

Grace Notes



Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140



January 15, 2023

Gathering Liturgy for Second Sunday after Epiphany

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,
+ one God, who makes all things
new, whose mercy endures
forever.

C Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, let
us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our
renewal,

C we confess that we are
wrapped up in sin, and
cannot free ourselves. We
have not practiced your
righteousness. Our hearts
have turned away from you.

For the sake of the
world you so love, forgive
us, that we may be
reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy
name. Amen.

P Thus says our God: "The
former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new. We
are forgiven in the name of +
Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: "O Morning
Star, How Fair and Bright!"

(ELW #308) vv. 1 & 6

1: *O Morning Star, how fair and
bright!*

*You shine with God's own truth
and light,*

aglow with grace and mercy!

*Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
our Lord and Savior, you have
won*

our hearts to serve you only!

Lowly, holy!

Great and glorious,

*all victorious,
rich in blessing!*

*Rule and might o'er all
possessing!*

6: *What joy to know, when life is
past,*

*the Lord we love is first and last,
the end and the beginning!*

*He will one day, oh, glorious
grace,*

*transport us to that happy place
beyond all tears and sinning!*

Amen! Amen!

Come, Lord Jesus!

Crown of gladness!

We are yearning

for the day of your returning.

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)

*Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.*

*Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we
lift high our thanks and praise.*

*Saints and angels bow before
you; here on earth our songs we
raise.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, our strength and
our redeemer, by your Spirit hold
us forever, that through your
grace we may worship you and
faithfully serve you, follow you
and joyfully find you, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

C Amen.

Lectionary 2 Readings

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you
peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I
was born,

while I was in my mother's
womb he named me.

The LORD made my mouth like a
sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand he
hid me;

the LORD made me a polished
arrow,
in his quiver he hid me
away.

And 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 cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God.”

And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to God,
and that Israel might be gathered to the LORD,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

the LORD says,
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to 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 nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Monarchs shall see and stand up,
chieftains, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Psalms 40:1–11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD,
who stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,**

and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done,
O LORD my God! In your plans for us,
none can be compared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than I can count.

**Sacrifice and offering you do not desire;
you have opened my ears:
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

⁷And so I said, “Here I am; I come.”

In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**“I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep within me.”**

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips,
O LORD, you know.

**I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind—
just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

GOSPEL: John 1:29–42

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’
I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove,
and it remained on him. I myself did not know him,
but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see

the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means



Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where

he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).

He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Lamb of God: Your Only Son" (ELW #336)

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 Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Put a new song in the mouth of your church.

Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness,

sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries (*synodical mission starts and missionaries supported by the congregation may be named*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways (*especially...*) and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need, especially:

- the family and friends of Dennis Houston (Dawn's father-in-law)
- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene's son)
- Pat Bernacchi
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Jean Boothe
- Hank Buehrens

- Andrew Calvert
- Barb Caputo
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn's boyfriend)
- Pastor Rafael Escobedo
- Gregory Foster
- Judy Gregory
- Shirleen Gulick
- Cogan Holly Hall
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert's mother)
- Christine Hill
- Sydney & Skyler Houston
- Karen Kempinen
- David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
- Becky McCarthy (Jarlene's sister)
- Gail Miller
- Rubel Pierce (Randy's father)
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Andrew Tate
- Ron and Linda Wadham
- Steve & Heather Waldron
- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
- Timothy Walker
- Dottie Watts
- Chris Webb (Bert's sister)
- Kristi Weiss

C receive our prayer.

P You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING: *We Give Thee But Thine Own* (ELW #686)

*1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

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.*

*Blessèd 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 Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)

*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.*

THANKSGIVING SONG: "I Am the Bread of Life" (ELW #485)

1: *"I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,*

*and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."*

REFRAIN: *"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."*

2: *"The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever."*

REFRAIN

3: *"Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you."* REFRAIN

4: *"I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die, you shall live forever."*

REFRAIN

5: *Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,*

who have come into the world. REFRAIN.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Christ, Be Our Light" (ELW #715) vv. 1 & 5

1: *Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.*

REFRAIN: *Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

*5: Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.*

*Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come.* REFRAIN

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Kauffman to Lead Safety at Church Event January 29

Immediately following worship on Sunday, January 29, retired social worker and ongoing direct service consultant, Grace Member Dick Kauffman, will

lead a safety event at Grace Lutheran Church focusing on de-escalating frightening situations and other ways to respond. Dick brings decades of experience

working with high risk populations, and will offer much wisdom as well as answering questions that arise.

Sign Up to Participate in Men's Conference

Grace Men's Group will participate in the livestream of the 30th annual "No Regrets Men's Conference" on Saturday, February 4.

Breakfast will be available at 7:00 a.m. The live stream of the conference begins at 8:00 a.m. with a time of prayer, worship, testimony and a keynote

address. There is a break from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.

At 9:30 a.m., we kick off the 30-minute breakout livestreamed seminars on topics relevant to men from top speakers and thought leaders. Each seminar is followed by a 15-minute break time; snacks are provided.

We will close out the conference at 11:45 a.m. with more livestreamed worship, testimony and a closing keynote address. The conference wraps up at 1:00 p.m. and will be followed by a good old-



fashioned pot luck lunch put on by the Men's ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.

The No Regrets Men's Ministry exists to empower the local church to develop effective men's ministries and train their men's leaders to disciple and lead men in their areas of influence. Through the annual No Regrets Men's Conference, Leadership Cohorts, Men's Discipleship Resources and Leaders Training Events, No Regrets provides the tools, training and resources churches need.

There is no cost for this day, but please register at

<https://forms.gle/5hTrmJvEYAbEJ1B28>

No Regrets Men's Conference Link:

<https://www.noregretsconference.org/>

Prayer Shawl Ministry at Lakeside

This Monday, January 16, Lakeside Lutheran has invited us to join them for their prayer shawl ministry. If you're interested in learning how to make prayer shawls and would like to make them, please join at 6:30 p.m. at Lakeside Lutheran Church.



Men's Group will host our second annual chili

fundraiser in March. We will be cooking the chili on Saturday March 25 and selling it on

Sunday, March 26. This year we will have a dine-in opportunity which is very exciting!

Grace Welcome Center Guest Remembrance Service Planned

Grace Welcome Center lost many beloved guests in 2022. Many of the individuals that passed last year were there the opening day of Grace Welcome Center, and we will have a service to honor

them and share remembrances. The service will be on Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

Heavy Duty Boxes Available

Is anyone in need of heavy duty packing boxes of a moderate, easy to carry size? Are you moving or needing to store items? Infant Moses Diaper

Ministry has about 10 or so of these. If you would like to claim some, please contact Jarlene at 262-344-3222 call or text (please identify yourself in text) or email

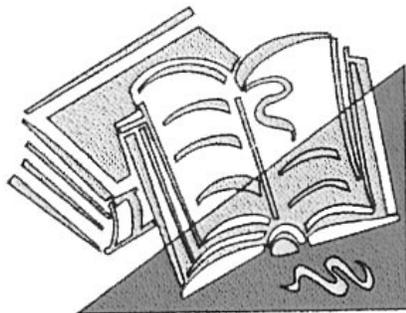
at kriehn2007wi@gmail.com. You can pick them up on Sunday morning or Thursday afternoon, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Next Book Study Group to Start in February

Our next book study group starts on Monday February 13; the group will run to March 20. The group will meet on Monday evenings at 5:00 p.m. at Grace.

The book we will be studying is, *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard* by Douglas Tallamy. This

book group will also take a field trip to the Kenosha Public Museum to see "Pollination Investigation" and "Wild Ones - Native Plants, Natural Landscapes" on Monday, February 27 at 3:30 p.m.,



followed by the book study. This study will prepare us to care in new ways for our Care for Creation Pollinator Garden in 2023.

Grace Receipts: Jan. 8, 2023

General offering	\$ 756.00
Benevolence	\$ 5.00
Initial offering / envelopes	\$ 3.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 1,017.00
From non-members:	
General offering	\$ 610.00
Amistad Cristiana building use	\$ 800.00
Parking lot usage	\$ 40.00
<u>Minus internet banking fees.....</u>	<u>\$ (4.70)</u>
Total	\$ 3,226.30

Quick Takes

Council Meets Sunday

Church council will meet after the worship service this Sunday, January 15.

Bulletin, Flower Sponsors

Thank you to Jarlene Kriehn for giving the altar flowers and sponsoring worship bulletins this Sunday.

Mural Magnets

If you have not yet received a sticker and magnet of our

Caring for Creation mural, please see Pastor Barker on Sunday right after worship.

Fridays for Our Future

Join us at the intersection of 39th Avenue and 75th Street each Friday from noon to 1:00 as Bill Gregory leads us in advocating for a livable future.

ELCA Outreach Center Event

ELCA Outreach Center invites you to take the chill out of winter Friday, January 27 from 6:00 to

8:00 p.m. at Carthage College's Todd Wehr Center. Sample craft beer, sip local wines, enjoy delicious comfort food, and chill to live music by the Lonely Ninjas. The cost is \$70 per person; reserve a spot online by January 20 at www.elcaoutreachcenter.org or call 262-652-5545. Send checks to the ELCA Outreach Center at 6218 26th Avenue, 53143.

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Congregational Meeting Scheduled February 19

Grace congregation's annual meeting is scheduled after the worship service on Sunday, February 19.

As the ministries of our congregation grow we have

realized we need more council members. The two new chairs will be "Mercy Ministries" and "Peace and Justice." Please let Pastor Barker or someone from council know if you would be

interested in either of these positions.

Council members and ministers are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office by February 7.

Announcing Freezin' for a Reason III

We will have our third annual Freezin' for a Reason starting on Friday, February 10 at 11:00 a.m., going to Saturday, February 11 at 4:00 p.m.

We're adding a number of family-friendly activities this year, so there will be many volunteer

opportunities to help with this fund raiser. Details will be announced soon.



Pastor Sets New Office Hours

As Pastor gets ready to welcome Baby Barks into his life, his office days at Grace have changed. His office days will now be Sunday through Wednesday.

He will, however, be available for pastoral care needs the other days of the week until Baby Barks arrives.

Once Pastor Barker begins taking family leave time, Pastor

Stephen Gifford will assume preaching and pastoral care duties here at Grace. Pastor Stephen is ready to step in on short notice as needed.