



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

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 19, 2025

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

Flowers may be sponsored to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please see the front desk for details.

As We Gather

What a time to run out of wine! Jesus, on the third day since his baptism, finds himself at a wedding. To the horror of the wedding planner, no doubt, the wine gives out before the people do. Emptiness emerges in the midst of celebration. Jesus' presence, however, changes everything. Using simple water and six stone jars, Jesus produces wine of the finest quality, and in abundance. In Jesus, the rites of purification give way to God's provision. This first of Jesus' signs is hidden; there are few who know the wine's provenance. But this first sign begins to show forth who Jesus is. He is the One who, on another third day, will emerge from the old ways of death as the first, and best, fruit of the new creation.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Trois Pièces

1. Moderato

Nadia Boulanger
arr. Katherine Needleman

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: Now the Silence

(green) **LBW #205**



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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

Glo - ry to God in the high-est and
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly
king, al-might-y God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo - ry to God in the
high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath-er, 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 Fath - er: re -
ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the high-est and

peace to God's peo-ple on earth. 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 Fath - er. A - - - men. Glo - ry to

God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, source of every blessing,

you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son,
who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

We sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1–5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

L The Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

ANTIPHON: We feast upon the abundance of your house, O Lord.

- ℣ Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,*
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.
- ☩ **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like | the great deep;***
you save both humans and | beasts, O LORD.
- ℣ How priceless is your | love, O God!*
- Your people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.
- ☩ **They feast upon the abundance | of your house;***
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.
- ℣ For with you is the | well of life,*
and in your light | we see light.
- ☩ **Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,***
and your favor to those who are | true of heart.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

- ℣ The Word of the Lord
- ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: John 2:11

John Ferguson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

G **REFRAIN** (*below*)



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

G **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1–11

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

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: The Best for Last

Pastor David R. Lyle
John 2:1–11

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

(blue) **WOV #648**



All 1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,
All 2 Je - sus, come! trans-form our plea - sures, guide us in - to
Choir 3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion, heav'n brought near in
All 4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness, make us will - ing



friend and Lord; now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,
paths un - known; bring your gifts, com-mand your ser - vants,
pow'r di - vine; give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,
to re - ceive more than we can yet im - ag - ine,



speak and let us hear your word: lead us through our need or
let us trust in you a - lone: though your hand may work in
chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine: rouse the faith of your dis -
all the best you have to give: let us find your hid - den



doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

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Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905-1958

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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

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Trois Mélodies, Op. 7

Gabriel Fauré

1. Après une Rêve

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: John 2:11, 10

David N. Johnson

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

☞ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

☞ **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



♩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- ♩ It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☩ 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



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: Luther's Morning Prayer

Carl F. Schalk

I thank you, heavenly Father,
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.
You kept me safely through the night
and brought me to the morning light.

Be with me through this day, I pray,
and keep me safe from Satan's sway
that all I think or do or say
please only you, my Strength and Stay.

Into your hands I now commend
my body and soul until life's end.
Your angel keep me safe from harm
until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.

VOLUNTARY: Come Down, O Love Divine

Setting by Benjamin M. Culli

HYMN: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LBW #224



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and
 3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -
 4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,
 glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;
 pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less
 dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -
 quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed
 though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of
 joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,
 por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your
 heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious
 fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."
 con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.
 me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

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 Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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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.

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

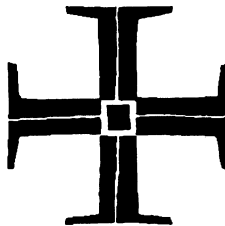
C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN: We All Are One in Mission

(blue) **WOV #755**



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: We All Are One in Mission

Michael D. Costello

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Deborah Maxwell, assisting minister

Neal Armstrong, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Natalie Johnson, oboe

Henry Schueler, cello

Meghan Mullins, piano

Owen Kaiser, horn

Sandy Lentz, Eileen Maggio, lectors

Emily Nichols, Annelise Walsh, crucifer/Book bearer

Bob Jandeska, Kathryn Jandeska, gift bearers

Richard Calhoun, Thomas Ewert, Susan Scherer, Susan Weber, ushers

Donna Serpico, Tina Baird, altar guild

Susan Bogner, Ruth Reko, greeters

Tom Swanson, Michael Starrick, livestream audio/video

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LET US PRAY...

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| Ann Bresnen | Karen Eckstein | Patricia Herendeen | Linda Schwab |
| Miriam Bretscher | Louis Elia | Phyllis Kersten | Frank Senn |
| MaryBeth Buschmann | Carol Forrest | John Lattyak | Beth Smoots |
| Marilyn Busse | Susan Franzone | Jim McClanahan | Rhea Sprecher |
| Meg Busse | Hena Gantepalli | Carol Prinz | Irmgard Swanson |
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| David Benson (<i>nephew of Eunice Spurgat</i>) | Maureen Jordan (<i>friend of Al Swanson</i>) |
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Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

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

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Those studying abroad

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David Franzone

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Kathleen Wrobel

Karen McMahon

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) 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 19

Grace Gathers (Fellowship Hall)..... **8:45 a.m.**
 Library Open (self-service) **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
 Bible Study (Conference Room) **9:00 a.m.**
 Faith Formation PK-SK (Nursery) **9:00 a.m.**
 Faith Formation Gr 1-6 (3rd Floor Commons)..... **9:00 a.m.**
 Confirmation, Gr 7&8 (School Library)..... **9:00 a.m.**
Worship – Holy Communion **10:00 a.m.**
 Worship Committee (1902 Room)..... **11:30 a.m.**

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Building closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 Evangelism Committee (Offsite)..... **7:00 p.m.**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Grief Share (Church Library) **10:00 a.m.**
 Yoga (Fellowship Hall) **6:30 p.m.**
 Women's Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... **7:30 p.m.**
 Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room) **7:30 p.m.**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Young Adult Theology on Tap (Offsite)..... **7:00 p.m.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Men Of Grace (Atrium)..... **9:00 a.m.**

David R. Lyle, Senior Pastor
Troy E. Medlin, Associate Pastor
F. Dean Lueking, Pastor Emeritus
Michael D. Costello, Cantor
Taylor-Imani Gates, Principal
Julie Modrich, Children's Ministry Coordinator
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