

# *Grace Lutheran Church*

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

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# ✠ Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany ✠

✠ ✠ *In The Name of Jesus* ✠ ✠

Carillon Call to Worship

Welcome and Parish News

Prelude

Processional Hymn

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;  
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,  
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His  
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til  
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.  
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.  
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

# ✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

## Exhortation

LSB 184

- 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.*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- 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

LSB 185

- 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

I will sing | to the LORD,\*  
because he has dealt bountifully | with me.  
**Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\***  
**light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,**  
**lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"\***  
**lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.**  
But I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*  
my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186



**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

LSB 186




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



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

## Gloria in Excelsis

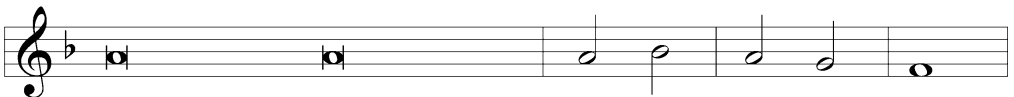
LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.

### Collect

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.

### Chamber Ensemble

### Hail to the Lord's Anointed

*Schroter*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:21–31*

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;  
<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.  
<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows on them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.  
<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.  
<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,  
and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.  
<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 9:16–27*

<sup>16</sup>If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship.

<sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:29–39*

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

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

<sup>29</sup>Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

Offering (11:00 am)



## Sermon Hymn

### 829 Christ the Eternal Lord

sts. 1, 3-5



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,  
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,  
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,  
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;  
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;  
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,  
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,  
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,  
When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.  
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.  
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.  
Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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## Sermon

### Freed to Serve

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

Solomon Spangler, Vicar

## Congregational Response

### 837 Lift High the Cross

sts. ref-1, 4-6

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim Till

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,  
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell  
 6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*

Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.  
 Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Offering (9:15 am)

Pastoral Prayers

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

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 unto the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**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

*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

LSB 196

- P** 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.



- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



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.

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn**

**621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar-y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard  
 4 At His feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with  
 trem-bling stand; Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de-scend-ing  
 sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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## Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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 in 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** Amen.

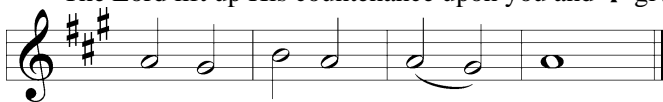
## Benediction

LSB 202

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

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



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

## Recessional Hymn

### 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,



The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.  
The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

## *The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 4, 2024*

**WELCOME!** This morning we hear Paul's message that the Gospel is both a free gift and frees us. And yet, even though the Gospel makes us totally free, we are also called to be servants of all, that more may share in the blessings and freedom of the Gospel. The Gospel is a wonderful blessing which is to be shared with all peoples and nations!



<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	First Year Catechism - East End
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Handbell Choir - Sanctuary
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	Chancel Choir - Choir Room

**Next Sunday - February 11, 2024 - Transfiguration Sunday** - Pastor Halboth will preach on the theme "Brightest and Best" based on Mark 9:2-9.



**Holy Communion is celebrated today.** We believe that in this celebration, we receive our Lord's true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. If you are not a member of Grace and desire Holy Communion, please speak to the Pastor before the worship hour. Ask an Elder for assistance.



**Your quiet reverence prior to the beginning of and during worship hours** is appreciated while others also prepare to worship our Lord. For the courtesy of others while in God's house of worship please silence your cell phones. **PLEASE NOTE: The Cry Room and Nursery are available for "fussy" children.** Please see an Elder or Usher for assistance.



Please meet Miss. Bonnie in the Narthex after the Ensemble anthem and proceed with her to your classroom. May God bless the learning and teaching of God's Word.



The Flower arrangement at the Pulpit is given to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor Tim's Birthday from Erika, Erik, Aaron and Meg.





Due to the January weather and the cancellations of the Adult Bible study, the class "The Reformation Project" will be postponed until after Lent. At this time it will be difficult to finish in just two weeks. Watch for further information.



Super Bowl Sub Sale! Our Women's Ministries will once again be selling Submarine sandwiches for the Super Bowl. There is a signup sheet at the Information Center with all the information. Type of subs, toppings and prices are listed. A representative of the Women's Ministries will be there to help you.



During the months of February we will once again conduct our Food Drive and Drive-through pick up for the communities of Redford and Livonia. Donations will be accepted now through February 18. Volunteers will be needed on the day of pick-up which will be Saturday, February 24. We ask that non-perishable items only be donated and please check the expiration date to make sure items are fresh. In addition, along with staples, remember that protein items such as canned chicken and tuna are needed.



Orders your Easter Lilies today!. Please help us to beautify the Chancel once again for Easter. Plants are \$20 each (the same as last year). Order forms can be found at the Information Center. Payment is requested at the time of ordering. Checks should be made out to Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. Please place payment in an envelope with your name on the front and place it in the black lock box next to the signup sheet. Orders will be accepted until March 3.



If you did not pick up your Lenten Newsletter last Sunday, please be sure to do so on your way out this morning. Picking these up in person helps us to save on postage. Thank you.



Flowers are a beautiful way to honor a loved one, commemorate an anniversary/birthday or to simply give thanks to God for His many blessings! Thank you to everyone who have placed flowers in the chancel. **Be sure to call the church office to place your order.** All arrangements are \$30 each and checks should be made payable to: Grace Lutheran Women's Ministries. **Payments may be handed to Erika or placed in the black lockbox (be sure to use an envelope with your name on the front) at the Information Center.** Please remember to pick your flowers up after the 11:00 worship service or you can arrange to pick them up on Monday from the church office. **The following Sundays are available to place flowers: February 11.**

**THERE WILL BE NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.**



The Women's Ministries continue their ongoing opportunity to raise funds! Furniture and home decor items that are fit for resale can be sold through New-2-You in Northville. Please call Happy Westmeier with any questions or to set up a meeting time (248-349-5818). All proceeds from the sales go to Women's Ministries. We thank Happy for her many hours of service for our church and the Women's Ministries.



The deadline to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31st. Direct your dollars online at [www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/) or call 800-THRIVENT. You must remake your request annually or quarterly to assure your funds are being distributed in accordance with your wishes. We appreciate any funds you designate. Thank you!



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between Worship hours for coffee and fellowship!

*The Staff of Grace Lutheran Church*

*The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior/Administrative Pastor*  
*Solomon Spangler, Vicar*

*Ian Boynton, Director of Music*  
*Erika Halboth, Church Secretary*

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*Ash Wednesday - February 14, 2024*  
"The Powerless 'I Am'"  
John 18:1-11

Holy Communion will be celebrated along with Imposition of Ashes



*"The St. John Passion"*

*February 21, 2024 Midweek One*  
"The Two Interrogations"  
John 18:12-27

*February 28, 2024 - Midweek Two*  
"What Kind of King Is This?"  
John 18:28-40

*March 6, 2024- Midweek Three*  
"Whom Do We Follow?"  
John 19:1-16a

*March 13, 2024 - Midweek Four*  
"A Friend on the Cross"  
John 19:16b-27

*March 20, 2024 - Midweek Five*  
"The Battle is Finished"  
John 19:28-42



Join us for our annual Wednesday Lenten Dinners in the Fellowship Hall.  
Serving will begin at 5:15 pm



*Sunday Worship Hours at 9:15 am and 11:00 am*  
*"Lent Is All About Jesus"*



*February 18, 2024*  
Holy Communion  
Get Behind Me, Satan  
Mark 1:9-15



*February 25, 2024*  
Get Ahead of Me, Jesus  
Mark 8:27-38



*March 3, 2024*  
Holy Communion  
Disrupt the World, Jesus  
John 2:13-22



*March 10, 2024*  
Love Us, Jesus  
John 3:14-22



*March 17, 2024*  
Holy Communion  
Serve Us, Jesus  
Mark 10:35-45