



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.

### **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).



### **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.

### **The Holy Communion**

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 1, 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 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**

We spend so much time looking for where God is at work. We wrestle with what God is calling us to do. We puzzle about piety in a thousand different ways. We complicate what the baptized life requires. Too often this leaves us moving further inward. The ways of the cross are foolish on their face. A sign of weakness, vulnerability, and death. Self-sacrificial love does not seem wise. It is risky. For you and me it is the full revelation of the Triune God. It is power and salvation. Our beginning and end. With the cross as our true north, we see how God is turning the world right side up. God is found in the cross-shaped places. Under the shadow of death. Among the poor in spirit and alongside the meek and mournful. And what does God require of us? Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly. Simply put, we do the next right thing all for the sake of our neighbors.



## † GATHERING †

**PRELUDE:** Adagio (from Trio Sonata in E-Flat, BWV 525)

Johann Sebastian Bach

*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.**

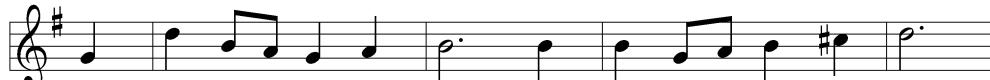
**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts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

**C** **Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN: Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng!

(green) **LBW #553**

*Stanzas three and five are sung by the choir in a harmonization by Carl Schalk.*



**C** 1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
**C** 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
**Choir** 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
**C** 4 Yet, on and on - ward still, with hymn and chant and song,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
send forth the stor - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
through gate and porch and col - umned aisle the hal-lowed path-ways throng.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

**Choir** 5 Still lift your standard high,  
still march in firm array,  
as pilgrims through the darkness wend  
till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

**C** 6 At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

**C** 7 Praise him who reigns on high,  
the Lord whom we adore:  
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.

Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

## 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

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, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Micah 6:1–8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

**L** The Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15

Paraphrase by Christopher L. Webber  
Setting by Michael D. Costello

*The choir sings the antiphon; we join in singing each time thereafter.*



**C** Lord, who may dwell with-in your house or on your ho-ly hill?

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**Choir** Lord, who may dwell within your house or on your holy hill?  
Those who do good and speak the truth, whose lives are blameless still.

### **C ANTIPHON**

**Choir** Who have no guile upon their tongues nor harm their neighbor's life,  
But honor those who fear the Lord and turn away from strife.

### **C ANTIPHON**

**Choir** Who do no wrong, but keep their word and seek no bribe or gain;  
All those who do such things shall live and safe from harm remain.

### **C ANTIPHON**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

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. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

**L** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** Matthew 5:12

John Ferguson

**Choir** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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



Al- le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Choir** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

**C** **REFRAIN**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1–12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON:** Blessed Foolishness

Pastor Troy E. Medlin

Micah 6:1–8; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** O God of Mercy, God of Light

(green) **LBW #425**

*Stanzas three and five are sung by the choir in a harmonization by Michael D. Costello.*



**C** 1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
**C** 2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
**Choir** 3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
**C** 4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide to love them all in you.

**Choir** 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
each other's burdens help us share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

**C** 6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
those who have lived to you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

## 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/OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Blessed

Paul D. Weber

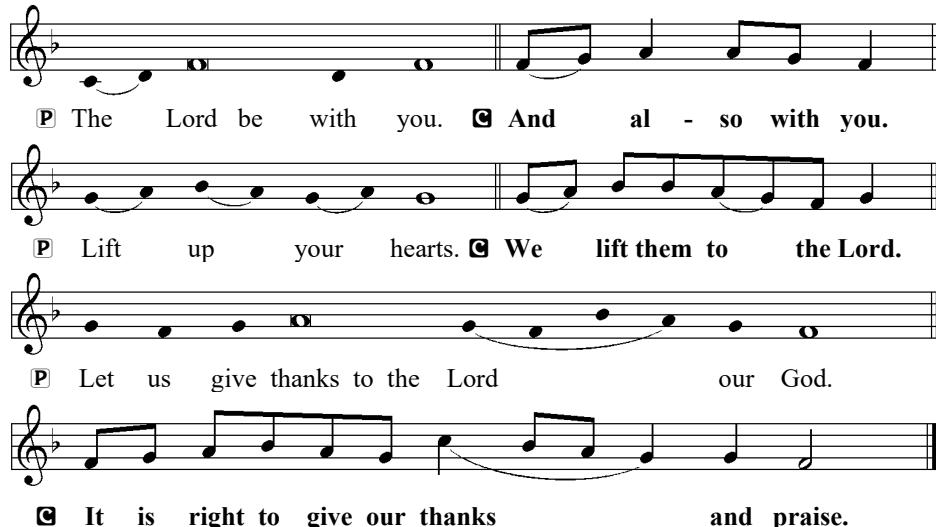
*The offering is gathered; we stand as the gifts are presented during the anthem.*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heav'n.  
Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, they will be filled.

## 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 also 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.**

**¶** 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.**

¶ The gifts of God for the people of God.

¶ **Thanks be to God.**

¶ 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.*

**Anointing with oil for healing** is offered during the distribution of communion.

*After receiving communion, come to the anointing station at the head of either side aisle for prayer and anointing as a tangible sign of God's promise of wholeness for you.*

*Your need may be healing from physical illness, spiritual or emotional distress, grief, loss, or anxiety, for yourself or a family member.*

**ANTHEM:** Luther's Morning Prayer

Carl 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.

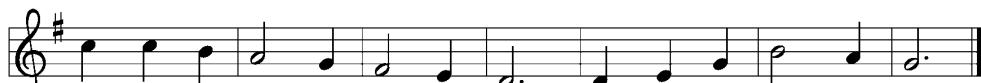
Be with me through this day, I pray,  
And keep me safe from Satan's sway  
That all I think or do or say  
Please only you, my Strength and Stay.

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.

Martin Luther, paraphrased by Carl F. Schalk.

**HYMN:** Jesus, the Very Thought of You*(green) LBW #316*

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878  
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*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: Rise Up, O Saints of God!**(green) **LBW #383**

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal-ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

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

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**DISMISSAL****A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.**C** **Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE: Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

Barbara Harbach

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister

Lori Martin, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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Rebecca Dahlstrom, Al Swanson, lectors

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Christine Phillips, Donna Serpico, gift bearers

Linda Bernard, Diana Sicuro, anointers

Mike Gillespie, David Kuipers, Mary Rasmussen,

Lance Wilkening, Stephanie Wilkening, ushers

Roberta Gillespie, Donna Serpico, altar guild

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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*)  
Jose Hernandez (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)  
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*)

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Lauren Marshall (*friend of Carol Ewald*)  
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Connie Melvin (*cousin of Stephanie Wilkening*)  
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## Benevolence ministries

Center for Christian Education

### In thanksgiving for

The birth of **Colin William Blashill** (*son born to Nick and Casey Blashill*)

The ministry of **Lutheran Summer Music**

The **Scouting Ministry** at Grace

### For those who mourn

**Karen Berglund** (*friend of Carol Stanger*)

**Jerry Herbick** (*friend of Joe and Eileen Maggio*)

**Marge Sanger**

### 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

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David Franzone

Karen McMahon

Carol Prinz

Bruce Cordes

Patricia Herendeen

Susan Messerli

Tim Sandvoss

Christopher Davis

Joan Koerber

Dave Moeller

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](mailto:earmstrong@graceriverforest.org)) to be included in the weekly prayers. For more private prayer concerns, please contact Kathy Lucht ([kathy.lucht@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.lucht@gmail.com)) to be added to the confidential prayer chain.*

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# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## **TODAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Library Open (self-service).....	<b>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>
Sunday School, PK-SK (Nursery).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Sunday School, Grades 1-6 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
Confirmation, Grades 7-8 (Youth Center).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Worship – Holy Communion</b> .....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Scout Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) .....	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>

## **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

Breakfast Group (Church Library) .....	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
Health Committee (Church Library).....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
Property Committee (Conference Room).....	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

## **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

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

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Grief Share (Church Library).....	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
Moms of Littles (Youth Center).....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Yoga (Fellowship Hall).....	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
Scout Recruiting Night (3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons).....	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
Social Ministry (Conference Room) .....	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Church and School Winter Carnival/Chili Cook-Off (Gym)	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
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## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

Cub Scout Pack 4066 (Offsite).....	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
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