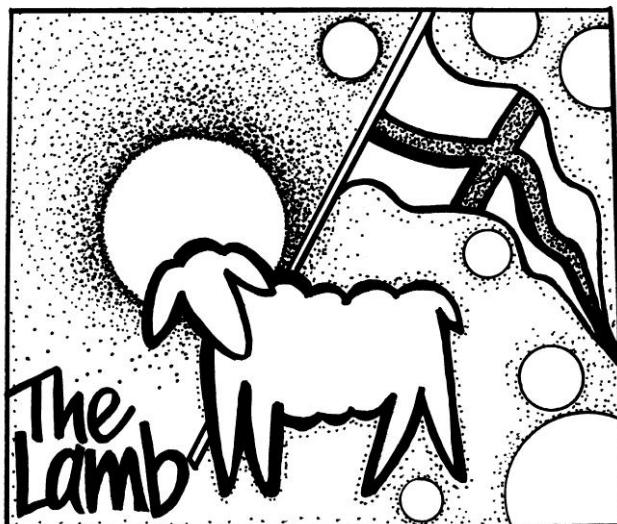


January 15th, 2023
Second Sunday after the Epiphany



**The Lamb
of God who takes away
the sin of the World.**

John 1:29

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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:

"The LORD, the Redeemer of Israel," calls forth "his Holy One" (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, "from the womb" of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also "as a light for the nations," whose salvation reaches "to the end of the earth" (Is. 49:6). John came "baptizing with water" (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended "from heaven like a dove" and "remained on him" (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and "called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we "are not lacking in any gift," but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, "guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 1:7–8)

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.

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

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915

1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,

How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n-ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?

How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,

Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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.

Absolution: (*God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.*)

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit: (*Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.*)

Ps. 19:1-4a, b; antiphon: Ps. 19:14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

**There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.
In them he has set a tent for the sun.

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

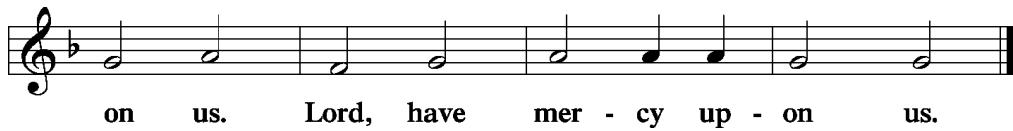
Gloria Patri

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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

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



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

Musical notation for the hymn "Gloria in Excelsis". The music is in G clef, common time, and consists of ten measures. The lyrics are centered under the notes. The hymn text is as follows:

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship 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.
Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

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

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

P Today's Old Testament reading is from Isaiah, the forty-ninth chapter

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³And he said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”
“But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”
And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

- 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 1:1-9

- P** Today's Epistle reading is from 1 Corinthians, the first chapter.

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—

⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42a

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.)

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life  of the world to come. 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.*)

The Lamb

LSB 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ-teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

Sermon "A Lamb?"

John 1:29-42a

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

Votum

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

Stand

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

Create 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.

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

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spir - it.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up un - to the Lord.
Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.
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

C 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



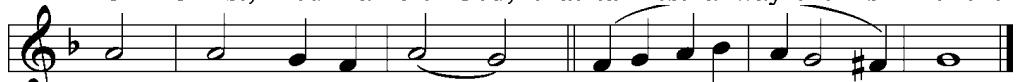
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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 6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 To claim my mansion in the skies, Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 This then shall be my only plea: For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 Jesus hath lived and died for me. An everlasting ransom paid.

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LSB 606

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; All full - ness dwells in Him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea - ry soul of mine;

He bears them all and frees us From the ac - curs - ed load.
 He heals all my dis - eas - es; My soul He does re - deem.
 His right hand me em - brac - es; I on His breast re - cline.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



Clean in His blood most pre - cious Till not a spot re - mains.
He from them all re - leas - es; He all my sor - rows shares.
Like fra-grance on the breez - es His name a - broad is poured.

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 Canticle: (*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

A musical staff in G major, common time, featuring a treble clef. It consists of ten measures of music, each ending with a half note. The lyrics are integrated into the musical notes.

is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C 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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The first staff begins with a bass clef, followed by two treble clefs. The lyrics are as follows:

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

Lamb of God

LSB 550

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!
O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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

January 15th, 2023

**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

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AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Jan. 15</u>	<u>Mon Jan. 16</u>	<u>Tue. Jan. 17</u>	<u>Wed. Jan. 18</u>
8:45am-Sunday School & Bible Study 10am-Worship/Communion	6pm-GLLC Mtg 7pm-Evangelism		5:30pm- Youth Confirmation
<u>Thurs. Jan. 19</u>	<u>Fri. Jan. 20</u>	<u>Sat. Jan. 21</u>	<u>Sun. Jan. 22</u>
			8:45am-Sunday School & Bible Study 10am-Worship/Communion Voters Meeting after service

Attendance
Sunday Worship (1/8) 80

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues each week, led by the guest pastor for that week. Join us to spend time together in God's Word.

Online Resources

Each week, our congregation live streams the 10:00 AM 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. Bulletins and newsletters are also available online at our website, www.glc.org.

KFUO Bible Study Resources

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study John 2-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying the book of Exodus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the 7th petition and conclusion of the Lord's Prayer on Concord Matters (1/21 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!



Bingo for Seniors at Immanuel Giddings
Immanuel, Giddings is excited to partner with A Perfect Way Home Health Care to offer an opportunity for all seniors in our community to get together for bingo and fellowship. Mark your calendar for the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at Immanuel's fellowship hall. Everything is provided at no cost, including bingo supplies, prizes, and food. If you need assistance with transportation, please contact the Immanuel church office (979) 542-2918. For all other information you may contact Mrs. Brittany Behrens 979-540-0181.

Flower Chart 2023

A new flower chart for 2023 has been posted in the narthex. If you'd like to give flowers to beautify our sanctuary for any Sundays during the year, please sign up on the flower chart, along with the occasion for which you are giving thanks to God.



GEMS: (Girls Embracing Mission Service)

Our Post Oak GEMS (Girls Embracing Mission Service) Group is meeting Sunday, January 29, at 2:00 PM at Holy Cross, Warda. This group is open to all girls 5th-12th grade. We will have a brief meeting, an activity, and snack time. This month our activity is making fleece blankets for the Children's Advocacy Center in Bastrop. Moms are welcome too! Please join us for this time of fellowship and fun!

GEMS is a teen LWML group in our zone, and we would love to see young ladies from all of our churches represented! If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Meyer via email (ruthmeyerauthor@gmail.com) or by calling her at 979-540-9868.

Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Fundraiser

The Wendish Society will again have its annual Scholarship Fundraiser Drive-Thru meal on January 22nd at Serbin Picnic Grounds. This year the menu will again be grilled boneless pork steaks, noodles, corn, green beans and pickles along with a bowl of Wendish Bird Wedding Soup. The cost is \$15. Pre-sale only by Tuesday, January 17th. Advance tickets may be reserved by calling the museum at 979-366-2441 or emailing Museum@TexasWendish.org. Drive through to-go only. Pick up 10:00 am-12:30pm at the St. Paul picnic grounds. Proceeds benefit the TWHS Scholarship Program. In 2023 there were thirteen Texas Wendish Heritage Scholarship recipients. A total of \$17,000 was awarded. Thank you for supporting our Wendish students!



We will have our next voters meeting after service on January 22nd, 2023.

Voters Meeting

**January 22nd , 2023
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Guest Pastor: Pastor Hahn**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4
Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25



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Shadow Days

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. 8th Grade parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

New Student Registration

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to Friday, March 10, 2023 will only pay \$100 in registration fees. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at www.flhstx.org.

Raffle Items

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

Free Wednesday mornings?

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday, beginning at 10:30 am.

End of Year Giving

Thank you for your support of Faith Lutheran High School during our End of Year giving. We were blessed through generous contributions from many of you. We are still accepting donations if you missed out but would like to support the ministry and growth of FLHS.

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!