



## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*January 5, 2025*

*Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
500 South Wayne Avenue, Waynesboro, VA 22980*



## HOLY COMMUNION

*(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Three)*

*Congregational responses are in bold print*

*We welcome all our visitors, members, friends and family to this morning's celebration of the Word and Sacrament. We gather each week to worship, study and share fellowship so we can joyfully serve others. We especially welcome those new to our worship. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to tell you more about Grace! Please fill in a visitor card and place it in the offering plate.*

*We ask that all who commune fill in a communion card.*  
*We have Gluten Free Communion Wafers available.*  
*Please inform Assisting Minister or Pastor of your need.*

*Restrooms: Located to your left as you face the rear of the church.*

*During worship, you'll notice parts of the service in regular type, which are spoken/prayed by various worship leaders. Then there are the parts you and the rest of the congregation respond and/or pray in bold type. All of us are participants as we worship God! When asked to stand, please do so as you are able.*

*As Jesus welcomed all in the crowds who gathered around him, so he welcomes us.*



**Gathering**

### Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: "Carol of the Bells"

Hannah Pingel, Piano

arr. Winston

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Father, and of the Son **☩** and of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

**Amen.**

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

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

God-with-us,  
**we confess that we have turned away**  
**those seeking shelter,**  
**claiming there is no room when we have plenty.**  
**We have made power and wealth our idols,**  
**while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.**  
**We have overlooked the shepherds,**  
**expecting good news in prettier packaging.**  
**Too often, we have valued violence**  
**instead of your peace.**  
**Turn us from our ways to your ways.**  
**Grant us the grace to begin again.**  
**Free us from all that keeps us bound,**  
**and forgive our sin,**  
**through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.**  
**Amen.**

Hear the good news and rejoice!  
You are God's chosen ones,  
holy and beloved,  
**☩** forgiven in Christ,  
and freed to respond in joy.  
**Amen.**



**Gathering Hymn:** "Brightest and Best of the Stars"

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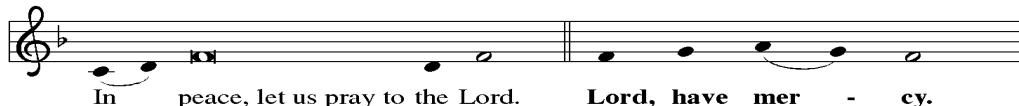
### Greeting

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

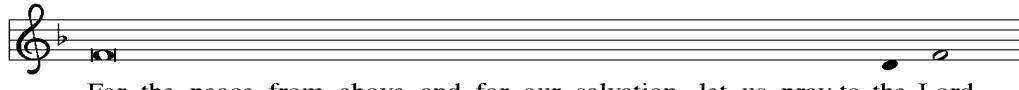
And also with you.

# Kyrie

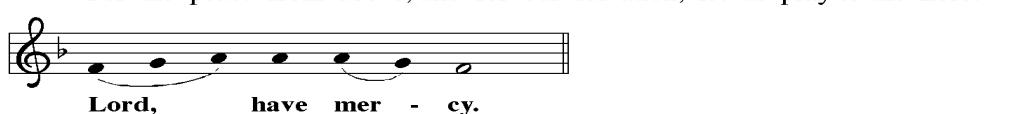
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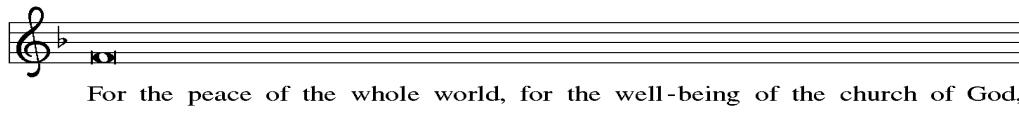
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



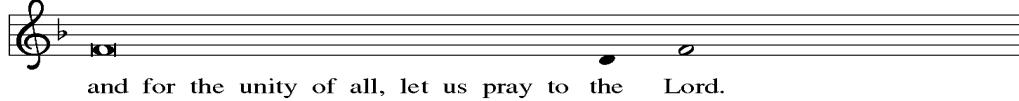
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



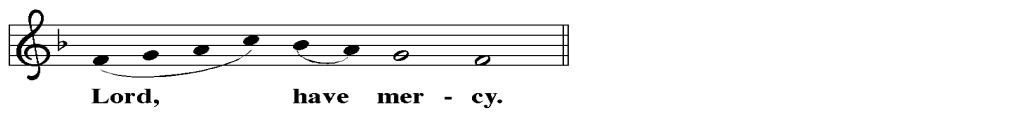
Lord, have mercy.



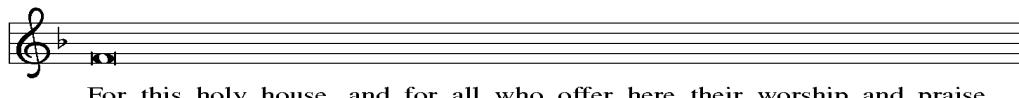
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



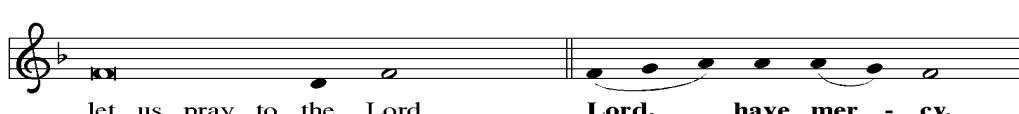
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



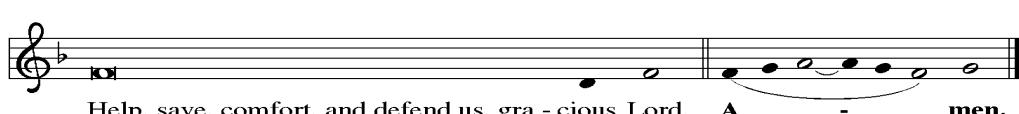
Lord, have mercy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo- ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all crea-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

4 For the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Alleluia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Prayer of the Day

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

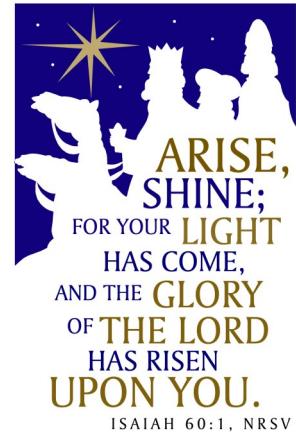
**Amen.**

*We sit.*

**Word**

### First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah:



<sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup> For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup> Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

<sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup> A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

1Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.  
**2May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**  
3May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.  
**4May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**  
5May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.  
**6May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**  
7In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.  
  
**10May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.**  
11May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.  
**12For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.**  
13He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.  
**14From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**



## **Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12**

A reading from Ephesians:

<sup>1</sup> This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup> for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup> and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup> a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: <sup>6</sup> that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup> so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**We stand.**



**Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John 6:68, adapt. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
    are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
    for from you shall come a ruler  
        who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

***We sit.***

**Children's Message**

**Pastor Pingel**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Pingel**

***Silence for reflection follows the sermon.***

*We stand.*

Hymn of the Day: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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**Nicene Creed**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**



### Prayers of Intercession

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words.*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### Peace

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

*Please greet those around you and offer a sign of peace to one another.*

*We sit.*

**Meal**

### Offertory

*We stand.*



**Offertory Response:**



**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful  
*Offering Song***

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth,  
from the beginning, you have called forth life,  
in which you take delight.  
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.  
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,  
that we may join the chorus of creation  
to tell of your salvation from day to day.  
Amen.



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.

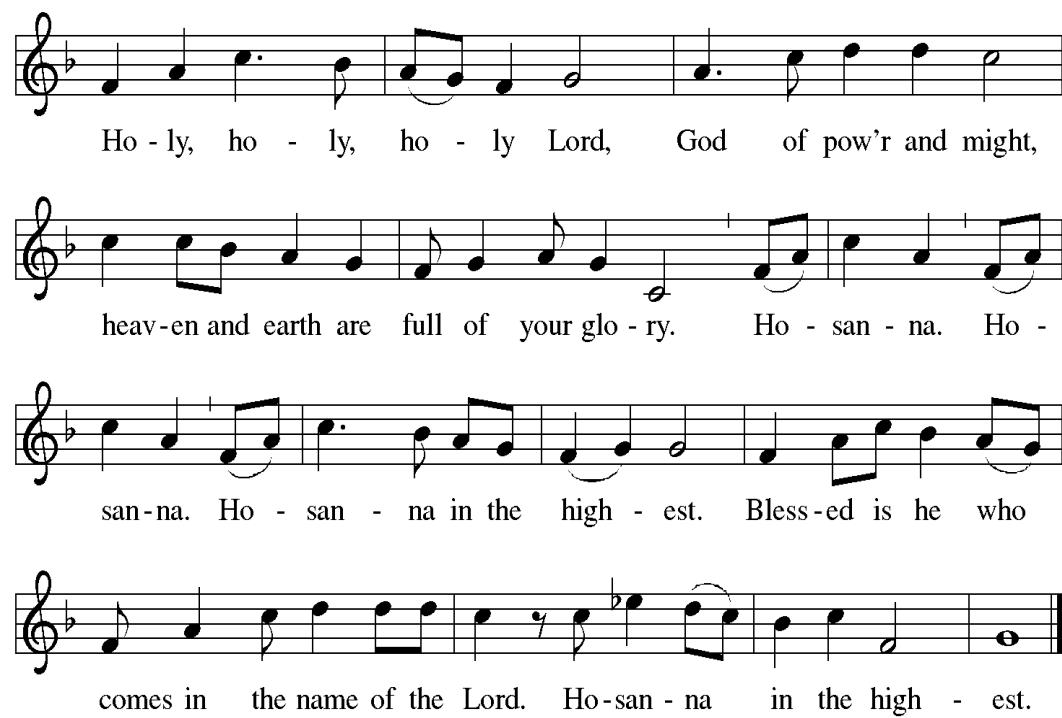
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Music notation: The music consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below each staff.

### Preface

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:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. 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.

### Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God,  
we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**



### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

### Baba Yetu

Baba Yetu uliye mbinguni, jina lako  
litukuzwe;  
ufalme wako urike,  
utakalo lifanyike  
duniani kama mbinguni.  
Utupe leo mkate wetu wa kila siku,  
utusamehe makosa yetu,  
kama nasi tunavyowasamehe waliotukosea.  
Usitutie katika kishawishi,  
lakini utuopoe maovuni.  
Amina.

### Invitation to Communion

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.  
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*We sit.*



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.

### The Holy Communion

**OUR LORD BIDS YOU WELCOME TO THIS HOLY MEAL!** At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Here we receive Christ's body and blood and God's gifts of forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation to be received by faith for the strengthening of faith. In this sacrament the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. This real presence is a mystery. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord — regardless of Church denomination — to those who are baptized. (Taken from the ELCA statement on worship. The Use and Means of Grace ©1997)

**Ushers will invite you to come down the center aisle. We commune at the railing, filling up the rail from the center out. Grape juice is available on the center table as you come forward, or you will receive the wine from the Communion Assistant. You may kneel or stand at the railing. Receive the bread from the pastor or assisting minister at the railing, then the Communion Assistant will announce "the blood of Christ" as you receive the wine/grape juice. Place your empty cup in the trays at the end of the railing, and return to your seat via the side aisle.**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

The Communion Blessing

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

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands.*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Merciful God,  
**we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.**  
**Strengthened by this goodness,**  
**send us forth to announce your peace,**  
**comfort the afflicted,**  
**and share the good news of great joy.**  
**Amen.**



**Sending**

*Communion ministers may be sent to take the sacrament from this gathering to those who are absent.*

Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and Sacrament to our sisters and brothers. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### Blessing

The God of love,  
Father, **✚** Son, and Holy Spirit,  
shower you with grace,  
illumine your path,  
and increase your joy,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song:** “*Let the Whole Creation Cry*”

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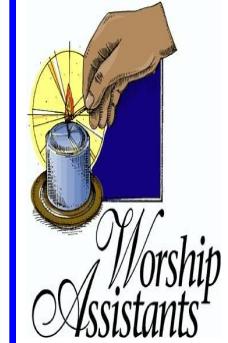
Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

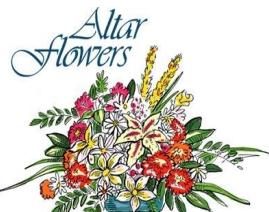


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*Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today*



*Acolyte:* Reva Franklin  
*Altar Flowers:* Open  
*Altar Guild:* Lisa & Glen Gray  
*Assisting Minister:* Kathy Bump  
*Communion Assistant:* Karen Walck  
*Council Person of the Week:* Jerry Kite  
*Offering Stewards:* Pat Brady  
*Ushers:* Dave Proctor  
 Pat Brady  
 Jerry Kite



*Chancel flowers are given  
this morning  
to the glory of God*



*The Lord will  
bless his people  
with peace.*  
*Psalm 29:11*

*Next Sunday's Schedule*  
**Sunday, January 12, 2025**  
*First Sunday of Christmas*

*Service of Holy Communion  
and via You Tube*

*Pastor Paul Pingel  
Presiding and Preaching*

*Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-25*



**Please print** your new prayer concerns before worship on the sheet in the white notebook located in the back of our Worship area. Please ask ushers if you need assistance. **Names on the prayer list will remain on for four weeks**, in an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us. If the need is longer term, please notify the church office,

**Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

Ron Almarode

Linda Meyer

**Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for four (4) weeks)**

**Elaine Bradley**, Neighbor of the Proctors  
**Judy Simpson**, Sister of Sharon Lynch

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

Genevieve Arneson  
Bill Kelley  
Dwight Moomaw

Carol Wolf

Marge Cloutier  
Phyllis Kite  
Carol Varner

**Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for three (3) months)**

**Bishop C. D. Brown**, Friend of Grace  
**Natalie Dodge**, Friend of the Almarodes  
**Bev Gerard**, Friend of the Myers  
**Michael Kavaris**, Friend of the Almarodes  
**Gary Murray**, Friend of Gail Johnson  
**Pastor Gordon Putnam**, St. James Lutheran Church  
**Roy Reid**, Father of Mary Huerth  
**The Sipe Family**, Friends of Many at Grace  
**Laura Siwik**, Niece of Linda Meyer  
**Pastor Jim Youngblood**, Bethany Lutheran Church

**Members/Friends Grieving (Remain on List for four (4) weeks\*)**

**Family of Caitlin Bomar**, Friend of Many at Grace  
**Family of Janice Collins**, Friend of Many at Grace  
**Family of Kathy Hill**, Cousin of Cindy Trauscht  
**Family of Barb Ostrander**, Friend of Many at Grace  
**Family of Robert Smith**, Cousin of Linda Tomey  
**Family of Dickson Spencer**, Friend of Donna Gum

**Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Celebrating Birthdays**

**Mike Myers (1/5)**  
**Linda Meyer (1/8)**  
**Andrew Sell (1/9)**

**Jim Huerth (1/6)**  
**Vivian Proctor (1/8)**  
**Gene McCombs (1/10)**

**Prayers for the World**

Victims of the New Orleans ramming attack; of the school shooting at Abundant Life Christian School, Madison, Wisconsin; Baltimore area shooting.

**South Korean Airline crash and the families of the 179 victims; families of 38 victims in Azerbaijan Airline Crash.**

For our Nation in mourning over the death of President Jimmy Carter; and as the inauguration of President Donald Trump approaches.

**For peace in the Middle East, especially in Gaza.**

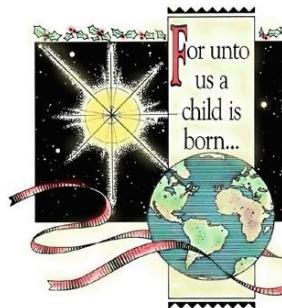
Continuing war in Ukraine; for the people of Syria in a time of transition.

**The Church**

**For WARM (Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry) now in operation.**

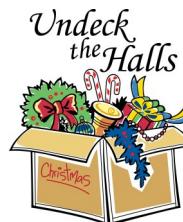
The ELC-PNG (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea) - our Companion Church of the Virginia Synod.

St. James Lutheran Church, Fishersville, VA





**With Gratitude to the People of Grace** - Dear Friends in Christ: *Thank you* for your generous Holiday Gift given to me on Christmas Eve. It has been *my* blessing to serve with you here at Grace since 2012, and I pray this New Year that our life together continues to serve God's Mission for us - a Mission of Grace: a Mission of following Jesus wherever he leads us! Thank you for your expression of love and support.



**Christmas Takedown after Worship!** - Today's observance of Epiphany signals the end of the Christmas Season. Christmas decorations need to come down. If you can offer some of your time and expertise (and knowledge of where things are stored) to help, it would be much appreciated.



**God in Odd Places**—In this six-session class, participants will examine and discuss religious, spiritual, and theological issues suggested by movies, Short stories, contemporary music, poems, cartoons and comic strips, and other expressions of popular culture. Led by Pastor Mark Radecke and open to adults and high school youth, the class will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on January 16. A sign-up sheet for those interested is available in the narthex. Unfortunately, the previous sign-up sheet has been misplaced. **If you previously signed up, please sign up again.**



**Last Call For Redwood Crosses!** There are still 7" and 15" crosses available in the narthex, made from the wood of the fallen Tower Cross. Make a donation to either the Thanksgiving and Memorial Fund or ELCA World Hunger, suggested at \$15 for the 7" cross, \$25 for the 15" cross, \$40 for the 22" cross. We'll leave the crosses out for the next couple of weeks.



**The Living Lutheran Magazine available in Print!** Responding to numerous requests for a return to print form, our ELCA Living Lutheran Magazine is once again available in quarterly form! This important publication connects us to the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church America, allows us to read many stories pertaining to our daily walk of faith, and offers encouragement and creativity as to what God is up to in the Church! You can subscribe at <https://www.livinglutheran.org/subscribe/>



**Forums in January about proposed use of Grace Property** - Please plan on coming to one of three forums! - *starting this week:*

- Tuesday, January 7th, 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 12th, after worship
- Tuesday, January 14th, at Noon.

The purpose of the Forums will be to share information and provide an opportunity to discuss the possible use of Grace Property for needs related to Childcare and/or Housing. Your participation in these Forums is important! Please look at your calendars and plan on coming to one of the three sessions.



**Grace Website is Once Again Up and Running!** Many thanks to Randy Fink, who has spent numerous hours getting our website going again. If you go to [www.gelcwaynesboro.org](http://www.gelcwaynesboro.org), you will be directed to our new site, now at [www.gracelutheranwaynesboro.org](http://www.gracelutheranwaynesboro.org). We do anticipate smoother going in the coming weeks, and look forward to updating our content in early 2025. Check out our Facebook page too!

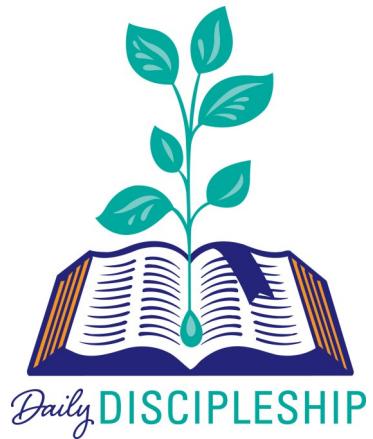


**Opportunity to respond to God's Grace with our Offerings!** Many people are turning to technology to offer their offerings to God in thanksgiving for all that God has done! You can use the QR code in this announcement to make your gift through your cell phone, through Tithe.ly, a secure giving method that's been used by many at Grace for years.



*Life of Grace Church*  
January 5–12, 2025

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday		8:30 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>
		10:00 a.m.	<b>Epiphany of Our Lord</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding
	01/05	11:15 a.m.	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>
		11:15 a.m.	<b>Confirmation Class</b>
Monday	01/06		
Tuesday	01/07	9:30 a.m.	<b>Quilting</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	<b>Grace Member Property Forum</b> (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	01/08	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prayer Group</b> (Chapel)
		6:00 p.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
		7:15 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>
Thursday	01/09	8:30 a.m.	<b>Grace Walkers</b>
		12:30 p.m.	<b>Bridge Club</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		5:30 p.m.	<b>Virginia Organizing</b> (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m.	<b>Bible Study</b> (Conference Room)
Friday	01/10		<b>Church Office Closed</b>
Saturday	01/11	11:00 a.m.	<b>Yoga</b> (Seminar Room)
Sunday		8:30 a.m.	<b>Adult Sunday School</b>
		10:00 a.m.	<b>Baptism of Our Lord</b> Service of Holy Communion Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching and Presiding
	01/12	11:15 a.m.	<b>Children's Sunday School</b>
		11:15 a.m.	<b>Confirmation Class</b>



**Monday**  
Isaiah 52:7-10  
Revelation 21:22-27  
Matthew 12:14-21  
Morning Psalm 98, Evening 99

**Tuesday**  
Isaiah 52:3-6  
Revelation 2:1-7  
John 2:1-11  
Morning Psalm 48, Evening 9

**Wednesday**  
Isaiah 59:15b-21  
Revelation 2:8-17  
John 4:46-54  
Morning Psalm 111, Evening 107

**Thursday**  
Isaiah 63:1-5  
Revelation 2:18-29  
John 5:1-15  
Morning Psalm 20, Evening 93

**Friday**  
Isaiah 65:1-9  
Revelation 3:1-6  
John 6:1-14  
Morning Psalm 99, Evening 96

**Saturday**  
Isaiah 65:13-16  
Revelation 3:7-13  
John 6:15-27  
Morning Psalm 72, Evening 100

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*Monday-Thursday*

*Closed Friday*

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