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

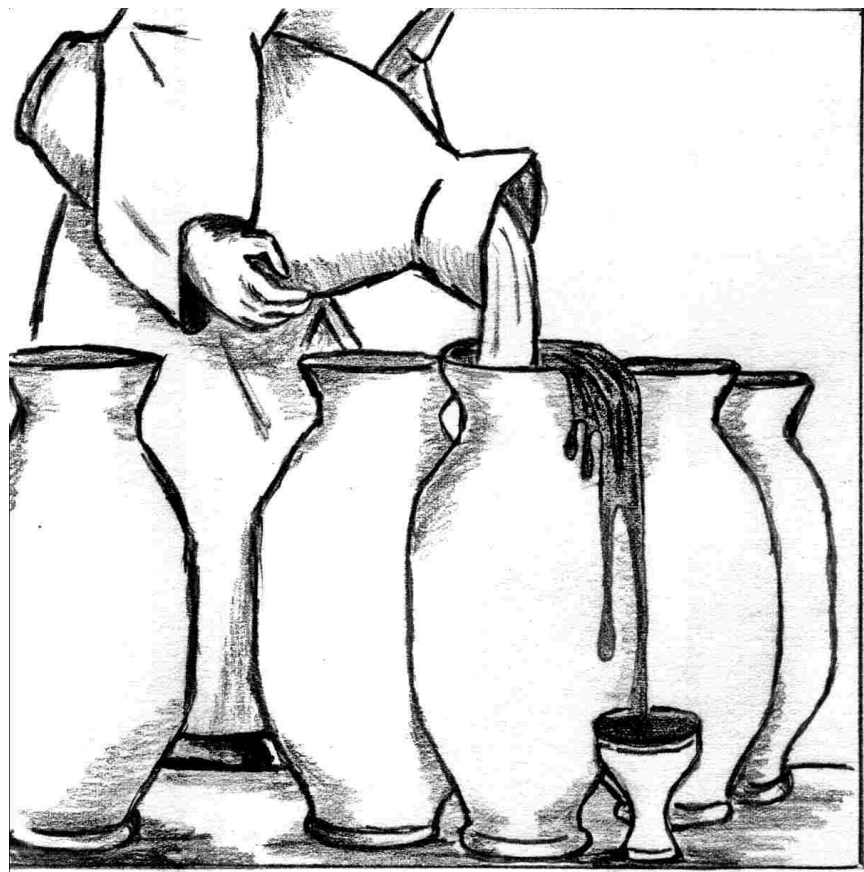
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JANUARY 19, 2025
THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*Now draw some out and take it
to the steward of the feast.*



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"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

"The Only Son from Heaven"

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THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

THE DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE (Left Column)

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The Introit (*Psalm 36:5-9; antiphon: Song 2:4*)

P: The LORD brought me to the banqueting house,

C: **And His banner over me was love.**

P: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

C: **Your faithfulness to the clouds.**

P: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;

C: **Your judgements are like the great deep; man and beast You save, O LORD.**

P: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!

C: **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

P: They feast on the abundance of Your house,

C: **And You give them drink from the river of Your delights.**

P: For with You is the fountain of life;

C: **In Your light do we see light.**

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: And His banner over me was love.

The Kyrie

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The Gloria in Excelsis

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day

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The Lessons and Responses

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

62 For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns.

² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,
And all kings your glory.

You shall be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the Lord will name.

³ You shall also be a crown of glory
In the hand of the Lord,
And a royal diadem
In the hand of your God.

⁴ You shall no longer be termed Forsaken,
Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate;
But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;
For the Lord delights in you,
And your land shall be married.

⁵ For as a young man marries a virgin,
So shall your sons marry you;
And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
So shall your God rejoice over you.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge

through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2** Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. **3** And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." **4** Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." **5** His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do *it*." **6** Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. **7** Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. **8** And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast." And they took *it*. **9** When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. **10** And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!" **11** This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Arise and Shine in Splendor"

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THE SERMON

John 2:1-11

"Glory Revealed in the Word Made Flesh" - Pastor Ogrodowicz

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayer of the Church

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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The Sanctus-Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer – The Words of Our Lord

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The Pax Domini – Agnus Dei

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The Distribution

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

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The Post-Communion Canticle – Thank the Lord

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The Post-Communion Collect – Benediction

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THE CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

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THE POSTLUDE

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders – Mark Moerbe, Paul Schulze, George Breland, Fred Hein

Acolyte – Augustine Colanter

Usher Team – Doug Brown

Organist – Audra Ogradowicz

Altar Guild Assistants – Barbara Maurer (Communion Ware)

- Susie Thaler (Parameters)



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 rejoice today as we welcome the following into membership of Grace:

The Hicks Family, Jason, Kristi, Hugo, Trudy & Wallace
from Salem Lutheran, in Whitehall

The Trant Family, Lauren, Trace, Emma & Will
from Zion Lutheran, in Anderson

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: John 2:3 – “When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, ‘They have no wine.’” Behold the faith of Mary: she sees a problem and simply lays it before her Son and Lord: “They have no wine.” She does not offer a proposed solution, she does not demand, she simply states her need and waits for the Lord’s response. She trusts that the Lord is a giver, and she knows that He always provides. May such a faith be ours!



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.

A Note of Thanks from Maggie Obersat - I would like to express my deepest thanks to the congregation and school for the opportunity to be back with you again. I am beyond blessed to be in this position and could not feel more welcome. Thank you for all the well wishes and care I've been shown. Soli Deo Gloria



Men's Bible Breakfast **WILL NOT BE held this Tuesday** due to weather concerns. Plan to join us next week, 1/28 at 6:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Pastor Watson is responsible for breakfast NEXT week. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.



The next Men's Club will be on JANUARY 28, 2025.
It will be Sausage and Pancakes.
Please bring FRUIT Toppings, Hors d'oeuvres & desserts.

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.

The next Grace PTL Spirit Night is on Monday January 27 at Guadalajara. Go have lunch or dinner from 11am – 9pm, Dine-in or Take-out and they will donate 15% of every order to Grace PTL. Come join us for an evening for fun and fellowship



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The next Blood Drive will be on Sunday, February 2nd from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Family Activity Center. Contact Michael Parks for more information.

Quarterly Voters' Assembly is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m.

**Question: What's an Awesome Way to Spend an Evening?
Answer: Quiz Night in Brenham!**



The Bethlehem Lutheran Church Youth League, in conjunction with the Grace Lutheran Church Youth League in Brenham, would like to invite you to the 2nd Annual Quiz Night on Friday, February 7th, at the American Legion Post 48 in Brenham. The night will begin at 5:30pm and finish at 9pm.

For those who have never been to a quiz night event, let me explain. The evening will consist of 10 rounds of trivia. Questions are answered by teams on the forms provided. The forms are collected and tabulated after each round, and team standings will be announced during the evening. Each round will have a different focus to test your overall trivia knowledge. Prizes

will be awarded to the winners throughout the night after each round. At the end of the evening, a Quiz Night Champion will be crowned. Will your team be proven the smartest in Washington County? Will the trophy go to Grace or Bethlehem? Sign up to find out!

Birthdays This Week:

Today 1/19 – Matthew Markwardt
Tues. 1/21 – Beverly Jaster
Wed. 1/22 – Russell Chambers, Lulu Wied
Thurs. 1/23 – Kurt Duvall, Fred Hein
Fri. 1/24 – Zane Aschenbeck
Sat. 1/25 – Shane Moore



Anniversaries This Week:

Fri. 1/24 – Butch & Ann Goldberg, (65th)
Sat. 1/25 – Dale & Carolyn Hinze, (56th)



Coffee and Doughnuts:



Today – The Blakes

Next Sunday – Wied Family



**Grace Lutheran
School
PTL Spring Gala**

The GLS PTL is busy planning our annual spring gala – “Denim and Diamonds”. We can’t wait to enjoy this special night with you as we all show our support for our wonderful school. With the success of each year’s gala, the PTL is able to fund new programs, extra-curricular activities/field trips, support our teachers, off-set operating expenses, and much more. 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.

Gala Details:

- Saturday, March 29, 2025
- 5:00pm – 9:30pm at the Fireman’s Training Center
- Dinner, drinks, live and silent auctions, game drawings, live music by Robert Zientek and band

Sponsor tables and special underwriting opportunities are available now. Sponsor packets are in the narthex and the school office. They will also be e-mailed to all church members. For any questions please contact Ashley Jahnke at 979-277-4897 or ashley@brenhamrealestate.com.

****PLEASE NOTE:** This year, seating options will be like last year: either sponsor tables or general seating.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Grace Lutheran Altar Guild

- In Memory of Nelly Barby given by David & Lynette Dahmann

Grace Lutheran Church

- In Memory of Nelly Barby given by Rev. Lee & Deborah Kunkel, David & Ellen Smitson, Randal & Gloria Hoppens, Shirley Boeker
- In Memory of Shirley Paetz given by Patrick & Krista Kern, Jason & Melissa Barton

Grace Lutheran Missions

- In Memory of Nelly Barby given by Allan & Rebecca Moses

Grace Lutheran Caring Ministry

- In Memory of Laverne Reuter given by Larry & Debbie Hintz
- In Memory of Shirley Paetz given by Mr. & Mrs. Glen Wehring

Grace Lutheran School Fund

- In Memory of Nelly Barby given by RD & Ginny Morrison
- In Memory of Darren Hinze given by Mr. & Mrs. Glen Wehring

Grace Lutheran High School Fund

- In Memory of Nelly Barby given by Joe & Sheila Green



It is the start of a new year and that is a great time to update the prayer page and thank God for all the blessings of good health and healing that He has given.

Please take a moment to review the names on the prayer list and let the office know of any changes or updates that need to be made.

You Have a Place at Grace Christ and His Sacraments

The theological current in American Evangelicalism carries the confession of the sacraments being non-efficacious. In other words, they do nothing. Symbols they are and nothing more. However, these churches don't shy from confessing Christ as Lord and King, with no qualms over the name "Immanuel," which means "God with us." That the Son took on flesh in the fullness of time means acknowledging Jesus to be more than a mere man, but God Himself clothed in the same flesh and blood as the humanity He created.

I remember studying in my seminary days the Latin maxim *infinitum non est capax finiti* (the finite is not capable of the infinite). This argument means God wouldn't deign to work through bread, water, and wine because He's divine and matter isn't. Impossible, the argument goes that a wafer of bread would contain the entire divine majesty of the immortal, infinite God. But the biggest objection to this troubling position is the person of Christ Himself. The question of "Who" is Jesus held a vital position in an early Church facing heresy and working on confessions of faith properly articulating Jesus to a world filled with heresy and misunderstandings concerning the Holy Son of God. All three historic Creeds—and especially the Nicæan and Athanasian Creed articulate the personal union of Jesus to be divine and human in every way. The creeds were products of controversy, disputation, and theological consensus by men who were serious students of the Holy Scriptures. "Who" Jesus is mattered, and the early Church took great pains to work out theological questions we take for granted.

The Lutheran Confessions have an article titled "the Person of Christ" that reiterates the understanding of Jesus as taught in the creeds. It cites some of Jesus' miracles including the wedding at Cana before stating "the human nature alone would not have been able to do these miracles if it had not been personally united and had communion with the divine nature." In the person of Christ is the indescribable union between the human and divine natures while the essence of each nature remains intact and "unconfused" with the other. Flesh remains flesh, divinity is divinity in the one, single person of Jesus. This understanding reveals God working through creation as the divine works through flesh to do miracles like changing water into wine. Therefore, it doesn't follow to reject God's work in bread, water, and wine when in His only-begotten Son He works through the same flesh as all humanity. If God has no qualms working through human flesh to deliver man, why then do we argue against His Word and work to come in bread, water, and wine? If indeed the finite (flesh) is incapable of the infinite (the divine nature), how then do we explain the person of Jesus?

Consistency matters. Reflections on Jesus as confessed in the Creeds only shows the finite is very capable of the infinite, as nothing is impossible of for the Lord, even His work in bread, water, and wine. Not only do the Scriptures teach this, but considering Who Jesus is, sacraments containing God for sinners even makes sense.

-By Rev. Ryan J. Ogradowicz,
You Have a Place at Grace - January 19th, 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." – 1 Timothy 2:1&3

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

Recovering from Surgery: Freddie Wellmann, back surgery on 1/14/25

Prayers for wisdom and peace: for Allan & Colleen Symmank and their whole family as they make tough decisions regarding Allan's father

Prayers for Healing: Mary Ann Hrnicko; Linda Tarver; Ruth Duvall; Geraldine Gloyna; Pastor Jacobs; Amelia Jones; Nancy Boecker, macular degeneration of eyes; Bonnie Wellmann; Diane Merkel

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
Hunter Mitchell – friend of Freddie Wellmann family, baby, eye cancer
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
Jim Ripple – friend of Lance & Ashley Jahnke
Sherree Pence – niece of Delphine & Sandra Addicks, diagnosed with cancer
Donnie Eckhardt - son of Jimmie Eckhardt, Kimberly Parks' brother, in hospital in Houston
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, and now is in ICU with Covid,
 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 - prayers for healing
 – recovering at home in Ft. Worth
Stacie Erickson – daughter of Charles & Jean Blake
The Hicks family — friends of Pastor O. — prayers for spiritual strength
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

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" *Please review 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.* "
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This Week at Grace...

Today, January 19

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday After Epiphany

Worship w/Holy Communion
Confirmation
Sunday School & Bible Class

Monday, January 20

(Proverbs 10:1 – 11:31)
NO SCHOOL-NO DAYCARE
Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, January 21

6:00 a.m.
8:15 a.m.

(Proverbs 12:1 – 13:25)
Men's Breakfast
Chapel

Wednesday, January 22

8:15 a.m.
4:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

(Proverbs 14:1 – 15:33)
Chapel
Confirmation
Choir Practice

Thursday, January 23

8:15 a.m.

(Proverbs 16:1 – 17:28)
Chapel

Friday, January 24

8:15 a.m.
3:00 p.m.

(Proverbs 18:1 – 19:29)
Pastor Ogradowicz's Day Off
Chapel
Vespers

Saturday, January 25

(Proverbs 20:1 – 21:31)

Sunday, January 26

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Third Sunday After Epiphany
Worship w/Holy Communion
Confirmation
Sunday School & Bible Class

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Rev. Ryan Ogradowicz – 530-2260

Rev. Isaac Schuller – 408-817-0358 Rev. William H. Holzer – 251-7036

Mr. Tom Knodt (Cong. President) 203-5857

Mr. Aubrey Jaster (Elder's Chair) 421-2748

Mr. Casey Voskamp (S. S. Superintendent) – 251-2498

Mrs. Debbie Hintz (Caring Ministry Contact) – 203-3470
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ATTENDANCE

January 12: 279

Sunday School: 26 Teachers/Staff: 8 YABC: 6 ABC: 76 Visitors: 2

OFFERING

General Fund - \$32,121.00
Radio Ministry - \$200.00
Missions - \$375.00

Building Fund - \$
Memorials - \$545.00
Other – \$3,237.00