

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 31, 2021 8:30 a.m.

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHER AN CHUR CH

### 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.

### 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.

## **Flowers**

The flowers are given by Margaret and Bob Burke, in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

## As We Gather

The mission of Jesus is clear from the outset. The time is fulfilled; the Kingdom is near. For some, this is a gracious invitation. To the powers that oppose God, however, the coming of Christ is cause for alarm. Jesus is mounting an attack of peace against the forces of sin and evil. The unclean spirit see Jesus for who he is. On behalf of himself and, it seems, the scribes, he asks: "What have you to do with us?" Jesus silences the spirit and the scribes with an unmistakable authority. We, too, are silenced by Jesus. The Word of God is speaking new life out of death, silencing evil that good may flourish. We, too, are commanded to be quiet. To die. Only then, in the face of God's authority at work in the grace of Christ, can we hear, receive, speak, and sing the life-giving Word who gives himself for us. Evil rages around and within us. But make no mistake; evil knows the game is lost. We are silenced, too, that we may hear the Word and live for good.

# + GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Now the Silence Carl Schalk

#### 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: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, adapt. Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

#### 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.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

@ Amen.

## + WORD +

## FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15–20

[Moses said:] The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This 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." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I 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. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But 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.
- Thanks be to God.



#### **PSALM 111**

ANTIPHON: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Hal Hopson

- Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with | my whole heart,\* in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.
- Geat are the deeds | of the Lord!\*

  They are studied by all who de- | light in them.
- L His work is full of majes- | ty and splendor,\* and his righteousness en- | dures forever.
- **G** He makes his marvelous works to | be remembered;\* the Lord is gracious and full | of compassion.
- L He gives food to | those who fear him;\* he is ever mindful | of his covenant.
- **G** He has shown his people the power | of his works\* in giving them the lands | of the nations.
- The works of his hands are faithful- | ness and justice;\* all his command- | ments are sure.
- They stand fast forev- | er and ever,\*
  because they are done in | truth and equity.
- Let He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his cove- | nant forever;\* holy and awesome | is his name.
- The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of wisdom;\* those who act accordingly have a good understanding. His praise en- | dures forever.



### **SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

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

<sup>4</sup>Hence, 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." <sup>5</sup>Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth — as in fact there are many gods and many lords — <sup>6</sup>yet 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.

<sup>7</sup>It 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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. <sup>10</sup>For 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? <sup>11</sup>So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. <sup>12</sup>But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

**GOSPEL VERSE**: Mark 1:15

John Ferguson

- L Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
- **G** REFRAIN (below)



- The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light; for those who sat in the shadow of death light has dawned.
- **G** REFRAIN



#### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:21–28

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

## Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and 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." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They 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." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

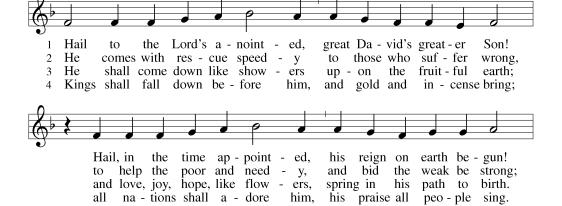
#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON**: The Word Speaks Silence

Pastor David R. Lyle Mark 1:21–28



out end.





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;

in - creas - ing, a king-dom with



Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

his

Music: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

king-dom still

#### 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: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry. While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

## Setting by Dale Wood

Trusting only in thy merit, I would seek thy face. Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace.

Savior, Savior, whom have I but thee? Thou the source of all my comfort, more than life to me.

Savior, Savior, thou hast heard my plea! Thou the source of all my comfort, more than life to me. Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

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

The prayers conclude:

- P 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.

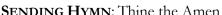
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.



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liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more

won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast

splen-dor thine the bright-ness on - ly thee

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#### **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**: Thine the Amen Aaron David Miller

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister
Jeremy Zimmer, organist
Sarah Beatty, soprano
Eunice Eifert, videographer
Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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## LET US PRAY...

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Tina Baird Annalise Balock

Ed Borg Rosemary Cheatem Marilyn Gotsch Angela Gruendler

Jim Barker Len Berghaus Anne-Marie Bogdan

Cathy Barker

Carl & Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Sarah Gruendler-Ladner

Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

Mardie Anderson (friend of Christie Nelson)

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

Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker)

Tony Beneventi (friend of Evelyn Grams) 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)

Alice Hollis (friend of Marge Sanger)

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)

Roy and Donna Koester (parents of Paul Koester)

Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat)

George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma)

Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson)

Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson)

Maxx Kusper (friend of Deb Maxwell)

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

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Elsie Locke (grandmother of Troy Medlin)

Chrissy Nelson Kathy Haves Patricia Herendeen Paul Nelson Tim Sandvoss Joan Koerber Pat Scala Jerry Koenig

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Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff

> 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)

Linda Merril (cousin of Sue Foran)

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)

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)

Lee Stephens (brother of Tony)

Jennifer Sylvester (daughter of Janet Sylvester)

Martin A. Thieme (brother of Susan Franzone)

Jan Thomson (sister-in-law of Christine Phillips)

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)

Kim Walsh (niece of Cathy Schnittker) Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen)

Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas)

Tim White (brother of Beverly White)

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 World Hunger

#### For those who mourn

Glen Christensen (friend of Dave Lyle) Mary Julian (mother of Donna Serpico) Carl Schalk

## 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 (cousin 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

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)

## 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

#### 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:

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  - Sunday Is Coming.
- □ I would like one of the pastors to contact me
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