

# Grace Lutheran Church Traditional Worship



Let your  
**Light**  
shine  
before others,  
that they may  
see your  
**good**  
deeds  
and glorify your  
**Father**  
in heaven.

*Matthew*  
5:16

*Our Mission: Love Jesus and help others love Him through word and actions.*

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

February 8, 2026 10:00 a.m.



## ***Welcome in the name of Jesus!***

We are happy you're here. We pray that the Lord will bless your time of worship with us and give you peace in the week ahead. Newcomers are our special guests and we ask that you sign the register at the entrance to help us get to know you and be sure to pick up a gift bag from our welcome desk at either entrance.

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### **New Liturgy for Lent**

**On February 15 & 22**

Pr. Rosy will provide a brief instructional review 10 minutes before the service.

#### **Introduction**

*Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

# GATHERING

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Prelude**

*The Angels Changed My Name*

Coleridge-Taylor

**Welcome**

*We will share a moment of silence as we center our hearts and minds for worship.*

## **\*Confession and Forgiveness**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

**\*Greeting**

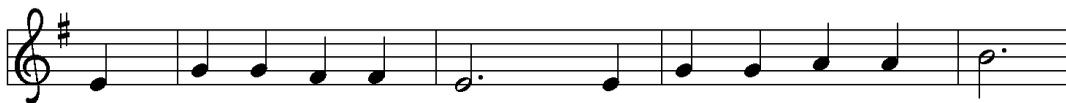
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie**

**Vs. 1 Only**

**ELW Setting 10 Pg. 203**



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

**\*Canticle of Praise**

**Vs. 1 Only**

ELW Setting 10 Pg. 204



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**\*Prayer of the Day**

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Young Person's Song: *Do Lord*

Young People's Message

# WORD

## First Reading

## Isaiah 58:1-9a

<sup>1</sup> Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. <sup>3</sup> “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 112:1- 10



Light shines in the dark - ness for the up - right.

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the Lord and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land; the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be | in their house, and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion. R**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will nev- | er be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and | will not shrink, until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever; they will hold up their | head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away; the desires of the wick- | ed will perish. R**

<sup>1</sup> When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. <sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory <sup>8</sup> and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" — <sup>10</sup> God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. <sup>13</sup> And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup> Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny. <sup>16</sup> "For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**R:** The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

ELW Setting 10 Pg. 205



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup> “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**\*Hymn of The Day**

***Light Dawns on a Weary World***

ELW Hymn 726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

### **\*Apostles Creed**

P: Together, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

A: Merciful God.

**C: Receive our prayer.**

P: ...to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

# MEAL

**Offering** *If you would like to give electronically please scan the PayPal QR code on page 2 of the bulletin.*

**Offering Music**

*Hymn for our Time*

Beck

**\*Offertory Response** *Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW Service Music pg. 184

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## **\*Offering Prayer**

**A:** God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

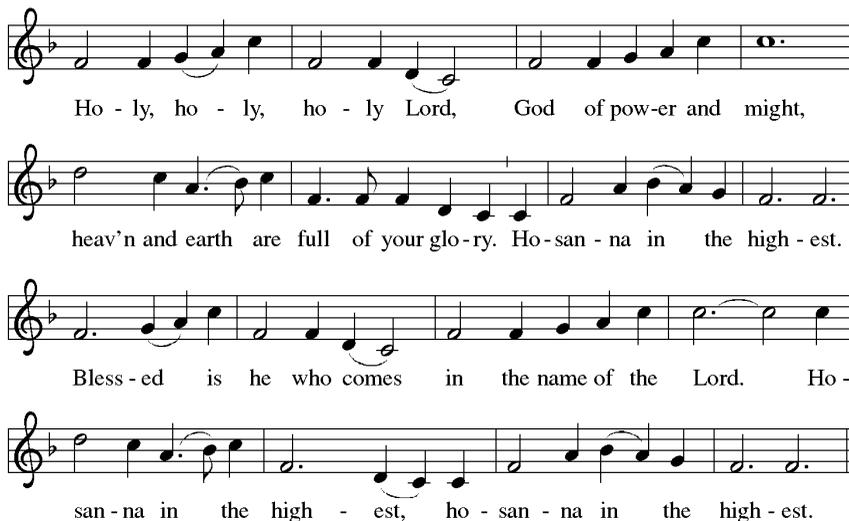
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 10 Pg. 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **\*Invitation to Communion**

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

### **Communion**

Following usher's instructions, those sitting on the right side of the sanctuary facing the altar will go to the back of the railing on the right and fill around to the front. Those seated on the left side of the sanctuary will start at the front of the railing on the left side and fill around to the back. Your empty cups may be placed in the baskets at the end of the front pews. All who believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior, are welcome to commune. Prepackaged communion cups & gluten free wafers are available.

# Lamb of God

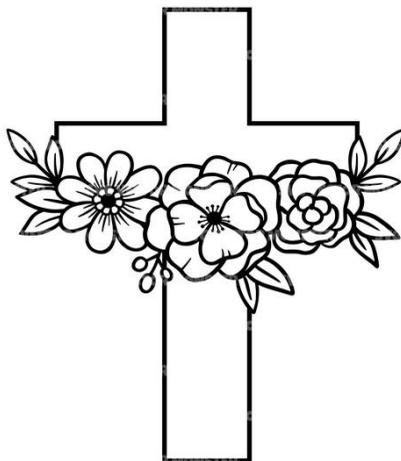
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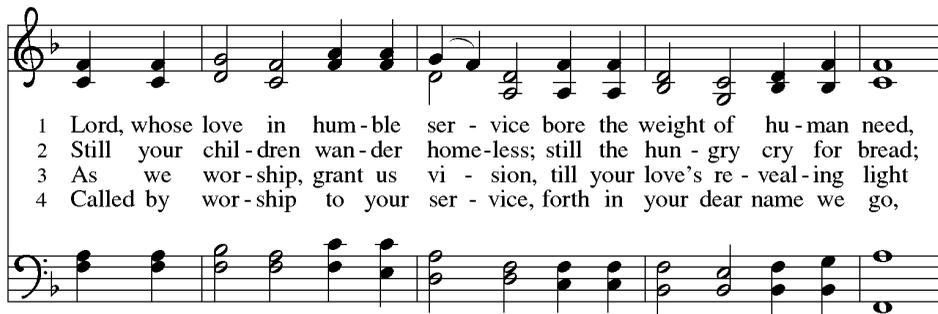


1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

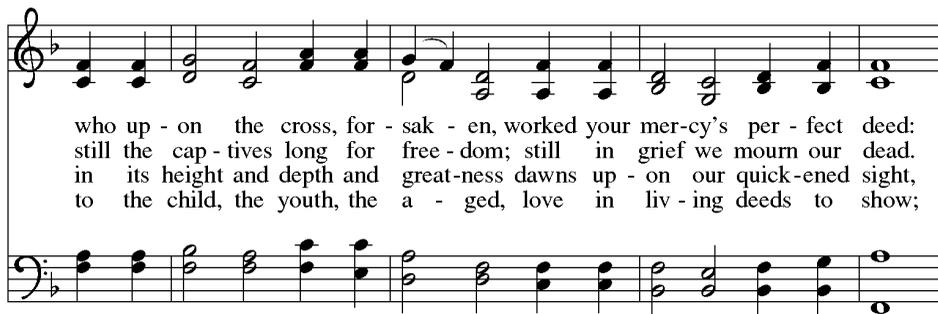


you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

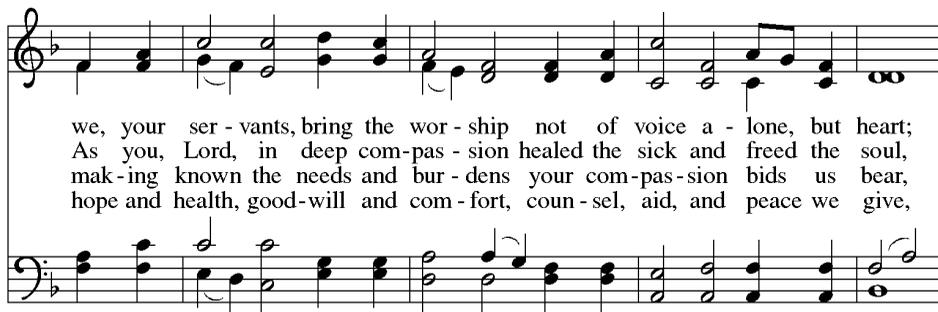




1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

### **Post Communion Blessing**

P: ...keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

### **Prayer After Communion**

A: ...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **Announcements**

#### **\*Blessing**

P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
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oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Praeambulum*

Bach

Remember Fellowship after each service in the Fellowship Hall. Come and have some snacks and chat a bit.

## Upcoming Commemorations

**Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs  
Saturday, February 14, 2026**

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.

## Invitation

Please join us again in worship and fellowship! You have an open invitation to be a part of our ministries. Speak with the members and pastor to learn more about our family of Grace and visit our website at [www.graceoakridge.org](http://www.graceoakridge.org).

## Remember in Your Prayers and Visits

Viva Senior Care: June Peishel

The Groves: Evelyn Lorenz

Homebound: Julia Stockstill, Sy Moua, Kris Brenner, Pam Williams, Caryl Thompson, Penny Frew, Annie Long, Lois Szluha

NFC Healthcare, Franklin TN: Vicki Quraishi

If you have a minute — Please send a card to one of our members who is homebound or in assisted living. They've been isolated from family and friends for months, and are struggling with loneliness.

**Members:** Stan & Annie Long, James Bauman, Julia and Scott Stockstill, Lois Szluha, Brittany Moua, June Peishel, Valerie Hansen and her mother Grace, Anne Douglas, Pam Williams, Vicki Quraishi, Caryl Thompson, Sy Moua, Penny Frew, Kris Brenner.

**Friends and Family:** David Ensley, Bernice Moore, Janet Keehn, Jim Crumley III, Betty Dreyer, Zoe Moore, Pat Ryan, Rafael & Jennifer Rivera, Elizabeth Stone.

**Missionaries:** David and Alicia Brondos, and all members of Grace Church.

**Our Guatemalan Companion Synod Partners:** Pastor Karen Castillo, her sister Ms. Beatriz Castillo and son Diego.

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***God in your mercy, hear our prayers.***

*Altar Flowers on February 8*

*Altar flowers were given to the Glory and Honor of God by  
Phil Stumbo & Jainie Hiserote.*

# This Week at Grace

## **Monday, February 9**

|              |                          |            |
|--------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 9:30-11:30am | ESL Beginners Class      | Room 210   |
| 5:30pm       | Administering Comm.      | Room 101   |
| 7:00pm       | Boy Scouts               | FH         |
| 7:00-9:00pm  | Dixieland Band rehearsal | Choir Room |
| 7:00-8:30pm  | Contact Care Grief Group | Room 210   |
| 7:00pm       | Serving Comm.            | On Teams   |

## **Tuesday, February 10**

|               |                         |          |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 9:00- 11:00am | ESOL Intermediate       | Room 101 |
| 9:30 -11:30am | ESOL Beginners Class    | Room 210 |
| 9:30-11:30am  | ESOL Early Intermediate | Room 213 |
| 10:00-12:30pm | GED class               | Room 107 |
| 5:30pm        | Proclaiming             | Room 101 |
| 6:00 -8:00pm  | ESOL Beginners Class    | Room 210 |

## **Wednesday, February 11**

|               |                         |           |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 9:30-11:30am  | ESOL Early Intermediate | Room 213  |
| 11:30am       | Coffeehouse Mtg         | Room 101  |
| 10:00-12:30pm | GED class               | Room 107  |
| 4:30pm        | Nurturing Comm.         | Room 101  |
| 5:00pm        | Ringspiration           | Sanctuary |
| 6:00pm        | Executive Meeting       | FH        |
| 6:00-8:00pm   | ESOL Intermediate Class | Room 210  |
| 7:00pm        | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary |

## **Thursday, February 12**

|               |                         |          |
|---------------|-------------------------|----------|
| 9:00- 11:00am | ESOL Intermediate       | Room 101 |
| 9:30-11:30am  | ESOL Early Intermediate | Room 213 |
| 10:00am       | Puzzles at Judy's       |          |

## **Friday, February 13**

|               |               |          |
|---------------|---------------|----------|
| 9:00am        | Russian Class | Online   |
| 9:30-11:30am  | ESOL Advanced | Room 101 |
| 10:00-12:00pm | Food Pantry   |          |

## **Saturday, February 14**

|        |                     |    |
|--------|---------------------|----|
| 6:00pm | Singles Valentine's | FH |
|--------|---------------------|----|

## **Grace's Purpose Statement**

Led by the Holy Spirit, we are called to worship God,  
Love our neighbors as ourselves, and  
Inspire others to seek Jesus and  
Experience God's grace in their lives.

## **Serving Today**

**Preaching and Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Paula Smith

**Liturgist:** Betty Dagley

**Reader/Lector:** Judy Joy

**Young People's Message:** Pr. Paula

**Flowers:** Vicki Kitts

**Altar Guild:** Ruth Smiley, Julie Longoria

**Ushers/Greeters:** Donna Hoglund, Chuck Thompson

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