

*Grace Lutheran  
Worship Folder*

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

*February 11 & 12, 2023*



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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 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

R582



1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;  
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;  
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood - ing o'er a world of gloom and night;  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;  
 quick - ning, strength - ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er form - ing in the church the mind of Christ:  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er bind - ing age to age and soul to soul



liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.  
 you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.  
 in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

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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:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **G** 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;



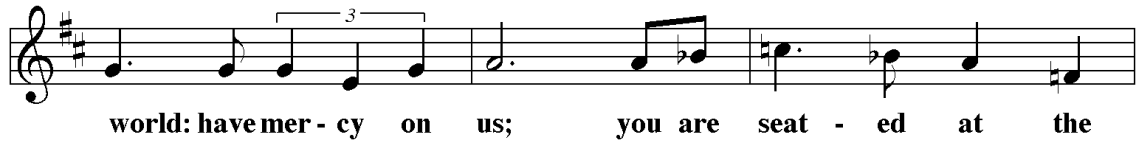
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



ⓑ 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 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, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Special Music “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Bell Choir

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## WORD

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### Deuteronomy 30:15-20

*The LORD sets before the people of God a clear choice. Life and prosperity will come to the faithful; loss of the land will be the consequence of disobedience. Choosing life entails loving and holding fast to the Lord. Life in God's presence presupposes the promise made to the ancestors.*

[Moses said to the people:] <sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 119:1-8**

*Happy are they who follow the teaching of the LORD. (Ps. 119:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>**I will keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

### **1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

*Human leaders in the church are not the ones who control ministry. Rather they are coworkers who belong to God, the one who truly controls and continuously empowers the ministry of the church.*

<sup>1</sup>Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

<sup>7</sup>So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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 5:21-37**

*In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to embrace standards of righteousness that exceed legal requirements and traditional expectations.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>21</sup>“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>“Again, you have heard that



it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’<sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,<sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.<sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.<sup>37</sup> Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

**P:** The Gospel of Our Lord.  
**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Healer of Our Every Ill”

**R612**

*(The assembly stands as they are able)*

*Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,

give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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: 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  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

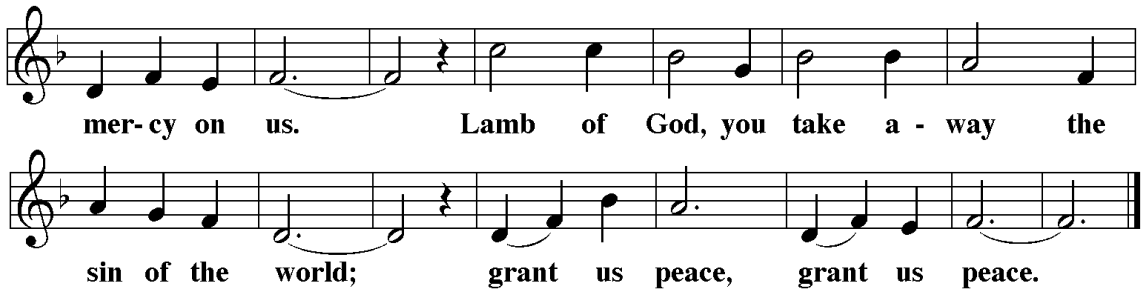
*(All who desire to receive Christ's presence in bread and wine are welcome to participate in the Eucharist)*



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on**



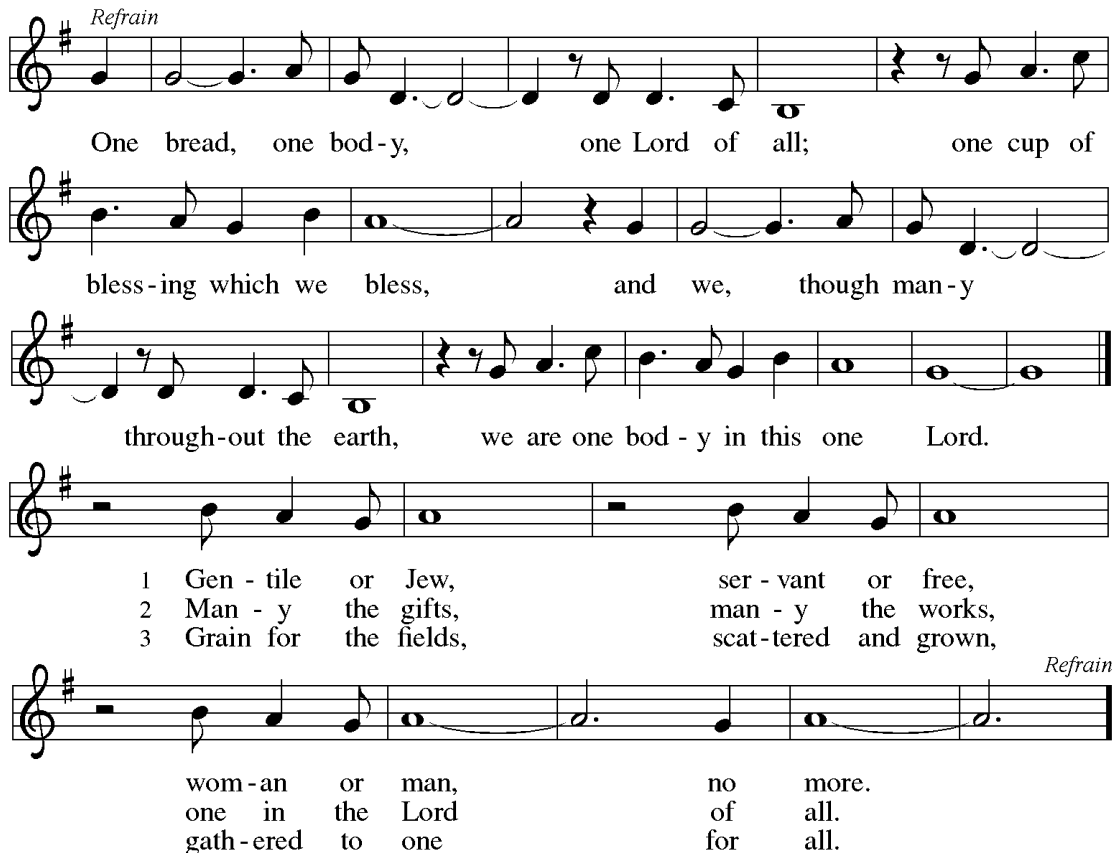
**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**



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

**COMMUNION HYMN** "One Bread, One Body" **R496**

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.  
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
wom - an or man, no more,  
one in the Lord of all,  
gath - ered to one for all.

*Refrain*

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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 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

R543



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

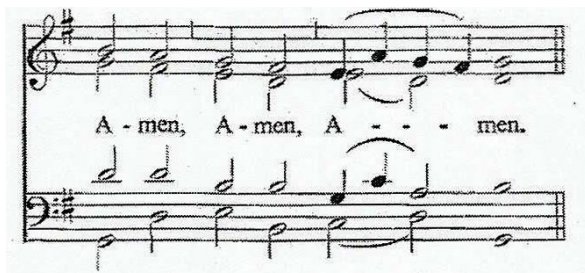
Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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## 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.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Rev. Gene Bacon for leading worship and preaching this weekend.

## 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.

## **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 Justice & Peace Efforts at First Congregational UCC. Our Synod Prayer Partner for this week: Grace Lutheran Church, Alpena, Rev. Tom Orth, and Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod Staff.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given in memory of Lyn Marshall, by Don & Myra Cross and family.

## **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.

## **LENT STARTS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

### **Join us for a "*Fat Sunday*" Celebration on February 19**

Join us for fellowship as Lent starts up. REBOOT Team and Fellowship Work Group decided to host a *Fat Sunday* instead of a Fat Tuesday. Join us for a brunch and bring your special sweet treats in for everyone to enjoy. Everyone is invited. If you have something to bring, brunch or sweet, sign up 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 18)

## **LADIES CIRCLE MEETING - ALL ARE WELCOME!**

The Ruth Circle will meet at 1:00 p.m. on February 15 in the lounge. We are studying the Ten Commandments (and are only on #2 so far). Lots of interesting discussion. Join us for fellowship and Bible study.



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

Pick one up after worship services. Or during the week.

## **THINKING OF YOU PACKAGES - REBOOT SOUP COLLECTION**

The Reboot Committee is asking your help with collecting cans/cartons of soup. The soup will be included in "Thinking of You" bags for our Loving Care Members. Please place your donation of soup in the basket marked "*Thinking of You*" (soup) outside the office. Bags will be packed during Fellowship Hour on February 19th. Any soup not needed for this activity will be donated to the Little Food Pantry.

## **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.

## **GRACE QUILTERS NEWS**

Recently 37 quilts were donated to a local recovery center. Also, 147 bandages for a hospital in Africa were taken to Word of Life Baptist Church, here in Alpena, for part of their ministry. *Making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.*

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY**

Can you spare a loaf of bread? Maybe a jar of jam or peanut butter? It goes fast and can be a meal for someone in need. Thank you for all the donations that come in for the Little Food Pantry.

## **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 & GIRLS CLUB MATCHING GRANT**

Join with Grace Lutheran's Community Outreach Dollars and help Boys & Girls Club achieve their matching grant. Grace is giving \$400 - 2 months of our Community Outreach Dollars. You can make checks out to Grace and note for B&G. Or mark it on your offering envelope. We will collect until February 12th.

## **DO YOU HAVE ROOM TO HOST A VISITING ARTIST FOR 7 TO 10 DAYS ?**

### **Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board - Artist in Residence Program**

Every year the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board host a visual artist for a week long residency in the Sanctuary. During their time here, they create art work and give programs. In return the artist donates a work that was inspired by their time here. Eventually all the art work will be displayed in the Thunder Bay River Center. The artist is given lodging for their time in Alpena. The Sanctuary Board is in need of a place for the artist to stay this year. The time is a mutually agreeable time between the host and artist, usually in the summer. See Pastor Tom if you have some room or for more information.

### **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.

### **PLEASE RECYCLE BULLETINS**

You can place your bulletin in the recycle bin by the elevator as you leave the sanctuary.

### **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 at [www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/news](http://www.gracelutheran-alpena.org/news)

### **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		



## HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

### Sunday -12th

8:50 am Choir Practice  
9:00 am Sunday School  
9:30 am **Worship**  
NO Adult CE Today

### Monday - 13th

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

### Tuesday - 14th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
9:00 am Sewing/Quilting  
11:00 am Pastors Text Study -  
Lounge  
7:00 pm Adult CE - Lounge

### Wednesday - 15th

8am-noon Church Office Open  
1:00 pm Ruth Circle - Lounge  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice

### Thursday - 16th

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

### Friday - 17th

8am-noon Church Office Open

### Saturday - 18th

5:00 pm **Worship**

## SERVING FEBRUARY 11/12

**Ministers** ..... God's People  
**Pastor** ..... Rev. Gene Bacon  
**Music Director** ..... Claire Schreiber  
**Organist/Pianist** ..... Amy Truth  
**Lector** ..... Ruby Haske  
**Communion**  
**Assistants** ..... Roger & Jeanne Pankey  
**Ushers**..... Gary & Kay Grove, Rick Engstrom,  
Cindy Domrase (Sat.)  
**Greeters**..... Joe & Dawn 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** ..... Wayne Lewis, Audrey Garant

## 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  
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**Counters**..... Gary & Kay Grove  
**Coffee Hour** ..... Ruby Haske & Family

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