

Grace Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG - ELW #462 – “Now We Join in Celebration”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.*

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

A: 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.

A: Amen.

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

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen. *Assembly sits.*

GREETING - p. 138

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

A: And also with you.

KYRIE - p. 138

HYMN OF PRAISE - p. 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see insert. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

FIRST READING - Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Please see insert and read responsively

SECOND READING - Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - p. 142

Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.



P: The holy gospel according to

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ. *The assembly sits.*

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - ELW #310 – “My Lord, What a Morning”

NICENE CREED - p. 104

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION - p.143 Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

PEACE - p. 143

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY - “Cultivating Love through Peace” hymn - ELW #785

- “When Peace Like a River” - verses 3 and 4

GREAT THANKSGIVING - p. 144

LORD'S PRAYER - p. 145

**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.**

LAMB OF GOD - p. 146

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING - p. 113

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

BLESSING - p. 114 - Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL - p. 115 - Response after the dismissal:

A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.*

SENDING SONG - ELW #576 – "We All Are One in Mission"

Announcements

TODAY 1/19/25 *2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

Joint Worship with Communion – 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School

Annual Meeting to follow worship

Lunch/Potluck to follow in basement – All our welcome!

TUESDAY 1/21/25

Piecemakers Blanket Making All Day

- Sharing a Covered Dish Luncheon

WEDNESDAY 1/22/25

4:00 p.m. Kids for Christ

6:00 p.m. Confirmation

SUNDAY 1/26/25 *3rd Sunday after Epiphany*

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had their first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

Pastor Steve Billington, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Beck Knake, Axi Walters, Joan Wellensiek, and Haleigh Werner

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfrida, Juliet, Vanesa, and Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

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