

**WELCOME TO GRACE:** We rejoice over your presence this day as we gather in the Name and in the worship of our Lord. If you are a GUEST with us today, we hope you feel welcome in our church family and invite you to worship with us again. If you are interested in membership at Grace or want to know more about our church and our faith, please indicate your interest on the ATTENDANCE FORM in the pew.

### **Grace's Mission**

- ✝ Sharing God's Grace
  - ✝ Living His Word
  - ✝ Making Disciples

**Grace Lutheran Church** is one of more than six thousand congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

**We Believe** the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the sole source for all Christian teaching and practice. *II Timothy 3:16*

**We Believe** "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." *John 3:16*

**We Believe** "by grace you have been saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." *Ephesians 2:8-9*

**We Believe** our relationship with everyone is based upon Jesus' words: "Love one another as I have loved you." *John 15:12*

**Child Care** We care about your children. We encourage parents with small children to help them participate in our worship. We ask you to have your children go to the restroom and get a drink before the service, and refrain from leaving during worship, unless there is an emergency. We have available a cry room equipped with sound located at the back of the sanctuary. Children's bulletins with activities are available.

**Hearing Impaired** For those who need assistance, please ask an usher for a wireless hearing aid. They are easy to use.

 **WORSHIP FOLDER**   
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 23, 2022**

“GATHERED, HEARING, PRAISING”

**AS WE GATHER**

Each one of us comes into God’s house individually, from different backgrounds, families, situations, experiences, challenges, and joys. But here, in God’s house, something happens that makes us not just a collection of individuals but joined together as one person, one Body. This unity happens because we have been gathered by one Baptism in one faith in one Lord, our God whose greatness has been shown in our hearts and to the world in His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Here our Lord speaks, and we listen. And in the listening, we are moved to repentance and faith, true repentance of heart over our sins and true faith that knows that the Scriptures, the Word of God, are fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. May true joy motivate our praise of God here and all our days as God’s people scattered throughout the world.

[If your health limits you, please don’t feel required to stand during the worship service.]



*In the Name of the  
Father, Son, and  
Holy Spirit*



# PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

## WELCOME

### ✠ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✠

#### ENTRANCE HYMN

(please stand for last stanza)

LSB 398

*“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*



1 Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid’s great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

**5 O’er ev’ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.**

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Romans 7:12, 22–24*

- P** The law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.  
**C** **For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,**  
**P** but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.  
**C** **Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father.  
**C** **To You, O God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and deeds, and also by the good that we have failed to do. Our love for You and for our neighbors has been weak or even dead. By Your Law, You reveal the judgment we rightly deserve. Because Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, has fulfilled Your Law on our behalf, we beg Your forgiveness and grace to restore us to life with You in the fellowship of all believers. Amen.**  
**P** Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! In the stead and by the command of our Savior, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 849

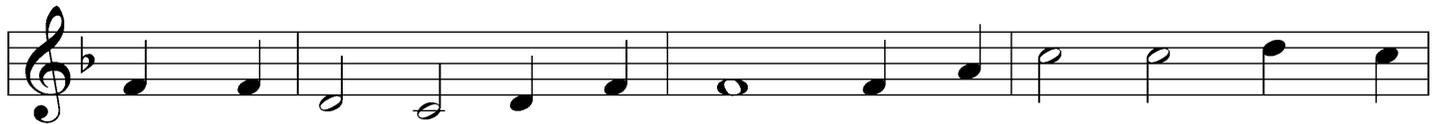
*“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”*



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon us in our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

NEHEMIAH 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

*(Ezra reads the Law.)*

<sup>1</sup> All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup>So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup>And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

## PSALM 19:7-14; ANTIPHON V. 14

- P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
- P** The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**C** **the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**
- P** the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**C** **the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**
- P** the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;  
**C** **the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**
- P** More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
**C** **sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**
- P** Moreover, by them is your servant warned;  
**C** **in keeping them there is great reward.**
- P** Who can discern his errors?  
**C** **Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**
- P** Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!  
**C** **Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.**
- P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
**C** **O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**
- A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

## EPISTLE

## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A

*(One Body with many members.)*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. <sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, <sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. <sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup>But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*(please stand)*

*(Tradition dictates that our eyes follow the cross. Please remain standing until the cross has been returned to its original position. The Gospel is read from the center of the church to symbolize the Gospel in our midst.)*

## VERSE AND ALLELUIA

**P** Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia. *Luke 4:18a*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SONG BY TRIO

“COME WHAT MAY”

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 4:16-30

*(Jesus rejected at Nazareth.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup>And [Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.  
<sup>17</sup>And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”  
<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup>And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Physician, heal yourself.’ What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup>But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup>and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup>And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup>And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town

was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But passing through their midst, he went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(please be seated)*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

LSB 845

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail There  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear His  
3 For - give we now each oth - er's faults As  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; Let



God is ev - er found; Brought here to - geth - er  
char - i - ty we learn; Let us with heart and  
we our faults con - fess, And let us love each  
all con - ten - tion cease; Be God's the glo - ry



by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.  
mind and soul Now love Him in re - turn.  
oth - er well In Chris - tian ho - li - ness.  
that we seek; Be ours His ho - ly peace.

**5** Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.

**6** For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

**SERMON TEXT:** *1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31A*

**SERMON TITLE:** *“IN THIS TOGETHER”*

*(please stand)*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

## **WE OFFER OUR FIRST FRUITS**

*(Financial support of Grace Lutheran Church is considered a privilege of membership. Although all offerings are welcome, we do not expect them from our visitors.)*

## **VOLUNTARY**

## **JOYFUL CHORUS**

*“Once He Came In Blessing”*

*(please stand)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Each petition ends with,

**P** Let us pray to the Lord,

**C** Lord, have mercy.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*
- C** Amen.

*(please be seated)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# HYMN TO DEPART

LSB 706

*“Love in Christ Is Strong and Living”*



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.  
mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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## POSTLUDE

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 *To God Alone Be the Glory*   
**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Presiding Minister .....	Reverend Robert Pase
Organist.....	Richelle Gengler
Joyful Chorus Director .....	Cindy Hilton
Trio .....	Cadence & Melanie Hall / Vicki Byars
Acolyte.....	Charlotte Wolfmueller
Elders .....	Dennis Wehmeyer / Pete Lufholm
Ushers .....	Jerry Gilmore
.....	Jerry Damm
.....	Sam Witt
.....	Todd Byars
Teller.....	Malcom Moerbe
Altar Guild.....	Kelli Jones / Mary Morgan
Nursery .....	Jessica & Harper Diaz

**GRACE PRAYS**

*We continue to pray for the following:*

- Protection for our armed forces and strength for their families and Lt. Aaron Bell and his family.
- Wisdom for our nation’s leaders.
- Continued guidance and blessing for Pastor Pase and his family.
- Strength and commitment in tending our baptismal journey.
- Our Stephen Ministers.
- Our ECP.

**ONGOING HEALTH PROBLEMS**

❖ Charles Colgan, BJ Haley, Jim Hill, Mary Ann Johnston, Royce Parsley, Jane Pase, Melinda Richmond, Eleen Schulze, David Stock, & Holly Walker.

**ILL OR RECOVERING**

- ❖ Blakelynn (granddaughter of frequent visitors Aaron & Davina McGee) has tested positive for COVID while at St. Jude fighting neuroblastoma.
- ❖ Ann Miller (James Martin’s sister) started Chemo on 1/14.
- ❖ Teresa Clingman-DeShaw had knee replacement surgery in San Antonio on 1/20 and is doing well.

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

- ❖ Bruce Weiss Boyles was born to Stephen & Michelle Boyles on 1/10 @ 4:21am, 7 lbs, 2 oz, 21.5 in. Everyone is doing well.
- ❖ Richard Popp has recovered from COVID and is back in his room at Manor Park.

## **PRAYERS OF MOURNING**

- ❖ Ryder Gass (friend of Fred Chaney) 11<sup>th</sup> grader died on 1/5.
- ❖ Jerrye Jackson (Brandon Mitchell's grandmother) died on 1/8.
- ❖ Barbara Elliott died on 1/13.



The flowers this morning have been provided to the glory of God by

**Sharon Burks**

In blessed thankfulness of my grand children

Max, Courtney, Bella, & Scarlett

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**Please see Grace in Action for the week's calendar and other  
Important information regarding the ministry of our congregation!**