

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



*January 15, 2023*

*10:00am*

# GATHERING

**Prelude**  
**Pacibells**

Pat A Pan

Berhard de La Monnoye, arr. Linda Lamb

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,  
come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin,  
receive your forgiveness,  
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**Hymn**

Thy Strong Word (verses 1, 3, & 5)

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## Greeting

This is the Feast (Congregation sings refrain, soloist sing verses)

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. *Final refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

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 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."

Word of God, Word of Life.

**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 spiritual 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 him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

## Thanks be to God!

**Anthem** Carol of the Bells (Traditional Ukrainian Carol) M. Leontovich, arr. Wilhousky

Hark, how the bells, Sweet silver bells, All seem to say, "Throw cares away"

Christmas is here Bringing good cheer To young and old Meek and the bold  
"Ding, dong, ding, dong," That is their song, With youthful ring All caroling.

One seems to hear words of good cheer from everywhere filling the air.  
O, how they pound, raising the sound, o'er hill and dale telling their tale.

Gaily they ring while people sing songs of good cheer, Christmas is here!  
Merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas (2x)

On, on they send, on without end their joyful tone to every home.  
Ding, dong, ding, dong!



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



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

## Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel for today is from John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.  
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 Son of God."

<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.

Sermon

Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn (sing 3 times)

## Come and See

What are you look - ing for? Come,

see, come and see. What are you

look - ing for? Come and see. Come and see.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

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## 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 the Church

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

... Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.  
**Amen.**

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## MEAL

**Offering  
Pacibells**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

*Jason W. Krug*

## Offertory Prayer

Liberating God,  
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,  
**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, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,  
heav - en 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer

### 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.**

## Communion

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.

Organ

*Jesus Calls Us*

Emma Lou Diemer

### Prayer After Communion

Holy One,

we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**Amen.**

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## SENDING

### Blessing

Sending Hymn

*Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult (verses 1, 2, & 5)*

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*How Brightly Shines the Morningstar*

Max Drischner

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**Assisting Minister:** Molly Wilson  
**Reader:** Suzette Peltier

**Organist:** Elaine Mann  
**Choir Director:** Diana Cataldi  
**Pacibells Director:** Karen Lionberger

## Weekly Calendar

### SUNDAY (15<sup>th</sup>)

Coffee Hour – 9am  
Worship – 10am  
“How Does Liturgy  
Mean?” – 11am

### MONDAY

Book Club – 2pm (Zoom)

### TUESDAY

Church Council  
Meeting – 7pm

### WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 9:30am  
Text Study – 12pm  
Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

### THURSDAY

Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm

### SUNDAY (22<sup>nd</sup>)

Coffee Hour – 9am  
Worship – 10am  
Sunday School – 10:15am  
“How Does Liturgy  
Mean?” – 11am

Other Groups using the building this week: Quakers, Northwest Synod, Boy Scouts, Neighborhood Association, Chippewa Valley Theater Guild



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## January 8 Forum

On January 8th we had a forum during which many people of Grace shared their thoughts about our future, particularly in the year ahead. We also discussed a possible arrangement to sell part of the building to Habitat for Humanity for Veteran housing. If you missed the forum, a non-public recording can be watched at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZVzLwuG8dA&t=2s>. Minutes from the forum are also available upon request for those who prefer that media.

## Sunday School

Due to the first Sunday being January 1st, Sunday School in January will be on the 8th and 22nd. The normal schedule of first and third Sundays will return in February.

- January 22
- February 5
- February 19

Sunday school will take place during the service right after the Children's Sermon.

## Adult Education Opportunity

You are invited to attend “How Does Liturgy Mean?” a three-session education study beginning Sunday, January 15, at 11am and continuing the next two Sundays in January (22 & 29). We will meet in the Grace Chapel.

We will explore the relationship between what Lutherans hold to be true and our order of worship we call the liturgy. In other words, how does our liturgy express our theology?

Session One will focus on our Liturgy of Preparation — Confession and Forgiveness. Session Two will center on the Liturgy of the Word. Session Three will concentrate on the Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal.

How Does Liturgy Mean will be led by Don Wisner, Grace member, former Luther Seminary Professor of Worship and retired pastor of University Lutheran Church at the Ecumenical Religious Center on the UW–Eau Claire campus.

Education, Youth & Family Ministries

## Free: LED Light Bulbs

United Way of Chippewa Valley has partnered with Greenlite and Focus on Energy to offer these light bulbs to us free of charge. They are being distributed to individual homes through non-profit or community organizations. The purpose is to help each of us reduce energy costs. Each bulb is a A19 60-watt equivalent.

Pick up one package of 4 bulbs in the Narthex.

## Offering Envelopes

Unfortunately the company we ordered our offering envelopes from is experiencing a paper shortage and will not be able to fulfill our order until the end of January. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Feel free to use any envelope you have to send us your offerings. If you attend worship, there will be a stack of envelopes in the back of the church you can use for your contributions.

## Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: [info@grace-church.org](mailto:info@grace-church.org)

Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: [pastorphil@grace-church.org](mailto:pastorphil@grace-church.org)

If you missed one of our services, you can find them on the “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page. If you would like to follow along with a bulletin they can be found on our website (<https://grace-church.org/>) under the “Our Ministry” section.

Services are also broadcast on the following platforms:

### Televised Service

Sunday 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Thursday 1:30pm Cable Channel 993 (ChipVal CTV Pub Ed)

### Radio Service

Sunday 8:30am WAYY 790 AM

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Thursday by 12:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at [info@grace-church.org](mailto:info@grace-church.org) or by calling the office at 715-832-9713