

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**

January 18, 2026

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- + Pastor Emeritus Rev. Gene C. Bost +

+ *Those who are able please stand.*  
(*Congregation responses are printed in bold type*)

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

#### + GATHERING

#### + CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Most merciful God,

**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 rejected your discipline. We have avoided your pruning of our cluttered lives. We have failed to maintain the tools of stewardship, outreach, and witness you have provided for the nurture of your church. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, train us, and redirect us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

#### + GATHERING HYMN

#### “Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

WOV#652



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

#### + GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

# + KYRIE

*Cantor*



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

*Cantor*



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

*Assembly*



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

## + CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 A - bove the hills the an - gel hosts  
 2 In heav'n, on earth reigns God Most High,  
 3 Sing jus - tice, mer - cy, joy, and peace, sing  
 4 We wor - ship you, our thanks we bring,  
 5 To Je - sus Christ, God's Son, our Lord,

glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry! God's love is come to  
 Yet ten - der - ly God  
 God's own good will grants  
 We bow be - fore you  
 The Lamb of God, e -

seek the lost.  
 hears our cry.  
 sin's re - lease. Give glo - ry to God in the high - est!  
 as we sing.  
 ter - nal Word.

## + SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## + PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together ...

**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. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup> And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup> 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."

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he 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."

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 40:1-11**

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

<sup>2</sup> **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.**

<sup>3</sup> The 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.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who trust in the LORD! They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.**

<sup>5</sup> Great 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.

<sup>6</sup> **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**

<sup>7</sup> And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

<sup>8</sup> **‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’ ”**

<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

<sup>10</sup> **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.**

<sup>11</sup> You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup> 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:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## + GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## “Come and See”

Pastor sings 1st time,  
congregation sings 2nd time



## + GOSPEL John 1:29-42

The holy gospel according to Saint John.

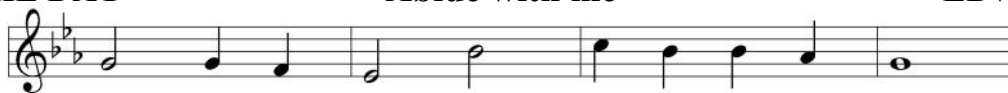
### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup> John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup> And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him.” <sup>33</sup> 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.’ <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One.”

<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> 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?” <sup>39</sup> 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. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> 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).

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 3 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

### + APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

### + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of strength and resoluteness, you have sought to make yourself known to us and to show us your loving care.

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Let the light of his love shine in our lives, dispelling all darkness and leading us ever forward into your glory.

**Amen.**

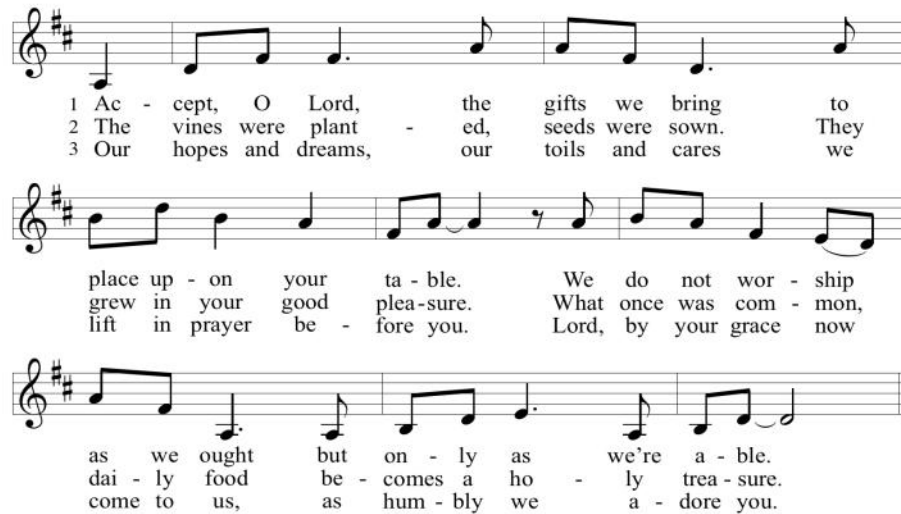
### + SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

### + OFFERTORY SONG

### “Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to  
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They  
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we

place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship  
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,  
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now

as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

### + OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

**Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### + GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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. With gentle hands you prune and shape your people, cutting away that which is dead to you or would keep the warmth of your light from us. You graft us to the true vine, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, that he may abide in us and we in him. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Pastor sings 3 verses and congregation sings the refrain*



*Refrain: Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's

glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.



## + WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

## + INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to  
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to

save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -  
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from

on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

**DISTRIBUTION** – All children of God are welcome at the table for communion. Come forward in two lines to receive the bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from a communion assistant.

## + TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace.

**Amen.**

## + PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together ...

**Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

## + BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

## +SENDING HYMN

### “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LBW#259



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug-gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri-umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum-mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav-'ling through this wil-der-ness.  
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.

## + DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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<b><u>Serving 1/18/2026</u></b>	
<b>Organist</b>	Becky Lippard
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Kristi Miller
<b>Lectors</b>	Megan Bame
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Greg Hartsell & Nicole Ritchie
<b>Acolyte</b>	Maggie Stirewalt
<b>Security Team</b>	Lynn Aldridge & Tony Sechler
<b>Sound System</b>	Brody Linker
<b>Teller Team</b>	Greg Hartsell, Gary White & Greta Elmore
<b>Ushers</b>	Tony & Earlene Rivers, Gene Stirewalt, Helen Correll

<b><u>Serving 1/25/2026</u></b>	
<b>Organist</b>	Teresa Yost
<b>Children's Sermon</b>	Leslie Sechler
<b>Lectors</b>	David Miller
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Greg Hartsell & Nicole Ritchie
<b>Acolyte</b>	Clara Linker
<b>Security Team</b>	Mike Stout & Randall Miller
<b>Sound System</b>	Carson Hurst
<b>Teller Team</b>	Greg Hartsell, Gary White & Greta Elmore
<b>Ushers</b>	Tony & Earlene Rivers, Gene Stirewalt, Helen Correll

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Albert & Sophie Miller and deceased family members.

**2025 GIVING STATEMENTS** are in mailboxes.

**NC SYNOD BISHOP** Emily Hartner to be with us next Sunday. Bishop Emily will hold a Question & Answer session at 9:30am in the sanctuary. There will be a pot-luck lunch following the worship service.

**THE YOUTH OF GRACE** will be collecting monetary donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring on Sunday, February 1st. Place your monetary donation into a soup pot before or after the service. Please note, this is the Sunday prior to the Super Bowl!

**SCOUT SUNDAY** will be held on February 8th with a meal to follow the service. RSVP at [www.eventcreate.com/e/gracescoutsunday315](http://www.eventcreate.com/e/gracescoutsunday315) or call or text 704-796-1445. Come celebrate 60 years of scouting at Grace Lutheran!

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

<b>Mon</b>	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts	
<b>Tues</b>	Quilting	10:00am
<b>Wed</b>	Children's Choir	6:00pm
	Chancel choir	7:00pm
<b>Thur</b>	Communication Committee	6:30pm

## Prayer List

### Immediate needs:

Alice & Michael Baglio, Arlene Wise, Irene Miller, Sophie Hooks, Allen Sloop

### Community Concerns:

Scout & Skylar Harmon (*Fish Fry Recipients*), Larry Crowell (*Emily Weddington*), Kassana Alexander, Jennifer Quick (*Pastor Josh*), Lane Brown (*Terri Brown*)

### Comfort:

Family & friends of Sue Nesbitt

### Ongoing Needs:

John Miller, Bobby & Barbara Sloop, Mary Miller, Kari Overcash, Janice Gray, Janis Eury, Allen & Lynn Sloop, Sophie Hooks, Louise Vaughn, Judy Copeland, Diane Bouk, Arlene Wise, Hazel Miller, Ronnie Gorman, Earl Thomas, Danny Benfield, Jesse Martin, Alice & Michael Baglio, Jerry Heilig

### Those who serve others

Active Duty Military personnel and families; First Responders and families

Overview of Giving 1/11/2026		Needed Weekly	
Category	Amount	Per Spending Plan	Difference
<b>Attendance 129</b>			
Current	\$ 5,316.00		
Sunday School (Attendance 59)	\$ 178.00		
Property Fund	\$ 100.00		
Envelopes	\$ 17.00		
Benevolence	\$ 260.00		
World Hunger	\$ 50.00		
Total Current	\$ 5,921.00	\$ 8,251.00	\$ (2,330.00)
Organ Fund	\$ 20.00		
Facility Rental	\$ 215.00		
Cemetery	\$ 50.00		
Youth of Grace (Ski Trip)	\$ 1,200.00		
Youth of Grace	\$ 100.00		
Kids of Grace	\$ 100.00		
Total Deposit	\$ 7,606.00		

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