

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 19, 2025 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa
Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!
Congregational response in bold.

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Charles Callahan, arranger

Announcements

Call to Worship

Heart & Voice Choir *Spirit of Life*

Remembrance of Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.

You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you.
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.

You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit † keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

O God beyond All Praising ELW 880

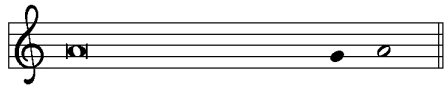
- 1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
- 2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.
- 3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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

In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



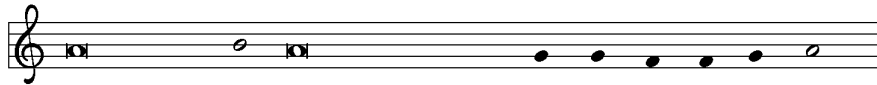
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - men.

Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast.....ELW p. 149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God, **source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought**

gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Come Gracious Spirit Words by Simon Brown (1680-1752) Music by Eugene Butler

*Come gracious spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above.
Be our guardian, be our guide, over every thought and step preside.*

*The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose your way.
Plant holy zeal in every heart that we from God may never depart.*

*Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor from His pastures let us stray.
Lead us to holiness, to the road that we must take to dwell with God.*

*Lead us to joy and let us there our gifts and talents all to share.
Lead us to heaven, our final rest to be with God, forever blest!*

Children's Message

Scripture | 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore, I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says, "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5-10

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia ELW p. 151



Holy Gospel | John 2:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So, they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

One Bread, One Body..... ELW 496

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

- 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*
- 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*
- 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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Prayers of the People

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Lead us, O God:
lead us by your light.

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

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

Call to Offering

By trusting in God's ability to multiply our gifts, we not only illuminate the presence of Jesus in our lives but also cultivate joy and renewal within our communities. May we approach our contributions with peace and hope, recognizing that our shared efforts can create a more abundant and vibrant world.

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering words and music by Dwight Liles

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an
of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our
voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an
of - fer - ing.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of grace, **your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

The 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 God thanks and praise.

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.

Lord's Prayer

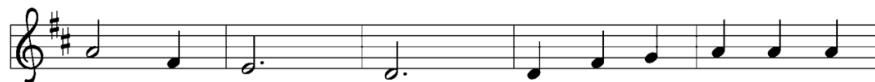
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymn

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (verse 1) ELW 815



I I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

Beloved children of God, what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The light of Christ † shine on you with grace and mercy and fill you with joy and peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing ELW 537

1 On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

Refrain

On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
on our way rejoicing now and evermore. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Sending

Go in peace, guided by the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Allegretto.....William Boyce

Interested in Joining Grace?

Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace.

Do You Receive the Weekly Update Email?

Every Thursday we email out the Weekly Update with current announcements, links, birthdays, anniversaries, Synod/ELCA updates, and more. If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact Annie in the church office.

Sparkhouse Magazines

Children's Sparkhouse Magazines are available in the Narthex. We encourage families to take home a copy and enjoy the pictures and stories about ways we live as children of God.



Junior Bible Study | Today: From Shepherd to King

Each week we will hear familiar Bible stories and enjoy the beautiful illustrations from THE STORY for Kids and Little Ones. *We meet after the children's message at both Sunday services.*

Serving in Worship

- Director of Outreach & Youth Minister** Pastor Kirsten Lee
- Assisting Minister** Kathy Shriver
- Communion Assistants** Kathy Shriver, Russ Finkler, Gloria Lange, Colleen Levens
- Communion Bread** Carol Keller
- Acolyte** Matt Levens
- Crucifer** Matt Levens
- Greeters** Kathy Higgins, Cindy Lee
- Ushers** Rod Levens Sr, Rod Levens Jr
- Jr Bible Study** Jane Krumwiede, Deb Gustafson
- Sound System** Russ Finkler
- Prayers** Nancy Boehme
- Altar Guild** Gloria Lange
- Heart & Voice Choir Director** Sally Meier
- Organist** Susan Senn
- Pianist** Kathi Parrish
- Worship Tech & Praise Band Leader** Vey Rodriguez
- Coffee/Cookies/Snacks** Gloria & Jim Lange, Kathy Higgins

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 19

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream
9:30am Coffee Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 20

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer
5:00pm Sweet Arts Club
7:00pm Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 21

9:00am Naomi Circle
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, January 22

11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 23

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, January 24

Saturday, January 25

Sunday, January 26

9:30am **Joint Worship Service**
10:30am **Annual Meeting**

Monday, January 27

10:30am Staff Meeting
4:30pm Centering Prayer on Zoom

Tuesday, January 28

10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

Wednesday, January 29

11:00am THE STORY Bible Study - PBH
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 30

7:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Friday, January 31

5:15pm Hope at the Brickhouse Dinner

Saturday, February 1

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Looking Ahead

- **January 26 Joint Worship 9:30am and Annual Meeting**
- **January 31** Dinner Service at Hope at the Brickhouse
- **February 2** IFF Brunch & Mimosas
- **February 3** Pray & Play
- **February 4** Puzzles Party & Snacks
- **February 6** THE STORY evening Bible study resumes
- **March 3** Pray & Play
- **March 5** Ash Wednesday
- **March 12** Midweek Lenten Worship Begins
- **March 19** Midweek Lenten Worship

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Weekly Update



Joint Worship & Annual Mtg | Next Sunday!

Joint Worship 9:30am | Annual Meeting 10:30am

Please plan to join us at our annual meeting! Annual reports will be distributed via email, and there will be a few printed copies available in the narthex and at the meeting.

THE STORY Bible Study

Weekly - Wednesdays at 11am | Monthly - Resumes Thursday, February 6, 7pm

THE STORY helps people understand God's Word and powerfully engages with Bible reading like never before - anyone who is interested is welcome to join us at anytime during the series. Pastor Stephanie can answer any questions.

Hope at the Brickhouse | January 31

Arrive 5:15pm | Serve 5:30pm | Done 6:30pm. Sign up in the Narthex to sign up to help and/or supply food. We will need three volunteers to prepare an entree that serves 12 (breakfast casserole) as well as a vegetable, fruit, dessert and half-gallon of milk. If you have any questions please contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 or kcjewel21@gmail.com.

IFF Mimosa Brunch | February 2



IFF will have its annual brunch on Sunday, February 2, at the home of Kathy Shriver with Dennis & Nancy Boehme co-hosting. Join us at 11:30am for mimosas with brunch following. If you have never attended IFF or it has been a while, please join us and enjoy not only a great meal but great company. *Please RSVP to Kathy 563-650-1952 or Nancy 563-320-6203 by Wednesday, January 22, if at all possible.*

Puzzle Swap & Party

January 15-February 4 Bring puzzles to exchange

February 4, 1:30pm Join us at church for puzzles and snacks

Greetings all! These first few months of the year can be a bit dreary. To help pass the time, we invite you to participate in a puzzle exchange! You can bring your puzzles starting Sunday, January 15 thru February 4 and placing them on a table outside the Sanctuary for others to pick up and take home. We will also gather on Tuesday, February 4 at 1:30pm for a brief devotion and to puzzle together. Please bring your favorite snack to share.



Naomi Circle | January 21

WELCA: Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday each month, September thru May, 9:00am at church and we enjoy bible study and refreshments. Questions? Contact Marilyn Schreiber marilyn.schreiber@icloud.com or 563-340-0350.

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Donations For Madison Elem Bingo Night

Madison Elementary is hosting a bingo night with gift baskets that will be raffled to benefit their PTO. The Outreach and CYF teams decided to donate an ice cream basket. If you want to join, **we'll collect ice cream toppings, gift cards to local ice cream shops, ice cream bowls, etc.** Donations need to be brought to church by Thursday, January 23. Please see Pastor Kirsten with any questions.

Pray & Play for Spring 2025

We'd love to have you share Pray & Play info with families that would benefit - they can register online at bit.ly/PPRegSP25 or contact Pr. Kirsten at 563-322-0769 to request further details or a paper application. Printed flyers are in the narthex - feel free to share!



PRAY & PLAY

Join us for fun when school is out!
at Grace Lutheran Church | 1140 E High St, Davenport

For kids ages 5-10 | Cost* \$10 per session
Lunch and snacks provided. Close supervision provided by screened and qualified staff. Space is limited.

Activities Include: Games, Playground Time, Arts & Crafts, Music, Dancing, Bible Stories, Educational Programming, and More!

SPRING 2025 DATES & TIMES
February 3
March 3
April 14

Registration Required 8:30am-4:00pm

Register Online at: bit.ly/PPRegSP25
OR Scan the QR Code OR request a paper copy from your school counselor OR email office@gracewelcomesyou.org



*Scholarships are available upon request: no child will be turned away for financial circumstances.

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Grief Support Group | February 5

The Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Please join us! Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Contact: Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Men's Lunch | Noon Wednesdays

Men's "Lunch & Conversation" meets every Wed at Noon at Grace. You can bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme at 563-320-2661 or boehmed@aol.com to be added to the email list.

Centering Prayer | Mondays 4:30pm

Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

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