



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.

The Holy Communion

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 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

Today's flowers are sponsored today by Lauren Wilkie in loving memory of her parents, Luann and Wes Wilkie.

As We Gather

Jesus has just been tempted with the promise of power over the world. Having put Satan to flight, Jesus instead brings God's Kingdom into the world. The difference could not be more stark. The imperial oppression under which Jesus lived is neither the first nor the last time this world's powers have unleashed their awful forces. Isaiah reminds us that similar forces were at play 700 year earlier. Such forces still rage today. Jesus rejects all such powers, calling us out of the shadows and into the light. The call upon our lives is total and complete, just as it was for his first disciples. But it is a calling of grace in which we are caught up into the ways of the Kingdom. In God's Kingdom, hope and healing flow freely for all peoples and nations, drawing us together into the one family of God.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Partita on EBENEZER

John A. Behnke

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Thy Strong Word

(green) **LBW #233**

Concertato by Carl F. Schalk



- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 [Choir] 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 [Choir] 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!

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 a single staff 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 written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into eight lines of music, each corresponding to a line of lyrics. 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 -". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

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God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
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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, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us.
 Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness
 that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1–4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

℣ The Word of the Lord

✠ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 5–13

ANTIPHON: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Michael D. Costello

℣ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?*

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid?

✠ **One thing have I asked of the Lord; one | thing I seek;***
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days | of my life;

℣ to behold the fair beauty | of the Lord*
and to seek him | in his temple.

✠ **For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;***
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high up- | on a rock.

℣ Even now he lifts | up my head*
above my enemies | round about me.

✠ **Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation**
with sounds | of great gladness;*
I will sing and make music | to the Lord.

L Hearken to my voice, O Lord, | when I call;*
have mercy on me and | answer me.

C **You speak in my heart and say, | “Seek my face.”***
Your face, Lord, | will I seek.

L Hide not your | face from me,*
nor turn away your servant | in displeasure.

C **You have been my helper; cast me | not away;***
do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

L The Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:23

John Ferguson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and cured every sickness among the people.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death

light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Remain in Light

Pastor David R. Lyle

Matthew 4:12–23

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



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY: Dearest Jesus, at Your Word, BWV 731 Johann Sebastian Bach

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Psalm 34:4–6

David N. Johnson

I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

The poor cried, and Lord heard them, and saved them out of all their troubles.

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.

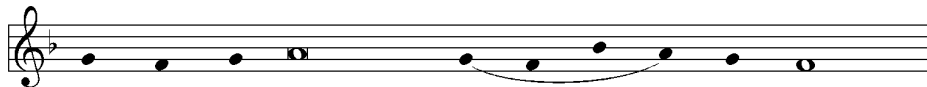
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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

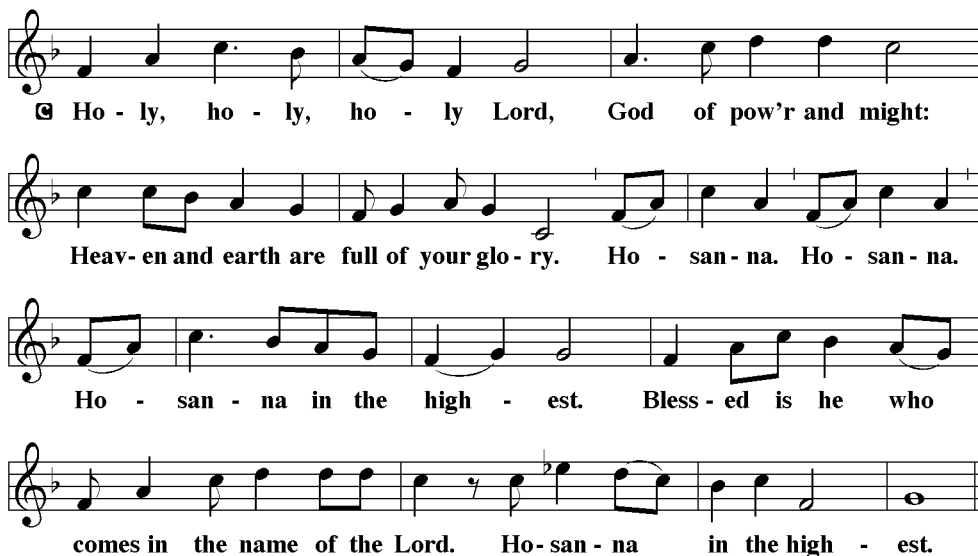


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G 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.

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.

ANTHEM: Light Everlasting

Olaf C. Christiansen

O Light everlasting, O Love never failing,
Illumine our darkness, and draw us to thee;
May we from thy spirit receive inspiration
That brethren together thy wisdom may see.
Make known to all nations thy peace and salvation
And help us O Father, thy temple to be.

HYMN: Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

(green) LBW #248



1 Dear-est Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and ad - o -



hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in
shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night, fill - ing
ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light; help our
ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most: your blest



glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is - es here
us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and all good
hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and songs may
gos - pel's con - so - la - tion, while we here on earth a -



giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt.
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER. Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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.

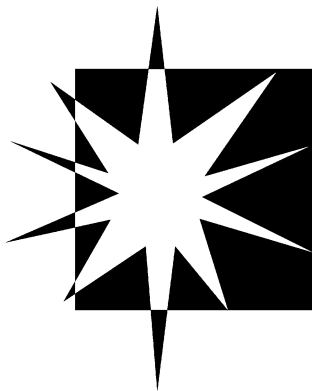
C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.



SENDING HYMN: O God of Light

(green) **LBW #237**

The choir sings stanza three in a harmonization by Richard Hillert.

1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un-fail-ing,
 2 From days of old, through blind and will-ful a-ges,
 Choir 3 Un-dimmed by time, those words are still re-veal-ing
 4 To all the world your sum-mons you are send-ing,
 shall pierce the dark-ness of our earth-bound way
 though we re-belled, you gent-ly sought a-gain,
 to sin-ful hearts your jus-tice and your grace;
 through all the earth, to ev-ry land and race,
 and show your grace, your plan for us un-veil-ing,
 and spoke through saints, a-pos-tles, proph-ets, sa-ges,
 and quest-ing spir-its, long-ing for your heal-ing,
 that myr-iad tongues, in one great an-them blend-ing,
 and guide our foot-steps to the per-fect day.
 who wrote with ea-ger or re-luc-tant pen.
 see your com-pas-sion in the Sav-ior's face.
 may praise and cel-e-brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: O God of Light

Mark Sedio

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Rich Schubkegel, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Grace Parish Choir, choir

Eunice Eifert, Al Swanson, lectors

Juliet Krischke, Ellie Schueler, crucifer/Book bearer

Donna Serpico, Paula Stephens, gift bearers

Thomas Ewert, Susan Scherer, Susan Weber,

Lance Wilkening, Stephanie Wilkening, ushers

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LET US PRAY...

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Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
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Christine Larson (*mother-in-law of Jennifer Staples*)

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Cabrini Aid Legal Aid Clinic

For those who mourn

Mary Scribner (*friend of Susan Hickey*)

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*)

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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

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Christopher Davis

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Patricia Herendeen

Joan Koerber

Karen McMahon

Susan Messerli

Dave Moeller

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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 25

- Library Open (self-service).....9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery)..... 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday School, Grades 1-6 (3rd Floor Commons)..... 9:00 a.m.
- Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center)..... 9:00 a.m.
- Adult Education (Seminar Room)..... 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Holy Communion**..... 10:00 a.m.
- Meeting of the Congregation (Fellowship Hall) 11:15 a.m.
- Mentor Sunday (Fellowship Hall/Youth Center)..... 11:15 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

- Stephen Ministry Meeting (Church Library)..... 5:00 p.m.
- Dads of Grace (Youth Center)..... 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

- Board of Spiritual Life (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

- School Chapel Service** 8:25 a.m.
- Cornerstones (Church Library) 10:00 a.m.
- Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) 6:15 p.m.
- Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

- Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library) 9:30 a.m.
- Grief Share (Conference Room)..... 10:00 a.m.
- Yoga (Fellowship Hall)..... 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

- Bible Exploration, Grades 5-6 (Fellowship Hall)..... 6:00 p.m.

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