

February 9th, 2020
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Divine Service 10 AM

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today: Jesus warns that *“unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 5:20), but He also calls His imperfect people *“the salt of the earth”* and *“the light of the world”* (Matt. 5:13, 14). That’s because the Lord Jesus came not to abolish the Law or the prophets, *“but to fulfill them”* (Matt. 5:17) in perfect faith and love. Since He does and teaches all of God’s commandments, He is *“called great in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 5:19). God manifests His *“demonstration of the Spirit and of power”* in *“Jesus Christ and him crucified”* (1 Cor. 2:2–4), and through the preaching of the Gospel He gives His *“secret and hidden wisdom”* (1 Cor. 2:7). Christ gives this perfect righteousness to His people, and it leads them to true fasting, which is *“to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free”* (Is. 58:6) and *“to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house”* (Is. 58:7).

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Holy Communion is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

Attendance Registration cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
Till they in - ward light im - part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
More and more Thy - self dis - play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Stand

Invocation (*God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.*)

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession: (*We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.*)

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Kyrie: (Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)

LSB 186

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise: (Trusting God’s promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.)

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav’n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation: *(The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.)*

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

Collect: *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day.)*

P Let us pray.
 O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C A - men.

Sit

Children's Message

Scripture Readings: *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 58:3-9a

P Today's Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the fifty-eighth chapter

³Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual: *(The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.)*

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

P Today's Epistle reading is from 1 Corinthians, the second chapter.

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,

what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore

whoever relaxes 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.

²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Creed: *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

Hymn of the Day: (This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing, Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

Sermon “Taste and See that the Lord Is Good”

Matthew 5:13

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God’s Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- G** Amen.

Stand

Offertory: *(The congregation responds to God’s forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)* LSB 192

G Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sharing of the Peace: *(At peace with God through Jesus, we greet each other in that peace.)*

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering: *(The congregation responds to God’s forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

Stand

Prayer of the Church: *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Close of the Prayers

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface: *(The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)*

LSB 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus: (Latin for “holy.” The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, “Holy, Holy, Holy!” to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).) LSB 195

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer: (We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)

- 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.

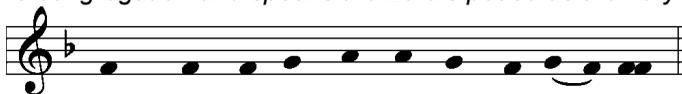
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord: (We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.) LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini: (Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.) LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei: (Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.) LSB 198



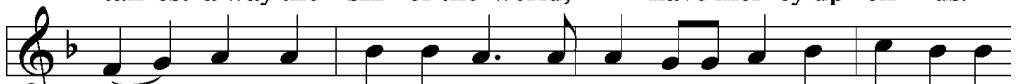
C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



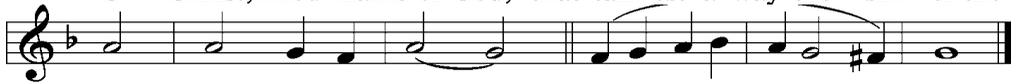
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

LSB 563



1	Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness	My beau - ty
2	Bold shall I stand in that great day,	Cleansed and re -
3	Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood,	Which at the
4	Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more	Than sands up -

are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

LSB 560

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed With heal - ing
 2 Thou know - est all my griefs and fears, Thy grace a -
 3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; Let noth - ing
 4 And then for work to do for Thee, Which shall so

gifts for souls dis - tressed, To find in Thee my
 bused, my mis - spent years; Yet now to Thee with
 of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing, though it
 sweet a ser - vice be That an - gels well might

life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 con - trite tears, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 be through pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
 en - vy me, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

Post-Communion Cantic: (*Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.*)

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect: (*We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.*)

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be

enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

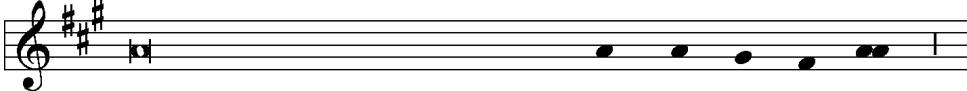


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction: *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)* LSB 202



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

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The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

Feb.Elders: Kerry Becker Organist(s): June Parker
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Galen Bunte Ruth Eaton
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Johnnie Kalina Guild: Wendy Rohde

	Acolytes:
Feb. 9	Juniper Smith & David Wolff
Feb. 16	Baylor Watson & Thomas Brown
Feb. 23	Joshua Zimmerhanzel & Kyle Pietsch
Feb. 26	Storm Gorton & Jacob Moore

Sunday Worship (2/2) 131 Sunday School (2/2) 52

FINANCIALS

	Jan. 19	Jan. 26	Feb. 2	Y-T-D
General Offering	2,820.00	3,867.00	5,722.00	24,074.91
2019 Weekly goal	4,360.25	4,360.25	4,360.25	21,801.25
Difference	(1,540.25)	(493.25)	1,361.75	2,273.66
SS Offering	30.00	36.00	45.00	
GLLC Donations	212.00	245.00	90.00	

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Each week, our congregation live streams the Sunday morning on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/). If you are unable to be in worship on a particular week, this is a great way that you can still hear the Word of God. It's also a great way to introduce someone to our congregation and the good news about Jesus. You can also go back and listen to sermons from previous weeks. If you have any questions about how to make use of this resource, please speak with Pastor Appel

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

The newsletters as well as our bulletins are online in PDF format for your viewing. Go to www.glcs.org and click on “Newsletter/bulletins” and then click on the PDF file to access.

KFUO Radio (Pastor Appel Hosts Sharper Iron at 8 AM)

This week on KFUE.org, dig into a Mental Health topic on The Coffee Hour with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann (2/10 at 9:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and dive in-depth into our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (2/11 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org!

Lent 2020

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This penitential, forty-day season of the Church Year prepares us for Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord. Here at Grace, each Wednesday during Lent we have a soup supper at 6 PM followed by a devotional worship service at 7 PM. This year’s Lenten midweek services will focus on the second chief part of the Catechism, the Apostles’ Creed. The schedule for this year’s services, including Holy Week and Easter, is printed below. Make plans to join us for these services in the coming weeks to grow in the repentance and faith that Jesus has given.

Feb. 26	Ash Wednesday	Soup: A - Fo Host:	Imposition of Ashes Divine Service with Holy Communion 1 st Article of the Creed
March 4	Lent Midweek 2	Soup: Fr – P Host: Elders	1 st Article of the Creed
March 11	Lent Midweek 3	Soup: R – Z Host:	2 nd Article of the Creed
March 18	Lent Midweek 4	Soup: A - Fo Host:	2 nd Article of the Creed
March 25	Lent Midweek 5	Soup: Fr – P Host:	3 rd Article of the Creed
April 1	Lent Midweek 6	Soup: R-Z Host:	3 rd Article of the Creed
April 5	Palm Sunday	10:00 am	Procession of Palms Divine Service with Holy Communion
April 9	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm	Divine Service with Holy Communion Stripping of the Altar
April 10	Good Friday	7:00 pm	Tenebrae Vespers
April 12	Easter Sunday	8:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion Easter egg hunt & breakfast following the Service

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Feb. 9</u>	<u>Mon Feb. 10</u>	<u>Tue. Feb. 11</u>	<u>Wed. Feb. 12</u>
8:45am- Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion	5pm-Piecemakers 7pm-LLL	9am-Pastor Circuit Mtg	10am-GLLC Chapel 6pm-Midweek Bible Classes
<u>Thur. Feb. 13</u>	<u>Fri. Feb. 14</u>	<u>Sat.Feb. 15</u>	<u>Sun. Feb. 16</u>
11am-Bible Study	Pastor Away- Family Day		8:45am- Bible Class 10am- Worship/Communion 3pm-Nusing Home Devotions

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:	Charlene & RC Franke (Ann Schroder's siblings), Annie Mae Rohde , Mildred Buscha
Long Term Health Concerns:	Blackie Wallace , Kenny Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father)
Battling Cancer:	Marc Schmidt (godson of Rodd and Pat Langer), Shirley Bartsch (friend of Cathy Smith), Linda Krzesniak (friend of Galen and Jane Bunte), David Jenkins (friend of Rose Pietsch), Charlie Rooks (friend of Daniel and Donna Kadlecek), Beth Ann Olsen (friend of Ronnie & Rose Pietsch), Kurt Daniels (friend of Daniel and Dona Kadlecek), Daniel Rice (friend of Rose Pietsch), Michelle Bage (daughter of Juanita Bertsch), Lanice Oeltjen-Hunger (friend of Juanita Bertsch), Addi Ghanes (infant friend of Juanita Bertsch), Kade Ryman (friend of Bennights), Lula Jones (friend of Rose Pietsch), Mike Davis , Sherry Cook (relative of Nancy Fritsche), Rosie Williams (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Paul Sharp (friend of Pat Langer), Coey Zapalac (friend of Kimberly Craig), Becky Jones (Sharon Reinberg's daughter), Randy Psencik (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Bob Packard (friend of the Kadlecek's), Christopher Krueger (cousin of Bianca Kasper), Marvin "Butch" Schroeder (brother of Johnny Schroeder), Leslie Davis (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller)
Recent Health Concerns:	Benita Chestnut (Juniper Smith's grandmother), Rose Small (friend of Gracie Harmon), Ed Peres (father of Mark Peres), Lisa Bates (worker at GLLC), John Corbett (friend of the Dutys), Linda Barta (cousin of the Dutys), Fannie Duty , John Shrock (friend of Nelda Rohde), Peggy Davis (Patsy Wiggins' sister), Nancy Fritsche , Shannon Monecke , Nelda Rohde , Clarence Hannusch , Gus Jehnings (Milly Cheak's brother), Larry Kretschmar (friend of Gary Smith), Dale Behrend (brother of Donna Kadlecek), Brittney Ross (friend of Courtney Pietsch), Stan Knutson (friend of Kerry Becker), Paul Aucoin (Chrissy Becker's dad), Terri Harris (Kimberly Craig's sister), Ivan Fritsche , Preston Young (Don Young's relative), Lee Hampton , Dr. Newt Hasson (friend of David Rohde), Janet McMahan (daughter of Ivan & Nancy

	Fritsche), Harold Galipp (Gracie Harmon's brother), Cameryn Higgins (friend of the Smith family), Melissa Brown, Scott Penn, Abigail Ramirez (relative of Kathy Kasper), Charlie Pyle (friend of Rod & Patt Langer), Gracie Harmon, Tamara Tennesos (sister of Kathy Kasper, Eugene Randle, Alice Miller, August Eberly (grandson of Brenda Sanders), Heather Davis, Nick Jackson (friend of the Langers), Milly Cheak, Frances Pool, Kathleen Brohlin, Linda Hanna (Stefanie Monecke's mother), Johnnie Kalina, Ann & Johnny Schroeder, Johnny Webber (nephew of Darlene Becker), David Rohde, LaVerne Wallace, Patsy Wiggins, Zachary Montgomery (great grandson of the Schroeders), Sharee Villa (friend of Patsy Wiggins), Courtney Glenn (friend of Kellye Geigenmiller), Marybeth Claiborne, Sammye Hodges (friend of the Kadleceks), Carolyn Foytik (Sharon Hancock's sister), Scott Kubsch (nephew of Johnnie Schroeder), Mary Jo Grassmuck (friend of Wendy Rohde), Jayden Anderson (friend of Sandy Kadlecek), Clarence Cossey (friend of Ed Randle)
In the Military:	Justin Teague, Madison Whitney, Weston Roudebush (son-in-law of Walter Psencik)
Other Prayer Requests:	Tammy Parish (friend of Donna Kadlecek), Peter Bullara (Melissa Brown's son), Dixie Stolle (friend of Frances Pool), Cameron Parish (friend of Frances Pool), Ramon Wolff, Wesley Tucker (son of Teresa Slusher), Teresa Juarez (sister of Christina Juarez), Jeff Dunn (friend of the Langers)
In Mourning:	The family of Jane Bunte

February 16th, 2020

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-37

Board of Education Question of the Week

“And deliver all those who through fear of _____ were subject to life long _____.”

Last week's answer: repent

Youth: 6 Adults: 6



New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to March 6, 2020 will have registration fees waived for the 2020-2021 school year. Register early to take advantage of this savings! Consider a shadow day, which is a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. You can receive registration materials or schedule a shadow day by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.faithlutheranhighschool.com.

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel this week will be led by Pr. Jason Kaspar, beginning at 10:30 am.

Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up

FLHS will welcome Elizabeth Ahlman, Sarah Baughman, Christina Hergenrader, Raymond Keating, Susan Maluschka, Ruth Meyer, and Brian Wolfmueller on Friday, February 21st for the 2nd annual Texas Lutheran Writer's Round Up. The authors will give a presentation beginning at 10 am and then be available for questions and book signings. There are additional events before the 10 am presentation also! We are blessed to offer this event to our community, so please plan to join us!

Spring Raffle

FLHS raffle tickets are available now! Tickets are \$20 each. Drawing will be the week of March 2-6, during National Lutheran Schools Week. Items include:

- Guided Gulf Coast Fishing Trip for 2
- 30" Fire Pit with adjustable grill top
- Smith & Weston M&P 380 Shield EZ Slide Pistol
- Side of Beef with Custom Processing
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- 4 Season Passes to Schlitterbahn
- \$500 Visa Gift Card
- 1 Week of Day Camp at Camp Lone Star
- \$100 Milton's Furniture Gift Certificate and \$250 Visa Gift Card
- Custom Cedar Carved Truck and Hay Hauler by Daniel Schulze

Only 1,000 tickets available - don't wait - get yours today! Please contact any FLHS delegate, student, staff or call (979) 242-2889 to get your tickets!!

Thank you!

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know! Thank you!

The Congregation in the Word and at Prayer

Order for Family Devotions for February 9-15, 2020

Invocation

☞ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☞ *Amen.*

Learn by Heart: *The Meaning of the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed*

Daily Readings

Sunday: Job 6:1-13; John 3:1-21

Monday: Job 6:14-30; John 3:22-4:6

Tuesday: Job 7:1-21; John 4:7-26

Wednesday: Job 8:1-22; John 4:27-45

Thursday: Job 9:1-35; John 4:46-54

Friday: Job 10:1-22; John 5:1-18

Saturday: Job 11:1-20; John 5:19-29

Hymn of the Week: "Thy Strong Word" (LSB 578)

Meditation: *Portals of Prayer* or other devotion

Prayers (along with your own prayers, consider including prayers and petitions from below and from the bulletin, *Lutheran Book of Prayer*, or LSB pp.305-318)

Sunday: Thanksgiving for God's Word

Monday: For peace and good government

Tuesday: For the addicted and despairing

Wednesday: For those who mourn

Thursday: For fruitful use of the Sacrament

Friday: For the preaching of the cross

Saturday: For our visitors to the Divine Service

Apostles' Creed

Lord's Prayer

Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer

Benediction

☞ The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

☞ *Amen.*