

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



January 31, 2021

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

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 and the NALC.

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The Old Testament historian proclaimed that there would be another prophet raised up from among Moses' brothers. This one would speak the words of God with truth and authenticity. As Jesus taught in the synagogue, the people were amazed at his ability to instruct them in the Word and also at his ability to cast out evil from a man who was held captive by a demonic spirit.

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" - arr. Wayne L. Wold

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come" - arr. George Shearing

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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 is kept for reflection.

P Merciful Father,

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 ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word We have come a - gain to
hear you; Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred And in
glow - ing faith be near you As the prom - is - es here
giv - en Draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system starts with a '1' indicating the first line of the hymn. The lyrics are: '1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word We have come a - gain to hear you; Let our thoughts and hearts be stirred And in glow - ing faith be near you As the prom - is - es here giv - en Draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.' The music is written in a clear, legible font.

The Gathering

GREETING

- A 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 Kyrie eleison.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

A Christe eleison.
C **Christ, have mercy.**

A Kyrie eleison.
C **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A O God,
C **you know that we cannot withstand the dangers that surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that so that in you we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

PARISH CONCERNS

The Word

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

God would raise up for the people Israel a new prophet who is like Moses. The people were instructed to listen to him, for out of his mouth would come the Lord's words. If a prophet was found by God to speak words other than the Lord's, that prophet would suffer death, thus proving whether the prophets' words were trustworthy.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

Psalms 111

Refrain



Psalms Tone



- L ¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ¹congregation.
- C ²**Great are your ¹works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ¹light in them.**
- L ³Majesty and splendor ¹mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ¹dures forever.
- C ⁴**You cause your wonders to ¹be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹of compassion. Refrain**
- L ⁵You give food to ¹those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹er your covenant.
- C ⁶**You have shown your people the power ¹of your works
in giving them the lands ¹of the nations.**
- L ⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ¹ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹cepts are sure.
- C ⁸**They stand fast forev- ¹er and ever,
because they are done in ¹truth and equity. Refrain**
- L ⁹You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your cove- ¹nant forever;
holy and awesome ¹is your name.
- C ¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the begin- ¹ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise en- ¹dures forever. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Paul reminded the people that they have a duty to those who are weak in the faith. It is not good to be puffed up with knowledge for the sake of knowing things, or to insist on one's rights just because one is entitled to something. Rather, Paul said, Christians are to care for the young and weak in faith so their faith is built up.

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols; we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet

for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸“Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

On the Sabbath day, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught the people. They were astonished at his ability and sincerity. A man with an unclean spirit approached him, yelling at him in fear. Jesus commanded the spirit to come out of the man and to be quiet. All who were gathered were amazed at his authority.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Nicholas Hopman

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?

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 OF THE CHURCH

A God of power and might, comfort your people and come quickly to this weary world. Hear our prayers for everyone in need.
A brief silence



After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

A O heavenly Father, give us all such things through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and savior, in whose name we thus pray:

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.

PREFACE

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 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:

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you.

This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Please be seated.



All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.

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.

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)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Linda Hoch

"There Is a Balm in Gilead" - arr. David Cherwien

"Healer of Our Every Ill" - arr. Gregory Hamilton

After communion is finished, 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

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ grant you peace.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN**"Son of God, Eternal Savior"**

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Rise, Shine, You People!" - arr. David Cherwien

Linda Hoch

Dismissal: *Ushers will release rows from the back of the church to the front. Please keep your bulletin.*

Offering: A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service

Today's flowers are given by...

Dave and Trish Patterson in honor of God's many blessings.

Remember in our prayers... Bob Sheetz, Dana Smith, Michael Quinn, Barb Girard, Connie Caldwell, Randy Cashman, Marilyn Braatz, Manjula Kothuru, Mary Ulrich, Clarence Clapham, Rosemarie Litzinger, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler, Shawn Turnbull

Notes & News

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us.

Service Recording: The recorded 8:15am service will be available at www.grace43081.org around 11am.

NURSERY will be closed until further notice. If you have any question see Molly King.

1st Service Start Time: Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, February 7, the first service will begin at 8:30am rather than 8:15am. No other start times are being adjusted.

Scout Sunday: Sunday, February 7 at the 11am service we are honoring our own Scout Troop 007 and all scouts including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts. Scouts members will be recognized by Pastor Hopman. All scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms on that day to be recognized and congratulated for being a member of these fine organizations.



YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Sunday School vs. Adults!

We are collecting cans of soup during the month of January for WARM. Please bring in cans of soup. There will be designated bins for the cans of soup by the Welcome Center. We will once again be using a point system for the competition.

- Chicken Noodle is worth 1 point
- Vegetable Soup is worth 1 point
- Cream soups (Mushroom, Chicken etc.) worth 3 points
- Chunky Soups are worth 5 points



· *Tomato Soups are worth 1 point*

Currently, the adults are ahead 379 points to 169 points. We donated 783 points to WARM. The goal is to donate 1000 points this year. The Super Bowl is February 7th which is the last day to turn in the cans. LET THE COMPETITION CONTINUE!

Lent Rice Bowls: During Lent we will be collecting loose change for the Rice Bowls. "With your help, some leftover change can become 1000's of yummy meals for orphaned children." The rice bowls will be out by the Welcome Center for you to pick up on Ash Wednesday, February 17th and they are due back on April 4th, Easter Sunday. More information is at ricebowls.org. If you have any questions contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.



A Season of Hope: Lent may be a time of waiting and darkness, but it need not be one of inaction and hopelessness. This Lenten season, announce to the world that Christ makes a new season possible: **A SEASON OF HOPE** for Lutheran World Relief. The warehouse shelves are nearly empty and they can't keep up with the demand. We will once again collect items for Personal Care Kits. The kits include light weight bath size towel, bars of soap, adult toothbrush in the original packaging, sturdy comb and metal nail clippers. The baskets will be out by the welcome center. We will start collecting items Sunday, February 21. This project will end Easter Sunday. If you have any questions contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.



REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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

January Grocery List:

Peanut butter, jelly; beef and chicken helpers; rice, pasta, potato sides; personal care items (no feminine products or adult diapers); Ziploc bags (especially quart size); canned chicken and tuna; sloppy joe mix; and condiments (all types). 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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY: The two teams are set for our Super Bowl Sunday to benefit our favorite team, W.A.R.M.! We will have three pots on display Sunday, February 7, in the Gathering Space, please donate to one of three teams, **The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Kansas City Chiefs or our favorite, "I Don't Care"**! All funds will go directly to W.A.R.M., so cheer on your favorite team with W.A.R.M being the ultimate winner!



TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP

The Women's Bible Study: The Women of Easter by Liz Curtis Higgs, starting Wednesday, February 3 at 10:30. In this study you will meet three women named Mary, each of whom has

a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Your mind and emotions will be engaged and your faith strengthened as each scene unfolds, preparing your heart for a richer, deeper Easter experience. For more information contact Molly King, m.king@grace43081.org.

AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE: The adult class led by John Westenhaver meets in Rose Garden 4 at 9:30 a.m. Questions? Contact John at jwestenhaver@gmail.com.

Adult Learning: John 1, 2, & 3 – Comfortable Christianity often means a weak Christianity. In this study on John’s three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith. Fellowship with God is the essence of our faith, along with Dr. Evans, we will walk through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience, and truth. In a world that hates Jesus, we are called to love Him and His people with a fierce love. Please join us in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. This study is facilitated by Bill Kulju.

MUSIC NOTES

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” – arr. Wayne L. Wold

Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684), the author of this hymn, was chaplain to the Swedish regiment in Leipzig and preached the thanksgiving sermon at the end of the Thirty Years’ War on January 1, 1649, at Weiden. The first three stanzas of this hymn appeared in *the Altdorffisches Gesang-Büchlein* (1663) for use before the sermon. The Nicene Creed is briefly reflected in the third stanza. The last stanza, the doxology, is of unknown authorship. The hymn as we know it was translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and included in her *Lyra Germanica*, second series (1858) with the opening line “Blessed Jesus, at Thy word”.

“O Christ the Healer, We Have Come” – arr. George Shearing

This hymn by English Methodist minister Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) was written to fill the need for a text on health and wholeness. The tune DISTRESS comes from William Walker’s (1809-1875) *The Southern Harmony* (1835) where it was paired with Anne Steele’s “So fades the lovely blooming flow’r.”

“There Is a Balm in Gilead” – arr. David Cherwien

“Balm of Gilead” was an aromatic medicinal ointment. Jeremiah 8:22 asks, “Is there no balm in Gilead?” This African American spiritual responds “There is a balm in Gilead.” The author of this spiritual may have been familiar with the hymns of Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Newton (1725-1807) because the line “sin-sick soul” is also found in their hymns. The verses draw on a number of New Testament images. The tune BALM IN GILEAD, as typical for spirituals, comes anonymously from an oral tradition. The complete spiritual was published in *Folk Songs of the American Negro* (1907) and edited by two African American brothers, John Wesley Work Jr. and Frederick Jerome Work.

“Healer of Our Every Ill” – arr. Gregory Hamilton

This hymn was written by Marty Haugen (b. 1950). He recalls:

“Healer of Our Every Ill” was written during the winter of 1985-1986 while my family was residing at Holden Village, a retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. On January 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger crashed shortly after take-off. In addition to the loss of seven astronauts, it was a symbolic loss for Americans. At Holden we had very infrequent communications with the outside world, so that we did not know of the disaster for a couple of days. When we got some information, we held a service in the evening, and “Healer

of Our Every Ill” was written as an expression for our community to grieve together.
[from an email from Marty Haugen, March 13, 2009]

“Rise, Shine, You People!” – arr. David Cherwien

Ronald A. Klug (b. 1939) was asked by Augsburg Publishing House to write a hymn for the Epiphany Season, and he immediately thought of the text from Isaiah 60:1: “Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” His hymn was published in a bulletin insert for the fourth Sunday in Epiphany (the first Sunday in February) in 1974. The tune WOJTKIEWIECZ was commissioned by Dale Wood (1934-2003) for this hymn and published together with the text for the bulletin insert. The tune bears the composer’s family name, Wojtkiewicz, which was lost early in the 20th century when an immigration official suggested it be changed to Wood.



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| Dec. 2020 | Estimated Giving | Collected | Excess/ (Deficit) |
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| MTD | \$ 36,667 | \$ 50,977 | \$ 14,310 |
| YTD | \$440,000 | \$ 457,142 | \$ 17,142 |

Weekly Worship Attendance

Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 24: 8:15am: 56, 11:00am: 73, Total: 129

THE SEASON OF LENT AT GRACE – 2021

Come join us for Wednesday evening services during Lent.

The service starts at 7:00 pm.

The Drama Series this year is called "Will You Betray Me?" This was Jesus' question to Judas in the Garden Of Gethsemane on the night he was arrested. In our lives of faith as Jesus' disciples, it is a question that could be asked of each of us as well. This five-part drama series focuses on "betrayal" as a central theme. The monologues feature biblical characters that knowingly or unknowingly contributed to the betrayal and death of Jesus.

The series starts February 24th and is each Wednesday for five weeks.

Lenten Journey Schedule

February 17th

Ash Wednesday at 7pm

Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday: Worship at 7 PM

February 24

Simon, The Upstanding Pharisee

March 3

Rachel, The Concerned Mother

March 10

Simon, The Innocent Bystander

March 17

Dinah, The Forgiven Adulteress

March 24

Judas, The Good Disciple

Holy Week Schedule

April 1st

Maundy Thursday

April 2nd

Good Friday

April 4th

Easter

The Beginning of Wisdom

Find the 36 **bold** words from Psalm 111:4b-10 (ESV).

E Y P E O P L E G E W O R K S
I N H E R I T A N C E O X Z R
R G D T D E H S I L B A T S E
A E N U R W I S D O M F N H B
E Z V I R O H E N N A R A O M
F P R E N E W N A I E E N W E
N P L E R N S T T T S D E N M
G R U V W O I H S S I E V A E
R O F D O O F G R U A M O W R
A V I L N U P I E J R P C E B
C I C S L L O R D B P T H S G
I D R N A P V P N T U I H O O
O E E A C Y M U U Y L O H M O
U S M M Q U C O M M A N D E D
S T P E C E R P R A C T I C E

The **LORD** is **gracious** and **merciful**. He **provides food** for those who **fear** him; he **remembers** his **covenant forever**. He has **shown** his **people** the **power** of his **works**, in giving them the **inheritance** of the **nations**. The works of his hands are **faithful** and **just**; all his **precepts** are **trustworthy**; they are **established forever** and **ever**, to be performed with **faithfulness** and **uprightness**. He **sent redemption** to his people; he has **commanded** his covenant forever. **Holy** and **awesome** is his **name**! The fear of the LORD is the **beginning** of **wisdom**; all those who **practice** it have a **good understanding**. His **praise endures forever**!

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Serving Today

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| PRESIDER/PREACHER | Pastor Nicholas Hopman |
| ASSOISTING MINISTER | Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister |
| CANTOR | Fred Pfan |
| ORGANIST | Linda Hoch |
| SACRISTAN | Fred Pfan |
| LECTOR | 8:15 Randy Stoll 11:00 Eloise Collier |
| ALTAR GUILD | Kristi George, Nancy Kleberg, Barb & Tom Moser, Laurie Thurman, Margie Cepek, Vanessa Stewart |
| USHERS | 8:15 Chris Banks, John Kotik, Dan George, Béla Bernhardt |
| | 11:00 Kent Patterson, Jim Monroe, Aaron Bally |
| SOUND TECHNICIANS | Chris Banks, Dan George, Paul Grant, Eric Bush |



This Week at Grace: January 31– February 7, 2021

Jan. 31 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN

- 8:15 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 am Worship Service

MON 1:00 pm Katharine Circle (Rose Garden)

TUES 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

WED 10:30 am Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

THURS 7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Online Meeting)

FRI 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

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

Feb. 7 **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY/ SCOUT SUNDAY**

PASTOR NICHOLAS HOPMAN

- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 9:45 am Adult Learning (Rose Garden 4 and Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 am Worship Service

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