

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



January 14, 2024
10:00am

GATHERING

Prelude

Variations on "All Glory Be to God on High" Johann Walther

Land Acknowledgment and Invocation

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

We gather on the traditional homelands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota peoples.

We acknowledge that through our Maker we are all related.

The roads that brought us here today were places where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land, and still do today.

We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation—human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky—that belong to God.

Opening Hymn Jesus Calls Us

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Apostolic Greeting



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



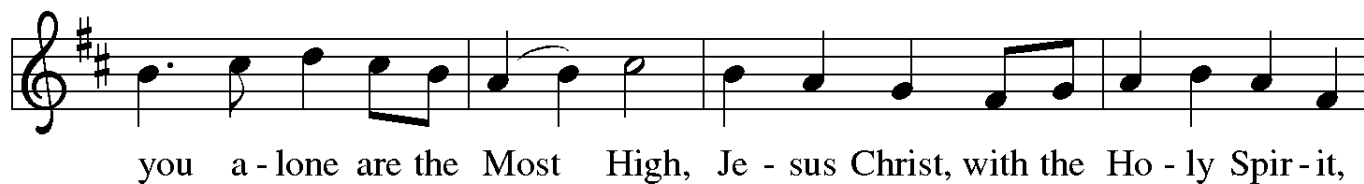
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

Children's Message

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1–20

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for

you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer–sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem *Here I Am Lord*

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart

Daniel Schutte/arr. Craig Courtney

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
‘Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
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The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12–20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for

fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

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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The Gospel for today comes from John 1:43–51

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Will You Come and Follow Me (verses 1, 2, & 4)

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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

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Dearest Jesus at Your Word

J. S. Bach

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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'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.

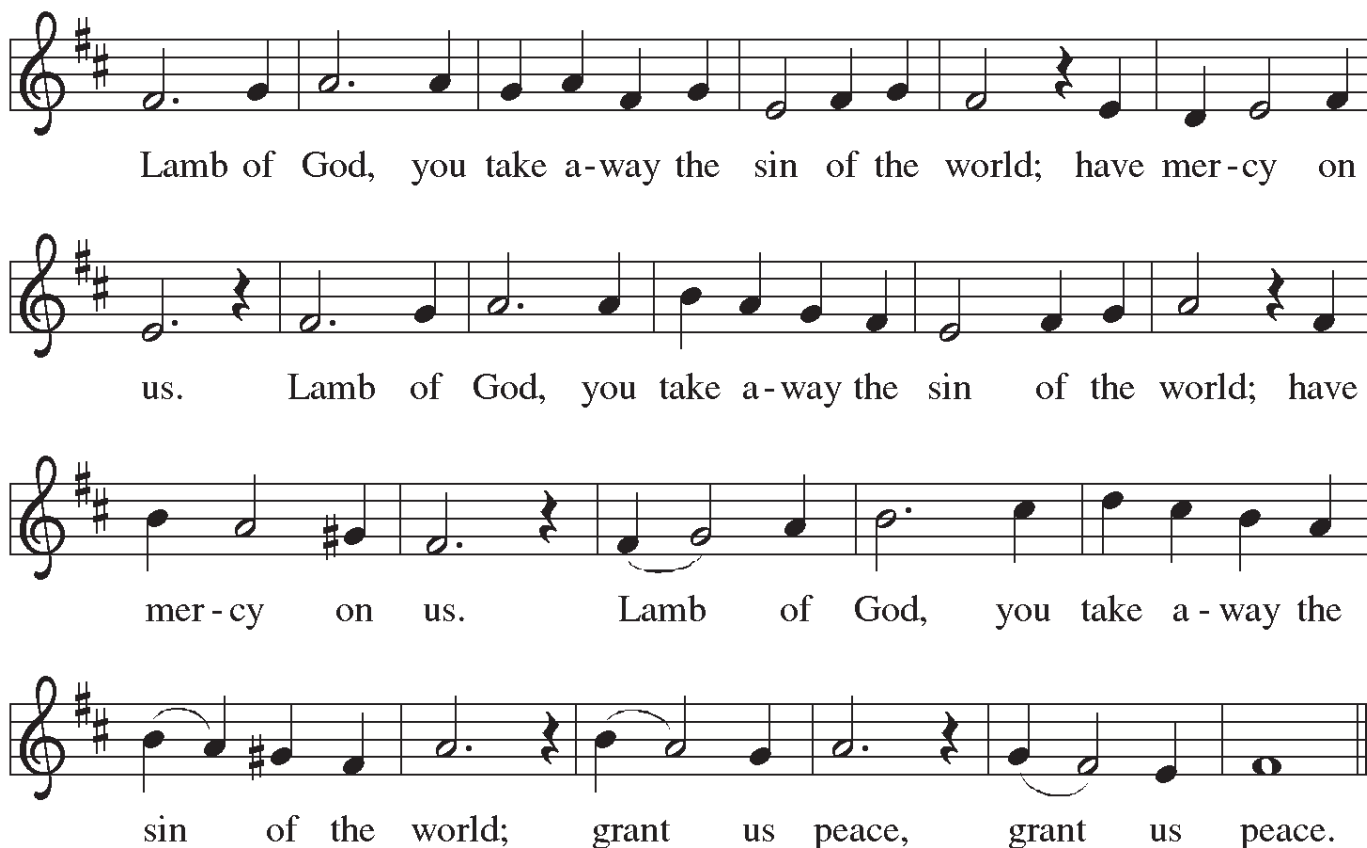
Eucharistic Prayer

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

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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.

Prayer After Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, † bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in G

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Minister: Pastor Phil Ruge–Jones **Organist:** Elaine Mann
Assisting Minister: Bev Page **Choir Director:** Diana Cataldi
Reader: Barb Eidahl

Weekly Calendar

<u>SUNDAY (14th)</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>THURSDAY</u>
Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am	Prayer Group – 11am Strong Bodies – 1pm Church Council – 7pm	Strong Bodies – 1pm Pacibells Rehearsal – 6pm
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY (21st)</u>
<i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	Crafters – 10am Text Study – 12pm Choir Rehearsal – 7pm	Coffee Hour – 9:30am Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Jonah, Scouts, ECWiT, ADRC, Theater Guild

Annual Meeting and Ministry Reports

Grace Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting will be held on February 4th at 11am after the regular worship service. Please plan on attending so we can have a voting quorum.

If your ministry still needs to turn in their report for the annual meeting packet, please do so as soon as possible.

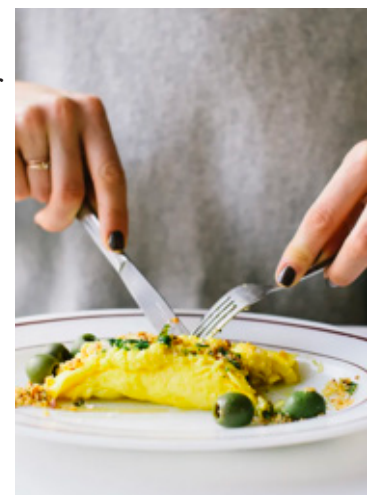


Brrr, It's Cold Outside!

The Mission Outreach Ministry is coordinating a hot breakfast to be served on Thursday, January 25 for our brothers and sisters staying at Sojourner House. We are looking for volunteers to make egg bake casseroles and to provide juice and bread, peanut butter, and jelly. Here are the items that we need:

- 6 Egg Bake Casseroles: Recipes may be picked up at the Lighthouse in the narthex or call Deb or Carla for the recipe. These are very simple recipes requiring few ingredients; 2 of the recipes will be meatless. Please make in a 9x13 disposable pan. Bake the casserole and cover with aluminum foil. The casseroles will be reheated by the staff.

- 6 Cartons of Orange juice
- 8 Loaves of White Bread (Aldi's have great deals on bread)
- 3 Jars Peanut Butter (Creamy only)
- 3 Jars Jelly



Please deliver these items to Sojourner House on Wednesday, January 24 between 2:00–4:00. Madison, the coordinator will be there to collect the. If you are unable to deliver, please call Deb and she will arrange delivery to Sojourner House for you.

Call Deb Heath (715–590–3566) or Carla Reppert–Lokken (715–225–2574) with any questions
Let's help our friends at Sojourner House start their day with a hot breakfast!

Sunday School

Classes will be held during the worship service following the children's message on the following dates:

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| • January 21 | • March 3 | • April 21 |
| • February 4 | • March 17 | • May 5 |
| • February 18 | • April 7 | • May 19 |

Noisy Offering: Make a Joyful Noise

Time to ring in the new year by bringing your coins for the Noisy Offering on January 21. The children of Grace will gather loose change from our pockets and purses during our worship service. Of course paper money and checks are welcome in any season! Our special offering will go toward World Central Kitchen (WCK).

WCK is the world's foremost provider of emergency meals, serving meals worldwide in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises. WCK has provided more than 300 million fresh and nourishing meals since it was founded in 2010. From the fires in Maui to the recent tornadoes in Tennessee to Ukraine and to Gaza and Isreal, WCK has provided meals in over 45 countries around the the world. Charity Navigator give it a 4 star, 100% rating.



World Relief

Many of you may have seen the media reports about refugees who will be settling in our area through the work of World Relief. The voices that are best informed about the process have often not been included in the reporting. Pastor Phil and the education ministry have invited Jodi Jewell, World Relief's Community Engagement Specialist, to help us understand the process from a social and biblical perspective. She will also indicate ways we might consider assisting in this work. Please join us for a forum on January 28th after the worship service in the Parable Chapel to learn more about this ministry welcoming people into our area.

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this week were donated by John Schaaf in memory of his mother Juanita Schaaf for her birthday, January 8.

If you would like to donate altar flowers, there are forms available in the entryway between the narthex and the parable chapel. Also, you can order flowers through our website by going to the GIVE page.

Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

Phone: 715-832-9713

Email: info@grace-church.org

Rev. Dr. Phil Ruge-Jones: pastorphil@grace-church.org

Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org> go to “Our Ministry.”

Bulletins can also be found at <https://grace-church.org/> under the “Our Ministry.”

Recordings of worship services are also broadcast on:

- Televised on Sundays 10:30am WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

If you missed one of our services, they are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/channel/Uck3CdLQ1sDO6esaa3zUMKCQ>

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713