

# *Worship Folder*



# *Epiphany*

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# Grace Lutheran Church

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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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*(the assembly stands as you 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, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Holy God,

C: **you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.**

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN “In Christ Called to Baptize”

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### GREETING

P: The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the wisdom of God, and the light of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P: **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

P: Lord have mercy.

C: **Christ have mercy.**

P: Lord have mercy.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on  
earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *Unison*

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### **1 Samuel 3:1-10[11-20]**

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel’s prophetic ministry.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. <sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you

called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [<sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.” <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup>Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.” <sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

*You have searched me out and known me. (Ps. 139:1)*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out;  
O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>**My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were  
written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>**How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!**

<sup>18</sup>**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

#### **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

<sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

<sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**L:** The word of the Lord.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us grace and truth. Alleluia.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

### **John 1:43-51**

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.

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

## **HOMILY**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

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## **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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

P: Let us pray...O God,

C: **receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feasts; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory 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.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

C: **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** "My Lord, What a Morning"

*African American spiritual. This selection is in the public domain.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## **PRAYERS**

Paul Denstaedt, Nancy Platt, Darlene Freel, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Alecia Lewis, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Lyn Marshall, Joanne Coughlin, Bob Mackie, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Paul Suszek, who passed away on December 23rd.

***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).***

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Youth and Family Ministry at Grace Lutheran Church. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partner: St. Paul Lutheran Church/Alpena, Rev. John Shipman.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please call (354-2640) or email ([officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) the Church Office.

## **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES-MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE**

**Making Sense of Scripture** will be the next series for Adult Christian Education (ACE), offered both on Sunday morning and Thursday evening via the internet Zoom platform. The series is about seven major questions of the Bible that encourages participants to dialogue with others in reading the Scripture. The participants book is \$14. Please order your book through the office by January 20th. The Classes will begin the week of February 7th.



### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES REMAIN SUSPENDED**

Along with most of our ecumenical partners in Alpena, our in-person worship services remain suspended for the time being.

### **VIEW SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM ONLINE**

Sunday morning worship service will be livestreamed. The worship will be conducted with a very limited number of worship leaders in the sanctuary and can be viewed as it is happening. Go to [www.gracelutheran-alpena.org](http://www.gracelutheran-alpena.org) for the link to the YouTube livestream. A recording of the service will be available for viewing anytime afterwards.

### **WATCHING GRACE'S WORSHIP ON THE INTERNET**

Several people have mentioned that using their smart TVs that are connected to the internet for viewing the worship services have offered them the bigger picture of course and as importantly for some, better sound. Hope you are enjoying the worship livestreamed.

### **LIVESTREAMING TEAM – *BE PART OF THE TEAM***

Help place our worship services on the internet so people can view them from home. People are needed to operate the system during the service now and in the future. Changing the camera views, adding the words and sending the service to the internet all by pushing buttons. A training and a script will be provided. David Delano will be our in-house person to head the group and train anyone interested. Contact the office 354.2640. THANK YOU.

### **COMMUNION IN THE HOME – *DRIVE THRU PICKUP***

Packages of home communion will be distributed by Pastor Tom from the front drive at Grace Lutheran on **Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm – 3 pm** and on **Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 am - 1 pm**. Pastor Tom will bring the package out to you in your car. Please enter the circle from the Second Ave side. In the package will be a short reading that you can use as you take communion yourself or with others. (Doing this is based on the communion we take to homes of Loving Care Members.) The communion itself is packaged individually with the wafer sealed on top of a small sealed cup of juice. The communion is meant to be consumed the day you receive it if at all possible and not really meant to be saved for another time.

**Please call the office, 354.2640, if you would like a package made up for you, the number of communion packets for you and/or your family and which time you are coming to pick it up.** (If you can make those times, please let us know so we can attempt to arrange another time.)

Thanks, *Pastor Tom*

**DONATIONS FOR LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

Donations have been coming in to the Little Food Pantry throughout the holiday season and we are very fortunate to share with others through our pantry. Thank you! Please remember if you contribute items that we have no refrigeration and if you place items in the outside pantry that this time of year things freeze. Appreciate donations be placed inside. Thank you so much and Happy New Year!

**CHRIST IN OUR HOMES DEVOTIONAL**

*Christ in Our Homes* Devotional for January - March are available in the Office Lobby. Pick one up during office hours of Tuesday - Thursday 8 am to noon or call the office and we will mail one to you.

**LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

The new *Living Lutheran* from the ELCA for January and February is also available in the Office Lobby. Several back issues are there too.

**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Do we have all your current info?  
Have you changed your primary phone?  
New email?  
Or new street address? Or PO Box?  
Please update the office with any of these changes so we can be in touch. THANKS

**DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?**

Several church members have been making face masks and some are available for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

| <b>GENERAL FUND GIVING</b>                                                                     |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget                                                        | \$ 4,489.00 |
| Weekly giving - January 10                                                                     | 6,450.00    |
| <u>We received:</u>                                                                            |             |
| 15 envelopes, 12 Simply Giving recurring payments and<br>1 Give+ payment made from our website |             |



## Birthdays



**January 2**  
Mitchell Agius  
Sharlene Kennedy

**January 16**  
Levi Konarzewski  
Allison Urlaub

**January 5**  
Judy Black  
Ryan Schultz

**January 19**  
Rhonda Himes

**January 7**  
Susan Stacey

**January 22**  
Michael Lang  
Elsa Phillips

**January 9**  
Arnold Jahnke

**January 25**  
Pamela Nowak

**January 10**  
Michael Herrmann  
Elfie Jahnke  
Kat Tomaszewski

**January 28**  
Jerry Charter

**January 12**  
Richard Engstrom  
David Hansen

**January 29**  
Madelyn Boyd

**January 30**  
Judy Dorr  
Adam Urlaub

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**January 1**  
Alec Kennedy  
Jessica Timm

**January 19**  
Sandra Malaski  
Meredith Smith

**January 7**  
Douglas Chroninger  
Olivia Haske

**January 20**  
Matthew Freel

**January 15**  
Michael Townsend

**January 21**  
Kasandra McInerney  
Ricky Slater

**January 16**  
Betty Dulebohn

**January 24**  
Brody Nowak

**January 17**  
Erika Nicholls

**January 25**  
Lisa McIntosh

**January 18**  
Nancy Stachnik

**January 30**  
Hannah Matzke  
Erin McCourt

**January 31**  
Brent Welch



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