

Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin



January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Gathering Liturgy

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity
+ one God, who creates us,
redeems us, and calls us by
name.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the
presence of God and of one
another.

Most merciful God,

C we confess that we have
sinned against you and your
beloved children. We have
turned our faces away from
your glory when it did not
appear as we expected. We
have rejected your word
when it made us confront
ourselves. We have failed to
show hospitality to those
you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for
the things we have done and
the things we have left
undone. For the sake of
Jesus Christ, have mercy on
us. Forgive us and lead us,
that we may bathe in the
glory of your Son born
among us, and reflect your
love for all creation. Amen

P Rejoice in this good news:
in + Christ Jesus, your sins are
forgiven. You are descendants of
the Most High, adopted into the

household of Christ, and
inheritors of eternal life. Live as
freed and forgiven children of
God.

C Amen.



GATHERING SONG: "God's Word
Is Our Great Heritage" (ELW
#509)

*God's word is our great heritage
and shall be ours forever;
to spread its light from age to
age
shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last
your church may hold it fast
throughout all generations.*

GREETING

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

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p.
204)

*Come, let us join our cheerful
songs with angels round the
throne;
ten thousand thousand are their
tongues, but all their joys are
one.*

*"Worthy the Lamb that died,"
they cry, "to be exalted thus!"
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips
reply, "for he was slain for us!"
Jesus is worthy to receive honor
and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can
give, be, Lord, forever thine.*

*Let all creation join in one to
bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living
God, increase in us the gifts of
faith, hope, and love; and that we
may obtain what you promise,
make us love what you
command, through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

C Amen.

Readings for Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4–10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”

But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

Psalms 77:1–6

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only

in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: Open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; Speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing For the good news that you bring.



GOSPEL: Luke 4:21–30

Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?”

He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”

And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and

there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha,

and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the

brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: “O Word of God Incarnate” (ELW #514) vv. 1 & 3

- 1: *O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged,
unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.*
- 3: *Oh, make your church,
dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wandering
pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.*

CREED

P Let us proclaim our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of

saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

VERSE: “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children
praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this
place;
Lord, listen to your children
praying,
send us love, send us power,
send us grace.*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

Guide your church in the ways of faith, hope, and love. Cultivate ministries and communities of compassion that bear witness to your enduring presence among us. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Teach us to live in humility on the earth. Curb arrogance that leads to destruction of natural resources and disregard for future generations. Inspire the work of scientists who urge us to live in harmony with your creation. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You are the refuge of all who seek hope and freedom. Accompany immigrants,

refugees, and asylum seekers who cross borders to find safety and opportunity. Embolden leaders to draft compassionate policies on behalf of migrants and those who assist them. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things. Comfort with your love all who are lonely, fearful, or brokenhearted. Sustain the hope of all those who suffer in body or spirit, especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony’s)
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene Binner’s son)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy’s sister-in-law)
- Jean Boothe (Grace soup kitchen supervisor)
- Hank Buehrens
- Andrew Calvert
- Pat Calvert
- Barb Caputo
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn Reynold’s boyfriend)
- Gregory Foster
- Shirleen Gulick
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert Felland’s mother)
- Christine Hill
- Sydney Houston
- Jacqueline & David Kramer
- David Kristopeit (Nancy’s brother-in-law)
- Carolyn Reynold’s children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia

- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
 - Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
 - Marcia Swanson
 - Joyce Swift
 - Linda Wadham
 - Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
 - Dottie Watts
 - Kristi Weiss.
- God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Your grace falls upon young and old alike. Bless the gifts of children in this congregation and in this community. Give us humble hearts to follow their leadership. Inspire us with their laughter, their insight, and their curiosity. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P We praise you for those who have gone before us and now see you face to face (*especially...*). Abide with us in this mortal life until we rest in the arms of your neverending love. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING: *Doxology* (ELW #884)

*1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C Amen.



DIALOGUE & PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 207)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy

**name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as
it is in heaven:**

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

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

[P] Come to God's table.
There is a place for you and
enough for all.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 208)

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to
save: have mercy now, we pray.*

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and
grave: have mercy now, we
pray.*

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you
made: give us your peace, we
pray.*

SONG: "Amazing Grace" (ELW #779)

1: *Amazing Grace, how sweet the
sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am
found.
Was blind, but now I see.*

2: *'Twas grace that taught my
heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace
appear
The hour I first believed!*

3: *Through many dangers, toils,
and snares*

*I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe
thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

4: *The Lord has promised good
to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

5: *When we've been there ten
thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's
praise*

Than when we'd first begun.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[P] Let us pray.
We give you thanks,
gracious God, for we have feasted
on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news and
to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of
your grace in your Son, Jesus
Christ.

[C] Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

[P] God, who leads you in
pathways of righteousness, who
rejoices over you, and who calls
you by name, + bless your going
out and your coming in, today
and forever.

[C] Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Go, My
Children, with My Blessing"
(ELW #543) vv. 1 & 3

1: *"Go, my children, with my
blessing,
never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you,
you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river*

*I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my
blessing,
you are my own."*

3: *"Go, my children, fed and
nourished,
closer to me.
Grow in love and love by
serving,
joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled
you,
here my tender comfort stilled
you.*

*Go, my children, fed and
nourished,
joyful and free."*

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DISMISSAL

[P] Go with Christ into a weary
world. Share the good news.

[C] **Thanks be to God!**

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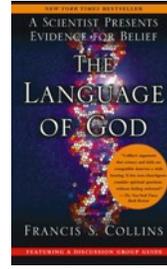
Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this
Sunday are given for the glory of
God by Scott and Dawn Houston
in honor of daughters Skylar and
Sydney on Sydney's 18th birthday.

Book Study on *Language of God* Planned in Spring

Stephanie Knezz will lead a book study on *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*, by Francis Collins. This is an amazing opportunity to learn from a Northwestern Chemistry Professor about the intersection

of science and faith. This book study will be on Thursday nights from 6:30-7:30 March 31 going to April 28 (this might be in person or on Zoom, depending on the COVID situation at that time).

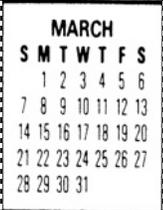


Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office if participating in this book study at this time is something that would interest you.

Lori Hawkins to Speak Here

Lori Hawkins, Community Organizer at Congregations United to Serve Humanity, will join us at worship on Sunday, February 13. Please come

for her temple talk of what CUSH has been up to here in Kenosha.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Lunar New Year 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	2 Presentation of Our Lord	3 St. Ansgar 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	4 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	5
6 9:30 am Worship service 10:30 am Men's chili planning meeting 7:00 pm NA	7 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing	8 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	9 	10 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	11 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	12
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20 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA	21 Presidents' Day 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing	22 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	23	24 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	25 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	26
27 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 am Worship service 10:30 am Congregational annual meeting 7:00 pm NA	28 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing	March 1 Mardi Gras 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	2 Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm Worship service	3 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses	4 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	5 

February Birthdays

Feb. 5: Serenity Hoffman

Feb. 15: Debra Dreger

Feb. 16: Adrienne Hix

Welcome Center Inaugurates Walk-in Freezer

Religious leaders and political dignitaries joined us for a blessing of the Welcome Center's walk-in freezer on Thursday, January 27. Food Pantry Director Denise Russell expressed her gratitude for the freezer, telling how she had had to turn down donations of frozen turkeys at Thanksgiving for lack of anywhere to store them. Now the Food Pantry is able to store up hams and other meats for Easter.

Rev. Patrick Roberts of First Baptist Church was one of several speakers touting the importance of food ministries in Kenosha. He cited news reports that morning of Bradford students who told the school board that for many students, school lunches are the only meal they may get all day.



Assemblyman Tod Ohnstad and Senator Bob Wirsch gave credit to the late Greta Hansen for having gotten the community food program started.

After a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Outreach for Hope Director Rev. Chris Manke led a blessing of the new freezer.

Grace Receipts: January 23, 2022

General offering	\$ 515.00
Infant Moses ministry	\$ 50.00
From non-members:	
for Grace Welcome Center	\$ 255.00
for Pastor's benefits package	\$ 50.00
non-designated.....	\$ 200.00
<u>Minus banking fees</u>	<u>\$ (11.54)</u>
Total	\$ 1,058.46
Grace weekly budget in 2021:	\$ 3,224.20

Notes: You can contribute by mail, or electronically through the "Donations" link at GraceKenosha.com.

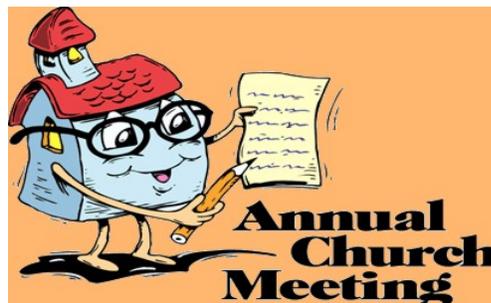
2021 giving statements were sent out earlier this month to our members and regular contributors. If you have any questions, please email graceoffice@wi.rr.com or

phone 262-654-9143 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Annual Meeting Rescheduled

Grace council has voted to reschedule the congregation's annual meeting to Sunday, February 27 after the worship service.

The deadline for annual reports is also pushed back. Council members and congregational ministries are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office (graceoffice@wi.rr.com) by February 15.



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We Are Open for Worship

Grace Lutheran Church is open for in-person worship on Sunday mornings at 9:30. We continue to livestream our worship services on our Facebook page, [GraceElcaKenosha](https://www.facebook.com/GraceElcaKenosha/), for the benefit of anyone who feels safer or more comfortable worshipping

from home. While we encourage anyone who may be feeling ill or has tested positive for exposure to COVID-19 to join us on line, we welcome all to join us here in person.

Sign Up to Read, Assist at Communion

Grace invites you to take part in our Sunday worship services in a number of ways. Volunteers to read the lessons are more than welcome. Please sign up in the narthex or talk to Paul in the church office (262-654-9143). He will send you the readings ahead of time.

We also need volunteers to assist with distribution of communion, to sponsor altar flowers, and to sponsor worship bulletins. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or posted on the bulletin board at the entrance to the sanctuary.

