

**8:00 & 10:30 AM SERVICE OF HOLY  
COMMUNION**

**David and The Opportunity**

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**A CORDIAL WELCOME . . .** to all who worship with us today. We are happy that you are here with us. It is our prayer that our worship will be a blessing to you. We encourage you to register your name on the fellowship pad which you will find at the end of the row where you are sitting. If you are new to Grace or to the area and are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider joining our family here at Grace. A Fellowship Hour is held after the 10:30 Worship Service and we invite you to stay a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated in our Worship Service today. This meal is intended for baptized Christians who recognize their sinfulness and their need for Christ's forgiveness and strength, and desire to live a new life in Christ. We receive this meal recognizing the presence of Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. ***Children who have not been instructed in the meaning of the Sacrament may come to the Lord's Table with their parents for a blessing, but are asked to fold their arms across their chests to indicate they are to receive a blessing.*** All those who commune are asked to indicate their participation by marking the appropriate column in the Red Attendance Books as they are passed at the beginning of the Worship Service.

**IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT** the wine is made available in both the individual glass and the common cup. Following the distribution of the bread, the individual cups will be offered. Then the Common Cup will be offered to those who do not have an individual cup in their hand. The acolyte will then gather the individual glasses. ***For those who have an intolerance to wine, several of the individual Communion Glasses in each of the trays are filled with grape juice. They are found in the center of the tray.*** Those who find it difficult to walk to the altar can be communed in the pew. Please inform the Elder of your need.

**ATTENDANCE BOOKS PLEASE BE SURE TO PASS ALONG THE RED ATTENDANCE BOOKS IN YOUR ROW AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SIGN IT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OUR MINISTRY OF CARE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.**

**Fresh: Behold, I am Making All Things New**

We have been made fresh in Christ. We can look at our sin and say we are old and spoiled, but because of the resurrection, we can know we are fresh. God is constantly renewing us to make us fresh.

**Today:** David had the most amazing opportunity. He could kill Saul and be king. The opportunity was right there, and everyone watching was egging him on. But rather than seeing an opportunity for power, he saw it as an opportunity for humility and service.

*(Asterisks (\*\*)) indicate that the People stands)*

**\*\* THE OPENING HYMN** Shine,  
Jesus Shine

*Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. (CHORUS)*

**SHINE JESUS SHINE, FILL THIS LAND WITH THE FATHER'S GLORY  
BLAZE, SPIRIT BLAZE, SET OUR HEARTS ON FIRE.  
FLOW, RIVER FLOW, FLOOD THE NATIONS WITH GRACE AND  
MERCY.  
SEND FORTH YOUR WORD, LORD AND LET THERE BE LIGHT.**

*Lord I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadow into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me. (CHORUS)*

*As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory:  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me. (CHORUS)*

**\*\* THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

PEOPLE: O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN. ALLELUIA!  
ALLELUIA!

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, for Christ is your King.

PEOPLE: BLESSING AND HONOR AND GLORY BE UNTO HIM.

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord, King of the universe; you have delivered us from sin and death.

PEOPLE: BY YOUR BLOOD, YOU HAVE BROUGHT YOUR PEOPLE INTO YOUR KINGDOM.

Pastor: Therefore, God has highly exalted Him

PEOPLE: AND BESTOWED ON HIM THE NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME,

Pastor: That at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow

PEOPLE: AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS HIM THE KING OF GLORY.

Pastor: Behold, the King comes. Alleluia!

PEOPLE: O COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN. ALLELUIA!  
ALLELUIA!

**\*\* THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**PEOPLE: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*(We greet one another with the handshake of peace and with the words*

*“The Peace of the Lord be with you.”)*

**\*\* THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

'Tis Good

Lord to be Here

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.*

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.*

*Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.*

*Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We fain would hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.*

*'Tis good, Lord, to be here.  
Yet we may not remain;  
But since Thou bidst us leave the mount,  
Come with us to the plain.*

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*During Confession we take time to slow down and realize how we have lost God's Great Story of goodness. We have served ourselves and our interests above God.*

***(Take a moment of silent reflection upon our need for God's forgiveness)***

Pastor: O Almighty God,

**PEOPLE: WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU IN OUR THOUGHTS, OUR WORDS, AND OUR ACTIONS. YOU HAVE GIVEN US ALL THE THINGS WE NEED IN THIS LIFE, YET WE DEMAND MORE AND WASTE WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO US. WE HAVE TAKEN CREDIT FOR YOUR GIFTS AND BLESSINGS IN OUR LIVES. WE ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS. FOR OUR SELF-SERVING ACTIONS AGAINST YOU AND OUR NEIGHBORS. FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST HAVE MERCY ON US AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS. AMEN.**

Pastor: The Story of Jesus.....As your pastor called to this place, God has indeed heard your prayer and in the name and by the command of Jesus Christ Himself, it is my great privilege to announce to you all, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

## **\*\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty and ever-living God, it is Your will to restore all things through Your dear Son. Bring together, under His just and gentle rule, all the peoples of the world, now divided and torn apart by sin. For He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

*It seems as if much of 1 Samuel is taken up with Saul trying to kill David and David escaping; and when David catches Saul in the most vulnerable position, his men urge him to kill Saul. It would be nothing more than self-defense. Wouldn't Saul kill David if Saul caught him? Isn't Saul turning over every stone in the wilderness looking for David so he can kill him?*

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

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Samuel 24:1-10

When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi." Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to seek David and his men in front of the Wildgoats' Rocks. And he came to the sheepfolds by the way, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. And the men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'Behold, I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you.'" Then David arose and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's robe. And afterward David's heart struck him, because he had cut off a corner of Saul's robe. He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to put out my hand against him, seeing he is the Lord's anointed." So David persuaded his men with these words and did not permit them to attack Saul. And Saul rose up and left the cave and went on his way.

Afterward David also arose and went out of the cave, and called after Saul, "My lord the king!" And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth and paid homage. And David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'Behold, David seeks your harm'? Behold, this day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you today into my hand in the cave. And some told me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not put out my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

*Kingdom citizens are not to dodge taxes or cheat on fees imposed by legitimate governing authorities. They are to show the proper respect for officials in power.*

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Romans 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Jesus turns the question back on the Pharisees. It isn't about taxes. It is about knowing and being faithful to the one true God.

## **\*\* THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 12:13-17

And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius<sup>d]</sup> and let me look at it." And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

**PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

**\*\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**THE SERMON**

Pastor Cris Escher

**FRESH: Here Is Our Opportunity**

**\*\* THE OFFERTORY**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with-in me.***

***Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit  
from me.***

***Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your  
free Spirit.***

**\*\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*(After each petition)*

Pastor: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

**PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

**\*\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Pastor: In broken bread and the cup that we share,

**PEOPLE: WE REMEMBER YOU, O LORD.**

Pastor: In broken bread and the cup that we share,

**PEOPLE: WE RECEIVE YOUR FORGIVENESS, O LORD.**

Pastor: In broken bread and the cup that we share,

**PEOPLE: WE RECEIVE THE TRUE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST.**

Pastor: Come to us now, O Lord, in this bread and cup, that we may taste once again of Your grace and mercy. Strengthen and renew us for service in Your kingdom, that we may show forth Your glory in all the world.

**\*\* THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

***I come, O Savior, to your table, for weak and weary is my soul;  
You, Bread of Life, alone are able to satisfy and make me whole.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!***

***Restless am I and heavy laden, with sin my soul is sore oppressed;***

*Receive me graciously, and gladden my heart that here is now your  
guest.*

*Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!*

*Your heart is filled with fervent yearning that I, a sinner, come to you;  
I, Lord, to your sure mercy turning, my ancient bond of faith renew.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!*

*In hope I come to your high table, your testament of deepest love;  
For by its grace I now am able to know the heart of God above.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!*

*What greater gift can I inherit? It is faith's bonded solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit, the covenant of hope and grace.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!*

*Your body crucified, O Savior, your blood which once for me was  
shed,  
These are my life and strength forever, by them my hungry soul is fed.  
Lord, may your body and your blood be for my soul the highest good!*

## Blessed Assurance

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!***

*O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

(CHORUS)

THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,

**PRAISING MY SAVIOR ALL THE DAY LONG;  
THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG,  
PRAISING MY SAVIOR ALL THE DAY LONG.**

***Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (CHORUS)***

***Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (CHORUS)***

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

***The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me the quiet waters by.***

***My soul He doth restore again and me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.***

***Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
For thou are with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.***

***My table thou has furnished in presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.***

***Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;  
And I God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.***

**\*\* THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*\* THE BLESSING**

Pastor: May our Great God bless and keep you today, that He would place all sorts of opportunities of service and humbleness in front of you as He takes every opportunity to serve and forgive us.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

**\*\* THE CLOSING HYMN** Bind Us Together

**REFRAIN**

**BIND US TO-GETH-ER, LORD;  
BIND US TO-GETH-ER WITH CORDS THAT CAN-NOT BE BROKEN.  
BIND US TO-GETH-ER, LORD; BIND US TO-GETH-ER, LORD;  
BIND US TO-GETH-ER WITH LOVE.**

*There is on-ly one God. There is on-ly one King,  
There is on-ly one body; That is why we can sing. (REFRAIN)*

*You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the promise di-vine.  
You are the cho-sen de-sire...you are the glo-rious new wine.  
(REFRAIN)*

**\*\* THE SENDING**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD**

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**Today**

**January 22, 2017**

1 <sup>st</sup> Worship	8:00 am
Bible Study and Sunday School	9:15 am
2 <sup>nd</sup> Worship	10:30 am

Fellowship worship Korean Church Worship	Immediately following 2 <sup>nd</sup>  1:00 pm
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**This Week**

Via de Cristo Reunion @ Bocks home	Tuesday, 6:30 pm
Mahjongg	Wednesday, 12:00 noon
Bible Study @Perkin's Restaurant	Thursday, 7:30 am
Korean Church Prayer Meeting	Saturday, 6:00 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT BIBLE CLASS** will begin at 9:15 pm. Students from grades 4 through 7 will be together in one class taught by Barbara Ruzicka. We will be using the children's room. Friends are welcome. Decisions on the start of a Confirmation Class will be discussed with Pastor Cris soon. And of course, all adults are invited to participate in the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class.

**THE FLOWERS** adorning the altar this morning are given to the glory of Jesus, our Savior by Lois Danzo.

Apologies to Tony and Barbara Young who donated the flowers last week in memory of their son, Ron.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS** Joan Lemke, 1/26; Gloria Solack, 01/2.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Richard & Catherine Stephens, 1/28 (61).

***If we have missed your anniversary or birthday, please drop us a note in the office or email us at [Gracelutheranpsl@gmail.com](mailto:Gracelutheranpsl@gmail.com).***

**FLOWER CHART**

A new flower chart is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to order flowers to adorn the alter for a specific Sunday,

please write your name on the appropriate line. The cost per Sunday is \$27.00. We thank you for your help.

# LWML

The February meeting is open to our men and ladies! Speaker will be from the Lions Club International, a wonderful community oriented organization of volunteers existing in over 200 countries, with sight, hearing and diabetes awareness programs and disaster relief all over the world. 2017 is the Centennial year of this wonderful organization. All are invited to hear about it at our **February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, 1 pm**. See Cheryl Nolte with any questions.

**MOPS ARE BACK AND ARE LOOKING FOR MOPPETS** We need people to help with the children the first and third Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 am. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, please contact Bonnie Hawthorne at 561/906-7867.

**THE BACKPACK PROGRAM** Backpack is up and running for this school year. Check the bulletin board for items needed, or speak with Carol Coffman or Leigh Liagre.

**PRAYER LIST** For the year 2017 a new Prayer List is started. All of our members will remain but the family and friends portion began the first of the year. If you have family and/or friends you would like our members to include in our prayers, please submit their names in writing by completing one of the forms in the narthex or send an email to the church office at GraceLutheranPSL@gmail.com and title it Prayer List. Thank you.

## **Sunday - February 5, 2017**

Help support this fundraiser for the **Real Life Children's Ranch** by ordering your Super Bowl Subs. Cost is \$5.00 each.

**6” Turkey with white or yellow cheese – OR - 6” Ham with white or yellow cheese**

All subs will come with lettuce and tomato and will be available to pick up at Grace Lutheran Church, 555 SW Cashmere, Port St. Lucie on February 5<sup>th</sup> between 8am and Noon. Extra subs will be available at the church day of.

To order call Vivian Barto, 810-423-7877. ***Orders must be placed by Sunday, January 29, 2017.***

[www.sarahskitchen.org](http://www.sarahskitchen.org)

***FAMILY MEALS Black Tie Bingo Event*** January 28 from 6 to 10 PM. Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce. Cost is \$60.00 per person. It is a fund raiser. Included in the evening is passed appetizers, plated dinner, cash bar, live music, dancing, silent auction, 3 bingo games for cash prizes worth over \$500. Tickets can also be purchased on the website.

***CASUAL GAME NIGHT*** Mark your calendars and gather your friends and neighbors for a fun, family-friendly game night at Grace on Friday, February 10. Join us any time 6:00 or later. We'll have snacks and a wide variety of

games provided, but you're welcome to bring your own to share. Contact coliescher@gmail.com for more information.

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