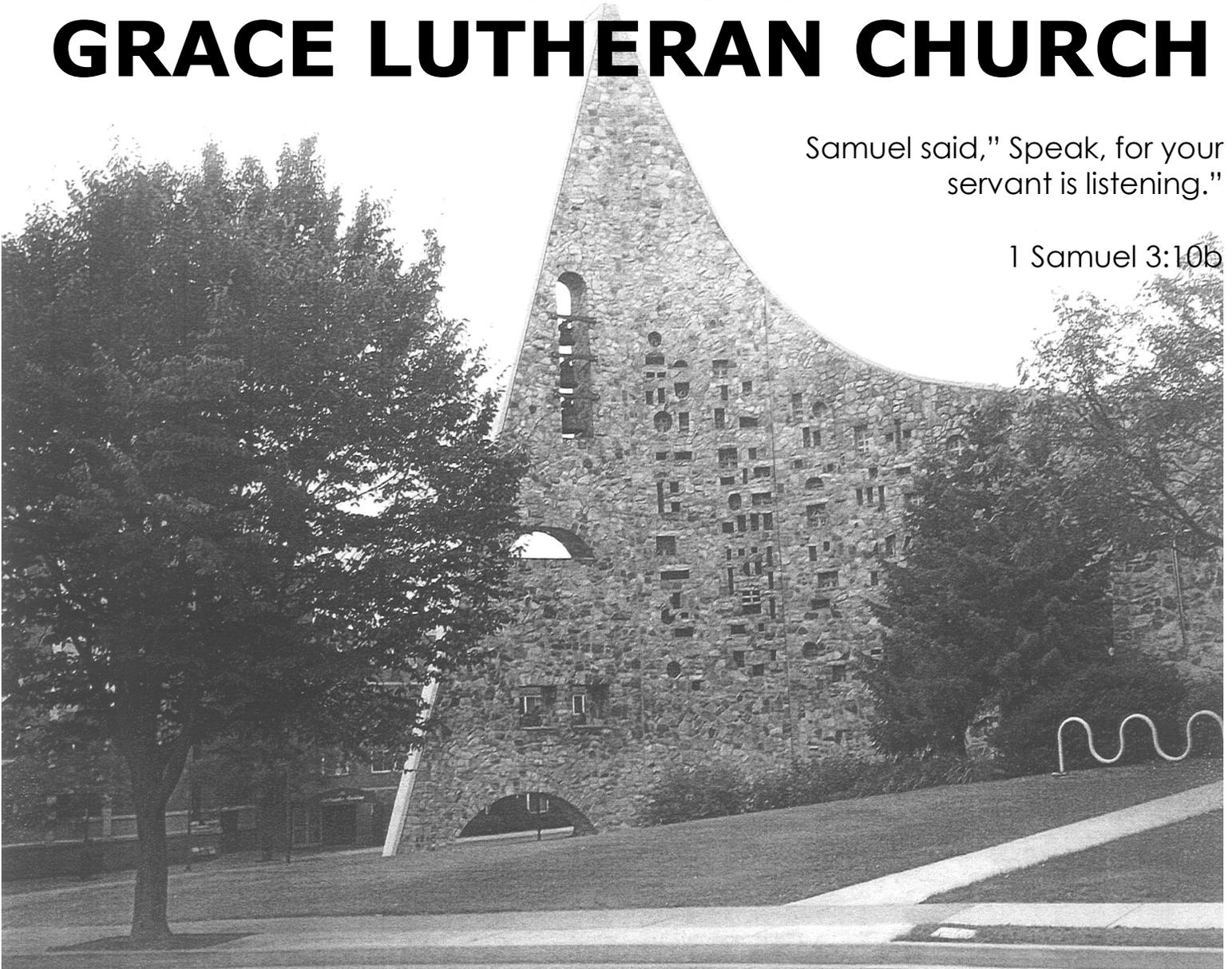


# Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Samuel said, "Speak, for your  
servant is listening."

1 Samuel 3:10b



**SUNDAY, January 17, 2021**  
**2nd 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...**All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

**A WORD ON THE READINGS...****The First Lesson:** At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

**The Second Lesson:** Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

**The Gospel Lesson:** In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to “Come and see.”

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↑ = Please stand as you are able

↓ = Please be seated

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# Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Jesus Still Lead On*.....arr. David Cherwien

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: 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 *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* .....ELW #676

# Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and

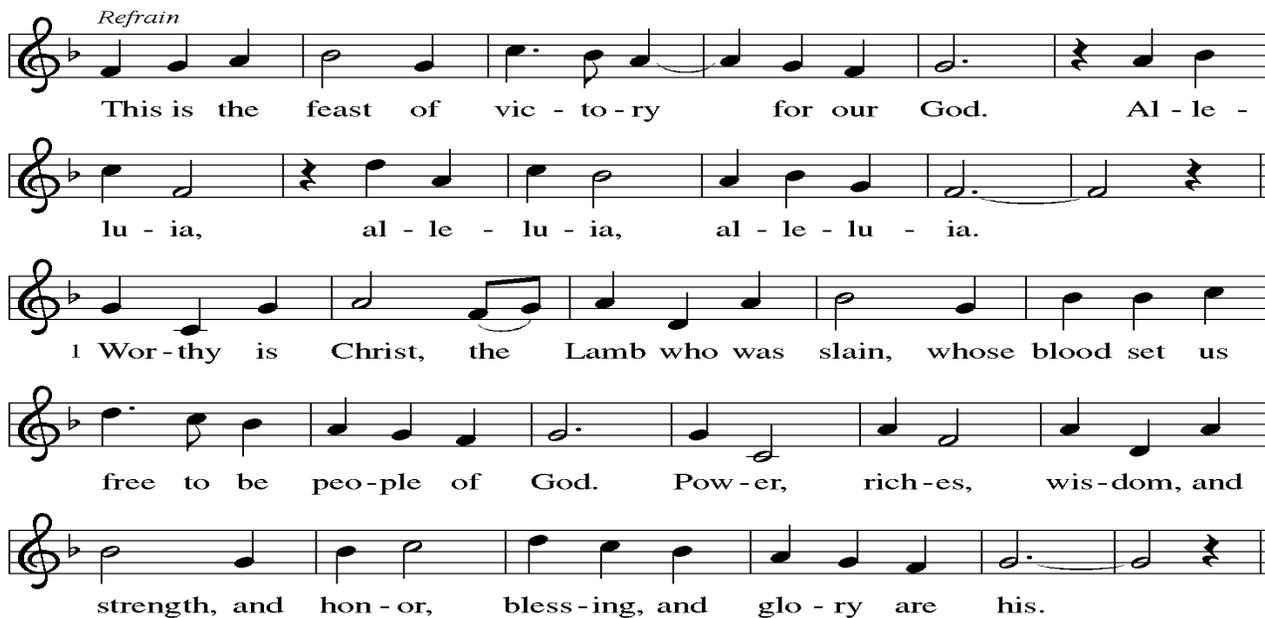
let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.  
 Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

**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: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father 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

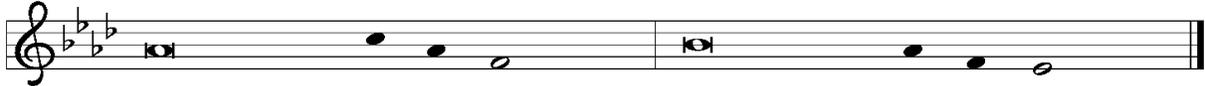
FIRST LESSON.....1 Samuel 3:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

PSALM: PSALM 139—*Please sing responsively from the selected verses.*



P: LORD, you have | searched me out;  
O LORD, you | have known me.

**C: You know my sitting down and my | rising up;  
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

P: You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**C: Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

P: For you yourself created my | inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my | mother’s womb.

**C: I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**

SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

## DISCUSSION OF THE LESSONS

HOLY GOSPEL.....John 1:43-51

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

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON.....Pastor Schul

HYMN OF THE DAY *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*.....ELW #696

## Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

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 resurrection  
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, Speak To Us*.....arr. Gerald Near

*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.*

## AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

P: Friends, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

**C: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

P: Almighty God, by the power of the spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your Son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

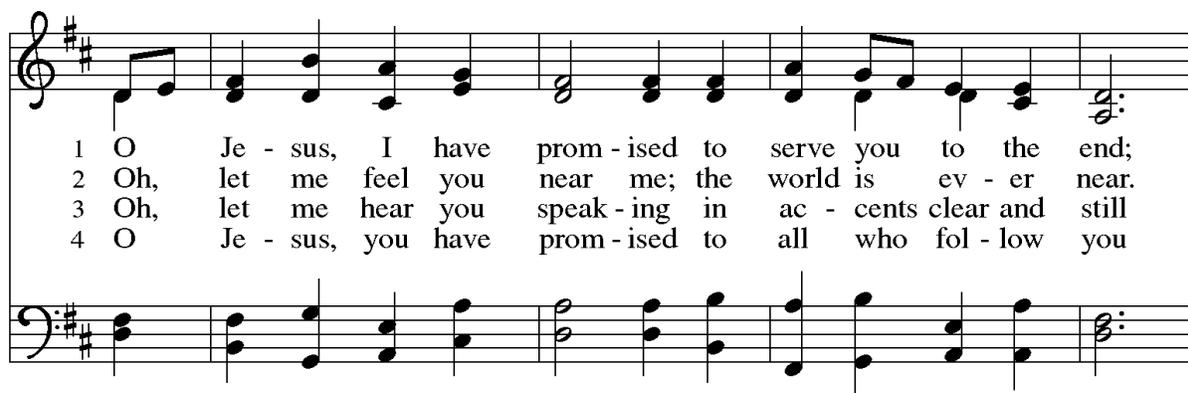
**C: Amen**

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 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*.....ELW #810

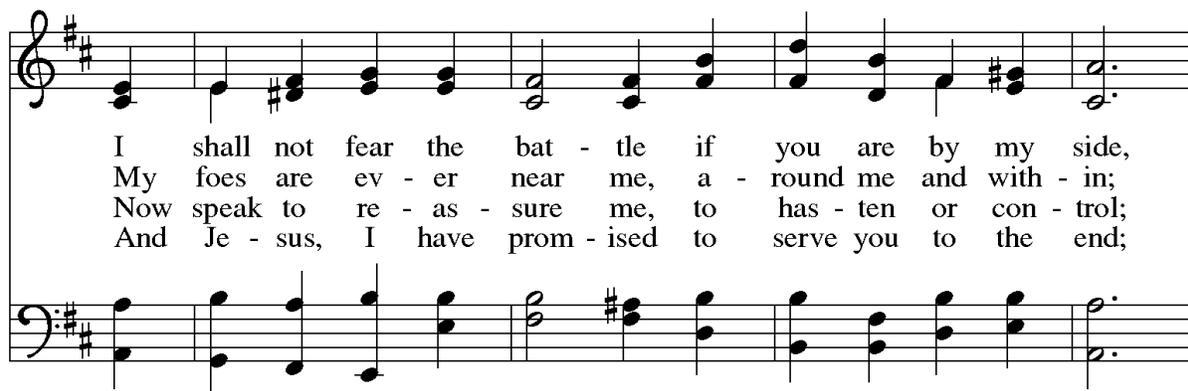
# O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.  
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet in Dialogue*.....Louis Clerambault



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## PRAYER CONCERNS for January 17, 2021

All Military & Nat'l Guard and all serving in war-torn countries  
 Alicia Anderson and family upon the death of her mother, Dorothy  
 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  
 Michael Cartwright and family upon The death of his mother Mary  
 Sandy Cassady  
 Denise Centini  
 The family of Nancy Chapa upon her death  
 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  
 Becky Rogers  
 Margaret Schrock, mother of Kathy Weimer  
 Nancy Schuchert, mother of Joe Schuchert  
 Pastor Schul and family upon the death of his godmother Madeline Anderson  
 Ken Shultz  
 William D. Snape Sr., brother of Phyllis Favorite  
 Emily & Charlotte Spearly  
 Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin  
 Tom & Claudette, friends of Helen and Dick Brenneman  
 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.*

This week, ask God to reveal what your gifts and talents are, and how you might live out your calling, rooted in your baptism, to love and serve your neighbor both within and without church.

## 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.



## 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 envelope number as needed.



## Grace Virtual Coffee Hour Tuesday, January 26th at 4pm via ZOOM

One of the many things we are missing on account of the pandemic is the opportunity to visit and socialize with one another over a meal or a cup of coffee. Accordingly, Pastor Schul and Pastor Hetrick will be hosting a “virtual coffee hour” via Zoom on Tuesday Jan. 26th at 4pm. It’s a chance to see old friends, visit, and catch up on the news.

To participate email Sheri Rider ([srider@glcpa.org](mailto:srider@glcpa.org)) and she will provide you with the Zoom login credentials.

*“Bright Spots” - 2021 Lenten Devotional*  
Booklet



*Lenten*  
*Devotionals*

We have now been through more than nine months of the pandemic – quarantine, stay-at-home orders, keep your circle small, social distancing, every vacation and all travel cancelled, masks, masks, and more masks – yes, we are all so weary of this.

However, in the midst of this bleakness, there have been “*Bright Spots.*” For our Lenten Devotional Booklet, we are asking Grace Church members to share a “bright spot”. Think of unexpected moments when someone reached out with an act of kindness, or something you have discovered about your family or yourself. There are many great stories to share!

Please write about your “*Bright Spots.*” Also include your favorite scripture (this does not need to relate to your story.) Writings should be 400 words or less. Please send by January 20 to Sally Horn, [sjh10@psu.edu](mailto:sjh10@psu.edu). Thank you.



**Centre Safe Collection:**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> - February 5<sup>th</sup>**

The mission of Centre Safe is to empower survivors of sexual violence, relationship violence, and stalking and to work toward the elimination of such violence. This year we're only collecting monetary donations which you may make via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or check. Thank you.



**New Member Sunday, January 24th**

Grace would like to welcome those who wish to become members of Grace on this Sunday. If you are feeling Jesus calling you to be a member of Grace, please email Pastor Schul ([pastorschul@glcpa.org](mailto:pastorschul@glcpa.org)), Pastor Hetrick ([pastorhetrick@glcpa.org](mailto:pastorhetrick@glcpa.org)), or call the church office at 814-238-2478.



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 (readoooodles@me.com) for a zoom link to the class.*

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**Garden of Readin' January 19** - The January meeting of Garden of Read-in' (women's book club) will be Tuesday, January 19 at 10:30 am remotely via Zoom. The next book is *The Home for Unwanted Girls* by Joanna Goodman. The discussion will be facilitated by Susan DeMetrick. Contact Laura Pauley ([llp1@psu.edu](mailto:llp1@psu.edu)) or Lois Lynn ([loissteve@comcast.net](mailto:loissteve@comcast.net)) for more info.



**2021 sponsorships needed for bulletins and radio broadcasts** – Help Grace bring live radio worship (Sundays at 10:30 am on WRSC) by sponsoring a radio broadcast in honor of, in memory of or to the Glory of God. As of January 2021 the cost of a weekly broadcast is \$200 per week, reflecting a modest increase in what the station charges Grace. Bulletins can also be sponsored for a cost of \$25 per week. Currently we have May 30th, June 13th, July 11th, Aug. 1st, and Oct. 10th available for 2021 radio sponsorships, and Jan. 31st, Feb. 7th, 21st & 28th dates for starters for bulletin sponsorships. For details, or to sign up, contact Sheri Rider, our Office Manager, at [srider@glcpc.org](mailto:srider@glcpc.org) or call the church office at 238-2478.



## 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've donated \$8420.84 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 [sal-lykb@verizon.net](mailto:sal-lykb@verizon.net).

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

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[www.glcpapreschool.org](http://www.glcpapreschool.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, 2/1/2021** 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 9, 2021 at noon.**

Open registrations will be randomly drawn and numbered beginning Wednesday, **February 10, 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, 2/1/2021 through Tuesday, 2/9/2021 (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.



# 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

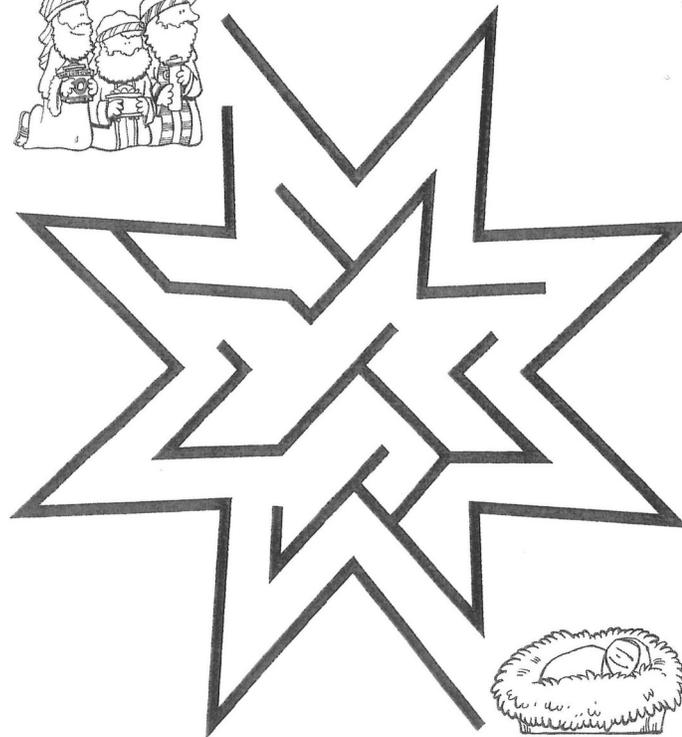
with and for one another and the world, lifting one another in prayer and praising the God of life and love.



## BLESS

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

Help the Wise Men find baby Jesus!



JANUARY 17, 2021  
SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY



*God reaches out to us.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael
Monday	1 Samuel 3:1-20	The call of Samuel
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	Honor God in body and spirit
Wednesday	Psalms 40:1-11	Happy are those who trust in God
Thursday	Romans 8:26-30	God reaches out to us
Friday	2 Thessalonians 2:13-17	Be faithful
Saturday	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	The Lord knows us well
Sunday	Mark 1:14-20	Jesus calls the first disciples

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."*  
1 Samuel 3:10 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Awesome God, for your desire to have a relationship with us through Christ our Lord, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

For the food that we eat, for your love that we meet, for this meal that we share as a sign of your care. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the God that searches you and knows you give you hope and peace through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 139:1)



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Listen, God Is Calling*



### 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:

- Are you more of a listener or a talker? Explain.
- Is it easy for you to tell others about Jesus? Why or why not?
- As a disciple of Jesus, why is listening to God so important?

### DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 Samuel 3:1-20.

Human efforts are important for lots of things in this world, but in the Bible, it is God's efforts that make all the difference. It is not first that we as humans call on God to make God a saving presence in our lives. It is God that reaches out to us. We see this in the story of Jesus calling disciples (John 1:43-51). Jesus takes the initiative with Philip, Nathanael, and with us. We see that same pattern when God calls Samuel. God repeatedly reaches out to a boy who does not know God yet. This is also the theme of Psalm 139:1: "O LORD, you have searched me and known me." According to the psalmist, that is unbelievably awesome news. That news is worthy of our full attention, like the boy Samuel saying to the LORD, "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). With a God who comes to us, knows us, and calls us to do God's work in the world, it is worth taking the voice of Samuel and making it our own: "Speak, Lord, for I am listening." The church, body of Christ, wants to acknowledge that we are listening to Jesus; the faithfulness of each disciple of Jesus says, "Lord, I am listening to you." How do you listen to God? Is it through prayer, reading the Bible, public worship, or listening to the voice of God through others around you? Explain.

*Pray:* Dear God, just as you pursued Samuel and the disciples Philip and Nathanael, we thank you for pursuing us with your love and grace today through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SERVICE



To care for someone is to listen to them as Samuel listened to God when God called out to him. Is there someone who could use your attentive listening this week?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



Psalm 139 is a beautiful and reflective psalm. Read Psalm 139:1-6 this week using a meditative tradition called *Lectio Divina*. Read it once slowly and pause for reflection. Read it again and pick out a word or phrase that stands out for you. Pause, then read it one last time and wonder how the verses can guide your life this week. Conclude by praying 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)