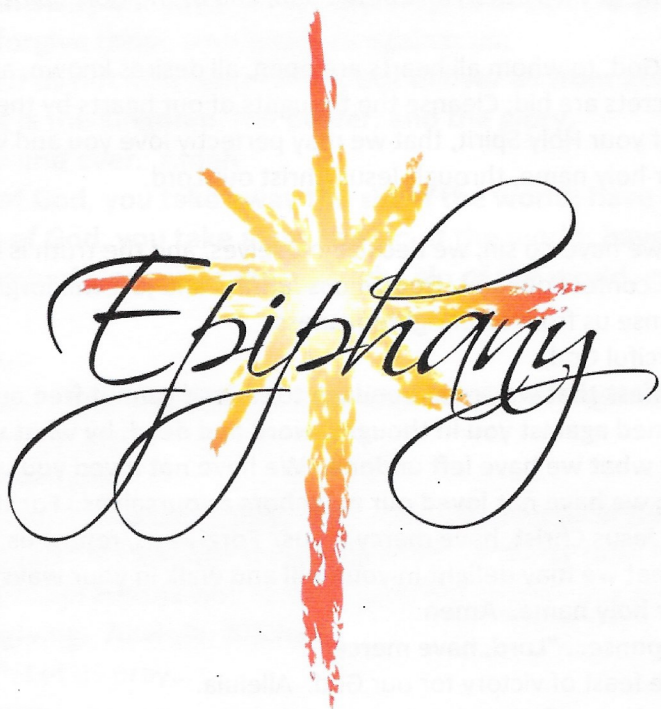


*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!*

*Everyone is Welcome!*

*Taste and See that the Lord is Good,  
Let us rejoice together!*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

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Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn

"O Zion, Haste"

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Kyrie: **C: response... "Lord, have mercy.**

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

See Insert

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

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Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

See Insert

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

See Insert

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Gospel: John 1:43-51

See Insert

P: The Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: ....The Gospel of the Lord"

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Here I Am, Lord"

Nicene Creed

**C: We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

**P: .... Lord in your mercy,**

**C: hear our prayer.**

Offering

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather the harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offertory Prayer

**P: Merciful Father,**

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Chris our Lord. Amen**

**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 him thanks and praise.**

**P: It is indeed right and salutary..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosana. Hosana. Hosana in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest.**



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us  
peace.**

Distribution

**P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.**

**C: Amen**

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has  
done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.  
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts  
of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Prayer – P: Let us pray...**

**C: Amen**

Benediction

Closing Hymn

**"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"**

Dismissal

***We pray always for . . .***

*Robert Armknecht, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Mary Goudie,  
Casey Holsing, Erin Ebeler Rolf, Bruce Gerking, Axl Walters,  
our military men and women, their families and their leaders.*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Grace, Oscar & Sabra, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*

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in the south office. You may email the church office  
[grace68329@gmail.com](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com) NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)

**Today 1/17/21**

Worship with communion – 10:00 a.m.  
Annual Meeting to follow worship

**Tuesday 1/19/21**

Piecemakers Blanket making – All Day

**Wednesday 1/20/21**

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday 1/21/21**

Tower Echoes Deadline

**Saturday 1/23/21**

2021 NSWO Virtual Winter Retreat – 9:00 a.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY 1/24/21**

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

**Weekly Budget**

**\$2,038.00**

**Received Last Week**

**\$4,195.00**

The 2021 Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting will  
follow today's worship

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We have included a blue piece of paper in your bulletin to place on  
the pew when you leave.

This way we know which specific pew to clean/disinfect since we  
have untapped the pews for seating. So please leave the blue page  
on the pew where you sat.

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We are trying Sunday School – Grab N Go style. There is a  
basket at the back of the church with individual packets of  
Sunday School materials for you to take home



## Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

### Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And

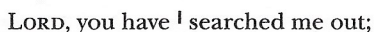
Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [11]Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. 12On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 13For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 14Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup>Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.]

## Psalm

**Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; tone 6**



O LORD, <sup>1</sup> you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>You know my sitting down

and my <sup>1</sup> rising up;

you discern my thoughts <sup>1</sup> from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys

and my <sup>1</sup> resting-places

and are acquainted with <sup>1</sup> all my ways.

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**<sup>4</sup>Indeed, there is not a word <sup>1</sup> on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it <sup>1</sup> altogether.**

**<sup>5</sup>You encompass me,  
behind <sup>1</sup> and before,  
and lay your <sup>1</sup> hand upon me.**

**<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge  
is too wonder- <sup>1</sup> ful for me;  
it is so high  
that I cannot at- <sup>1</sup> tain to it.**

**<sup>13</sup>For you yourself  
created my <sup>1</sup> inmost parts;  
you knit me together  
in my <sup>1</sup> mother's womb.**

**<sup>14</sup>I will thank you  
because I am mar- <sup>1</sup> velously made;  
your works are wonderful,  
and I <sup>1</sup> know it well.**

**<sup>15</sup>My body was not hid- <sup>1</sup> den from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths <sup>1</sup> of the earth.**

**<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs,  
yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written <sup>1</sup> in your book;  
my days were fashioned  
before they <sup>1</sup> came to be.**

**<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your <sup>1</sup> thoughts, O God!  
How great is the <sup>1</sup> sum of them!**

**<sup>18</sup>If I were to count them,  
they would be more in number  
<sup>1</sup> than the sand;**

**to count them all,  
my life span would need to  
<sup>1</sup> be like yours.**

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that

whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." <sup>17</sup>But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

## Gospel

## John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in

whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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# 2021 NSWO Virtual Winter Retreat

THEREFORE  
*encourage*  
ONE ANOTHER AND  
*build*  
EACH OTHER UP  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

January 23, 2021  
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

## Encourage, Build, and Celebrate

Join us a for morning of Bible Study, updates from your Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization, special guest speakers, and more all from the comfort of your local location.



To join the zoom meeting go to [tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca](https://tinyurl.com/nebraskawelca) and click on the News and Events tab in the upper right, then click on the 2021 Virtual Winter Retreat. [Click here](#) on the Virtual Meeting Link on the right side of the page and you will join the Zoom meeting.

## 2021 Virtual Winter Retreat

### Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Join Zoom Meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Welcome – Gwen Edwards
- 9:15 a.m. Opening Devotions – Teresa Christensen
- 9:25 a.m. Bible Study – Nebraska Bishop Brian Maas
- 9:55 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Sermon Doodling – Diane Harpster  
Certified Spiritual Director
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:35 a.m. NSWO President Update – Sandy Terry
- 10:45 a.m. NSWO Treasurer Update – Gwen Edwards
- 10:55 a.m. NSWO Event Update – Carol Stark
- 11:05 a.m. Break
- 11:10 a.m. Special Guest
- 11:40 p.m. Norwegian Covid – St. Paul Church Ladies
- 12:00 p.m. Closing Devotions – Elysia McGill
- 12:10 p.m. The End