



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

Children's resources, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

Nursery care is provided at most worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

Assistance in Worship: For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

Altar Flowers are given this morning in loving memory of Len Berghaus by his family.

Please silence all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

In Holy Communion the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

Grace Council Statement on Racism: Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

As We Gather

Most of the time, I think I'm doing pretty good. I keep the commandments (er, most of the time). I'm definitely better than you. I'm pretty good! Against this "I" Jesus speaks. An angry or a lustful thought is enough to upend our self-reclamation projects. Action isn't needed to convict; intent is more than enough. Jesus convicts us today, driving us to the foot of his cross. But there, in the wonder of grace, we discover not judgment, but grace. He is cut off for our sake; we are raised from the dead. We are set free from ourselves. We cannot cause this growth but we do not need to. God chooses life for us. God gives the growth.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Come Down, O Love Divine Settings by Mark Sedio and Raymond H. Haan

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

We stand and face the cross in procession.

ENTRANCE HYMN: Come Down, O Love Divine

(green) **LBW #508**



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, d. 1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–1890
Music: DOWN AMPNEY, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
G And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: Glory to God in the Highest



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you,
because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you.
Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do,
and give us grace and power to do them,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

We sit.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15–20

[Moses said to the people:] “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1–8

ANTIPHON

Happy are they who walk in the law of the Lord.

(8:30) Ronald Nelson
(11:00) Michael D. Costello

- L** Happy are they whose | way is blameless,*
who walk in the law | of the Lord!
- C** **Happy are they who observe | his decrees***
and seek him with | all their hearts!
- L** Who never do | any wrong,*
but always walk | in his ways.
- C** **You laid down | your commandments,***
that we should | fully keep them.
- L** Oh, that my ways were made | so direct*
that I might | keep your statutes!
- C** **Then I should not be | put to shame,***
when I regard all | your commandments.
- L** I will thank you with an | unfeigned heart,*
when I have learned your | righteous judgments.
- C** **I will | keep your statutes;***
do not utter- | ly forsake me.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready,³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

- L** The Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

We stand and join in singing the refrain as indicated.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 4:14

John Ferguson

Choir Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C **REFRAIN** (*below*)



Choir You are the light of the world.
A city set upon a hill cannot be hid.

C **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 5:21–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:]“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: God (Not You!) Gives the Growth

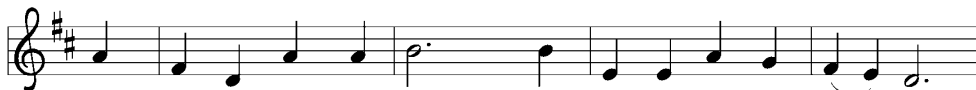
Pastor David R. Lyle
Matthew 5:21–37; 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

We stand.

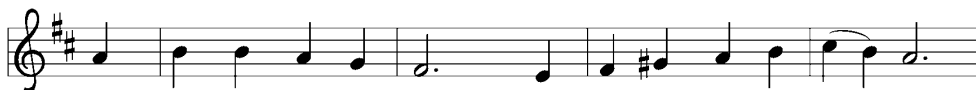
HYMN OF THE DAY: O God, My Faithful God

(green) **LBW #504**

(11:00) Stanza three is sung by the choir in a harmonization by J. S. Bach



1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan-gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth-ing is, all per-fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com-mand, my call-ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer-less;



give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con-science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT, Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629–1701

APOSTLES' CREED

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

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ MEAL ✠

PEACE OF CHRIST

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

We sit.

OFFERING

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** Walk as Children of Light

Terry D. Taylor

Who will shine in the darkness?
Who will shine in the night?
Who will shine in the darkness?
Who, who will walk as children of light?

Once we were lost in the night.
Now in the Lord, we are light.
Let our light bear the fruit
Of all that's right and true.

Come now, shine in the darkness.
Come now, shine in the night.
Come now, shine in the darkness.
Come now, let's walk as children of light.

(11:00) **VOLUNTARY:** O God, My Faithful God

Michael D. Costello

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY VERSE: Psalm 54:4, 6–7

David N. Johnson

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;
I will give thanks to your name, O Lord, for it is good.
For you have delivered me from every trouble.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- Ⓐ Let us pray. Merciful Father,
☒ we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

❏ Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 'Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
 his preaching and healing,
 his dying and rising, and his promise to come again,
 we await that day when all the universe
 will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
 we may be light for the world,
 revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church, both now and forever.

❏ **Amen.**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

P The gifts of God for the people of God.

C Thanks be to God.

P Come, for all is now ready.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI

C Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized.

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.

We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).

Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.

Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

(8:30) **ANTHEM:** Light of Light

Nancy Gifford

Light of light, ever bright,
Bringing day to darkest night,
Ev'rywhere hear our prayer,
Give us eyes to see.

Laudamus te.

Blessed one, Mary's son,
Savior of a world undone,
Ev'rywhere hear our prayer,
Give us hearts to love.

Laudamus te.

Evermore we adore
God of majesty and awe,
Ev'rywhere hear our prayer,
Give us voice to praise.

Laudamus te.

Benedicimus te.

Adoramus te.

(11:00) **ANTHEM:** Teach Me, O Lord

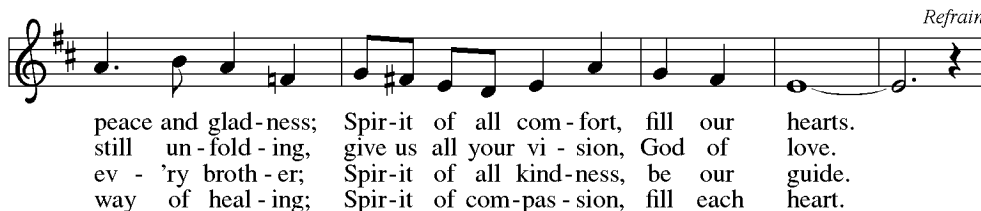
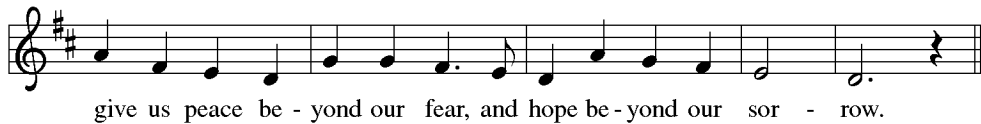
Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Psalm 119:33

HYMN: Healer of Our Every Ill

(blue) WOV #738



Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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We stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
 and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.
 Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
 and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore;
 through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

(green) **LBW #196**



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
 by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
 Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Kenneth T. Kosche

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

8:30

Mark Bouman
Karen Rohde, Paul Eichwedel
Evelyn Walsh, Tyler Henderson
Bob and Kathryn Jandeska
Dan Lehmann, John Sanger
Catherine Amato, Christina Starrick
3-4 Grade Choir
Johanna Johnson
Julia Lehmann
Al Swanson, Eunice Eifert

Deacon
Lectors
Crucifer/Bible Bearer
Gift Bearers
Ushers
Altar Guild
Choir
Conductors
Greeters
Livestream audio/video

11:00

Lori Martin
Al Swanson, Sandy Lentz
Luke Murphy, Lukas Cohen
Julie Modrich, Esther Armstrong
Gerlinde VanDriesen
Marilyn Moehlenkamp, Jane Andrew
Parish Choir
Michael D. Costello
Susan Bogner, Kathryn Jandeska

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LET US PRAY. . .

Betty Albain	Hans Dumpys	Phyllis Kersten	Marge Sanger
Carol Albright	Louis Elia	Karla Koehne	Pat Scala
Annalise Balock	Carol Forrest	Joan Koerber	Jim Scherer
Cathy Barker	David Franzone	Karen Lemke	Rhea Sprecher
Miriam Bretscher	Susan Franzone	Karen McMahon	Jill Sunderman
Kim Brunssen	Hena Gantepalli	Marilyn Moehlenkamp	Irmgard Swanson
Candice Buchbinder	Carl Gruendler	Dave Moeller	Jane Thompson
MaryBeth Buschmann	Susan Hammon	Rob Ransom	
Dick Calhoun	Patricia Herendeen	Adrienne Rott	
Yvonne Daniels	Genevieve Jones	Marnie Rourke	

Pat B. <i>(friend of Pat Anderson)</i>	Owen Huffman <i>(son of Eileen and Shawn Huffman)</i>
Fran Benson <i>(sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat)</i>	Ruth Jandeska <i>(daughter-in-law of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska)</i>
Collene Berghaus <i>(daughter-in-law of Len and Judy Berghaus)</i>	Judy Johnson <i>(Grace School alum)</i>
Karen Berglund <i>(friend of Carol Stanger)</i>	Arnold Krubsack <i>(brother of Irmgard Swanson)</i>
Emmet Bindon <i>(friend of Paul Eichwedel)</i>	Kathryn Krubsack <i>(niece of Irmgard Swanson)</i>
Jim Brandt <i>(friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner)</i>	Maxx Kusper <i>(friend of Deb Maxwell)</i>
Irene Buchbinder <i>(mother of Paul Buchbinder)</i>	Eunice Larsen <i>(mother of Rebecca Dahlstrom)</i>
Brendan Cameron <i>(friend of Scott and Linda Street)</i>	Beverly and Charles Leistico <i>(parents of Sue Foran)</i>
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The 91st birthday of **Marilyn Gotsch** (February 8)

The birth of **Diego Pardo Harb** (*grandson of Lois Harb*)

The ordination of **Ole Schenk**, (February 18)

For those who mourn

Dennis Bushkofsky (*former pastor of United Lutheran Church, Oak Park*)

Andy Spiess (*friend of Jill Koski*)

Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)

Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

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Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Matthew Grosz (*nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those in the foreign service

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Those who are homebound

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, FEBRUARY 12

Library Open (self-service, coffee) 8:15 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.
Worship – Holy Communion.....8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
All Church Breakfast led by Grace Confirmands
and Mentors (Fellowship Hall).....9:45 a.m.
Adult Education (Seminar Room).....9:45 a.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Stewardship Committee (Virtual).....7:00 p.m.
Finance Committee (Virtual)7:00 p.m.
Stephen Ministry Small Group (Virtual)7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Property Committee (Church Library).....7:00 p.m.
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room).....7:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

School Chapel 8:25 a.m.
Cornerstones (Church Library) 9:30 a.m.
Retired Leaders (Conference Room)..... 10:00 a.m.
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Yoga (Fellowship Hall)6:30 p.m.
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room)6:30 p.m.
Moms of Littles (Youth Center)6:30 p.m.
Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)7:30 p.m.
Justice and Peace Committee (Conference Room) .7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

GriefShare (Church Library) 9:00 a.m.
Religion in Literature (Offsite)7:30 p.m.

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