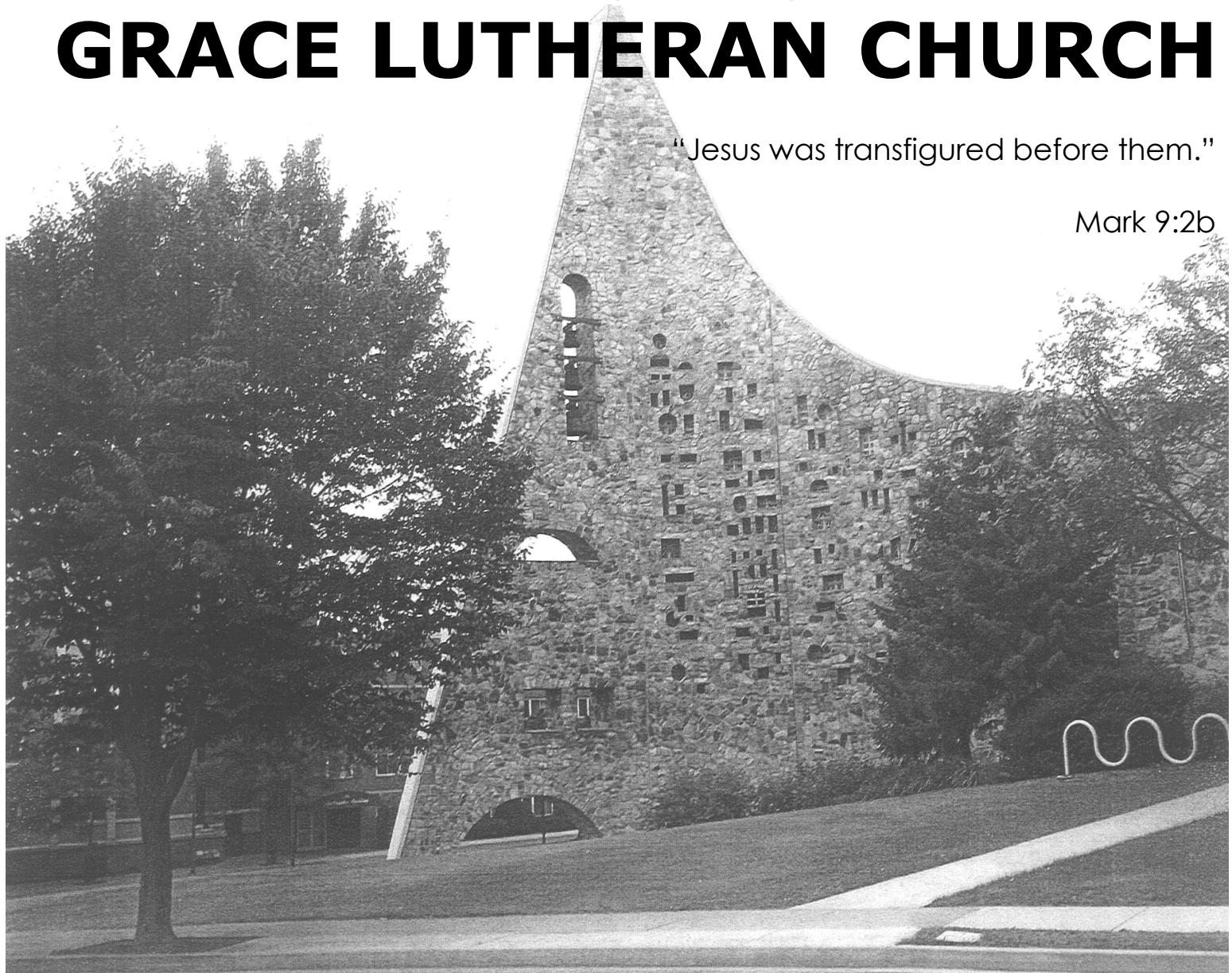


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

"Jesus was transfigured before them."

Mark 9:2b



**SUNDAY, February 14, 2021**  
**Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**Youth-led Sunday**

**10:30 a.m. radio worship service**  
**WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM**

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**Our Mission Statement:** "Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."

**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...**The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's Beloved. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.

**A WORD ON THE READINGS...****The First Lesson:** Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses. **The Second Lesson:** The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry. **The Gospel Lesson:** Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Beautiful Savior*.....arr. Kenneth Kosche

## ANNOUNCEMENT

WELCOME .....Netta & Lizzy Horn

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS.....Hadleigh Desmarais

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. .

**Congregation: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Kneel/Sit*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: 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, your only Son our Lord. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. .

**C: Amen.**

INTROIT: *Come, Follow Me to the Light!* .....(arr. Laurel Sanders)  
sung by Crossfire Youth Choir

## GATHER

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

GATHERING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.....ELW # 631

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom -ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, treble clef, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics are integrated with the musical lines, appearing below each staff. The first staff begins with a half note followed by eighth notes. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a half note followed by eighth notes. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes.

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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

(ELW p. 122)

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia -  
1u - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Allelu -  
1u - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Alle - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY.....Anna Coup

L: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **FEED**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,  
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

MINISTRY MOMENT.....JJ & Michael Powell

FIRST LESSON.....2 Kings 2:1-12.....Lincoln Hockenberry

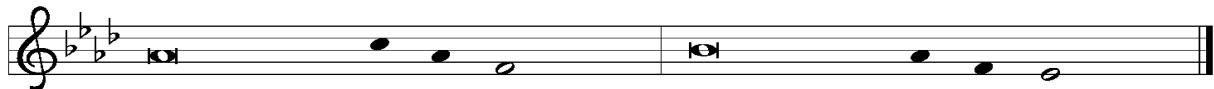
<sup>1</sup>Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

PSALM: PSALM 50—*Please sing responsively as*  
*Ireland & Ella McDyre lead us*



L: The mighty one, God the | LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

C: **Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,  
God shines | forth in glory.**

L: Our God will come and will | not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

C: **God calls the heavens and the earth | from above  
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

L: Gather before me my | loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with  
sacrifice.”

C: **The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,  
for it is God | who is judge.**

SECOND LESSON..... 2 Corinthians 4:3-6.....Regan Houseknecht

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM: *Be Our Light!* .....(Laurel Sanders)  
sung by Maeve Flanagan, Ireland McDyre, Ella McDyre,  
Ethan Hardyk, and Sammy Hallacher

HOLY GOSPEL.....Mark 9:2-9.....Mara Anderson-Skelly

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 9th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ. (spoken)**

SERMON.....Mara Anderson-Skelly

HYMN OF THE DAY *How Good, Lord to be Here*.....ELW # 315

## How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

Musical notation for the first stanza, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps, and a common time signature. The melody consists of eighth-note chords.

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

Musical notation for the second stanza, continuing the melody from the first stanza.

Musical notation for the third stanza, continuing the melody from the previous stanzas.

your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Musical notation for the fourth stanza, concluding the hymn.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: PÖTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

APOSTLES' CREED.....Emilio Schul

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is  
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 resurrec-  
tion of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH.....Rene Buda

Response after each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Arise and Shine In Splendor.....arr. David Cherwien

*During the offertory, take a moment to thank God for all that  
God has provided to you. Ask God to reveal how God is  
calling you to share your time, treasures, and talents.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: O God, receive our gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER..... Anna Long

**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.**

## **SEND**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BENEDICTION.....Allie Peters

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.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN *I Love to Tell the Story*.....ELW # 661

## I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

SENDING.....Nora Stager  
L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Agincourt Hymn*.....John Dunstable



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## PRAYER CONCERNS for February 14, 2021

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
Theresa Alves, friend of Brenda Kim  
Deb Baysinger's cousin  
Sylvia Belanger, mother of Joe Belanger  
Debbie Bolthouse  
Barbara Braun's niece  
Mary & Phil Bucher  
Andrew Campell, friend of Pastor Schul  
Ann Cathcart  
Sandy Cassady  
Denise Centini  
Scott Cocolin  
Carol Confer  
Cathy Cutter  
William Davies  
Marie Dallery mother of Sharon Shurgalla  
Eti Dvir, mother-in-law of Rachel Wolkenhauer  
Patrick Dugan, grandson of Paul & Kathryn Mackes  
Steve Ellis  
Craig Evanego  
Jane Gamble, sister-in-law of Holly Stoltzfus

Lyn Garling, friend of Pastor Hetrick  
Vicki Garvin  
Mary Ann Hanelly and family, friends of Betsy Will  
Shawn Hintosh  
Dick Houtz  
Bob Igoe  
Kate Kempf, daughter of Pete And Angie Kempf & granddaughter of Merle & Kathy McCalips  
June Krumrine  
Paul & Sandy Larson  
Linda Leslie mother of Brianne Slane  
Paul Lloyd, son of Pat Lloyd  
Shirley Lucas  
Tom Lucas  
Paul Mackes  
Carol Major, friend of Brenda Palmgren  
Dennis McClure  
Danielle McHenry  
Kim Marsh  
Anthony Middleton, friend of Pastor Hetrick  
Bob Miller, father of Julie Miller  
Amy Nevling

Dottie Niklos, mother of Bob Igoe  
Zach Pfeil, brother of Megan Widener  
Margie Prothro, sister of Ed Jenkins  
Sophia Reutzel  
Dottie Roberts  
Judy Rockey and family, upon the death of Judy's mother Delores  
Mel Rockey  
Becky Rogers  
Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer  
Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert  
Ken Shultz  
William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
Emily & Charlotte Spearly  
Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
Karen Tupman, cousin of Phyllis Favorite  
Brenda & Ken Walsh  
Greg Weimer

### Members in the hospital



Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.

Pray this week that the entire Grace family continues to grow in faith and discipleship.



**THIS VIRTUAL RED ROSE...**is in celebration of the birth of a baby girl to Dawn & Michael Leidy. Leilah Grace Leidy was born on February 7, 2021 and joins her siblings Michael, Leah, Lila, Jacob & Jackson.

## **Worship Opportunities at Grace**

Grace Lutheran offers a live radio broadcast of worship each Sunday morning at 10:30 am on WRSC 1390 AM and 93.3 FM and on smart devices. Grace also offers weekly prerecorded video worship services, which are available by 7:00 am every Sunday morning on our website, Facebook page and YouTube channel.

In the “Pocketful Of Grace” podcast each Wednesday, Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick discuss the upcoming Sunday lessons. It is available on our website or through Spotify, Tune In/Alexa, and iTunes. Wherever you go, take along a Pocketful of Grace.



### **Ash Wednesday: February 17, 2021**

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on Wednesday, February 17. Grace will offer two drive-in services at our traditional Ash Wednesday service times, 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm. Arrive at the parking lot near the main entrance, where ushers will direct you to park. You will be able to hear the service via your FM car radio, and communion will be distributed. At the end of the service, all cars will be directed by the ushers to the circle at the main entrance, where the pastors will administer an ashen cross to your hands using a cotton swab. All are welcome. A video edition of Ash Wednesday worship will also be available on Grace’s YouTube channel



## **2021 Offering Envelopes are here**

The 2021 offering envelopes are located in the Narthex in the coat rack area at the top of the stairs from the main entrance. They are available for pick up week days from 8 am till 2 pm. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. Please check that the envelope number on the top of the box matches the number located in the little window on the front of the box. If they do not match please contact the church office immediately. If you have signed up for ACH or are using Tithley and no longer using offering envelopes please let the church office know so we can re-assign the envelope number as needed.

## **Bright Spots**

Member Written 2021 Lenten Devotionals



Please stop by the church Monday thru Thursday 8am-2pm and Friday 8am–noon to pick up a copy of this heartwarming booklet meant to bless you through Lent. Copies will be inside the main entrance on the cart.



## Are You Being Nudged by God?

The Welcome and Help Committee is assisting our local Guatemalan families as they go through the process to obtain legal asylum. You may remember that awhile ago we had a 'Card Raiser' where grocery store gift cards were donated by our members to help with the food needs of these families. Besides helping with food, this group helps with medical care that isn't provided by Centre Volunteers in Medicine. They also help the families with transportation. During the asylum process families have to meet with Immigration and Customs Enforcement fairly often and those meetings are in Pittsburgh. During the pandemic, the meetings have occurred via ZOOM.

If, when the pandemic is under control, there is a return to having asylum-seekers report for in-person ICE checks in Pittsburgh, one or two people are needed to help coordinate drivers. Drivers are always needed, too.

If you would like to learn about this or volunteer, please contact Janet Lybarger:

**Garden of Readin' February 16** - The February meeting of Garden of Readin' (women's book club) will be Tuesday February 16 at 10:30 am remotely via Zoom. The next book is Lake of Sorrows by Erin Hart. The discussion will be facilitated by Carla Rossi. Contact Laura Pauley ([ljp1@psu.edu](mailto:ljp1@psu.edu)) or Lois Lynn ([loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net)) for more info.

Dear Fellow Grace Members, the Interfaith Human Services' Furniture Coordinator reports that furniture donations have been down lately and inventory at the warehouse is running low. If you have gently used furniture or large electric appliances to donate please contact the IHS office at 234-7731 to arrange a "COVID safe" pick-up. There is a desperate need for beds, dressers, sofas, and appliances.

**Adult Forum Sundays 9:30-10:30 am  
via Zoom**

Join Us  
as your schedule allows and  
topics are of interest!

Any adult is welcome to join us anytime—no preparation needed. Contact Dotty Delafield ([readooooles@me.com](mailto:readooooles@me.com)) for a zoom link to the class.



## **Grace will host Out of the Cold guests from the evening of March 8 to the morning of March 22.**

OOTC now has staff to cover the overnights. Otherwise, our responsibilities as host are similar to what we did in the past.

### **-We'll provide:**

- people to unload and reload the truck
- breakfasts - "Grab and Go" style
- dinners
- help with morning clean up
- registration hosts
- hospitality hosts
- supplies

Please sign up via Signup Genius:

### **Volunteers:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AEAF2EA4F5C52-outofthe>

### **Donate needed items:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D48AEAF2EA4F5C52-donate>

Most supplies will be needed before March 8<sup>th</sup>. Drop offs can be made Monday thru Thursday from 8am to 2pm and Fridays from 8am to noon at the cart and bin located inside the Main Entrance.

**Support Grace's Ministry:** Grace's church building may be closed, but Christ's Church remains vibrantly open! Grace needs your continued financial support in order to fund all of our ministries. You may continue to mail your offerings to Grace. Tithe.ly also provides a secure way to provide your offering via any major credit card. Visit [www.glcpa.org](http://www.glcpa.org) and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) using your Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club card, you can support our ministries even when you cannot be present. Finally, a form for Direct Debit giving (via your bank) is available on our website at <https://tinyurl.com/yx8andkj>; just mail it to **Grace Lutheran Church at 205 South Garner Street, State College, 16801**. That is the absolute best way to provide for the regular funding of all that we do here at Grace to the glory of God and the service of our neighbors. Thank you for your commitment to our ministries during this challenging time.



**2021 sponsorships needed for bulletins** – Radio sponsorship slots have all been filled. Thank you. The available dates that remain for the bulletin sponsorship are: May 30th, Nov. 7th, 14th, 28th, Dec. 5th and Dec. 24th. Bulletins can be sponsored in honor of, in memory of or to the Glory of God. The cost is \$25.00 for each sponsorship. For details, or to sign up, contact Sheri Rider, our Office Manager, at [srider@glcpa.org](mailto:srider@glcpa.org) or call the church office at 238-2478.

### **Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten Registration Process for 2021-2022**

205 S. Garner St. \* 814-238-8110

[www.glcparpreschool.org](http://www.glcparpreschool.org) \* [glpk@glcpa.org](mailto:glpk@glcpa.org)

GLPK will be registering all students for the 2021-2022 school year through a lottery system (see note below).

2021-2022 Registration forms with an attached envelope will be available beginning Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Priority and Open registration forms with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee will start being accepted on **Monday, 2/8/2021** at the main school entrance during drop-off each morning.

Priority registrations will be randomly drawn from each age group and numbered on Tuesday, **February 16, 2021 at noon**.

Open registrations will be randomly drawn and numbered beginning Wednesday, **February 17, 2021 at 9:30am**.

Confirmations of enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year will be sent on March 24, 2021.

Note: Due to COVID-19 restrictions for gathering, we will be registering all 2021-2022 students through a lottery system. Each morning beginning on Monday, 2/8/2021 through Tuesday, 2/16/2021 (lottery drawing begins at noon), you will have the opportunity to place your sealed registration form with the registration fee (\$50 payable to Grace Lutheran Church) in the provided envelope into the appropriate labeled bin. There will be a bin for 2.5 to 3.5-year-olds, 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, Jr. Kindergarten, Kindergarten Prep and Open registrations. Please remember to write your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice on the registration form. When a class fills, you will be placed in your 2<sup>nd</sup> or if necessary your 3<sup>rd</sup> choice class. All current students and Grace Lutheran Church members have priority registration.



## State College Food Bank

Thank you! Your donations for the food bank keep on coming. Isn't that wonderful? If you haven't donated via Grace yet, please consider it. There is tremendous need now. We donated \$9420.84 for the year 2020 even with the pandemic. *A generous person will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.* Proverbs 22:9

**Word in Season devotional booklets available** – If you would like to receive a copy of the Word in Season devotional booklets for January, February and March, you can pick up a copy in a basket on the waiting area bench inside the main entrance at Grace. Alternatively, Sally Keiser-Bankert will be happy to mail you a copy upon request. Please contact her via email at [sallykb@verizon.net](mailto:sallykb@verizon.net).

Just a note about the contribution statements: Due to a software error some 2020 giving statements show information regarding your building fund pledge. Please disregard this information because the building campaign has ended.



## Faith 5<sup>TM</sup>



**SHARE** a "high" and a "low" – what's been the best part of your day, and what's been the hardest part of your day.



**READ** from God's Word. A Scripture verse or story will be provided and read by the glow of the fire.



**TALK** about the meaning of God's living Word and how it speaks to your life – maybe even your highs and lows – at this time.



**PRAY** with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



**BLESS** with simple words and a cross traced upon each others' foreheads, we remind one another that we belong to the living God.

FEBRUARY 7, 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

# taking<sup>†</sup> faith home

*Jesus heals as he preaches and teaches.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 1:29-39	Jesus heals many people
Monday	Isaiah 40:21-31	The Lord gives strength
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	For the sake of the gospel
Wednesday	Psalm 41	A prayer in time of sickness
Thursday	James 5:13-18	Remember to pray
Friday	Proverbs 3:1-8	Trust God
Saturday	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	Praise the Lord
Sunday	Mark 9:2-9	Transfiguration of Jesus

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*[B]ut 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. Isaiah 40:31 (NRSV)*

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

### A Prayer for the Week:

Everlasting God, you strengthen the powerless; send us out with your message of love and healing through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Isaiah 40:29)

### Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, you feed us with care and put rain upon the earth that your love we may share that gives all a new birth. Amen.

### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord renew your strength with wings like eagles, that you may run and not be weary, that you shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)



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## HYMN OF THE WEEK

O Christ, Your Heart,  
Compassionate

## WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you have felt sick or weary?
- When you or someone you know has been ill, what has helped the recovery?
- Jesus brings good news that is filled with acts of love that heals lives. What is something in your life that you would like healed?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read: Mark 1:29-39.*

Does Jesus make a difference in this world or is he just a great guy with a sweet message and philosophy for a successful life? The world wants to know and the church needs to be able to answer in the affirmative: Yes, Jesus makes the difference for our world. This story from Mark 1 certainly believes it. The message that Jesus announces is more than words. It comes with actions that change lives. The hurts of the world find themselves at Jesus' feet again and again. Jesus doesn't have to go out and search for people in need. We all have a need for the kingdom that Jesus announces and lives. Demons are cast out, people are healed, Jesus prays, and his march forward into a world of need continues. Faith in Jesus is believing—at least wanting to believe—that Jesus makes the difference we need for hope and healing, peace and love. How does faith in Jesus make a difference in your world and the world of others?

*Pray: God of hope and healing, lead us into the world with good news that serves and loves others through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## SERVICE

Caring for the sick is a special way of showing Jesus' love. Think of someone you know who is in need of healing. Send that person a card to let them know you are thinking of them or call, if possible, and take time to brighten their day through conversation. Bring their needs to Jesus in prayer throughout the week.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Christians are a praying people. There are many traditions we can introduce into our homes to remind us to pray and to help make prayer a routine part of our lives. Jesus gives us a model for a faithful prayer life when he seeks out time to be alone in prayer (Mark 1:35-37). Set aside time to be alone in prayer this week to give God thanks and pray for Jesus' healing for others. Close your prayer time with the Lord's Prayer.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)