



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**

The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 15, 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 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**

Peter, James, and John are caught up in a vision. On the mountain, Jesus becomes bright as light, and his face shines like the sun. With Jesus are Moses and Elijah. A voice from the cloud speaks, echoing the words spoken at Jesus' baptism. What is this vision but another reminder that Jesus is the full revelation of the Triune God, the One from the beginning? Overcome by fear, the disciples fall to the ground, so Jesus does what he always does, even in this moment. He does the most human thing possible. He puts his hand on them and speaks. This is not an unapproachable light after all. This moment leads to the most enduring of visions. This only foreshadows another mountain top experience where out of love he dies abandoned and forsaken. There we see the fullness of God publicly displayed for all to see. Arms stretched wide. God for you. Sustained by this vision we follow Jesus all the way: forty days and beyond.



# ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Beautiful Savior

Diane Bish

*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: Beautiful Savior

(green) LBW #518



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs and bloom - ing  
 bright in the spar - kling stars - on  
 Son of God and Son of Man!  
 high;

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

## 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 a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. 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 whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, rests, and bar lines. There are also some decorative elements like a double bar line with repeat dots.

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Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath-er, Lord God, Lamb of  
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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.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son  
 you confirmed the mysteries of the faith  
 by the witness of Moses and Elijah,  
 and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son,  
 you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.  
 Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*We sit.*

# ✠ WORD ✠

## FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12–18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction."

<sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

℣ The Word of the Lord

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 2

John Folkening

ANTIPHON: You are my Son, this day have I begotten you.

℣ Why are the nations | in an uproar?\*

Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

☞ **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes | plot together,\*  
against the Lord and against | his anointed?**

℣ "Let us break their | yoke," they say;\*

"let us cast off their | bonds from us."

☞ **He whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;\*  
the Lord has them | in derision.**

℣ Then he speaks to them | in his wrath,\*  
and his rage fills | them with terror.

☞ **"I myself have | set my king\*  
upon my holy | hill of Zion."**

℣ Let me announce the decree | of the Lord:\*

He said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

☞ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance\*  
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.**



- L** You shall crush them with an | iron rod\*  
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."
- C** **And now, you | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.**
- L** Submit to the | Lord with fear,\*  
and with trembling | bow before him;
- C** **lest he be angry, | and you perish;\*  
for his wrath is | quickly kindled.**
- L** Happy | are they all\*  
who take ref- | uge in him!

## SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16–21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

- L** The Word of the Lord
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** Luke 9:35

John Ferguson

**Choir** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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



**Choir** This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him!

**C** **REFRAIN**

## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1–9

📖 The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

🔊 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🔊 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON:** Visions That Sustain Us

Pastor Troy E. Medlin  
Matthew 17:1–9



*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** O Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair

*(green)* **LBW #80**

*Stanza four is sung by the choir in a harmonization by John Folkening.*

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics are arranged in a table format, with the first line of lyrics starting at the first measure of the first line of music. The lyrics are as follows:

1	Oh,	won -	drous	type!	Oh,	vi -	sion	fair
2	With	Mo -	ses	and	E -	li -	jah	nigh
3	With	shin -	ing	face	and	bright	ar -	ray,
Choir	4	And	faith -	ful	are	raised	on	high
5	O	Fa -	ther,	with	the	ter -	nal	Son

The lyrics continue on the following lines:

of	glo -	ry	that	the	church	may	share,
the in	car -	nate	Lord	holds	con -	verse	high;
Christ	deigns	to	man -	i -	fest	to -	day
by	this	great	vi -	sion's	mys -	ter -	y;
and	Ho -	ly	Spir -	it	ev -	er	one,

The lyrics continue on the following line:

which	Christ	up -	on	the	moun -	tain	shows,
and	from	the	cloud,	the	Ho -	ly	One
what	glo -	ry	shall	be	theirs	a -	bove
for	which	in	joy -	ful	strains	we	raise
we	pray	you,	bring	us	by	your	grace

The lyrics continue on the following line:

where	bright	-	er	than	the	sun	he	glows!
bears	rec -	ord	to	the	the	on -	ly	Son.
who	joy	in	God	with	per -	fect	love.	
the	voice	of	prayer,	the	hymn	of	praise.	
to	see	your	glo -	ry	face	to	face.	

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

## NICENE CREED

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### PEACE OF CHRIST

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Before the Throne of God Above

arr. Joel Rainey

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** 1 John 3:2–3

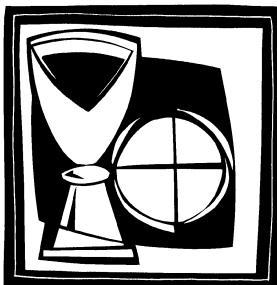
David N. Johnson

Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be,  
but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.  
And all who thus hope in him purify themselves as he is pure.

### 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



**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:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

☐ Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.  
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.  
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

☐ **Amen.**

**P** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name,**  
**thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done,**  
**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**  
**and the power, and the glory,**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**

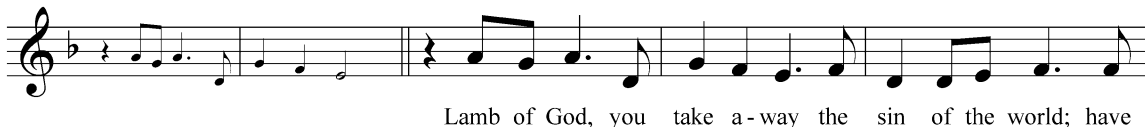
**P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

**P** Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

### **AGNUS DEI**





## 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:** Christ upon the Mountain Peak

Paul Bouman

Christ upon the mountain peak  
Stands alone in glory blazing;  
Let us, if we dare to speak,  
With the saints and angels praise him. Alleluia.

Trembling at his feet we saw  
Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the Law  
Shout through them their joyful greeting. Alleluia.

Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming in the thunder  
Jesus as his Son by name!  
Nations cry aloud in wonder! Alleluia.

This is God's beloved Son!  
Law and prophets fade before him;  
First and last and only One,  
Let creation now adore him! Alleluia.

Brian Wren

## HYMN: How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

(green) **LBW #89**



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## HYMN: I Love to Tell the Story

(green) **LBW #390**



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835–1912

*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: Alleluia, Song of Gladness

(blue) **WOV #654**

*Stanza three is sung by the choir in a setting by Michael D. Costello.*



- 1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can-not die;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Lead our prais - es, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
 Choir 3 Al - le - lu - ia can-not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 but by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles now are we.  
 for the sol-emn time is com-ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing-ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn 11th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE: Alleluia! Song of Gladness

Kenneth T. Kosche

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister  
Christine Nelson, assisting minister  
Susie Calhoun, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor  
Grace Parish Choir, choir  
Grace Bell Choir  
Lisa Wolfanger, director

Paul Nelson, Sandy Lentz, lectors  
Olivia Hartung, Jake Beatty, crucifer/Book bearer  
Lois Harb, Tony Stephens, gift bearers  
Martin Becker, Richard Calhoun, Thomas Ewert,  
Tom Maxwell, Mary Rasmusson, ushers  
Linda Street, Scott Street, altar guild  
Susan Bogner, James Claud, Gerlinde VanDriesen, greeters  
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Harmony Community Church of Chicago Food Pantry

## In thanksgiving for

The 91<sup>st</sup> birthday of **Ruth Borg**

The 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Adrienne Rott**

The 96<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Pat Schmidt**

## For those who mourn

**Herb Schmidt** (*brother-in-law of Gick Schmidt, uncle of Deb Schmidt-Rogers*)

## Those serving in the armed services

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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## Those who need encouragement

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

### TODAY, FEBRUARY 15

Library Open (self-service) ..... 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Adult Education (Seminar Room) ..... 9:00 a.m.  
No Sunday School/Confirmation  
Worship – Holy Communion ..... 10:00 a.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Building Closed – President's Day

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Breakfast Group (Offsite) ..... 10:15 a.m.  
Knitting Group (Church Library) ..... 1:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

School Chapel Service – Holy Communion ..... 8:25 a.m.  
Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Ash Wednesday Worship – Holy Communion ..... 11:30 a.m.  
Cub Scout Pack 4066 (1-2 Common Room) ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Worship – Holy Communion ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 8:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Grief Share (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Moms of Littles (Youth Center) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Scout Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Leyden H.S. Winter Choral Festival (Sanctuary) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Church Council (Conference Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Communion Retreat (Fellowship Hall) ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Religion in Literature (Offsite) ..... 7:30 p.m.

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