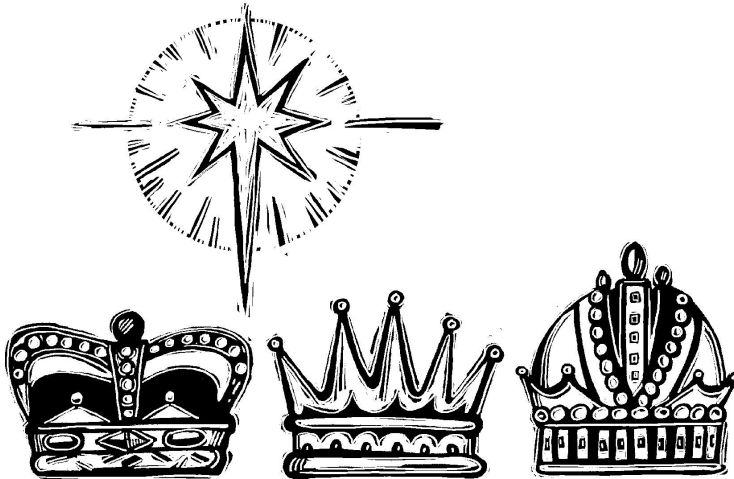


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Last Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 18 & 19, 2023*



**EPIPHANY**

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# Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement

*"We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world."*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*(the assembly stands as they are able)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

R834



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.  
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## 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.

## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    ⓐ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**



ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



ⓐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



ⓑ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

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 Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I  
II 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 Fa - ther, A - men.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



**P:** The Lord be with you.      **C:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Exodus 24:12-18**

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

<sup>12</sup>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.

**L:** The word of the Lord.      **C:**      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 2

*You are my son; this day have I begotten you. (Ps. 2:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup>**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

<sup>6</sup>**"As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD, who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup>**lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

<sup>16</sup>For 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.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(The assembly stands as they are able for the Gospel)*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>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."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HOMILY**



# HYMN OF THE DAY “Beautiful Savior”

R838

(The assembly stands as they are able)



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 of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



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!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent. This selection is in the public domain.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*(Response after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy... C: hear our prayer.

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

## OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(the assembly stands as they are able and sings as the gifts are brought forward)*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P: Let us pray... Liberating God,

**C: you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

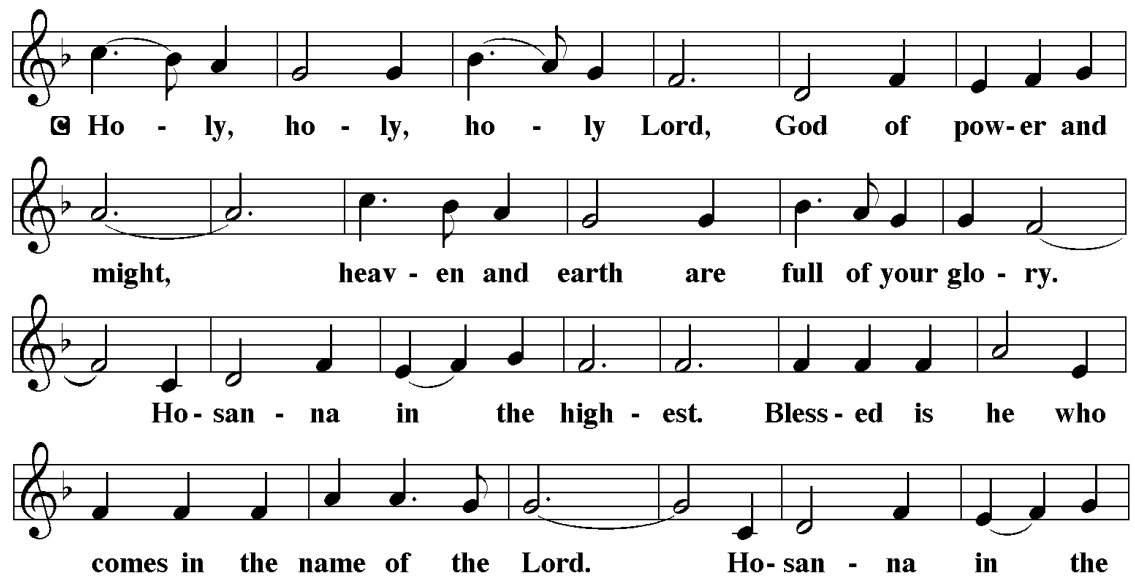
P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

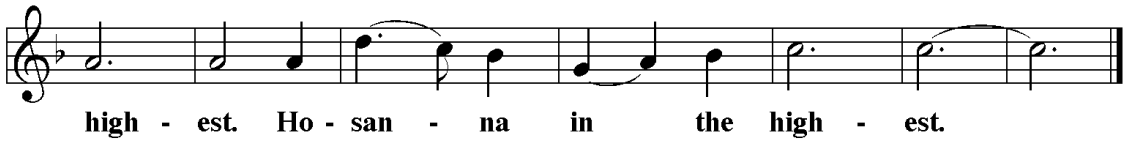
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...(*concluding*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

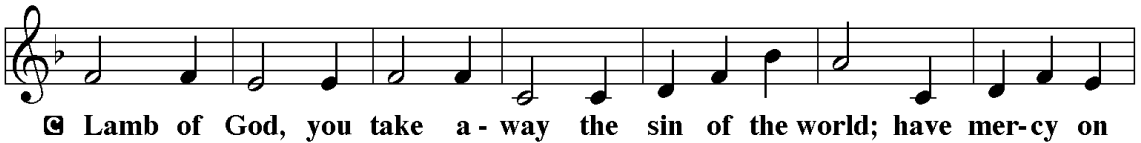
**C: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

“Dazzling Presence on the Mountain”

ACS917

1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had  
2 From this mount of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ  
3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his  
4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est

nev - er seen such a won - der, such re - splen - dence,  
press - es on; here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah,  
world, re - deemed; as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions,  
val - leys pour, where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice,

heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.  
on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.  
brings us now to sights un - seen.  
we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.

“This is my Son, the be - lov - ed,” thun - d'rous voice from  
“Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,” was one's pen - i -  
Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he  
To the Son, God's own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it



cloud ex - claimed. Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion,  
ten - tial sigh. With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance,  
bids us build, that the earth he loves may flour - ish  
end - less - ly, may the church's praise be lift - ed



to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.  
Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.  
as each life with grace is filled.  
to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Paul E. Hoffman, b. 1956

Music: WAVERLY, Karen E. Black, b. 1960

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*(the assembly stands as they are able)*

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us pray... Holy One,

**We thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.**

**Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P:** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN "Alleluia, Song of Gladness"

**R318**



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
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.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still 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 Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880 This selection is in the public domain.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



## POSTLUDE



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT GRACE LUTHERAN

### A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We are glad to have you here worshiping with us. For visitors, we would be glad to tell you more about Grace Lutheran and how we share God's love. Please leave the best way to contact you on the visitor sheets in the Sanctuary Narthex or the Office Lobby or use the bulletin and give it to an usher.

## **COFFEE HOUR AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Join us for a time of fellowship with coffee/tea/juice and treats in the Fellowship Hall off the Office Lobby after our Sunday worship.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Verna Furze, Patti Tucker, Budd Jobson, Harry Kautz, Lisa Wooll, Kristin Berles, Don Barnard, Rich McTaggart, Meredith Smith, Robert Larsen, Vicki Piontkowski, Elaine Hatch, Scott Lancaster, Gerald Lancaster, Dorothy Hansen, Larry Nelson, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Kathy Rettell -- Daniel Spaulding, Kevin Carlson, Nina, Laura Fettes (Don Cross' granddaughter), Arlie Prevost, Jan & Walt Soltysiak, Ted Durany (Karen Gould's father), Jack Thompson, Candee and Neviah Fetty, Matthew & Rebecca, Tracy Hall (Alane Wills' daughter), Margaret Cousineau (Jobson's daughter), Pastor Mike Schaedig, Al Smolinski, Donna Kendziorski, Geraldine Rhoads, James Marculewicz, Herb Schiller, Ann Haske, Gary Rich, Carl Ball, Joanne Coughlin, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Laura Bleau, Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, and Joseph Hansen.

*Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).*

## **PRAYERS - PEOPLE TO ADD**

Forms for adding people to our prayer list are located at each entrance to the sanctuary. Give completed forms to the ushers for inclusion in the prayers during the service. Please be sure that you have the person(s)' permission to have their name read during public worship. And also remember that our worship and bulletin are available online so that it will be widely disseminated. Thank you. Names are on the list for the calendar month.

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

From the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, this weekend we pray for Samaritas through Grace Lutheran Church. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: St. Paul Lutheran Church/Alpena, Rev. John Shipman, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **VALET PARKING COMES TO GRACE**

With maybe the winter really here and the difficulty of getting the parking spaces at the street clear of ice, we are offering to park your car for you. Drive up to our Office entrance, come right into the building on the clear heated driveway. One of our volunteers will park your car for you. And then have your car brought back to the entrance when you are ready to leave. If you would like to take advantage of this please arrive a few minutes earlier than usual so the volunteers can be in church too at the start of worship.



## **COMMUNION FOR HOME ON ASH WEDNESDAY**

February 22 is Ash Wednesday. If you will not be able to attend the evening worship at St Paul Lutheran, Pastor Tom will be imposing Ashes and have Communion for people to take home between 11:30 - 1:30 in the circular drive at the Office entrance to the church. Please call the office if you are interested with approximate time that you will be stopping by.

## **THINKING OF YOU PACKAGES - WOULD YOU HELP DELIVER?**

We are making up packages of soup, fruit and cookies along with a Lenten devotional for our Loving Care members in Fellowship on Sunday. Would you take one to deliver on your way home? This is one way we are keeping in touch with those who are not able to worship with us regularly. Thanks.

## **LENTEN DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE**

Pick one up on the cabinet in the Office Lobby.

## **ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERIES RETURNS**

Our Wednesday night Lenten series returns with the theme of Jesus and mountains. Join with our fellow churches for a soup supper at 5 PM and worship at 6 PM. We begin at St Paul Lutheran with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. (see full schedule on page 19)

## **CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE IN!!!!**

The church directories have arrived. If you had your photo taken, part of the company's program was a directory for you. Grace purchased additional copies for anyone who could not make the photography times. Pick up your copy at worship times or from the Church Office during the week.

## **SUNDAY SWEETS AND TREATS**

Wouldn't it be fun to share our favorite sweets and treats during Sunday's fellowship hour? Let's do it! The goal is to have a few people to bring their goodies each Sunday. Use the sign-up sheet on the table in the Office Lobby so we know which Sunday you will share. The goal is to have a few people each week. *Join your Grace family on Sundays after the service to enjoy one another's company and to share and enjoy yummy sweets and treats!* See you there. Brought to you by your REBOOT team.

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION - MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> & 5<sup>TH</sup>**

As part of our Community Outreach, we are having another collection for our Little Food Pantry. Special needs right now are for toilet paper, bread, jam and peanut butter along with non-refrigerated milk. As you shop, if you could add an item or two to your list it would be greatly appreciated. When you come into worship that weekend, you can place your gifts in front of the altar in the Chancel. Watch the collection grow as together we can *make a Christ-like difference for others in our community.* **THANK YOU**

## GRACE QUILTERS NEWS

Several boxes and bags of dresses, quilts, blankets and other linens were sent out this week to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you for your donations and please remember us when you get new linens or curtains to replace your old ones. All are welcome to join us on Tuesdays. We also have projects you can work on at home.

## 2022 ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual statements may be picked up in the Office Lobby at your convenience. If you would like your statement mailed (or emailed) to you, please call the office (989-354-2640).

## 2023 FLOWER CHART

The 2023 Flower Chart is now available in the Office Lobby. To place flowers on the altar, please sign the flower chart and complete an Altar Flowers Form, located on the table by the flower chart, indicating what you would like listed in the bulletin.

## BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB SPECIAL COLLECTION

**THANK YOU** to church members who have contributed to the Boys and Girls Club gift. We are sending \$635 to them in support of their match for a \$50,000 grant. Thank you for sharing God's Love in the community.

## FREE AARP TAX AIDE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Free AARP Tax Aide for senior citizens and those with low or limited income is being offered by appointment on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Call 989-318-3360 to make an appointment to have your Federal and State taxes prepared and e-filed for no charge. *Dennis Werblow is one of the volunteers there and would be happy to answer any questions you have about the program.*

## SUNDAY WORSHIP LIVESTREAMED AND RECORDED

Our Sunday worship service is livestreamed, shown on the internet, as it is happening and recorded for viewing online later. People in the sanctuary attending the Sunday service may be seen as part of the livestream and recording.

### GENERAL FUND GIVING FOR JANUARY 2023

Average needed in January (5 weeks) to meet budget	\$ 22,930.00
Monthly Giving - January	25,382.70

(Includes \$10,000/several pension RMD distributions)

#### We received:

98 envelopes, 62 Simply Giving recurring payments,  
6 Give+ payments made from our website and 3 Thrivent Choice contributions



## Lenten Series 2023

Series Theme "I lift up my eyes to the mountains...My help comes from the Lord." *Psalms 121:1-2*

**Soup Supper begins at 5pm, serving until 6pm. Worship services at 6pm.**

This year's offering goes to Hope Shores Alliance and The Friendship Room.

Date	Host	Preacher	Theme
Ash Wednesday February 22	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. Dr. Dan Maxwell	Satan took Jesus to a high mountain Matthew 4:8-9
March 1	First United Methodist	Rev. Tom Orth	Sermon on the Mount Kingdom of God Matthew 5
March 8	Grace Lutheran	Rev. Bill Rayment	Mount of Transfiguration Revelation Matthew 17:1-8
March 15	First Presbyterian	Rev. Gene Bacon	Faith to move mountains Faith Matthew 17:20
March 22	First Congregational United Church of Christ	Rev. John Shipman	Mount Moriah - The Temple of Jerusalem
March 29	St. Paul Lutheran	Rev. Rob Nystrom	Mount of Olives End Time Questions Mark 13:3-4
Maundy Thursday April 6	Trinity Episcopal	Rev. John Shipman	Mt. Zion The Last Supper
Tre Ore Good Friday April 7	Grace Lutheran		



**Large print worship folders & hearing assistance devices  
are available from ushers**

*A list of February birthdays/anniversaries can be found on the "news" page of our website  
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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday - 19th

8:50 am Choir Practice  
9:00 am Sunday School  
**9:30 am Worship**  
10:30 am "Fat Sunday" Brunch follows worship

### Monday - 20th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
8am-3pm Kitchen Reserved

### Tuesday - 21st

8am-noon Church Office Open  
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am Pastors Text Study - Lounge  
6:00 pm Council

### Wednesday - 22nd

8am-noon Church Office Open  
5:00 pm Soup Supper &  
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Worship at St Paul Lutheran  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

### Thursday - 23rd

8am-noon Church Office Open  
4:00 pm Lounge Reserved

### Friday - 24th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Saturday - 25th

**5:00 pm Worship**

## SERVING FEBRUARY 18/19

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Organist/Pianist** ..... Amy Truth  
**Lector** ..... Mike Urlaub  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Dawn Anderson, Anne Gentry  
**Altar Guild**..... Arlis St. Charles, Kelli Liske, Kathy Piontkowski  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby Haske & Family

## SERVING FEBRUARY 25/26

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Tom Orth  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Organist/Pianist** ..... Amy Truth  
**Lector** ..... Cindy Domrase  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom, Cindy Domrase (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Joel & Cindy Suszek  
**Altar Guild**..... Arlis St. Charles, Kelli Liske, Kathy Piontkowski  
**Livestream Team** ..... Dawn Anderson, Jan Charter, Don Barnard, Don LaBarre  
**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** .. Wayne & Chris Christopherson

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