

Welcome to  
**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2nd Sunday after  
Epiphany**

**January 17 & 18, 2026**



**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- P: Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- C: Your steadfast love fills the earth.**
- A: Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for these gifts of water especially Lake Erie and the Sandusky River.
- C: Your steadfast love fills the earth.**
- P: Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.
- C: Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

A: Your love flows through the waters of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life.

**C: Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

P: Shower us with your Holy Spirit. Fill us with your love. Clothe us and all your people with grace. Embolden us to do justice. Bless us to love mercy. Guide us to walk humbly with you, whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG**

ELW # 314

***ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME!***

## **THE 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!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. 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.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**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."

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**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.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*On Sunday.*

### **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Following the Children's moment, children in pre-k through 5th grade are invited to gather in the Sunday School rooms for an activity. They will return to worship before communion.*

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### **READING OF THE GOSPEL**

**JOHN 1:29-42**

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup> The next day he 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).

**P:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## **TODAY'S REFLECTION**

*REV. BILL SCHULTZ*

*On Sunday.*

## **THE AFTERWORD**

*Middle & High School Youth are invited following the reflection to meet in the Dining Room. They will connect with the message for the day and spend time in prayer. The youth will return following the offering hymn.*

*Please stand.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW # 798**

***WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME***

## **THE CREED**

**A:** Living together in trust and hope let us confess our faith as expressed through the words of the 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, 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.**

## **THE PRAYERS**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.*

## THE OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC

*Please stand as you are able.*

### OFFERING SONG

ELW # 815

### *I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT*

### OFFERING PRAYER

- A: Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

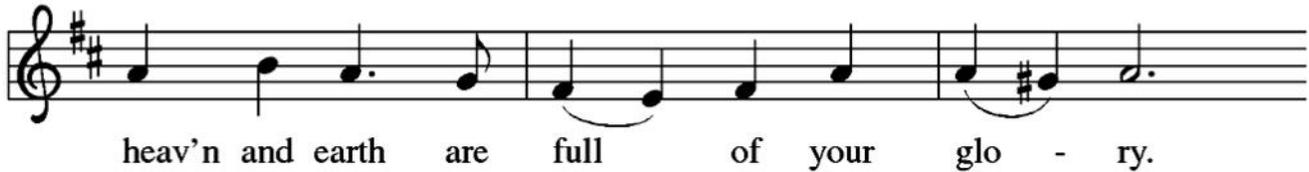
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 God thanks and praise.**

### THE PROPER PREFACE

- 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

## SANCTUS



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Bright shining God, inner light of all the faithful!  
We celebrate your gifts of light, love, and all of creation.  
We rejoice that you have made us in your image.  
We rejoice that you have called us to live in your limitless love.  
We rejoice in the gift of your only child, Jesus, our bright morning star,  
who shines forever bright to light the way through our darkness and  
into the ways of justice and peace.

Your Holy Spirit shines your Good News into our lives.  
With each new day, you call us to feed the hungry, bring recovery of  
sight to the blind, liberate the oppressed, heal the broken hearted and  
bind up their wounds, and keep watch for the dawn of your reign on  
this earth.

For all of this, we give you thanks and we praise you, joining our  
voices with all life on earth and the company of heaven, who forever  
sing their hymns of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.

By your Spirit bless this bread and this wine that they may become for us the presence of Christ among us. Shine your light and your love on the offering of our lives. Enlighten us that we may be your people, the body of the risen Christ, the light of the world, set apart to serve the world that you have made.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A:** As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold to pray.

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P:** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice is offered as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 715

### **CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT**

*After all have communed, you will be invited to stand.*

## TABLE BLESSING

**P:** The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P:** Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG**

ELW # 665

### ***RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE!***

## **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace!

**A:** Let your light shine forever!

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!** You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

**DRIVE-IN CHURCH** - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of parents, Irvin & Ruth Burmeister and other deceased family members, from the Burmeister family.

**RADIO BROADCAST** is given in memory of Merle & Joann Hirt. (**Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is \$72.50], should contact the church office.**)

**THIS WEEK AS YOU PRAY** please remember: Diane Berryman, Kristen Brown, Tim Dabrunz, Donna Garner, Roger Otermat, Duane Pump, Tim Rutherford, Julie Stawowy, Melissa Toker, Connie Wasserman, Bob Wickert, the family & friends of Dick Burkett, and the family & friends of Larry Beck.

**HOSPITAL VISITS!** If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available at the Usher's station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

**PRAYER LIST REQUESTS** - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. "has an upcoming surgery" etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm and Friday from 9 am - 1 pm.

**SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER** should be sent to Tricia in the at [dabrunztricia@yahoo.com](mailto:dabrunztricia@yahoo.com)

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held  
**Sunday, February 1** following the 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

For our winter snowbirds and those not able to attend in person, this meeting will also be available via Zoom. The link will be sent prior to the meeting through *This Week at Grace* or you may contact the church office.

## GIVING UPDATE FOR GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Offerings received January 1 - 12, 2026:

**\$20,919**

**THIS WEEK WE WELCOME** Pastor Bill Schultz to the pulpit as he brings the gospel to life for us in worship. If you have a “Pastoral Emergency” please contact the church office so that the appropriate care may be provided.

**SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT** will meet on January 19 at 6 pm in the lounge. If you are grieving the loss of your spouse and could use the support of people experiencing the same loss please join us.

**BOOKWORMS** will meet on January 26 at 2 pm in the lounge to discuss the book *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn.

**LADIES, JUGGLING ACT** will meet on **January 27 at 5:30 pm** at The Garrison. We juggle family, work and social issues every day. Sometimes it feels like no one understands what we are dealing with. But that is not true! Come join with other women who are juggling just like you.

**THE PROJECT DAY GROUP** will once again make quilts for the Let’s Build Beds Project in September 2026 and Lutheran World Relief. They are in need of FLAT bed sheets to use as the back of the quilts. These may be new or gently used (no holes or stains. Please drop off the sheets to the church office or place them in the shopping carts. Thank you for supporting our local and Lutheran World Relief projects.

### **WE’RE HIRING**

**OUR CUSTODIAL TEAM** is looking for an extra set of hands to assist with mopping, vacuuming and other custodial needs. The position offers 6 - 8 hours per week. If you are interested please call the church office.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

**DO YOU HAVE A SMARTPHONE? Can you navigate a tablet?** Chances are we all can, which means you are qualified to be our next “organist”. As we continue the search for our next organist we will be relying on the digital organ which is operated with our iPad. We could use your help! Please let the office know if you would like to know more about how to help during this time of transition.

**ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP WITH SOME ODDS AND ENDS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE?** An extra set of hands would be helpful (on an as needed basis) to help prepare the welcome cards for the church pews or add inserts to the bulletins. If you are interested please call Tricia in the church office.

**THE SOUP KITCHEN TEAM** needs extra hands on the first and fifth Thursdays of every month to help serve and clean up after meal for our neighbors. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 11 am and typically leave about 1 pm. If you have questions please call the church office and we will get your contact information to the Soup Kitchen staff.

### **FOR OUR YOUTH**

**ATTENTION PARENTS** - Do you want to keep your children busy during worship, but you don’t want take them out of the sanctuary? Please check out our new play area in front of the chapel. There are activities, toys to play with, and books to read while you join us for worship. If you feel that you need to take your children out of the sanctuary there is a nursery with live audio of the service so you don’t miss out on worship.

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**                      **January 18 - 25, 2026**

Today: **SANDUSKY COUNTY FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE** (canned soup or fruit & crackers)  
 9:00 - Worship/Communion/Kids Zone  
 1:00 - Pack 302 Ice Skating at Rec Center

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Monday: **OFFICE CLOSED - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
 1:00 - Bible Study with Maureen  
 6:00 - Spousal Grief Support  
 7:00 - Dartball, Home

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Tuesday: 2:30 - Joy Circle

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Wednesday: 5:00 - S.L.A.M. with Maureen  
 6:00 - Youth Activities

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Thursday: 11:30 - Soup Kitchen

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Friday: - - - - -

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Saturday: 4:00 - Worship/Communion

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Sunday: 9:00 - Worship/Communion/Kids Zone

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**WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 138**  
 Saturday: 29; Sunday: 109

<b>SERVING IN</b>	<b>WORSHIP</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>4 PM</b>
GREETER: NARTHEX	Thomas O'Brien
READER	
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9 AM</b>
ACOLYTE	Bailey Rollins
GREETER: NARTHEX	Sandy Burmeister Roger Haynes
GREETER: BAKER STREET	Dan & Carol Polter
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Becky Seibert
READER	John Burmeister
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Tanya Schling
DEACONS/CLOSERS	Walker Cooper Conelia Star

*The Church Office will be closed for...*

**MARTIN LUTHER**

**KING JR. DAY**

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*January 19, 2026*

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Called to Present the Light of Christ!