

Welcome to
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
**5th Sunday after
Epiphany**



February 7 & 8, 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 # 715

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 58:1-9A

¹ Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. ³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. ⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a} Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-12

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest

not on human wisdom but on the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. ⁷ But we speak God’s wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory ⁸ and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him”— ¹⁰ God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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

MATTHEW 5:13-20

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

REV. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

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 # 677

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

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



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



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 # 482

I COME WITH JOY

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.

WE ARE MARING IN THE LIGHT**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace!

A: Let your light shine forever!

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 memory of all family and loved ones, by Bob and Joyce Wickert and family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given as a gift to the congregation. **(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, William Damschroder, Peggy Dorr, Donna Garner, Ken Hirt, Duane Pump, Tim Rutherford, Karen Sabiers, Julie Stawowy, Melissa Toker, Connie Wasserman, and the family & friends of Lloyd Delagrange.

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.

SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER should be sent to Tricia in the office at dabrunztricia@yahoo.com

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.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR WITH PR. BAILEY will meet today (2/8) following worship. Everyone is welcome to gather in the front pews for conversation, dreaming, and growing together as people of God.

SPOUSAL GRIEF SUPPORT will meet on *February 16 at 6 pm* in the lounge. If you are grieving the loss of your spouse and could use the support of others experiencing the same loss, then please consider joining this group.

GRACE GATHERS will meet on *February 19 at 6 pm*. We will head to The Chateau Vineyard and Winery in Helena. Please all and place a reservation by noon the day before. This way we have room for everyone.

JUGGLING ACT - Ladies do you feel like you are always juggling the demands of life? Sometimes it's nice to gather with others that are juggling the same demands around a meal that you did not have to prepare. This group meets at 5:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month at The Garrison. Our next gathering will be February 24. If you plan to attend please call the church office.

THE PROJECT DAY GROUP will once again make quilts for the Let's Build Beds Project in September 2026 and Lutheran World Relief. They need 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.

FOR OUR YOUTH

KIDS ZONE - Toddlers - 5th graders are invited to join Penny Russell and Cornelia Star following the Children's Message for a short lesson and activity. They will return to worship before communion. If your child does not wish to participate they return to their seat following the Children's Message.

AFTERWORD for our Middle & High School youth it's not the last word, just the next step. Students are invited following the sermon to connect with message of the day and pray. They will return to worship during the offering hymn.

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.

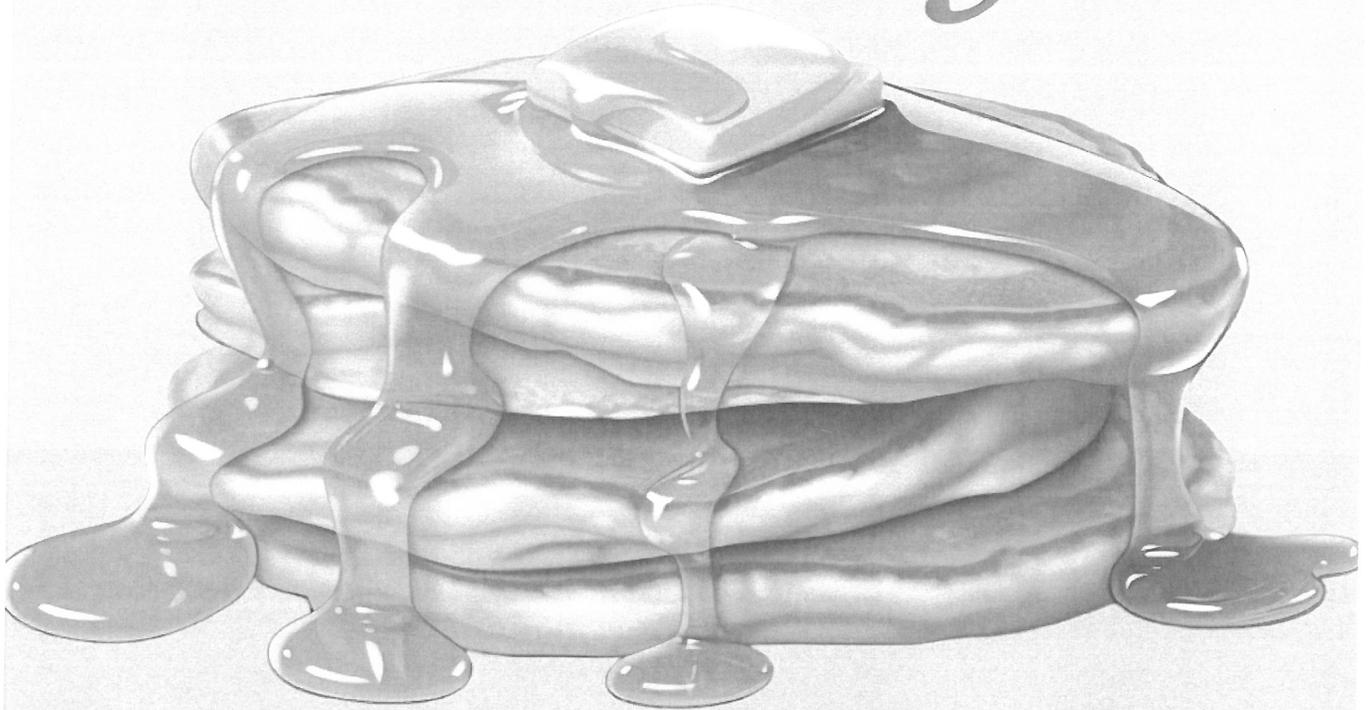
WE NEED YOUR HELP

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 staff of the Soup Kitchen.

LIFT

BACKPACK BUDDIES NEEDS OUR HELP! We are currently in need of the following items: oatmeal packets, Nutri-Grain bars, cold cereal, breakfast bars, Pop Tarts, individual mac-n-cheese cups, pasta cups, cans of soup, individual heat and eat soups, individual serving cups of peanut butter, cups of applesauce, fruit cups, sandwich crackers, pudding cups, cookies, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, chips, pretzels, granola bars, Teddy Grahams, microwave popcorn, Ritz crackers, Rice Krispie Treats, milk, yogurt, beef sticks, Oatmeal Cream Pies and peanuts. We are also accepting monetary donations. These gifts help us to fill in any gaps in donations. Your check should be made payable to LIFT and please write Backpack Buddies on the memo line.

Shrove Tuesday



PANCAKE DINNER
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
5-6:30 PM
By Donation, Dine In or Carry Out

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

February 8 - 15, 2026

Today: 9:00 - Worship/Communion/Kids Zone
 10:15 - Confirmation

Monday: 11:30 - PB & J², Dining Room
 1:00 - Bible Study with Maureen
 6:00 - Pack 302 Den Meeting
 6:00 - Executive Meeting
 7:00 - Church Council
 7:00 - Dartball, Home

Tuesday: 11:30 Office Closed - Staff Lunch

Wednesday: 5:00 - S.L.A.M. with Maureen
 5:00 - Bible Study with Pr. Bailey
 6:00 - Youth Activities

Thursday: 11:30 - Soup Kitchen

Friday: - - - - -

Saturday: 4:00 - Worship/Communion/Food Pantry Challenge

Sunday: **FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE**
 (pasta, sauce, rice & Mac and Cheese)
 9:00 - Worship/Communion/Kids Zone
 10:15 - Confirmation

WEEKEND WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 110

SERVING IN WORSHIP**SATURDAY 4 PM**

GREETER: NARTHEX	Thomas O'Brien
READER	Wendy Bailey
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Wendy Bailey

SUNDAY 9 AM

ACOLYTES	Anna & Julia Haubert
GREETER: NARTHEX	Tanya Schling Kent Watkins
GREETER: BAKER ST.	Sharon Watkins
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