

Grace Notes



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



January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Gathering Liturgy

CONFESSON AND 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: "Jesus, the
Very Thought of You" (ELW
#754) vv. 1 & 4
*1: Jesus, the very thought of you
fills us with sweet delight;
but sweeter far your face to view
and rest within your light.*

*4: O Jesus, be our joy today;
help us to prize your love;
grant us at last to hear you say:
"Come, share my home above."*

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, you confound
the world's wisdom in giving
your kingdom to the lowly and
the pure in heart. Give us such a
hunger and thirst for justice, and
perseverance in striving for
peace, that in our words and
deeds the world may see the life
of your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Readings for Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6:1–8

Hear what the LORD says:
Rise, plead your case
before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your
voice.
Hear, you mountains, the
controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring
foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy
with the chosen people,

and the LORD will contend
with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done
to you?

In what have I wearied you?
Answer me!
For I brought you up from the
land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the
house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now
what King Balak of Moab
devised,

what Balaam son of Beor
answered him,
and what happened from
Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the
saving acts of the LORD."
"With what shall I come before
the LORD,
and bow myself before God
on high?"

Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
The LORD has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15

1LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
2Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.
4In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
5They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

1 Corinthians 1:81–31

Ihe message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,

but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.



For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were

powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God.

God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1–12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and sat down; and his disciples came to him. Then Jesus began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the dominion of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the dominion of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Seek Ye First" (WOV #783)

- 1: *Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.*
- 2: *Ask and it shall be given unto you;
seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.*
- 3: *We do not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.*

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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.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers (*local and international reconciliation efforts may be named*). Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give

your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need, especially:

- the family and friends of David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
- the family and friends of Dennis Houston (Dawn's father-in-law)
- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Pastor Barker, Rachel Bruns, and baby Barks
- 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
- 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
- God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses.

Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

P Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place (*especially...*). Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. 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 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: "Touch that Soothes and Heals" (ACS #939)

1: *Touch that soothes and heals
the hurting,
hands that break a loaf of bread;
steps that walk beside the
weary,*

*bearing burdens in their stead:
Refrain: "See my hands and
feet," said Jesus,
love arisen from the grave.
"Be my hands and feet," said
Jesus,*

"live as ones I died to save."

2: *Feed the hungry, clothe the
naked,
visit ones in need of care,
give the homeless warmth and
shelter:*

*Christ will find a welcome there.
Refrain*

3: *Love and serve without
distinction
all earth's people, first and least.
Know within each act of
kindness*

*hope and wholeness are
increased. Refrain*

4: *Hands that beckon little
children,
bind a wound, prepare a meal,
feet that rush to share good
tidings,*

Christ arisen, still reveal. 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: "We Are Called"
(ELW #720) vv. 1 & 2

1: *Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of
the Lord!*

*We are called to be light for the
kingdom,
To live in the freedom of the city
of God.*

Refrain: *We are called to act
with justice,
We are called to love tenderly.
We are walled to serve one
another,
To walk humbly with God.*

2: *Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in
fear!*

*We are called to be hope for the
hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be
no more.* Refrain

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow the way
of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God!

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Altar Flowers, Bulletins

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 19th birthday.

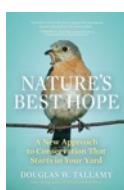
Thank you to Jarlene
Kriehn for sponsoring worship
bulletins in January.

Book Study Group Examines Conservation at Home

Karen Kempinen leads our
next book study group starting
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 study is
*Nature's Best Hope: A New
Approach to Conservation That*

Starts in Your Yard by Douglas
Tallamy. The book is available
through amazon, Barnes
& Noble, and other on-
line booksellers; your
local bookstore would be
happy to order it for you.



We will 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 pollinator
Garden in 2023.

Kauffman to Lead Safety at Church Talk This Sunday

Immediately following worship this 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.



Lent Begins Ash Wednesday, February 22

Grace Lutheran Church invites you to center yourself for the start of the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday services, featuring the disposition of ashes and the sacrament of Holy

Communion, will be at 1:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m. on February 22.

We plan to be open for worship here in person and also on line at our Facebook page, GraceElcaKenosha.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2023			1	2 Presentation of Our Lord 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	3 St. Ansgar 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	4 7:00am-2:00 pm No Regrets Men's Conference
5 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA	6 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing am Prayer group	7 Annual reports due 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	8 	9 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	10 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 11:00 am Freezin' for a Reason...	11 ...until 4:00 pm Freezin' for a Reason
12 9:30 am Worship service 7:00 pm NA	13 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing am Prayer group 5:00 pm Book group	15 Valentines' Day 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	15	16 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	17 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	18
19 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:30 am Worship service 10:45 am Congregational meeting 7:00 pm NA	20 Presidents' Day 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing am Prayer group 5:00 pm Book group	21 Spring primary 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	22 Ash Wednesday 1:00, 6:30 pm Worship services 	23 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	24 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	25
26 9:30 am Worship service 3:00 pm Welcome Center guest remembrance service 7:00 pm NA	27 8:00-noon Welcome Center packing am Prayer group 3:30 pm Book study group field trip	28 9:00-noon Welcome Center packing 4:00-5:30 pm Food pantry	March 1 <i>St. David</i>	2 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast 2:00-5:00 pm Infant Moses ministry	3 8:30-9:00 am Welcome Center breakfast	4

Annual Meeting Reports Due Soon

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.

Grace Receipts: January 22, 2023

General offering	\$ 860.00
From non-members:	
General offering	\$ 50.00
General offering or Welcome Ctr.....	\$ 20.00
Pastor's benefits package	\$ 2,000.00
Holy Assembly building use.....	\$ 500.00
Minus internet transaction fees.....	\$ (2.50)
Total	\$ 3,427.50

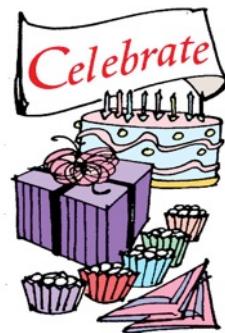
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2022 giving statements were sent out earlier this month to our members and regular

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.

February Birthdays

Jan. 30: Sydney Houston
Feb. 5: Serenity Hoffman
Feb. 15: Debra Dreger
Feb. 16: Adrienne Hix



Welcome Center Service Remembers Guests Lost in 2022

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.



**11:00 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10
to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11
Grace Welcome Center, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha**



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Welcome Isaiah Wesley!

Pastor Jonathan and Rachel welcomed Isaiah Wesley into the world on Tuesday!

Rev. Barker is currently on family leave; Rev. Stephen Gifford will preside and preach at Sunday services and be on call for pastoral care until Rev. Barker is back in the office.

Congratulations,
Pastor and Rae!
Welcome, Ziah!

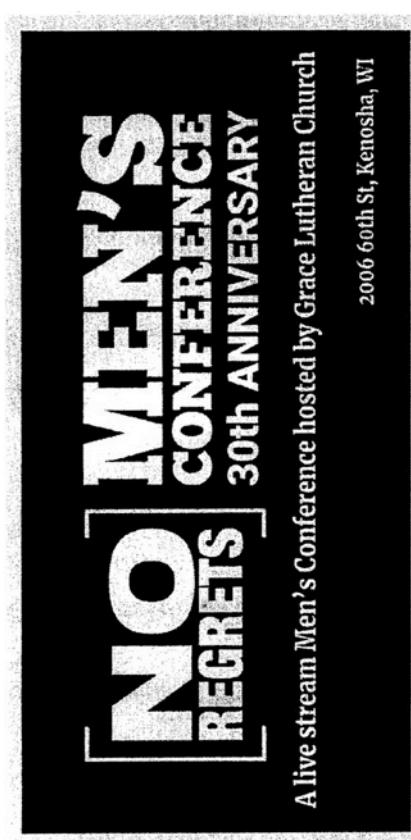
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Worship services 9:30 a.m., in person and livestreamed at www.facebook.com/GraceElcaKenosha/

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Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday



[NO] MEN'S REGRETS CONFERENCE 30th ANNIVERSARY

A live stream Men's Conference hosted by Grace Lutheran Church

2006 60th St, Kenosha, WI

- Saturday, Feb 4th 7:00-2:00
- The is a completely free event.
- A full Breakfast will be available at 7:00 am.
- Live-stream of the conference begins at 8:00 with a time of prayer, worship, testimony and a keynote address.
- Throughout the morning there will be 30 minute breakout "live streamed" seminars led by world-class teachers on topics relevant to men. Each seminar is followed by a 15 minute break time where snacks are provided.
- The conference will end at 11:45 with a closing time of prayer, worship, testimony and a keynote address.
- A soup/chili and sandwich lunch will be provided after the conference put on by the Men's ministry of Grace Lutheran Church.

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You can register through the
following link/QR Code.

You can also register by contacting
David Underwood: 262-515-7052

No Regrets Men's Conference

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

