

Sunday Worship 9:00AM Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30AM

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FEBRUARY 16, 2025 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

And He lifted up His eyes on His disciples, and said:



Grace Lutheran Church and School

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Church: (979)-836-3475 School: (979)-836-2030 "Caring For People By Connecting Them With Christ Jesus"

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN as we gather for worship of our loving God, who spared not His own Son, but put Him upon the cross in payment for our sins. May all that we give and receive this day resound to His honor and glory. Members and especially GUESTS are urged to complete the registration card located in the pew rack. If you are visiting with us, we cordially invite your return. Our Pastors will be happy to speak with you.

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE – LSB page 151 + In Nomine Jesu +

The Sacrament of the Altar will be celebrated today. Grace Lutheran practices closed communion, for God's Word teaches and we believe that communicants receive the very body and the very blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine. God's Word also teaches and we believe that one who eats and drinks while denying the real presence and the benefits and blessings of the Sacrament, eats and drinks judgment upon himself. As the Christian Church is charged with the responsibility of "stewardship of the mysteries of God," we therefore ask that all who are not communicant members of Grace Lutheran please speak with one of our Pastors before communing. Our Pastors will assist you in becoming a communicant member through instruction in all the articles of faith, give you opportunity to publicly confirm your faith, and shepherd you as a member in good standing of this congregation. Those guests who are members in good stead of a sister Missouri Synod congregation and have previously spoken to our Pastors need only sign a communion card which is located in the pew. We trust that all will respect God's Word and our practice in accordance with its teachings.

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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THE DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE (Left Column)

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The Introit (Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 119:7)

P: I will praise You with an upright heart,

C: When I learn Your just and righteous decrees.

P: Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

C: Who walk in the law of the LORD!

P: Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,

C: Who seek Him with their whole heart.

P: You have commanded Your precepts

C: To be kept diligently.

P: Oh that my ways maybe steadfast

C: In keeping Your statutes!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

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C: When I learn Your just and righteous decrees.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵ Thus says the Lord:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man

And makes flesh his strength,

Whose heart departs from the Lord.

⁶ For he shall be like a shrub in the desert,

And shall not see when good comes,

But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,

In a salt land which is not inhabited.

⁷ "Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the Lord,

And whose hope is the Lord.

⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,

Which spreads out its roots by the river,

And will not fear when heat comes;

But its leaf will be green,

And will not be anxious in the year of drought,

Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

THE ANTHEM

"Give Thanks to the Lord"

Mark Patterson

Magdalena Obersat on Violin

Adult Choir

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁴ And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching *is* empty and your faith *is* also empty. ¹⁵ Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ, whom He did not raise up—if in fact the dead do not rise. ¹⁶ For if *the* dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26

¹⁷ And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, ¹⁸ as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. ¹⁹ And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all. ²⁰ Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you poor,

For yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed *are you* who hunger now,

For you shall be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now,

For you shall laugh.

²² Blessed are you when men hate you,

And when they exclude you,

And revile you, and cast out your name as evil,

For the Son of Man's sake.

²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!

For indeed your reward is great in heaven,

For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich,

For you have received your consolation.

²⁵ Woe to you who are full,

For you shall hunger.

Woe to you who laugh now,

For you shall mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when ¹all men speak well of you,

For so did their fathers to the false prophets.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

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THE SERMON Luke 6:17-26

"Faith that Hopes in Jesus" - Pastor Ogrodowicz

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THE CLOSING HYMN
THE POSTLUDE

"Jerusalem the Golden"

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SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders – Mike Flake, Aubrey Jaster, Mark Moerbe, Fred Hein Acolyte – Liam Hanson Usher Team – Doug Brown Organist – Rev. Lee Kunkel Altar Guild Assistants – Judy Rudloff (Communion Ware) Susie Thaler (Paraments)

Every Pastor worth his salt seeks to know the condition of his flock. Please make sure to inform the church office of any health-related issues in need of Pastoral care.

It is a blessed opportunity and privilege to serve the true Body and Blood of Christ to those saints unable to approach the altar. God continues to bring such saints to Grace. Therefore, we humbly ask worshipers to consider leaving the back row open for those needing Holy Communion brought to them in the Divine Service.

We extend our sincere Christian sympathy to the following families:



- ❖ Dixie, Casey & Teresa Voskamp and family upon the death of Lynnette Voscamp, Dixie's sister-in-law and Casey's aunt. Lynnette passed away on Tuesday, February 11.
- ❖ Reese & Janette Wawarosky and family upon the death of Tobyann Gace Turley, Janette's cousin. Tobyann passed away on Thursday, February 13.

Please keep both families in your prayers.

Bear Krolczyk, son of Matthew and Brittney Krolczyk will be received into the family of God by the washing of Holy Baptism during the worship service today. May the Holy Spirit keep Bear in the true faith unto the day of eternal life.



We Rejoice Along with proud great grandmother Ruth Hemann over the birth of her new great-granddaughter, Emma Jane Schultz. Emma was born February 13, 2025. Her parents are Cody & Kelly Schultz. Mom and baby are doing fine.





Today's Radio Broadcast has been sponsored anonymously "To spread the Gospel". The Sunday broadcast can be heard at 12:30 p.m. over KWHI 1280 AM.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Luke 6:20–21 – "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied." The Beatitudes are largely about emptiness: if you're poor, your pockets are empty. If you are hungry, your stomach is empty. If you are mourning, there's an emptiness in your heart that used to be filled with the presence of a loved one. Jesus assures us in each case that the Lord will fill our emptiness. That assurance gives us not only peace, but also courage to follow the Lord faithfully.

Men's Bible Breakfast is held on Tuesdays at 6:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Jimmie Maurer is responsible for breakfast this week. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.

Invitation: The ladies of the church are invited to a

<u>Come and Go Baby Shower</u> for Baby Schuller
on Sunday, February 23rd from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the FAC.
Gift ideas include: diapers (all sizes) baby wipes, or gift cards.
Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 19th to:

Tina Holzer 979-451-0081 Rebecca Moses 979-203-9669 Gloria Hoppens 979-251-2860



Teachers Needed: Looking for ADVENTURE and/or EXCITEMENT, become a Sunday School teacher, helper or substitute. Over the last few years,

the number of Sunday School students has increased and help is needed. If you are interested in helping, contact Casey Voskamp, Brian Markwardt or Derek Poehlmann.

Thrivent Member Reminder – Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2024 need to be directed by March 31st.

Grace Lutheran School 2025 Spring Gala

The PTL invites you to the annual Spring Gala – Denim and Diamonds! Get ready for a fun night of good food, fellowship, auctions and live music featuring Robert

Zientek & band. The money raised each year allows PTL to fund the many events and programs that GLS has throughout the school year. It also allows us to show appreciation to our dedicated teachers and staff and fund needs as they arise. Two items of priority for this year are security upgrades for the school and updating the Pre-K bathrooms and the girls/boys locker rooms.

When and Where: Saturday, March 29, 2025 5:00pm at the Brenham Fireman's Training Center

Invitations have been delivered to church member boxes and tickets are on sale now. Tickets will be available in the school office through March 14th. We will also be selling tickets after service through Sunday, March 9th.

We are also needing items for both the live and silent auctions! Items we are looking for include: Vacation home stays, Fishing or hunting trips, Themed dinners, Sports and outdoor items, Gift cards, Electronics, Tickets to events, Goods and services, Home décor, and more!

For Auction questions, please contact:
Brittany Hartfield at 361-550-5040 or britt0711@gmail.com

Thank you for your support of the school and PTL. We can't wait to see you at this year's Gala!

The next Grace PTL Spirit Night will be on February 27th at Nathan's BBQ. Stay tuned for more details. Plan to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.



Media publications by Grace pastors are posted on our website. Just go to https://www.glcsbren.org/media and you'll find plenty of theological content for your listening and watching pleasure. It's a great gift to those looking for a dose of confessional theology during the busy week.





Looking for the church calendar? Last week's bulletin? Can't remember a church officer you need to contact? Want to watch a church service? Listen to a podcast? Friends in Christ, check out the website at www.glcsbren.org. It has all these things and more for the benefit of God's blessed people

at Grace and also those looking to see what Grace Lutheran Church is about.



Check out the List of Speakers and see the QR code in the bottom left corner to Register for this

Choir Loft Piano Replacement - The Yamaha CVP-909 will be a wonderful addition to our music program and will greatly improve our ability to provide music during our worship services. Please check your narthex mailbox for details on how you can help with this important enhancement to our worship services. Read the proposal carefully and consider a contribution to the Grace Lutheran Music Fund in order to help fund the purchase

of this instrument. If you have questions not answered in the written proposal, Pastor Kunkel will be glad to speak with you.



Birthdays This Week:

Mon. 2/17 – Jean Blake, Dakota Miller, Bonnie Wellmann

Tues. 2/18 – Stephanie Grawunder

Wed. 2/19 - Marissa Moore, Kathleen Riske

Thurs. 2/20 – Andrew Markwardt

Anniversaries This Week:

Tues. 2/18 – Fred & Gladys Hein, (30th) Thurs. 2/20 – Kenneth & Sally Blum, (55th) Sat. 2/22 – John & Susan Worley, (5th)



Coffee and Doughnuts:



Today – Jaster & Reid Families

Next Sunday - Tompkins & Poehlmann Families



Grace Lutheran Choir Fund

➤ In Memory of Lucille Mitch given by Allan & Rebecca Moses Grace Lutheran High School Fund

> In Memory of Charles Hupe, given by Freddie & Linda Wellmann

ATTENDANCE

February 9: 285

Sunday School: 34 Teachers/Staff: 8 YABC: 5 ABC: 94 Visitors:

OFFERING

General Fund - \$13,768.00 Radio Ministry - \$385.00 Missions - \$345.00 Building Fund - \$ Memorials - \$45.00 Other - \$1,050.00

You Have a Place at Grace

"For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes" (Jeremiah 17:6).

Such is Jeremiah's description of the sinner who "trusts in man" and "makes flesh his strength." He doesn't see the good. So, he trusts in the bad. The problem here is one of distinction; he can't tell the difference between good and bad, truth and error, light and darkness. Isaiah brings ups the same thing in his fiery denouncement of unbelieving Israel: "woe to those who call evil good and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). Without ability to make distinctions between God and the devil, we're blind to sin, left to our devices, swimming in debt before God that only grows.

Jesus faced opposition in the Jews that reached a boiling point in His powerful invective against them: "Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes...And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not know the time of your visitation" (Luke 19:42,44). Enemies savored His death, seeing the cross as a victory over the One calling out the hypocrisy in Isarel's religious leaders and offering grace rather than more burdens too hard to bear.

Our lives confront enemies of the Church who are the shrubs in the desert blind to the good. Evil shines in exaltation while the goodness of God is shunned and abhorred. It's nothing new and has only worsened in recent years. The gulf always existing between Christians and pagans has both widened and clarified on a cultural level, and this isn't all bad. Firm party lines show one's allegiance. The enemy becomes clear and lukewarm attitudes are now hot or cold in a society brazen enough to champion perversity and scorn those who don't. Eyes that see the good see evil. We repent of our own sins and fix our eyes on the goodness of God in Jesus Who calls us out of darkness, away from the devil and demons deceiving and misleading until Jesus' imminent return.

Now's the time for vigilance, prayer, repentance, and faith. God forbid we forget His Word and become that shrub in the desert. Our prayer is to be awake, alive, faithful, and ready—ready at our visitation when the Good Himself comes to take His Church, restore all things, and give what He promises to His saints He raises from the dead.

-By Rev. Ryan J. Ogrodowicz, "You Have a Place at Grace," February 16th, 2025

Grace Lutheran Prayer Concerns For Church and Home



Members are encouraged to pray for each of the individuals on this list both in the times we gather together for worship and in our daily prayers.

"I urge first of all that, requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.... This is good and pleases God our Savior." – I Timothy 2:1&3

Members of Grace who are hospitalized, ill, or have on-going needs

Recovering from Surgery: Gary Finke, hip replacement - 1/28/25

<u>Prayers for Healing:</u> Mary Ann Hrnicko; Linda Tarver; Ruth Duvall; Pastor Jacobs; Nancy Boecker, macular degeneration of eyes; Linda Wellmann; Charlie Blake; Freddie Wellmann; Bonnie Wellmann

On-going Needs: Shirley Boeker, Glenn Brenner, Russell Chambers, Onis Finke, Clarence Gaskamp, Butch & Ann Goldberg, Hanson family loved ones, Donald Hendrickson, Richard Jacobs, Karen Markwardt, Diane Merkel, Benjamin Moerbe, Kenneth Muchow, Blake Sacre, Marilyn Schroeder, Lisa Steck, Vernell Thane; August Degner

Members of Grace in Nursing Homes or Homebound



Florence Boehnemann, B.Y. Boeker, Russell Chambers, David Diver, Kurt Duvall, Ruth Duvall, Geraldine Gloyna, Reuben & Darlene Grassl, Al Novosad, Laura Raitz, Harold Rietz, Lee Rogge, Sonny Schulte, Dorine Stoelke, Linda Tarver



Those Who are Serving our Country in the Armed Forces

Lt. Col. Matthew Moerbe – son of Mark & Anita Moerbe;

U.S. Air Force, stationed at the Pentagon

LTC Erich Roberts – son of David & Rose Roberts;

U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Moore, GA

Senior Airman Trenton Rylee Rutledge – grandson of Freddie & Linda Wellmann;

U.S. Air Force; now in North Dakota

PFC Riley Baugh – grandson of Pastor & Tina Holzer;

U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX

SSGT Terrell Felder – son of Larry Felder;

U. S. Air Force, stationed at Goodfellow AFB, TX

Cole Frazier – grandson of Tom & Doris Magee;

Offutt AFB, Nebraska

1LT Ivan R. Degner – grandson of August & Jo Ann Degner; is serving in the 11th ACR at Ft. Irwin, CA.

Sloan Snead – granddaughter of Allan & Colleen Symmank, Navy Medic, stationed in Jacksonville, Florida (right now)

SN Dylan James Hicks – grandson of James & Karen Studhalter Just finished boot camp for Navy, stationed in Great Lakes, IL

Those Serving in the Mission Field Abroad

Rev. Charles St-Onge & Family

Rev. Samuel Bobby & Family serving in Latvia

Rev. Micah Wildauer & Family

Pastor James May & Family serving in Kenya with Lutherans in Africa

Rev. Dr. David Preus & Family, serving in Romania, LCMS Eurasia Regional Dir.



Friends of our Congregation

Elaine King - niece of Billie Rogas

Harris Kubos, Jr. and Toni Navarre – friends of Eunice Drews

Blanche McMullen – sister-in-law of Billie Rogas

Tim Andrews – neighbor of Knodt's & Roberts'

Regan, Lesley & Beckett Adams - cousins of Joe Green

Marjorie Schroeder, sister; Janis Stayton, sister-in-law; Rick Hammitt, nephew (ALS);

Travis Bartay, grandson (Diabetes I) - relative of Shirley Boeker

Brynley Frazier - great-granddaughter of Magee's

Carolyn Zibilski, Mark Marburger, Dean Winkelmann, Scott Hodde

- friends of Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder

Betty Maltby - aunt of Mike McArthur, sister of Mildred McArthur

Janice Eckhardt – daughter-in-law of Jimmie Eckhardt

Marcie Brighton - mother of Elizabeth Schuller

Kathy Hudson – mother of Tim Hudson

Rebecca Dahmann - sister-in-law of the David and Michael Dahmann families

Delano Klausmeyer - very good friend of Judy Rudloff

Gloria Hanath – sister of Eunice Drews – prayers for healing

Deonna Moses – daughter-in-law of Dorothy Moses – diagnosed with cancer

Tom Insley - friend of Michael & Kimberly Parks, cancer

Hank Voelter - grandson of Don & Karen Voelter, battling leukemia

Sherree Pence - niece of Delphine & Sandra Addicks, diagnosed with cancer

Donnie Eckhardt - son of Jimmie Eckhardt, Kimberly Parks' brother

Tricia Kelm - friend of Richard & Diane Merkel

Edna Parks - mother of Michael Parks

Ernest Ware – friend of Cristine Weige, stroke, prayers for healing, long hard recovery

Caleb Reid - grandson of Alan & Linda Reid, still has issues, please pray for him and family

Tammy Hill – daughter of Elroy & Bonnie Wellmann – diagnosed with cancer

Bill & Peggy Miller - Johnnie Schroeder's sister & brother-in-law (prayers for healing);

Troy & Kathleen Schroeder - Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder's son & daughter-in-law (prayers for healing)

Wanda Adams – sister of Carol Guebert & Nathan Walter - recovering at home in Ft. Worth

Stacie Erickson – daughter of Charles & Jean Blake

Lincoln Tiemann – friend of the Grawunder family – heart condition

Coy Goodwin - friend of Lance & Ashley Jahnke

Matthew Merritt – nephew of August & JoAnn Degner - stroke on 12/5 – is in Rehab in Colorado

Delores Guthman - mother of Diana Stephens - prayers for healing, cancer

Terry Morrison – brother of R.D. Morrison – battling cancer

Bill Odom - friend of Brian Wawarosky - healing

Tate Wellmann – great grandson of Freddie & Linda Wellmann, NICU Tx Children's, Houston Valerie Schiller – friend of David & Lynette Dahmann - healing prayers, surgical complications

Green this Prayer List and notify the Church office of any changes.

" We would like this list to be as up-to-date & as accurate as possible. "

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

This Week at Grace...

The Sixth Sunday After Epiphany Today, February 16 Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m. Monday, February 17 (Isaiah 7:1 - 8:22)No School & Daycare Closed President's Day Church Office Closed Newsletter Deadline **Tuesday, February 18** (Isaiah 9:1 - 10:34)6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast 8:15 a.m. Chapel Wednesday, February 19 (Isaiah 11:1 - 12:6) Class & Graduation Pictures 8:15 a.m. Chapel 12:00 p.m. **Trustees** Confirmation 4:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. GLSB Thursday, February 20 (Isaiah 13:1 – 20:6) Track Meet-McGregor HS, McGregor, Tx 8:15 a.m. Chapel 8:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Friday, February 21 (Isaiah 21:1 - 23:18) Pastor Ogrodowicz's Day Off PSIA at Immanuel Giddings 8:15 a.m. Chapel Vespers 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 22 (Isaiah 24:1 – 25:12) Sunday, February 23 The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany Worship w/Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

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