



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 LBW and  
blue 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 [graceriverforest.org](http://graceriverforest.org).

### The Holy Communion

Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 18, 2026

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 are sponsored today in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Bob and Margaret Burke by their children, Suzanne Burke and Allison Andrews.

## **As We Gather**

Our gospel today begins with John the Baptist, but he's not interested in keeping the focus on himself. Twice we see him point to Jesus, this One whom he calls the Lamb of God. This naming of Jesus is a confession of faith, meant to elicit multiple allusions from the history of God's people: the ram in the thicket, the lamb led silently to slaughter, the sacrificial system of the Temple, and, most of all, the Passover lamb whose blood marks the people for freedom and safety in a new land. John's words grab the attention of others, including Andrew. They ask a straightforward question: "Where are you staying?" Instead of giving them an address or location, he makes an invitation: "Come and see." It turns out that Jesus has not come to stay for just a while, in one place or another. He has come to abide with us in all times and all places. Come and see the Lamb of God who takes away your sin.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

James Biery

*We stand.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

*Stanza 3 is sung by the choir.*

1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you, guest and mas - ter,  
 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  
 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!

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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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.

**C** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

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.

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever,  
that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,  
follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

## ✝ WORD ✝

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1–7

Listen to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."  
<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength —  
<sup>6</sup>he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."  
<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**L** The Word of the Lord

**G** Thanks be to God.



## PSALM 40:1–12

ANTIPHON: I love to do your will, O my God.

Michael D. Costello

- L** I waited patiently up- | on the Lord;\*  
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.
- C** **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;\***  
**he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.**
- L** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;\*  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the Lord.
- C** **Happy are they who trust | in the Lord!\***  
**They do not resort to evil spirits or turn | to false gods.**
- L** Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
How great your wonders and your | plans for us!\*
- There is none who can be com- | pared with you.
- C** **Oh, that I could make them | known and tell them!\***  
**But they are more than | I can count.**
- L** In sacrifice and offering you | take no pleasure;\*  
you have given me | ears to hear you;
- C** **burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,\***  
**and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come.**
- L** In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:\*
- ‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart.’”
- C** **I proclaimed righteousness in the great | congregation;\***  
**behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O | Lord, you know.**
- L** Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and | your deliverance;\*
- I have not concealed your love and faithfulness  
from the great | congregation.
- C** **You are the Lord; do not withhold your compas- | sion from me;\***  
**let your love and your faithfulness keep me | safe forever.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**L** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** John 1:4

John Ferguson

**Choir** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**C** **REFRAIN** (*below*)



**Choir** In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

**C** **REFRAIN**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: John 1:29–42**

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

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

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON:** Come and See

Pastor David R. Lyle  
John 1:29–42

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*(green)* **LBW #87**



- 1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
**Choir** 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth.  
all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend;



to take a - way trans-gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854

Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

## **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/ANTHEM: Behold the Lamb of God

Paul Bouman

Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1:29

In perfect love he dies; for me he dies, for me;

O all-atoning sacrifice, I cling by faith to thee.

Henry Baker, 1875

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN: Listen! You Nations

(green) **LBW #14**

*Refrain*



Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -

nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.

1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and

he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock. *Refrain*

2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the

Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts. *Refrain*

3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make  
mer-ry. Like a gar - den re-freshed by the rain, they will nev-er be in want a -  
gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach  
na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

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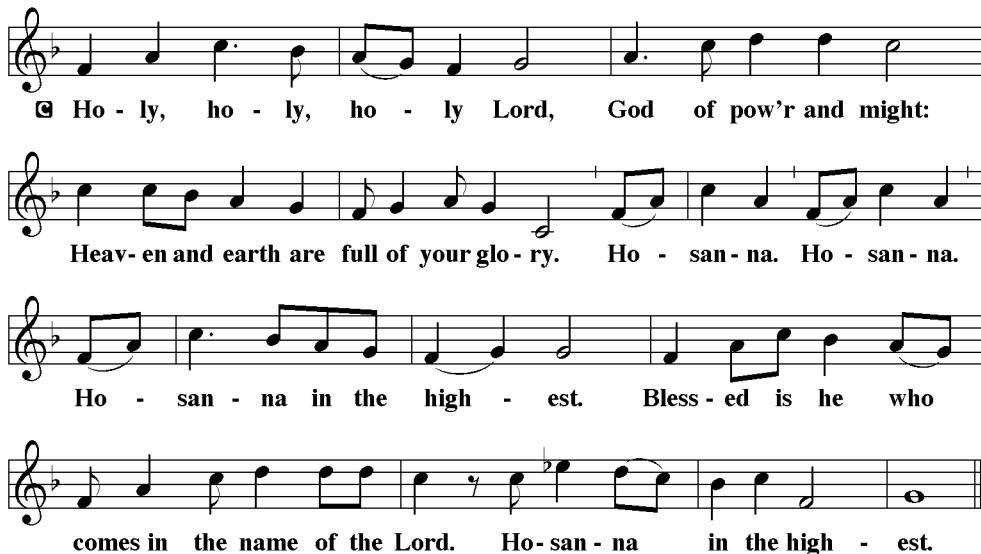
## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- 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 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.

- P** 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:

**☩ 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.

**G 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.*

**ANTHEM:** Lamb of God

F. Melius Christiansen

Lamb of God most holy!  
Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Patient still and lowly,  
Thyself to scorn didst offer;  
Our sins by thee were taken,  
Or hope had us forsaken:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

Nicolaus Decius, 1531; tr. Arthur T. Russell



1 How mar - vel - ous God's great - ness, how glo - ri - ous God's might!  
 2 Each ti - ny flow'r-et whis - pers the great life - giv - er's name;  
 3 The o - cean's vast a - byss - es in one grand psalm re - cord  
 4 The star - ry hosts are sing - ing through all the light - strewn sky



To this the world bears wit - ness in won - ders day and night;  
 the might - y moun - tain mass - es his maj - es - ty pro - claim;  
 the deep mys - ter - ious coun - sels and mer - cies of the Lord;  
 of God's ma - jes - tic tem - ple and pal - ace courts on high;



in form of flow'r and snow - flake, in morn's re - splen - dent birth,  
 the val - leys deep are hymn - ing God's shel - ter for his own;  
 the ic - y waves of win - ter are thun - d'ring on the strand;  
 when in these out - er cham - bers such glo - ry gilds the night,



in af - ter - glow at eve - ning, in sky and sea and earth.  
 the snow-capped peaks are point - ing to God's al - might - y throne.  
 and grief's chill stream is guid - ed by God's all - gra - cious hand.  
 oh, what tran - scen - dent bright - ness is God's e - ter - nal light!

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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.

**A** 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: Arise, Your Light Has Come!

(blue) **WOV #652**

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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## DISMISSAL

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** Rigaudon

André Campra

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Laura Merwin, assisting minister

Amy Claud, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Deborah Maxwell, Eileen Maggio, lectors

Sarah Jones, Olivia Hartung, crucifer/Book bearer

Mike Gillespie, Al Swanson, gift bearers

Paul Koester, Tom Maxwell, Alex Tan, Gerlinde VanDriesen, ushers

Linda Street, Scott Street, altar guild

Mary Jane Keitel, Ruth Reko, Allison Tan, greeters

George Hogenson, Michael Starrick, livestream audio/video

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## LET US PRAY...

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Ann Bresnen  
Miriam Bretscher  
MaryBeth Buschmann  
Larry Caponigri  
Mike Carioscio  
Dan Cattau  
Yvonne Daniels

Louis Elia  
Susan Franzone  
Susan Hammon  
Bob Hale  
Phyllis Kersten  
Karen Kress  
Mary Beth Logas  
Mark Lucht

Joe Modrich  
Katarina Modrich  
**Dave Moeller**  
Mike Rollheiser  
Steve Roskam  
Ron Rott  
Marge Sanger  
Harrison Schedler

Gick Schmidt  
Linda Schwab  
Bonnie Shaner  
Rhea Sprecher  
Madison Staples  
Virginia Walker

Coletta and Ty Ali (*friends of Pat Anderson*)  
Fran Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)  
Jack Berg (*friend of Art Gustafson*)  
Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)  
Stan Birnbaum (*friend of Sandy and David Lentz*)  
Khadija Boudim (*friend of Pat Anderson*)  
Russ Bradley (*son-in-law of Robert and Bonnie Shaner*)  
Lois Cornils (*friend of many at Grace*)  
James Crawford (*nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)  
Laurel Marie D. (*neighbor of Pat Anderson*)  
David De Jong (*brother-in-law of Mary Beth Logas*)  
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Randy Ernst (*friend of Valerie Spiller*)  
Julia Friend (*friend of Susan Franzone*)  
Barbara Gehring (*mother of Stephanie Wilkening*)  
Linda Allen Gotsch (*friend of Roberta Gillespie*)  
Peter H. (*friend of Barbara Hofmaier and David Heim*)  
Erma Jean Haas (*grandmother of Hannah Langhoff*)  
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Joe Hammon (*husband of Susan Hammon*)  
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Charlene Helmer (*sister of Carol Stanger*)  
Harry Heppner (*brother-in-law of Marilyn Heppner*)  
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Ruth M. Hughes (*mother of Ruth Hughes-McElravey*)  
Maureen Jordan (*friend of Al Swanson*)  
Garrett Klein (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)  
Elizabeth Kottle (*friend of Bonnie and Bob Shaner*)  
Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)  
Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)  
Diane Larsen (*friend of Al Swanson*)

**Christine Larson** (*mother-in-law of Jennifer Staples*)  
Bill Lowry (*friend of Bonnie and Bob Shaner*)  
Sarah Marohl (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner and Art Gustafson*)  
Lauren Marshall (*friend of Carol Ewald*)  
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Connie Melvin (*cousin of Stephanie Wilkening*)  
Lavonne Millard (*sister of Irmgard Swanson*)  
Linda Muraski (*relative of John and Carol Stanger*)  
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Dwight and Betty Nelson (*parents of Annalise Nelson Balock*)  
Karen Nelson (*niece of Eunice Spurgat*)  
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Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)  
Diane Raschal (*cousin of Jennifer Staples*)  
Leona Riley (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)  
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Dave Wick (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)  
Michael Wilson (*friend of Larry and Carolyn Garber*)  
Tara Zinger (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)

## Benevolence ministries

Beyond Hunger (OPRF Food Pantry)

## In thanksgiving for

The 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of **Bob and Margaret Burke**

The birth of **Matthew James Vilchis** (*son of Amber and Jose Vilchis*)

## For those who mourn

**Paula Kersten** (*niece of Phyllis Kersten*)

**Ronald Rentner** (*Former Associate Pastor of Grace*)

## Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Josh Espinosa (*cousin of Jenny Luebbe*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Zachary Larsen (*grandson of Karen and Richard McMahon*)

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*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

## Those studying abroad

Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

## Those who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Bruce Cordes

Christopher Davis

David Franzone

Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber

Karen McMahon

Susan Messerli

Dave Moeller

Carol Prinz

Tim Sandvoss

Kathleen Wrobel

## 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 18

Library Open (self-service).....	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery).....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, Gr 1-6 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons).....	9:00 a.m.
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center).....	9:00 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room).....	9:00 a.m.
<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b> .....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Appalachian Service Project Mtg (Youth Center).....	11:15 a.m.
Health Committee Presentation (Fellowship Hall).....	11:15 a.m.
Bach Cantata Preview (Seminar Room).....	3:00 p.m.
<b>Bach Cantata Vespers</b> .....	<b>3:45 p.m.</b>

## MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Building Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

Breakfast Group (Church Library).....	10:15 a.m.
Knitting Group (Church Library) .....	1:00 p.m.
Church Council (Conference Room).....	7:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

<b>School Chapel Service</b> .....	<b>8:25 a.m.</b>
Cornerstones (Church Library) .....	10:00 a.m.
<b>Worship – Morning Prayer</b> (Church Library) .....	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall).....	12:00 p.m.
Cub Scout Pack 4066 (1-2 Common Room).....	5:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) .....	6:15 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

Grief Share (Church Library).....	10:00 a.m.
Scout Meeting (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons).....	6:30 p.m.
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 p.m.
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room) .....	7:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

Cooking for the Crib (Main Kitchen) .....	4:00 p.m.
Religion in Literature (Offsite) .....	7:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Men of Grace (Youth Center).....	9:00 a.m.
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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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