

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Third Sunday after Epiphany January 24, 2021 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Flowers

The flowers are given by the Wilkie family in memory of Wesley Wilkie.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

If Jesus ever gave any introductory remarks, Mark wasn't interested in recording them. Today we hear the first words out of Jesus' mouth. He has no interest in building up to his point, no time for slow-burning oratory. He doesn't even begin at the beginning, but at the end: "The time is fulfilled." *Now* is the fullness. *Now* is the Kingdom. *Now* is the time to repent and believe. This announcement is both universal and particular, as we see in the next verses. This *now* comes to Simon and Andrew, to James and John. Will they follow as part of Jesus' fishing expedition? Or will they cling to the old nets that bind them? This calls comes to us anew today, *now*. Caught up in Christ, we follow.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake

Johann Gottfried Walter

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- 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.
- @ 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,
- 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and, for his sake, God 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.
- Amen.



Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813-1896, alt. Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, c. 1555-1613, adapt.

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.
- **G** And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

@ Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you. ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:6-14

ANTIPHON: In God is my safety and my honor.

Hal Hopson

- For God alone my soul in | silence waits;* truly, my hope | is in him.
- He alone is my rock and | my salvation,* my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.
- In God is my safety | and my honor;*

 God is my strong rock | and my refuge.
- Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,*
 pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.
- L Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,* even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.
- On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,* all of | them together.

- L Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;* though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.
- **G** God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,* that power be- | longs to God.
- Steadfast love is | yours, O Lord,* for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and 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 possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: Mark 1:15

John Ferguson

L Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

@ REFRAIN (below)



- ☐ The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.
- **@** REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14–20

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news."

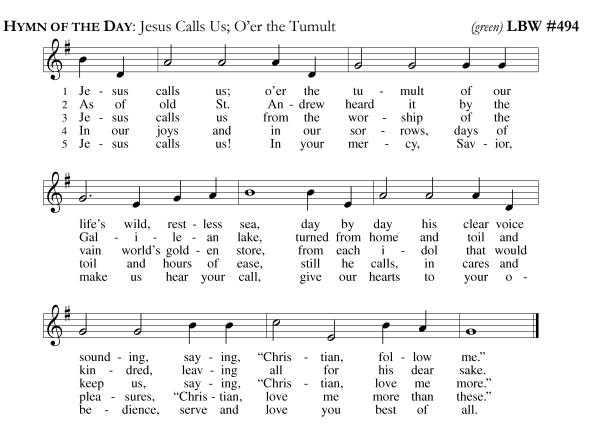
¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea — for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: The Full-Time Kingdom

Pastor David R. Lyle Mark 1:14–20



Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

APOSTLES' CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- **G** 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.

ANTHEM: It Is a Thing Most Wonderful

It is a thing most wonderful almost too wonderful to be, that God's own Son should come from heav'n, and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true: he chose a poor and humble lot, and wept, and toiled, and mourned, and died, for love of those who loved him not.

English tradition, arr. K. Lee Scott

But even could I see him die, I could but see a little part of that great love, which, like a fire, is always burning in his heart.

It is most wonderful to know his love for me so free and sure; but 'tis more wonderful to see my love for him so faint and poor.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord; Oh, light the flame within my heart, and I will love thee more and more, until I see thee as thou art. William W. How, 1823–1897

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
 Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.



- 1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je sus, sun shine of my heart.
- 2 If he is ours, . . we fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or death.



By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav-en, thou the true re-deem-er art. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can change them with a breath.



Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou break - est. Who trusts thee sure-ly Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with heart and voic-es;





Our hearts are pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing, We shout for glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–c. 1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt. Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, c. 1556–1622

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Rich Schubkegel, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
Colin Krueger, tenor
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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Rosemary Cheatem Tina Baird Marilyn Gotsch Annalise Balock Angela Gruendler Cathy Barker Carl & Donna Gruendler Jim Barker David Gruendler Len Berghaus Sarah Gruendler-Ladner Anne-Marie Bogdan Kathy Haves Ed Borg Patricia Herendeen

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

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Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker) Karen Berglund (friend of Carol Stanger)

Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson)

Florence Breed (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

Ken Briggs (friend of many at Grace)

Mike and Beth Bullock (parents of Keith Bullock)

Linda Castaing (friend of Marnie Rourke)

Family of Jim Cozzi (friends of Diana Sicuro)

Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack)

Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel)
David Eastman and family (brother of Pat Anderson)
Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Emily Ford (daughter-in-law of Cynthia Hill)

Benjamin Galiher (nephew of Paul May) Alvin Garber (brother of Larry Garber) Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz)

Ann Gesme (mother of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen)

Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen)
Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)

Mia Rose Jones (granddaughter of John and Loretta Lattyak)

Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson)

Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten)
Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott)
Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Ron and Jeanette Koski (parents of Jill Koski)
George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma)
Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson)
Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson)

Alyssa Kutak (granddaughter-in-law of Galen Gockel)

John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson)

Maxx Kusper (friend of Deb Maxwell)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Elsie Locke (grandmother of Troy Medlin)

Joan KoerberTim SandvossJerry KoenigMarge SangerMargaret KrusePat ScalaBeth Smoots McClanahanCarl Schalk

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> Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel) Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli)

Jim Maggio (brother of Joe Maggio)
Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb

Rich and Bonnie Stasack

Maxwell)

Denny McClerren (cousin of Stephanie Wilkening) Monika Nash (daughter of Don and Verna Offermann) Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt)

James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba)

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson)
Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson)
John Rohleder (friend of Sandy Grams)
Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Shirley Moyers Schnack (sister-in-law of Randy Schnack)

John Schuurman (friend of Timothy Douma)
Lindsay Shaner (brother of Bob Shaner)
Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner)
Ken and Lori Shoup (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Zina and Huxley Shoup (friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner)

Ruth Soppet (friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska) Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten)

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Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Brian Walden (relative of Pat Gulik)

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Sonja Wandro (sister of Al Swanson) Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas) Tim White (brother of Beverly White)

Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik)
Kathie Wolff (friend of Tim Duoma)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod

In thanksgiving for

The 55th wedding anniversary of Bob and Margaret Burke

For those who mourn

Bob Andree (friend of Deb Maxwell) Jim Cozzi (friend of Diana Sicuro)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus)
Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout)
Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks)
David Danford (son of John and Karen)
E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting)
Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)
Bradley Larson (consin of Rhea Sprecher)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany) Drew Krueger (England)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Carolyn Martin Christopher Davis Joanne Nelson Marie Gierke Barbara Rinnan Ronald Gresens Kathleen Wrobel

Gloria Hillert

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss)
Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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Check all that apply:

- ☐ I am visiting Grace for the first time.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace Church.
- $\hfill \square$ I am interested in a path toward membership.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace School.
- □ I would like to receive Grace's weekly e-mail,

 Sunday Is Coming.
- I would like one of the pastors to contact me
 - via (check one) ☐ Phone or ☐ E-mail.



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