

*Grace Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!  
"We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There's no turning back!"*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 23, 2022

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Pastor Jim Helgren

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

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,*

*Linda Daniels, Julie Eden, Gene Ekhoff, Eric Fass, Jan Rader,*

*Joan Staack*

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

*Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*



# Today's Readings

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

## Prayer of the Day

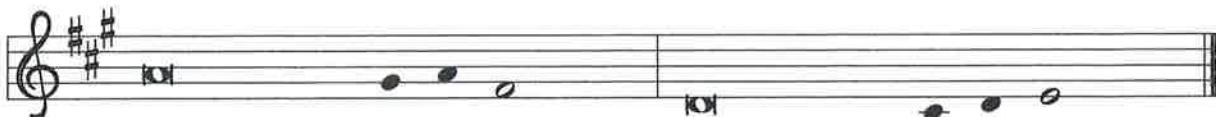
Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 [not printed]**

## Psalm

**Psalm 19; tone 3**



The heavens declare  
the glo-<sup>1</sup> ry of God,  
and the sky proclaims  
its<sup>1</sup> maker's handiwork.  
**2**One day tells its tale<sup>1</sup> to another,  
and one night  
imparts knowledge<sup>1</sup> to another.  
**3**Although they have  
no<sup>1</sup> words or language,  
and their voices<sup>1</sup> are not heard,  
**4**their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message  
to the ends<sup>1</sup> of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent  
<sup>1</sup> for the sun.  
**5**It comes forth like a bridegroom  
out<sup>1</sup> of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion  
to<sup>1</sup> run its course.  
**6**It goes forth  
from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of<sup>1</sup> it again;  
nothing is hidden  
from its<sup>1</sup> burning heat.  
**7**The teaching of the LORD is perfect  
and re-<sup>1</sup> vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom<sup>1</sup> to the simple.

**8**The statutes of the LORD are just  
and re-<sup>1</sup> joice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD  
is clear and gives light<sup>1</sup> to the eyes.  
**9**The fear of the LORD is clean  
and en-<sup>1</sup> dures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD  
are true and righteous<sup>1</sup> altogether.  
**10**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than<sup>1</sup> much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey<sup>1</sup> in the comb.  
**11**By them also  
is your ser-<sup>1</sup> vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them  
there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.  
**12**Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.  
**13**Above all, keep your servant  
from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.  
**14**Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight,  
O LORD, my strength  
and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>22</sup>On

the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

## Gospel

## Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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in the south office. You may email the church office  
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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)**

*Offering envelopes and ELCW Yearbooks are ready to be picked up.  
They are in the back of the church.*

Thank you to everyone who brought Poinsettias to share with us. Please be sure to stop by and pick yours up if you would like to enjoy it at your home.

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of Worship Duty – signup sheet is at the back of the church.

**Today 1/23/22**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

**Monday 1/24/22**

*Tower Echoes Deadline*

**Tuesday 1/25/22**

*Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY*

**Wednesday 1/26/22**

*Confirmation - 4:00 p.m.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 1/30/22**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

## **PIECEMAKERS**

The Piecemakers meet every Tuesday during the months of January, February and March - **all day**. On March 8th they will be sharing a Salad Luncheon. You are welcome to join them if you feel safe doing so. Please come and join in the fellowship of making some beautiful blankets for those in need.

