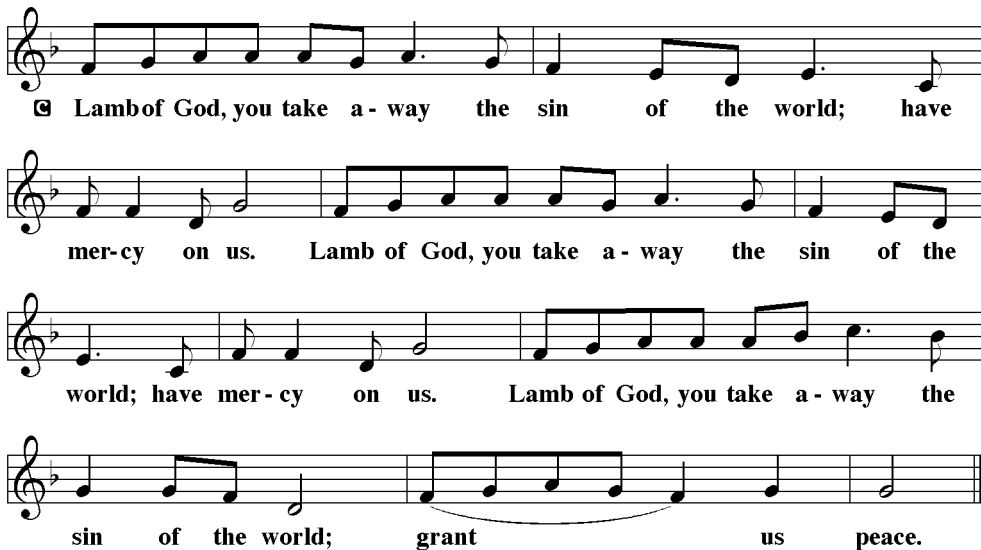
P The gifts of God for the people of God.

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: Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

Paul Bouman

Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him. Alleluia.

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting. Alleluia.

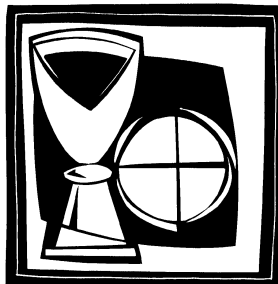
Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in the thunder
Jesus as his Son by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder! Alleluia.

This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before him;
First and last and only One, let creation now adore him! Alleluia.

Brian Wren, © 1977 Hope Publishing Company

VOLUNTARY: Morning Song

Kevin McChesney



HYMN: You, Lord, are Lamb and Shepherd

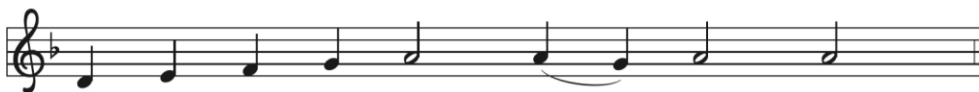
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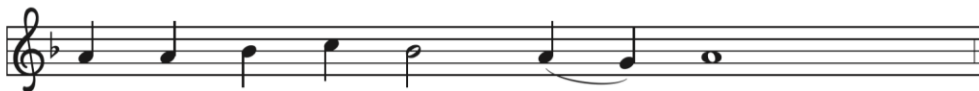
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



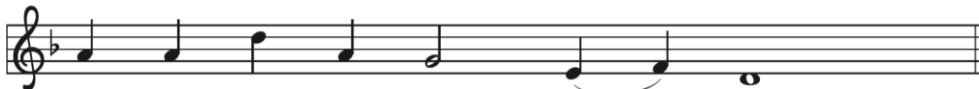
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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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.

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.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

(blue) **WOV #654**

Stanza three is sung by the choir in a setting by Michael D. Costello.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can-not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Lead our prais - es, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,




al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles now are we.
for the sol-emn time is com-ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

DISMISSAL

 Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Michael D. Costello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Susie Calhoun, deacon

Strike Team, bell choir

Gwen Gotsch, director

Grace Parish Choir, choir

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Eunice Eifert, Deborah Maxwell, lectors

Luke Murphy, crucifer

Lois Harb, Stan Reddel, gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Eliza Grahne, John Sanger, ushers

Catherine Amato, Donna Serpico, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Kathryn Jandeska, Ruth Reko, greeters

Liz Hanson, Al Swanson, livestream audio/video

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Irene Buchbinder (*mother of Paul Buchbinder*)

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James Crone (*son of Valerie Crone, grandson of Eunice Spurgat*)

Shawn Dahlstrand (*friend of many at Grace*)

Nancy Demas (*sister of Thomas Demas and Mary Demas*)

Debra Detweiler (*friends of the Lyle and Lehmann families*)

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David Eastman (*brother of Pat Anderson*)

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Nancy Epp (*sister of Pat Anderson*)

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Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)

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Robert Sroga

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@gracriverforest.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, FEBRUARY 11

- Library Open (self service)9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Grace Gathers** (Fellowship Hall)8:45 a.m.
- Breakfast and Lent Activities, hosted by the Confirmands and Mentors (Fellowship Hall)8:45 a.m.
- Worship – Holy Communion**10:00 a.m.
- Worship Committee (1902 Room).....11:30 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Stephen Ministry Training (Conference Room).....7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Retired Leaders (Church Library).....10:00 a.m.
- Property Committee (Conference Room)7:00 p.m.
- Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room).....7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes**.....8:25 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
- Cornerstones Bible Study (Church Library)10:00 a.m.
- Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall)12:00 p.m.
- Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- GriefShare (Church Library).....9:00 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.
- Boy Scouts (3rd Floor Commons).....7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- Religion in Literature (offsite).....7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- Chicago a cappella Concert (Sanctuary)7:30 p.m.

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