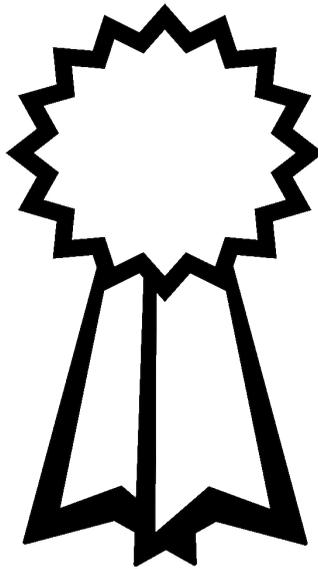


Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



February 7, 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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE

Linda Hoch

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" - *arr. Jacob B. Weber*

"O God of Light" - *arr. Jacob B. Weber*

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 \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
Dav - spring from on high, be near: Dav - star, in my heart ap - pear.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef for the voice part and a treble and bass clef for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines.

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 Almighty God,
C **you sent your only Son as the word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Please be seated.

PARISH CONCERNS

11:00 am: Scout Sunday

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Offertory" - *John Ness Beck/ Arr. Craig Courtney*

Steve Kile - vocal solo

The Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:21-31

Nothing escapes God's notice. He who sits on high watches over the whole creation, the prophet wrote. Though the young grow tired and weary, the Lord never wearies. He is always present, giving strength to those who need it and restoring power to the powerless. The prophet cried out, "Have you not heard? Do you not know?"

- ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
²³who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.
²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.
²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

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

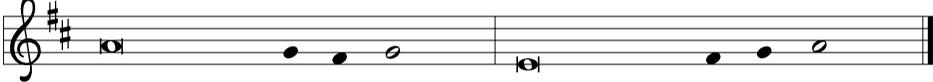
Psalm 147:1-11

Refrain



The LORD heals the brok - en - heart - ed.

Psalm Tone



- L ¹Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises ¹ to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor ¹ God with praise!
- C ²**The LORD re- ¹ builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- ¹ iles of Israel.**
- L ³The LORD heals the ¹ brokenhearted
and binds ¹ up their wounds.
- C ⁴**The LORD counts the number ¹ of the stars
and calls them all ¹ by their names. Refrain**
- L ⁵Great is our LORD and might- ¹ y in power;
there is no limit ¹ to God's wisdom.
- C ⁶**The LORD lifts ¹ up the lowly,
but casts the wicked ¹ to the ground.**
- L ⁷Sing to the LORD ¹ with thanksgiving;
make music upon the harp ¹ to our God,
- C ⁸**who covers the heav- ¹ ens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth,
making grass to grow up- ¹ on the mountains. Refrain**
- L ⁹God provides food ¹ for the cattle
and for the young ravens ¹ when they cry.
- C ¹⁰**God is not impressed by the might ¹ of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed ¹ of a runner,**
- L ¹¹but finds pleasure in those who ¹ fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love. ¹ Hallelujah! Refrain

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Paul discussed his duty to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. He said he must do it, even though he may be free not to. It was his compulsion to proclaim Christ so that all people might know this saving grace, and yet it was not his will, but Christ's. Paul urged believers to run the race in such a way as to win, with discipline and purpose, striving for the heavenly prize.

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as

not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

²⁴Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. ²⁵Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. ²⁶So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; ²⁷but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

Soon after Jesus called his disciples to come and follow him, he healed Peter's mother-in-law of a severe fever. After sunset many came to find him, bringing loved ones who were ill or demon possessed to be healed by Jesus. Jesus forbade any of the demons to speak to his true identity.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

"On Eagle's Wings"



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

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.

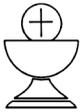
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

"On Eagle's Wings" - arr. Anne Krentz Organ

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" - Pollard/ Stebbins

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

"Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word"

1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord;
tell how his own Son he gave, all from sin and death to save.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords that support the melody.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Linda Hoch

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" - arr. Aaron Shows

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

Remember in our prayers... Bob Sheetz, Joe Moleno, 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 TODAY, the first service will begin at 8:30am rather than 8:15am.

A Note of Thanks:



I wish to thank everyone for the many cards, gifts and meals that I have received as well as your continued prayers.

Blessings,
Joan Hassler

Scout Sunday: TODAY 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 soup by the Welcome Center. We will once again be using a point 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 514 points to 422 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!



WARM.
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2021 Vacation Bible School: Molly is hoping to have VBS this Summer. The dates will be July 25-29, the program is **Treasured, Discovering You're Priceless to God!** The children will discover God's greatest



treasure isn't diamonds, gems or gold— it's them! There are some things I would like to start collecting:

- Paper tubes/wrapping paper rolls

Contact Molly King with any questions, m.king@grace43081.org or 614-882-3026.

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.



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REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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

February Grocery List:

Hot and cold cereal; peanut butter and jelly; cake and brownie mix, frosting; mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise; pancake mix and syrup; quart size Ziploc bags; laundry and dish soap; toilet paper and paper towels. 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 TODAY, in the

**SOUPER
BOWL**

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

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face” – arr. Jacob B. Weber

Horatius Bonar (1808-1899) wrote this hymn at the request of his older brother, John J. Bonar, pastor of St. Andrew’s Free Church, Greenock, Scotland. It was first printed in a leaflet distributed to the congregation following the observance of the Lord’s Supper on the first Sunday in October, 1855. It was later included in Bonar’s *Hymns of Faith and Hope*, first series, 1857.

“O God of Light” – arr. Jacob B. Weber

The Bible Observance Committee of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches asked the Hymn Society of America to sponsor a search for new hymns to celebrate the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible in 1952. From over 500 submissions was chosen this hymn by Sarah E. Taylor (1883-1954) based on Psalm 119:105 (“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path”).

“Offertory” – John Ness Beck/ arr. Craig Courtney

John Ness Beck was born in Warren, Ohio in 1930. He graduated from Warren High School in 1948 and enrolled at The Ohio State University. In 1952 he graduated with Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees with a major in English. After working for a year in Student Union activities at the State College of Washington, he spent two years in the U.S. Army. During this time, he became increasingly involved in arranging for various musical groups. He returned to The Ohio State University after his discharge from military service and completed Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees with composition as his major. He served as a faculty member in The Ohio State University School of Music for 7 years teaching harmony and theory, then left to become owner and manager of the University Music House, a retail sheet music store in Columbus. He joined forces with John Tatgenhorst in the creation of Beckenhorst Press, Incorporated. John Ness Beck died of cancer in 1987 at the age of 56.

“On Eagle’s Wings” – arr. Anne Krentz Organ

This song – both its text and music – was written by Michael Joncas (b. 1951), a liturgical and musical scholar, composer and writer. He wrote it in 1978 and recorded it the following year in “On Eagle’s Wings.” The refrain is a setting of Exodus 19:4 (“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.”) and the stanzas are adapted from Psalm 91.

“Have Thine Own Way Lord” – Pollard/ Stebbins

Adelaide Pollard (1862-1934) wrote this hymn in 1902 during a time when she was suffering “great distress of soul.” Shortly before, she had tried unsuccessfully to raise funds for a missionary trip to Africa. A prayer meeting had brought peace to her heart and complete abandonment of self in submission to God’s will. The text first appeared in *Northfield Hymnal with Alexander’s Supplement* compiled by George C. Stebbins in 1907. Stebbins also wrote the tune for her text.

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” – arr. Aaron Shows

This “Morning Hymn” by Charles Wesley (1707-1788) focuses on Christ whose glory fills the skies (Psalm 19:1), who is “the true light” (1 John 2:8), the “sun of righteousness” with healing rays (Malachi 3:20), the “dayspring” or dawn chasing the shades of night (Luke 1:78), and the “day star” rising in our hearts (2 Peter 1:19).



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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 and it will be emailed to you.

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

Weekly Worship Attendance

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 31: 8:15am: 35, 11:00am: 47, Total:82

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

Spreading the Word

Find the 37 **bold** words from Mark 1:32-39 (ESV)

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L Y O R L K M F P P A E S T N
R O N L I O A R C P S A N I E
D E I A R S E E D R E R O C W
P T H N G A I E P E S C M T H
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That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were **sick** or **oppressed** by **demons**. And the **whole city** was **gathered together** at the **door**. And he **healed** many who were sick with various **diseases**, and **cast out** many demons. And he would not **permit** the demons to **speak**, because they **knew him**. And **rising very early** in the **morning**, while it was **still dark**, he **departed** and went out to a **desolate place**, and there he **prayed**. And **Simon** and those who were with him **searched** for him, and they **found** him and said to him, “Everyone is **looking** for you.” And he said to them, “Let us go on to the **next towns**, that I may **preach** there also, for that is **why** I came out.” And he went throughout all **Galilee**, **preaching** in their **synagogues** and casting out demons.

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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

- MON 1:00 pm Ruth 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. 14 **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**

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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