



# GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The First Sunday in Lent  
February 21, 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.

## **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**

Jesus' baptism does not conclude with family photos or a cake reception. Instead, the same Spirit that descended like a dove now *immediately* drives Jesus into the wilderness. There, he is tempted by Satan for forty days. The transition is jarring, but so is baptism. While Jesus did not need baptism in the way that we do, the effect of his baptism shows what baptism does to us. Baptism shakes us loose from deathly lethargy. Enlivened by the Spirit, we are sent into the wild places to work against the evil that works against God. While the work is hard, the victory is already won. Jesus has stared down Satan in the wilderness and on the cross. Jesus journeys now with us. There's nothing wrong with cake or photos, but the Spirit calls us to work. Baptized into Christ, we are sent into the wilderness to witness to the Kingdom of God.

# ✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Kyrie, God Father, BWV 669

Johann Sebastian Bach

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit  
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you  
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

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 the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## 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.

**C** And also with you.

KYRIE

(green) LBW #168



♩ Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.



♩ Ky - ri - e! God, Fa - ther in heav'n a - bove,



You a - bound in gra - cious love, Of all things the mak - er



and pre - serv - er. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!



Ky - ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal - va - tion for



all you came to bring. O Lord Je - sus, God's own Son, Our me -



di - a - tor at the heav'n-ly throne: Hear our cry and grant our sup -



plic - a - tion. E - le - i - son! E - le - i - son!

Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our  
 faith, the gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour,  
 That we leave his sin - ful world with glad - ness. E - le -  
 i - son! E - le - i - son! A - men.

Text: Latin hymn, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.  
 Music: "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

KYRIE, GOTT VATER  
 PM

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father,  
 in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen,  
 and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin.  
 Renew us in the gift of baptism.  
 May your holy angels be with us,  
 that the wicked foe may have no power over us,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# ✠ WORD ✠

## FIRST READING: Genesis 9:8–17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 25:1–9

Antiphon by Lorraine Brugh

ANTIPHON: Your paths are love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant.

℣ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my | trust in you;\*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

☩ Let none who look to you be | put to shame;\*  
let the treacherous be disappointed | in their schemes.

℣ Show me your | ways, O Lord,\*  
and teach | me your paths.

☩ Lead me in your | truth and teach me,\*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all | the day long.

℣ Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion and love,\*  
for they are from | everlasting.

☩ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;\*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your good- | ness, O Lord.

℣ Gracious and upright | is the Lord,\*  
therefore he teaches sinners | in his way.

☩ He guides the humble in | doing right\*  
and teaches his way | to the lowly.

℣ All the paths of the Lord are | love and faithfulness\*  
to those who keep his covenant and his | testimonies.

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18–22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:4

Michael D. Costello

One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

## HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:9–15

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

☩ Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news.”

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON: At Work in the Wild

Pastor David R. Lyle  
Mark 1:9–15; 1 Peter 3:18–22

HYMN OF THE DAY: As Your Spirit in the Desert

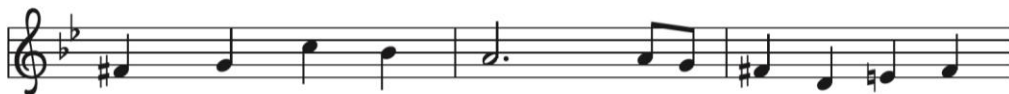
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1 As your Spir - it in the des - ert led the Christ to  
 2 As your fire and cloud - y pil - lar Is - rael's tribes to  
 3 Though wild beasts may lurk in shad - ow, and dire thirst may  
 4 Through the nar - row gate now draw us, past all em - pire's  
 5 God of des - ert, God of prom - ise, you have bid us



dust and stone, so in - still our hearts with cour - age now to  
 Ca - naan led, may your pres - ence be our com - fort, may your  
 sear and sting, you have prom - ised liv - ing wa - ters wait - ing  
 pull and strife, where be - yond our fear and cling - ing stands the  
 jour - ney on through the days of dust and dark - ness to the



cross where Christ has gone. Let us cross in - to the  
 man - na be our bread. Let us cross in - to the  
 for us at the spring. Let us cross out of the  
 thresh - old of new life. Let us cross out of the  
 ris - ing of the dawn. Let us cross out of the



wil - der - ness so to walk where Christ has gone.  
 wil - der - ness with God's man - na as our bread.  
 wil - der - ness to the wa - ters of the spring.  
 wil - der - ness to the thresh - old of new life.  
 wil - der - ness to the ris - ing of the dawn.

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 Music: ROSEVILLE, Michael D. Costello, b. 1979  
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## NICENE CREED

¶ Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

☩ We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**ANTHEM: Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee**

17<sup>th</sup> c. English Tune  
setting by K. Lee Scott

Out of the depths I cry to thee,  
Lord, my sins bewailing!  
Bow down thy gracious ear to me,  
Make thou my prayer availing.

Mark not my misdeeds in thy book,  
Gracious Lord, most holy;  
On my sins in mercy look;  
Who can stand before thee?

Hear my prayer, hear my cry,  
Hear my supplication.  
Thou my hope, thou my light,  
Thou my soul's deliverance.

With thee there is forgiveness, Lord,  
Love and grace abounding.  
The greatest thought or deed or word  
Were else but empty sounding.

All who in the sight appear  
Come in sinful measure;  
All before thee bow in fear,  
Seeking thy good pleasure.

Hear my prayer, hear my cry,  
Hear my supplication.  
Thou my hope, thou my light,  
Thou my soul's deliverance. Amen.

Martin Luther, based on Psalm 130  
Tr. Edward T. Horn III, alt.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition concludes:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** 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.  
**C** Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

- L** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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.**

# ✠ SENDING ✠

## BENEDICTION

☞ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

*(green)* LBW #230

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are as follows:

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Johann Gottfried Walther

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Julie Hinz, soprano

Al Swanson, videographer

Justin Martin, 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  
Cathy Barker  
Jim Barker  
Len Berghaus  
Anne-Marie Bogdan  
Ed Borg

Rosemary Cheatem  
Natalie Chizzo  
Marilyn Gotsch  
Angela Gruendler  
Carl & Donna Gruendler  
David Gruendler  
Sarah Gruendler-Ladner  
Kathy Hayes

Patricia Herendeen  
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Joan Koberber  
Jerry Koenig  
Beth Smoots McClanahan  
Karen McMahon  
Jennifer Murtoff  
Chrissy Nelson

Paul Nelson  
Tim Sandvoss  
Pat Scala  
Rich and Bonnie Stasack  
**Tom Tyrrell**

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*)  
**Alan Belohlavek** (*friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska*)  
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 Galihier (*nephew of Paul May*)  
Ray Garmatz (*son of Margaret Garmatz*)  
Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)  
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*)  
**Ken Kennedy** (*friend of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)  
Don Kersten (*brother of Phyllis Kersten*)  
Sally Kindsfater (*sister of Mary Jane Endicott*)  
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*)  
Karen Luebbe (*mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel*)  
Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)  
Anne Matthys (*mother of Susan Curran*)  
Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)  
Linda Merrill (*cousin of Sue Foran*)  
Nancy Molitor (*friend of Kathryn Jandeska*)  
Monika Nash (*daughter of Don and Verna Offermann*)  
**Julie Novak** (*daughter of Eunice Spurgat*)  
Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)  
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*)  
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 Douma*)  
Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)  
Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

## **Benevolence ministries**

Lutheran Child & Family Services of Illinois

### **For those who mourn**

**Pastor Edward William Wessling** (*friend of Bob and Kathy Hale*)

### **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*)

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 in the foreign service**

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Kari Paetzold (*niece of Jim and Sharman Galezenski*)

### **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

# 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.

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

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Check all that apply:

- I am visiting Grace for the first time.
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- 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,  
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**Troy E. Medlin**, Associate Pastor  
**F. Dean Lueking**, Pastor Emeritus  
**Michael D. Costello**, Cantor  
**Jeremy Zimmer**, Assistant Cantor  
**William Koehne**, Principal  
**Gerald Koening**, Principal Emeritus  
**Pat Gulik**, Parish Nurse  
**Julie Modrich**, Children's Ministry Coordinator  
**Gwen Gotsch**, Communications Coordinator  
**Jim McClanahan**, Director of Administration & Finance  
**Rich Brooks**, Facilities Manager