



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

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 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 honor the memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion. Please see the front desk for details.

As We Gather

Isaiah and Simon find themselves in similar predicaments, if from opposite directions. Isaiah is called in a vision out of this world, into the heavenly throne room. Simon is simply minding his own business when heaven, in the person of Jesus, comes down to him. Their reactions are similar. The presence of the divine causes them to become intensely aware of their own sin and unworthiness. But their sin is not more than God can handle. With forgiveness comes a new call, one that cannot be overcome by past failures or future fears. So it is for us. Jesus comes to us, empty-handed as we are, and calls us to the great work of fishing for people. God sends us forth from this place today, fed and forgiven, to share the good news and catch up people in God's reign.



✝ GATHERING ✝

PRELUDE: Fantasy on the Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Piet Post

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: Holy, Holy, Holy

(green) LBW #165

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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 -'.

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.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory,
 and before you angels and saints stand in awe.
 Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world,
 and by your grace make us heralds of your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

Ubi caritas, deus ibi est.
Where there is charity and love, God is there.

We have gathered in this place,
Joining hearts in love and praise,
Giving thanks to God above,
We go out to serve in love.

Based on John 13:34

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1–13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ⁹And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹Then I said, “How long, O Lord?”
And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,

and houses without people,
 and the land is utterly desolate;
¹²until the LORD sends everyone far away,
 and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.
¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it,
 it will be burned again,
 like a terebinth or an oak
 whose stump remains standing
 when it is felled."
 The holy seed is its stump.

L The Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

Daniel Kallman

ANTIPHON: I will bow down toward your holy temple.

- L** I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;*
 before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- G I will bow down toward your holy temple and | praise your name,*
 because of your | love and faithfulness;**
- L** for you have glori- | fied your name*
 and your word a- | bove all things.
- G When I called, you | answered me;*
 you increased my | strength within me.**
- L** All the kings of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,*
 when they have heard the words | of your mouth.
- G They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,*
 that great is the glory | of the LORD.**
- L** Though the LORD be high, he cares | for the lowly;*
 he perceives the haughty | from afar.
- G Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;*
 you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
 your right | hand shall save me.**
- L** The LORD will make good his pur- | pose for me;*
 O LORD, your love endures forever;
 do not abandon the works | of your hands.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

[St. Paul writes:] Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you — unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them — though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:19

John Ferguson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir Jesus says, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

C **REFRAIN**



HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 5:1–11

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

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

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

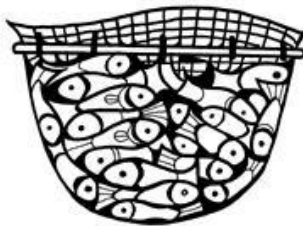
G **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Empty Netter

Pastor David R. Lyle
Luke 5:1–11; Isaiah 6:1–13



We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW #798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



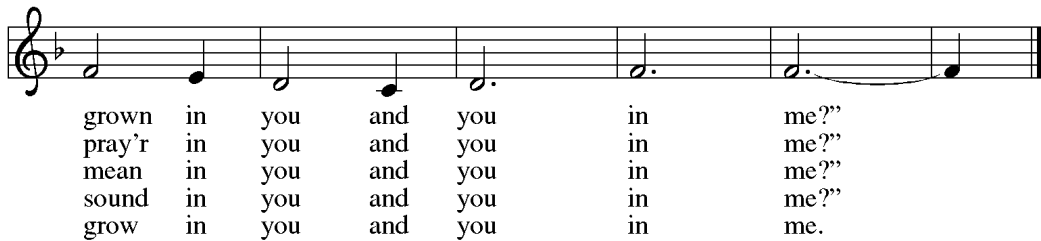
know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



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 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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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,
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/ANTHEM: Walk as Children of Light

Terry D. Taylor

Who will shine in the darkness?
Who will shine in the night?
Who will shine in the darkness?
Who will walk as children of light?

Once we were lost in the night.
Now in the lord, we are light.
Let our light bear the fruit
Of all that's right and true.

Come now, shine in the darkness.
Come now shine in the night.
Come, now shine in the darkness.
Come now, let's walk as children of light!

Based on Ephesians 5:8–9

OFFERTORY VERSE: Matthew 5:3, 5–6

David N. Johnson

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

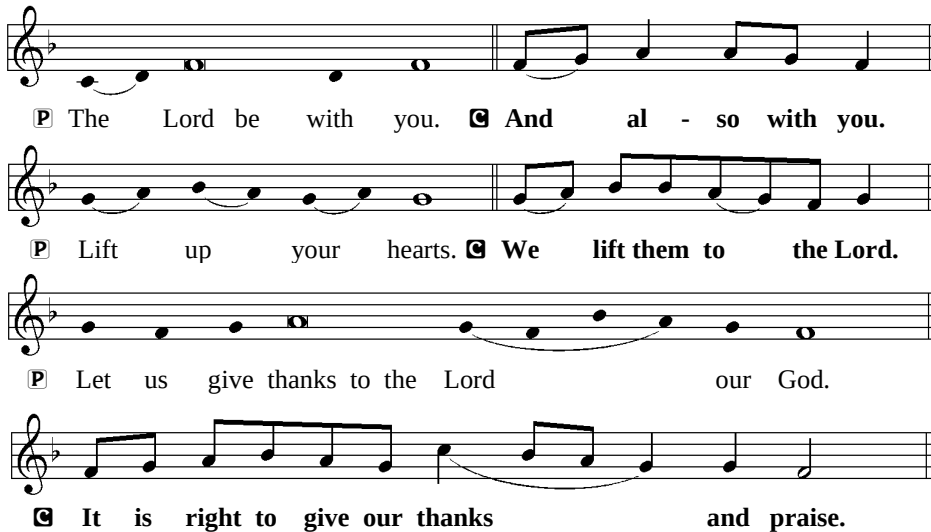
Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



 I - sa - iah in a vi - sion did of old the Lord of hosts en - throned on
high be - hold, whose splen - did train was wide out - spread un - til its stream - ing
glo - ry did the tem - ple fill. A - bove God's throne the shin - ing ser - a - phim
with six - fold wings did rev - erence un - to him. With two each ser - aph hid his
glo - rious face, and two a - bout his feet did in - ter - lace, and with the
oth - er two he soared on high, and one un - to an - oth - er thus did cry:
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly
is the Lord of hosts! His glo - ry fill - eth all the earth!" The beams and lin - tels
at their cry - ing shook, and all the house was filled with bil - lowing smoke.

❏ 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: The Fisherfolk

Betty Carr Pulkingham

They cast their nets in Galilee just off the hills of brown;
Such happy, simple fisherfolk, before the Lord came down.

Contented, peaceful, fishermen, before they ever knew
The peace of God that filled their hearts brimful, and broke them too.

Young John who trimmed the flapping sail, homeless, in Patmos died.
Peter, who hauled the teeming net, head down, was crucified.

The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod.
Yet let us pray for but one thing—the marvelous peace of God.

William A. Percy



HYMN: Here I Am, Lord

(blue) WOV #752



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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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.

G 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.

G Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

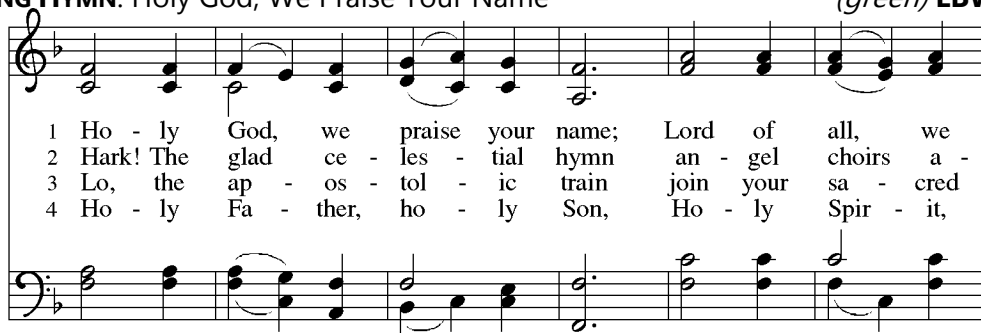
P Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

G Amen.

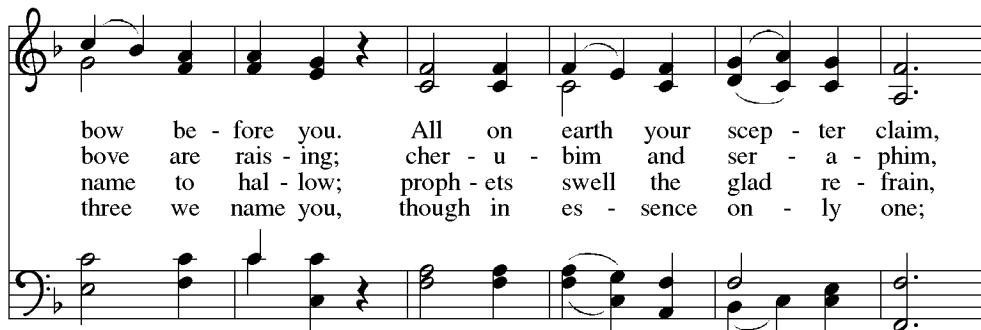


SENDING HYMN: Holy God, We Praise Your Name

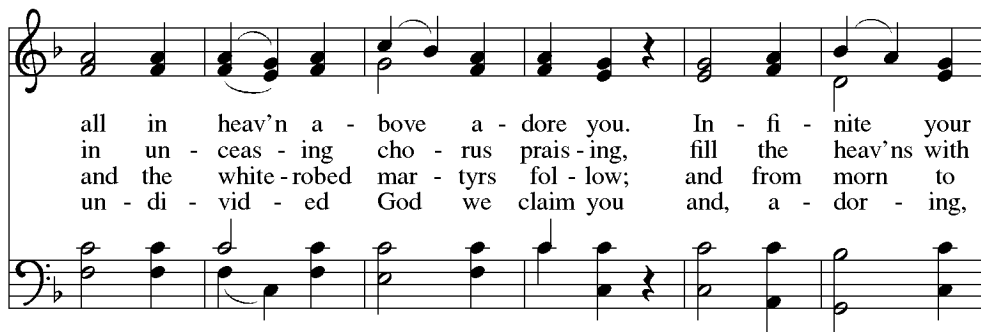
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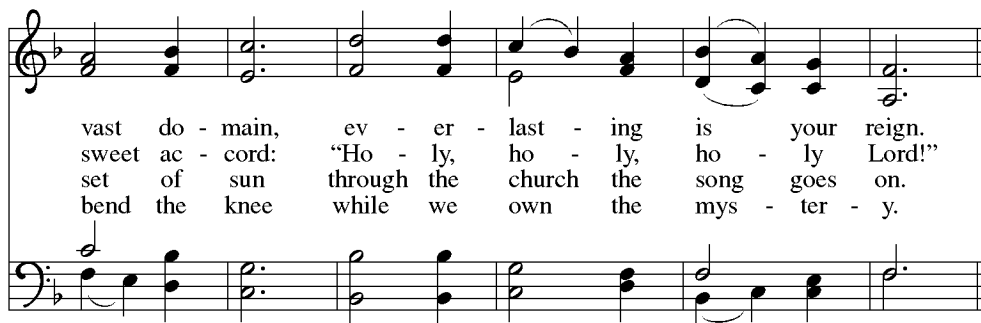
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Paul Manz

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Johanna Johnson, conductor

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Lois Harb, Donna Serpico, gift bearers

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, FEBRUARY 9	
Grace Gathers (Gym)	8:45 a.m.
Library Open (self-service)	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Conference Room)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School PK-SK (Nursery)	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Gr 1-6 (3 rd Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation, Gr 7 (5/6 Common Room).....	9:00 a.m.
Worship – Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.
High School Brunch (Offsite at IHOP)	11:15 a.m.
Worship Committee (1902 Room).....	11:30 a.m.
Graceful Evening Wine Donation Event (Fellowship Hall).....	3:00 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10	
Finance Committee (Virtual).....	7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11	
Faith Forum (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Elementary Ed Committee (1902 Room).....	7:00 p.m.
Property Committee (Conference room).....	7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12	
School Chapel Service	8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13	
Grief Share (Church Library)	10:00 a.m.
Scout Meeting (3 rd Floor Commons)	6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14	
Finding Hope (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.

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