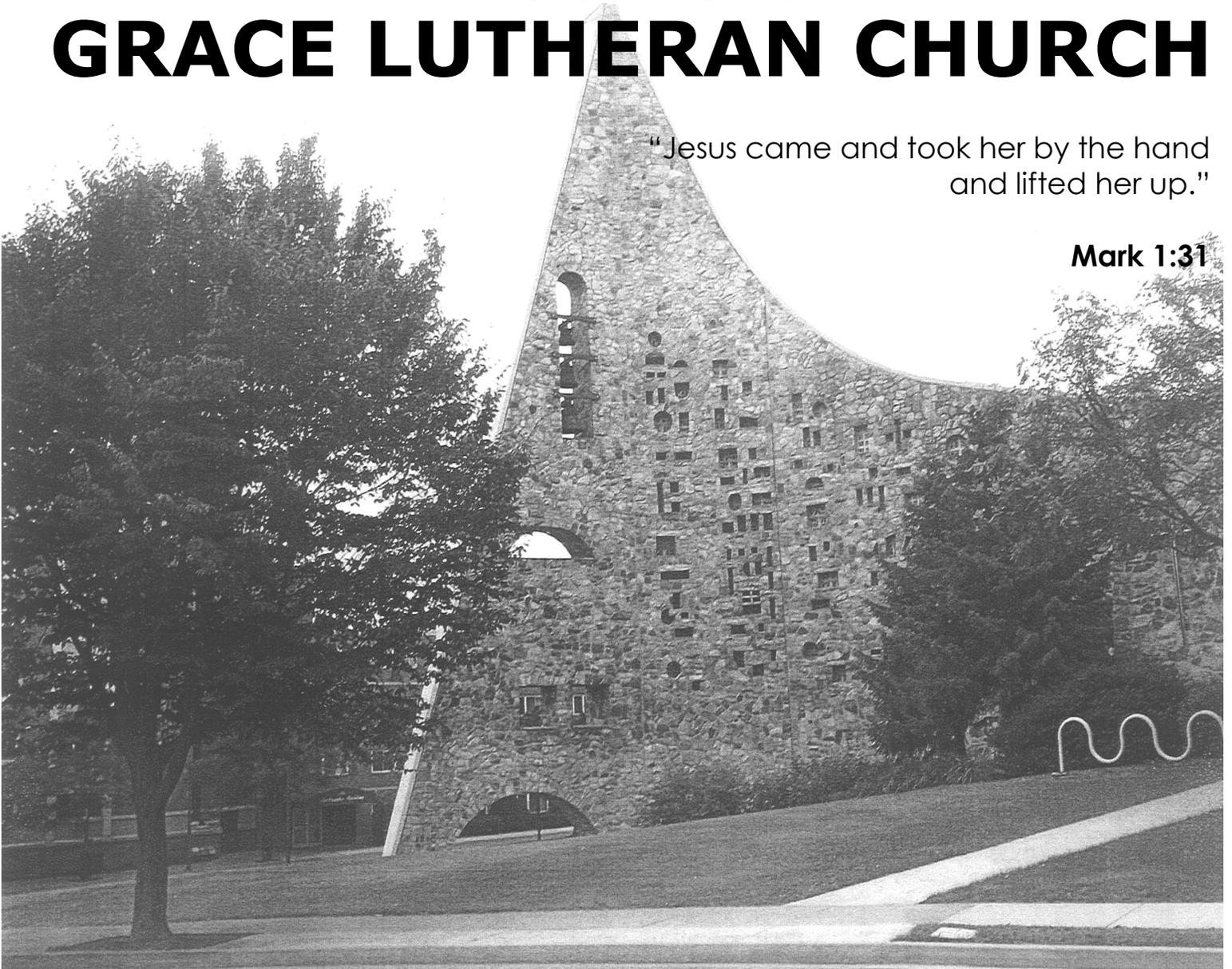


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

"Jesus came and took her by the hand
and lifted her up."

Mark 1:31



SUNDAY, February 7, 2021
5th Sunday after Epiphany

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...In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (diakonia). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

A WORD ON THE READINGS...**The First Lesson:** The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary. **The Second Lesson:** God entrusted Paul with the responsibility of bringing the gospel to diverse people. Hence the focus of Paul's ministry is not his own rights or privileges as an apostle but the privilege of serving God by freely sharing the good news of Christ with others. **The Gospel Lesson:** Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.

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MILESTONE MINISTRY AT GRACE

At Grace we celebrate milestones. Milestones are designed to connect significant occasions in people's lives with their ongoing journey of faith. A Milestone Moment brings family, friends, and congregations together to mark a special time in their lives and acknowledge and affirm God's presence in their midst. It is a tool to connect home and church in the child's and family's faith life. In addition to naming (the occasion), blessing (the person) and gifting (the gift), we send along an "At Home" sheet to reinforce the milestone with caring conversation.

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PRELUDE *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness.....*arr. Robert Hobby

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: 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.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Kneel/Sit

P: Holy God,

C: you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C: Amen.

GATHER

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

GATHERING HYMN *Arise! Your Light Has Come.....*ELW # 314

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It also consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff in D major. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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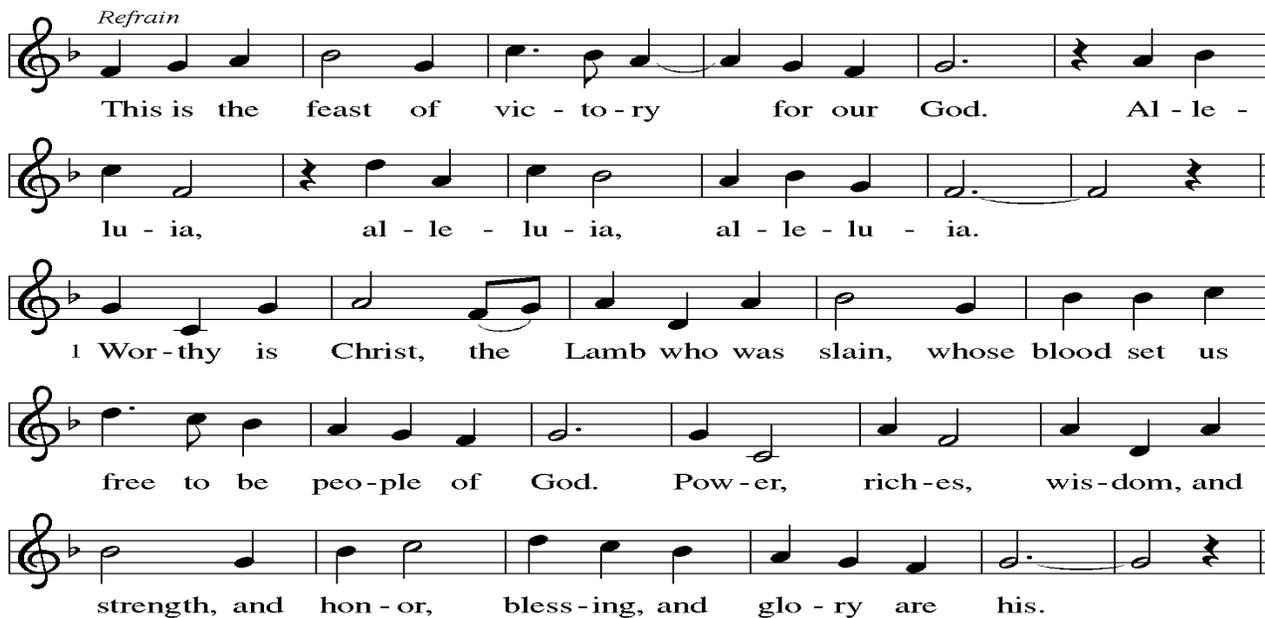
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - 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 vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - 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 vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FEED

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 40:21-31

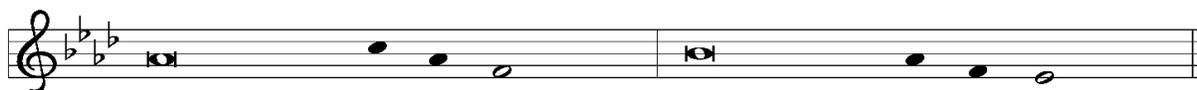
²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but 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.

PSALM: PSALM 147—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



P: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises | to our God!
How pleasant it is to honor | God with praise!

**C: The LORD re- | builds Jerusalem,
and gathers the ex- | iles of Israel.**

P: The LORD heals the | brokenhearted
and binds | up their wounds.

**C: The LORD counts the number | of the stars
and calls them all | by their names.**

P: God is not impressed by the might | of a horse,
and has no pleasure in the speed | of a runner,

**C: but finds pleasure in those who | fear the LORD,
in those who await God's steadfast love | Hallelujah!**

SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! ¹⁷For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

¹⁹For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. ²⁰To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. ²¹To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I

have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. ²³I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

HOLY GOSPEL.....Mark 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

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

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

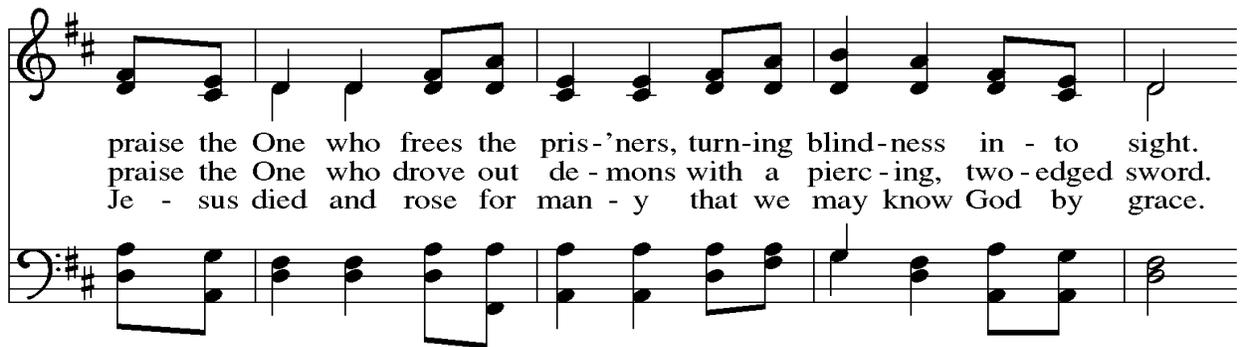
SERMON.....Pastor Hetrick

HYMN OF THE DAY *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness...*ELW # 843

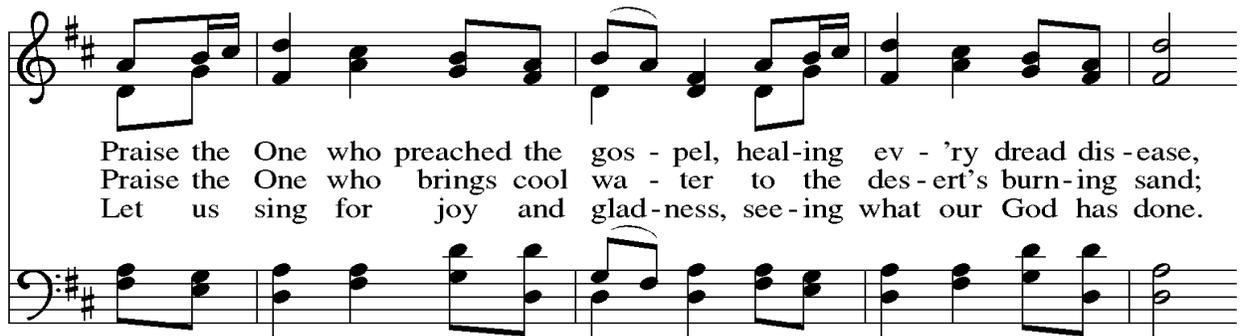
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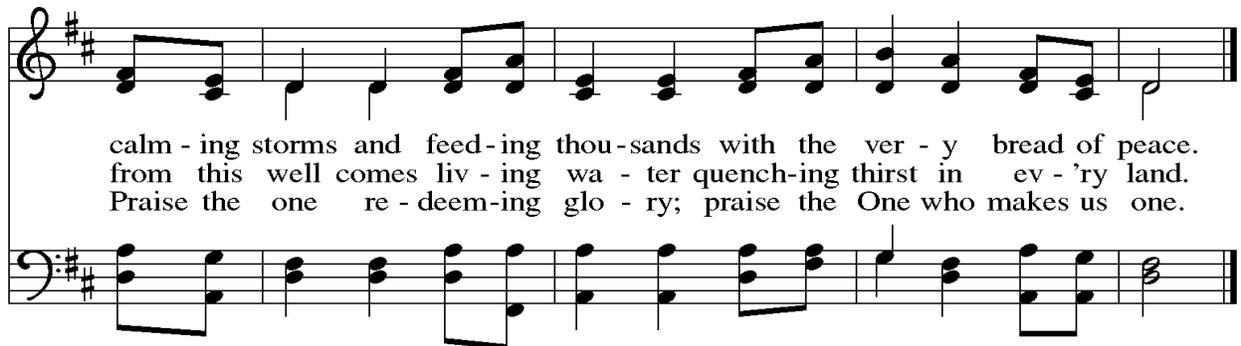
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
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APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

P: 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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now.....arr. Johann Walther

*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.

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.

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 *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good.....ELW # 871*

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
 2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and

a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
 glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the

your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
 nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
 peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
 praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;

all our la - ment with peace you still.
 all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 who is by one and all a - dored.
 God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
 Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune I*.....Michael McCabe



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PRAYER CONCERNS for February 7, 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
 Dennis Buffington and family upon the death of Anna Carol Buffinton
 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
 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
 The family of Mary Lou Swan upon her death
 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



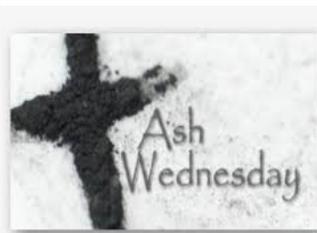
Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. *Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.*

Prayer concern: In this halfway point of winter, a lack of light can affect our mood. Turn on a light or candle and pray: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. When we see this light, remind us it is a symbol of you, the Light shining in the shadows of the world. Help us to live in this light and make it our own. May your Light guide us to walk in your path until we come to the light that shines forever. Amen

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 on longer using offering envelopes please let the church office know so we can re-assign the



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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 (llp1@psu.edu) or Lois Lynn (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

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

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



**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
- dinner
- help with morning clean up
- registration hosts
- hospitality hosts
- supplies

Please sign up via Signup Genius:

Volunteers:

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Donate needed items:

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Most supplies will be needed before March 8th. Drop offs can be made Monday thru Thursday from 8 am- 2pm and Friday 8am till 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.glcpc.org and click on the GIVE button at the top of the page. If you set up an account with 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.



Substitute Teacher Positions for 2020-2021

Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten (GLPK) is searching for substitute teacher's aides and teachers for the 2020-2021 school year. No experience is necessary for the substitute teacher's aides positions. Substitute teachers with a bachelor's degree in elementary education or early childhood education is beneficial, but not required. Send cover letter and resume to Cathy Smarkusky, GLPK Director, at csmarkusky@glcpa.org or call her at 238-8110 for more information.

Grace Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten Registration Process for 2021-2022

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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 28th.

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice on the registration form. When a class fills, you will be placed in your 2nd or if necessary your 3rd 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.

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™



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



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	Psalms 41	A prayer in time of sickness
Thursday	James 5:13-18	Remember to pray
Friday	Proverbs 3:1-8	Trust God
Saturday	Psalms 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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FEBRUARY 7, 2021

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