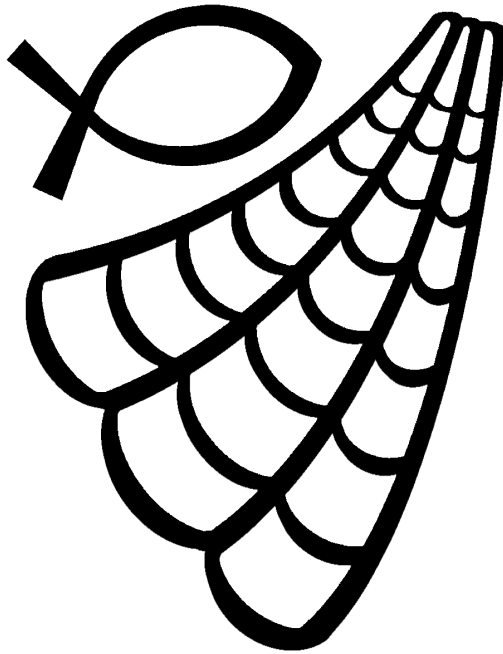


# **3rd Sunday After the Epiphany**



**January 21, 2024**

# Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, please complete a visitor information sheet and/or record your visit in the red attendance book found in each aisle. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor or an usher.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Quiet Books for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available in the info kiosk, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe.

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) and the NALC at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org)!

## PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"We All Are One in Mission" - arr. Robert A. Hobby

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" - arr. Paul Manz

## Parish Concerns

*Please stand and face the baptismal font.*

## The Entrance Rite

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (v. 1-3)**



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's  
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride - groom, light di - vine, and deep with - in  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there falls



own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's Son, our Lord and mas -  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch -  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls



ter, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!  
 es of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing.  
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich in  
 Now, though dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and dis -  
 Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! for you



bles - sing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

# The Liturgy of The Word

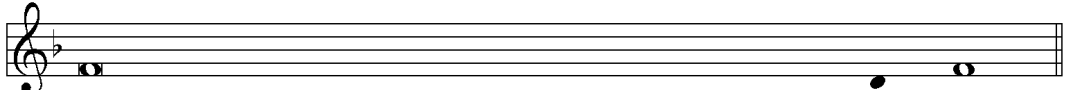
## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)
- C** **And also with you!**


## KYRIE (*Mark 10: 47*)



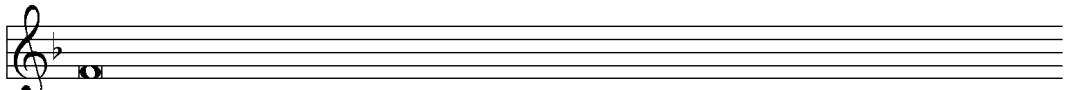
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



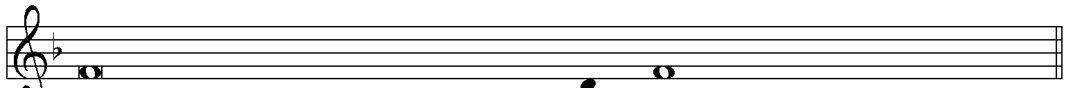
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



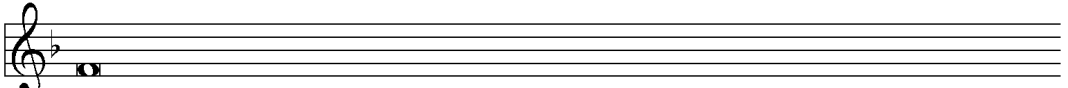
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



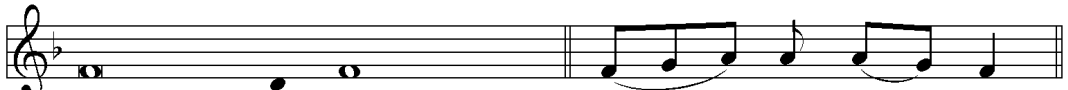
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



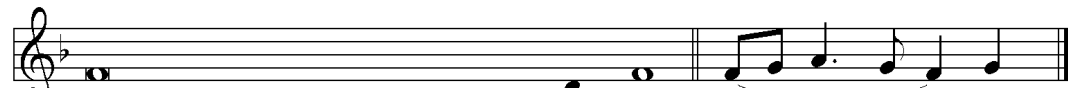
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

# GLORY TO GOD *(Luke 2: 14, John 1: 29)*



☐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.



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.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

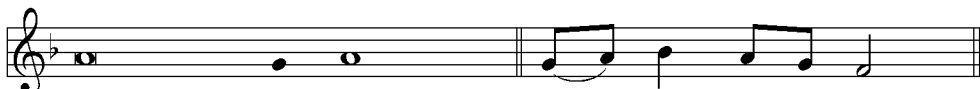


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you.

☩ And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## The Liturgy of the Word

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*Jonah was commanded by God for a second time to go to the city of Nineveh and call the Ninevites to repentance. His message to them was that in forty days' time, the Lord would overthrow their city unless they turned from their evil ways. To Jonah's surprise, the Ninevites responded by fasting and putting on sackcloth and ashes.*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. <sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 62

Refrain

In God is my safe - ty and my hon - or.

Psalm Tone

In God is my safe - ty and my hon - or.

L <sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul in <sup>1</sup> silence waits;  
from him comes <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

C <sup>2</sup>**He alone is my rock and <sup>1</sup> my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be <sup>1</sup> greatly shaken.**

L <sup>3</sup>How long will you assail me to crush me, all of <sup>1</sup> you together,  
as if you were a leaning fence, a <sup>1</sup> toppling wall?

C <sup>4</sup>**They seek only to bring me down from my <sup>1</sup> place of honor;  
lies are their <sup>1</sup> chief delight. Refrain**

L <sup>5</sup>They bless <sup>1</sup> with their lips,  
but in their <sup>1</sup> hearts they curse.

C <sup>6</sup>**For God alone my soul in <sup>1</sup> silence waits;  
truly, my hope <sup>1</sup> is in him.**

L <sup>7</sup>He alone is my rock and <sup>1</sup> my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall <sup>1</sup> not be shaken.

C <sup>8</sup>**In God is my safety <sup>1</sup> and my honor;  
God is my strong rock <sup>1</sup> and my refuge. Refrain**

L <sup>9</sup>Put your trust in him al- <sup>1</sup> ways, O people,  
pour out your hearts before him, for God <sup>1</sup> is our refuge.

C <sup>10</sup>**Those of high degree are but a <sup>1</sup> fleeting breath,  
even those of low estate can- <sup>1</sup> not be trusted.**

L <sup>11</sup>On the scales they are lighter <sup>1</sup> than a breath,  
all of <sup>1</sup> them together.

C <sup>12</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no <sup>1</sup> empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your <sup>1</sup> heart upon it.**

L <sup>13</sup>God has spoken once, twice <sup>1</sup> have I heard it,  
that power be- <sup>1</sup> longs to God.

C <sup>14</sup>**Steadfast love is <sup>1</sup> yours, O Lord,  
for you repay everyone according <sup>1</sup> to his deeds. Refrain**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

*St. Paul instructed the Corinthian Christians that the world as they knew it was passing*



*away and the time of the Lord's return was very short. In order to be free to respond to the call of Christ, if one could be free of anxieties caused by family responsibilities, it was wise not to take them on. Paul was not anti-marriage or anti-family. He was simply being realistic about the cost of discipleship.*

<sup>29</sup> This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup> I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup> and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup> I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*John 6: 68*)

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

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20**

*As Jesus traveled in the region of Galilee proclaiming that the kingdom of God was at hand, he stopped and invited two fishermen, brothers Simon and Andrew, to come and follow him. They would no longer be fishing in the way they were used to; now they would fish for people.*

P      The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.



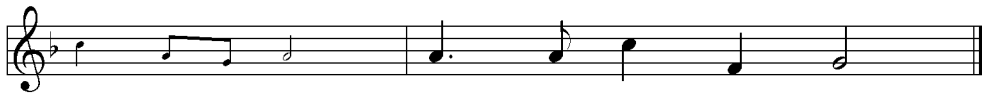
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Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,  
<sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



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Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

### SERMON

The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

*After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### HYMN OF THE DAY "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"



1	O	Christ,	our	true	and	on	-	ly	light,	En	-	light	-	en
2	Fill	with	the	ra	-	diance	of	Your	grace	The	souls	now		
3	O	gent	-	ly	call	those	gone	a	-	stray	That	they	may	
4	Shine	on	the	dark	-	ened	and	the	cold;	Re	-	call	the	
5	That	they	with	us	may	ev	-	er	-	more	Such	grace	with	



those	who	sit	in	night;	Let	those	a	-	far	now		
lost	in	er	-	ror's	En	-	light	-	en	those	whose	
find	the	sav	-	ing	Let	ev	-	'ry	con	-	science	
wan	-	d'rrers	to	Your	U	-	nite	all	those	who		
won	-	d'ring	thanks	a	-	dore	And	end	-	less	praise	to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A** We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

**A** Rejoicing in God's gift of grace, let us pray for the Church,  
 the world, and all on whom the Light of Christ shines.

*After each petition:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy;

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P** Hear our prayers, gracious God, as we live in the light of  
 your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

***You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace,  
 and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.***

*Please be seated.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

## SPECIAL MUSIC

8:30 "Medley of Epiphany Hymns" - arr. Larry Seifert **Larry Seifert - Piano**

11:00 "Lift Your Light" - arr. *Mary McDonald* **Grace Singers Chancel Choir**

*Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*

**LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD** (*Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7*)



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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Merciful Father,  
C 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

# THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER


(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



☐ The Lord be with you. ☑ And al - so with you.



☐ Lift up your hearts. ☑ We lift them to the Lord.



☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☑ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## THE SANCTUS (Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)



☑ 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.

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.  
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life.  
We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.  
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

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

P 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION

*A time of silence...*

P Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. (*John 1:29*)

**C Blessed are those who are invited to the supper of the Lamb!**  
(*Revelation 19:9*)

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Please be seated.*



*All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper, and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are welcome to commune this evening.*

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

*You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.*

*As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.*

*Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.*

**After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided**

*(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host.)*

**Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:**

*O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.*

**Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:**

*Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.*

**LAMB OF GOD** (*John 1: 29*)



☪ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



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



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

sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Special Selections by Larry Seifert

*After all have communed, please stand.*

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace!

**C** **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face to shine on you  
 And be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ... give you peace.  
 In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit ✠

**C** **A - men**



## RECESSIONAL HYMN LBW 76 "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (v. 4-6)

4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us, when  
not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!  
Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him  
here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life for -  
ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

6 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is he, the King of glory!

## THE RITE OF SENDING

A Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. (*John 8:12*)  
C **The light no darkness can overcome!** (*John 1:5*)

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!  
C **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" - arr. Mark Sedio

**Offering:** An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

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**Remember in our prayers...** Chris Troutman, Carol Schlea, Tom Rothmann, Ron Kerlee, Diane Boone, Betty Lou Miliner, Grace Sima, Rod Rice, Don Slemmer, Jan Perry, John Moffett, Rick Arreguin, Bob Bower, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, the family of Clarence Clapham, the family of Carl Siegrist

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## Notes & News

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

**WELCOME**

**Service Recording:** The recorded 8:30am service will be available at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org) around 11am.

**2024 Giving Envelopes are available for pick up.** Questions? Debbie Yoho, 614-882-3026 or [finance@grace43081.org](mailto:finance@grace43081.org).

**Flowers for 2024:** Flowers at Grace can honor a special event, remember a loved one or simply give glory to God. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line or call the office. The actual cost of flowers has increased to \$75.00 a Sunday. The suggested donation will now be \$30. Since that does not cover the cost, this donation is not to purchase flowers for your own, but contribute for the enjoyment of all. After the service, the arrangement is moved to the welcome center for the following week to enhance our space even longer.



**February Altar Guild Meeting Planned!** A meeting of the Altar Guild is planned for Saturday February 3, 2024 9:30-11a in the Loaves & Fishes. It is a great time for anyone wanting to join in this vital ministry or just interested in knowing more about how we serve our family of Grace to join us - no reservation needed! I plan to review Captain and Team assignments, review the updates in our procedures, and have Pr Wendel in attendance to elaborate on any changes being made, answer any questions we may have, and encourage us in our ministry. There will be plenty of coffee and bakery goodies as we share this time together. I would encourage any current



members to bring a friend who may be interested in serving with you to come check us out! Please contact Vanessa Stewart for more information 614-588-2712 or [vschpn55@gmail.com](mailto:vschpn55@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

<b>Jan. 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1:00 pm-- Grace Stitchers</li> <li>• 6:30 pm– Yarn Matters</li> <li>• 6:30 pm– Council Meeting</li> </ul>
<b>Jan. 28</b>	Parents, Children and Youth meeting with Pr. Wendel (more info under “Christian Growth”)
<b>Feb. 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:30 am– Altar Guild Meeting</li> <li>• 2:00pm Youth and Family Bowling @ Delaware Lanes (more info under “Christian Growth”)</li> </ul>
<b>Feb. 4</b>	5:30 pm- <b>High Schoolers Pizza and a Movie!</b> (more info under “Christian Growth”)
<b>Feb. 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Super Bowl Kettle Collection and Soup Collection</li> <li>• 12:30pm– A Joyful Noise! Community Concert presents Aaron Schwartz, violinist</li> </ul>

## OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS** *Let all that you do be done in love”. (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

**January Shopping List:**

*Body Lotion; Body Wash; Cereal; Coffee - decaffeinated; Conditioner; Dishwasher Detergent; Disinfectant Wipes; Fabric Softener; Fruit Juices (esp. Apple); Jell-O, Sugar Free; Mushrooms; Canned Pears; Pizza Sauce; Razors; Shampoo;*

*Shaving Cream; Soap, Hand/Soft; Sugar, Granulated; Tomatoes, Stewed; and **Plastic shopping bags are needed.** We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.*



**New Year, New Hobby!**



Join the Yarn Matters group in Rose Garden 1 on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 at 6:30. We will be happy to teach and chat! Materials available for your use. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Only in November will we meet on the 3rd Tuesday. We do not meet in December. We hope you'll consider starting your New Year with a new hobby and join

us to chat and work with yarn! Call Jodi Arreguin 614-946-3344 if you have questions.



**Super Bowl Sunday is Sunday, February 11!** We will continue to have the kettles out to collect monetary donations. Donate towards your favorite team or "I don't care." Who will win? We are also collecting cans of soup on Super Bowl Sunday. The cans of soup and kettle collection will be donated to WARM. There will be a bin to put the cans in for donations.

## **CHRISTIAN GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Vision Statement:** To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

**You're Invited!** Pastor Wendel is inviting children, youth and parents to meet for conversation about our current and future Youth and Family, confirmation and related ministries! Meetings will take place in the fellowship hall Sunday, January 28 as follows:



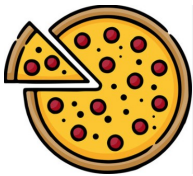
- 3-4 PM Conversation with elementary age students and their parents
- 4-5 PM Conversation with middle school and confirmation age students and their parents
- 5-6 PM Conversation with high school age students and their parents

Parents, children and youth are encouraged to come, be part of our conversation as we shape and define our vision for the coming year! If your child/children or youth have not been particularly active, you are even more important to this conversation. If you have questions, please feel free to call or text Pastor Wendel at 719-650-8171 (cell) or email him at [d.wendel@grace43081.org](mailto:d.wendel@grace43081.org).



**Let's get together and bowl** February 3 at 2:00. We will meet at Delaware Lanes, 536 Sunbury Road in Delaware. Youth and Family will pay for the bowling shoes. Sign up at the Welcome Center. Any questions email Molly King, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).

**High Schoolers Pizza and a Movie!** We will meet Sunday evening, Feb. 4, 5:30 PM at the home of Molly King, 130 Big Run Road, Delaware. We hope to have a monthly high schoolers gathering, rotating between Molly's home and the home of Pastor Wendel. Friends are invited and encouraged! The intention is to develop and strengthen relationships in a relaxing environment. Sign-up at the church! Questions? Call or text Pastor Wendel (719-650-8171) or Molly.



**Adult Bible Class: "That the World May Know"** – As Christians, we're called to proclaim God's name in all the earth, but how do we do that amid false gospels? In Volume 15 discover how Paul spread the good news of Christ to Philippi, a Roman colony that worshiped false gods. This volume will ask us to answer a couple of important questions, like where does our citizenship reside? Are we citizens of the worldly or



the Heavenly kingdom? Also, what message are we conveying to the world? Renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan guides you through the lands of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East, the” film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus.

This session began on January 7<sup>th</sup> and is facilitated by Bill Kulju. This class meets in fellowship hall between services beginning at 9:45.

**The Women’s Bible Study:** We are studying The Gospel of John: Part 1 by Tony Evans. Description: Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciples book- that we would believe in Jesus and find life in his name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. If you don't already have a RightNow Media account contact Molly King, [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).



### Choirs at Grace:



- **Grace Youth Choir** rehearsals are Sundays 9:30-9:45 AM. Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries.
- **Grace Chancel Choir** rehearsals are 7:00-8:15 PM on Wednesdays. Contact Jeff Daubenmire with questions or interest in singing.
- **Grace Ringers Bell Choir** rehearsals are Wednesdays, 6:15-7PM. Contact Maria Laderman with questions or interest in ringing.

## HOSPITALITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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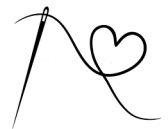
**The Grace Church Intercessory Prayer Team is here for you.** We are now 18 members strong and are here to pray for your needs – for health issues, direction on an important decision, safe travels, thanksgiving for an answered prayer - there is not any need that is too big or too small for you to ask for prayer.



The Prayer Box is at the back of the sanctuary with request forms, or you can use the Grace website – the “Prayer Request” link is on the top right of the web page.

Martin Luther said: “Prayer is a very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails.”

**The Grace Stitchers** have our first meeting in 2024 planned for Tuesday January 23, 2024 1-3pm in the Fishes & Loaves. After taking a summer break, we reconnected in October to make 50+ drawstring bags for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our January meeting will focus on



what projects and opportunities we feel God is calling us to as a group and as individuals. You do not have to be a sewer to join our group! We primarily complete projects at home unless we schedule a 'sew-in' afternoon at the church. At our meetings we share and explore sewing opportunities as our ministry and we encourage anyone to join us who would like to participate in the non-sewing activities and to pray for the ministry. For more information please contact Vanessa Stewart 614-588-2712.



**NURSERY is OPEN!** The Nursery is open Sunday mornings during both services and the Sunday School hour. Trained, professional sitters are present every week to care for your children, ages 6 and younger. Questions? Molly King, 614-882-3026 or [m.king@grace43081.org](mailto:m.king@grace43081.org).



**Loaves and Fishes café is OPEN!** Please stop in between services for a drink and a snack! There is a sign-up sheet in the café if you are interested in helping. Please call Vanessa Stewart, 614-588-2712 with any questions or concerns.



**Dartball's 2023-2024 season is here!** Contact Robert Bassett at 419.236.4293 or [rgbassettiii@gmail.com](mailto:rgbassettiii@gmail.com) with any questions. Upcoming matches:  
1/25 Rome                      2/1 at Epiphany                      2/8 at FBGC 2

## MUSIC NOTES

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### **“We All Are One in Mission” – arr. Robert A. Hobby**

Rusty Edwards (b. 1955) wrote this hymn in 1985 in response to a letter from the Lutheran bishop Paul Erickson that said, “Our mission is to touch the lives of others, with Christ’s love.” It was used in the 1986 mission appeal of the Lutheran Church in America, published in *The Lutheran Journal* (1986), and then entered *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (1990). It came to the current hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, through *With One Voice* in 1995.

### **“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” – arr. Paul Manz**

This hymn was published in the *Devoti musica cordis* (Leipzig, 1630) of Johann Heermann (1585-1647) in a section of “pious Christian songs of lament for times of persecution and hardship.” Written in the midst of the Thirty Years’ War, the song directs the singer away from destruction, devastation, and disruption of peaceful daily life to the realm of faith and hope in the Savior, Jesus Christ. While rulers of Reformation and Counter-Reformation territories were aligning themselves into groups that sent armed forces to protect or gain advantage, Heermann looks beyond all this to the spiritual battle under Christ. Heermann’s hymn is modeled on a prayer by the Jesuit Petrus Michaelis (Peter Michael Brillmacher, 1542-1595) for unbelievers and those who have gone astray.

### **“Medley of Epiphany Hymns” – arr. Larry Seifert**

This medley is an arrangement of two Epiphany hymns:

**“Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning”** – Reginald Heber’s (1783-1826) interest in the church led him to write a series of hymns for the Christian year, this being designated

“Epiphany” and meant to be sung between the creed and sermon. While it uses natural imagery, its concern is to make clear what is acceptable worship to God as stated in Psalm 51:17: “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou will not despise.”

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” – The author of this hymn, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) regards this hymn as a scriptural meditation and prayer, stimulated by a host of biblical verses mostly related to light, among them these: God gave the dome of the sky (Genesis 1:17); the Lord will be your light (Isaiah 60:19); the night is as bright as day (Psalm 139:12); once you were darkness, but now live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-9); God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts crying “Abba” (Galatians 4:6); the Son is the reflection of God’s glory (Hebrews 1:3); you are children of light, so encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:5); be attentive to the prophetic message as a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:19); whoever says “I abide in him” ought to walk as he walked (1 John 1:5-7); and the city has no sun or moon, for the glory of God is its light and its lamp the Lamb (Revelation 21:23).

#### “Lift Your Light” – arr. Mary McDonald

This soulful, gospel-style piece by Mary McDonald starts out subdued but then builds gradually to a powerful, spirited conclusion: “Lift your light higher and higher!...Jesus is the light of the world.” There is also a brief statement of “This Little Light of Mine”.

#### “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!” – arr. Mark Sedio

This Epiphany hymn came to be known as the “Queen of Chorales” and its partner “Wake, awake, for night is flying” as the “King of Chorales”. Both hymns and their tunes are by Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608). “O Morning Star” is based on Psalm 45, with allusions to the jewel, jasper, and pearls of Revelation 21:11, 19 and 21, and the Alpha, Omega, and Morning Star of Revelation 22:13 and 16. The hymn’s images pull together God’s love in Christ through words and sacraments in a joyful song.



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**Financial Update:** If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer’s report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at [melissa.hodek@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.hodek@gmail.com) and it will be emailed to you.

**2nd Sunday After the Epiphany:** 8:30am: 74; 11:00am: 93; Total: 167



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## My Rock and My Salvation

Find the 37 **bold** words from Psalm 62:1–7 (ESV).

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For **God alone** my **soul** waits in **silence**; from him **comes** my **salvation**. He alone is my **rock** and my salvation, my **fortress**; I shall not be **greatly shaken**. **How long** will all of you **attack** a man to **batter** him, like a **leaning wall**, a **tottering fence**? They only **plan** to **thrust** him **down** from his **high position**. They **take pleasure** in **falsehood**. They **bless** with their **mouths**, but **inwardly** they **curse**. *Selah* For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my **hope** is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God **rests** my salvation and my **glory**; my **mighty rock**, my **refuge** is God.

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ACOLYTE	8:30	Lauren Place	11:00 Gabriel Young
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	8:30	Paul Whitacre	
	11:00	Tom Seamon	
USHERS	8:30	Bill Kulju, Jim Shore, Aaron Singleton, Jim Caldwell	
	11:00	Joe Moleno, Merlin Breen, Dick Jones, Brice Graves	
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NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Petria Walker, Kathleen Betz		



## This Week at Grace: January 21-28, 2024

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### Jan. 21 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

8:30 am   Worship Service  
9:30 am   Youth Choir  
9:45 am   Adult Learning and Sunday School  
11:00 am   Worship Service  
2-4 pm    Assemblée Chretienne La Parole  
            (Christian Assembly of the Word) (Sanctuary)

MON      9:30 am   SLAM Fitness Group (Fellowship Hall)

TUES     9:30 am   SLAM Fitness Group (Fellowship Hall)  
            8:00 pm   AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED.     10:30am   Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
            7:00 pm   Grace Singers (Sanctuary)

THURS    9:30am    SLAM Fitness Group (Fellowship Hall)  
            9:30am    Grace Safety Committee Meeting  
            7:00pm    Worship and Music  
            6:30pm    Dartball vs. Rome

FRI.      8:00 pm   AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

SAT      9:30 am   AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
            8:00 pm   AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

### Jan. 28 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

PR. DAVID WENDEL

8:30 am   Worship Service  
9:30 am   Youth Choir  
9:45 am   Adult Learning and Sunday School  
11:00 am   Worship Service  
2-4 pm    Assemblée Chretienne La Parole  
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**Vision Statement:** We envision Grace to be a welcoming Christ-centered community of faith, inviting all, growing in discipleship, sharing in ministries.

**Mission Statement:** Our mission is to reach out with the love of Jesus to grow disciples and serve our community.