

Sunday Service

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Epiphany Sunday

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Welcome...

We are so happy that you are here with us today. Our desire is to be like another home for you. 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 Time is held after each Worship Service, and we invite you to stay for a few minutes so we can get acquainted.

To our many members and friends worshiping at home, whether near or far, we are so happy that you are sharing this worship with us from your homes.

To Everyone: Please check Grace Lutheran's website daily! www.GraceLutheranPSL.com

HOLY COMMUNION

Due to pastor's absence today, we will not have communion

Epiphany Sunday: The King

The Prophet Isaiah is getting us ready for the king's coming, not just a Jewish king but a wonderful counselor, almighty God, and Prince of Peace.

---- THE OPENING HYMN

A Great and Mighty Wonder (LW 51 Vs 1-4)

1. **A great and mighty wonder, a full and holy cure:
The virgin bears the infant with virgin honor pure!**

REFRAIN:

**PROCLAIM THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH; "TO GOD ON HIGH
BE GLORY AND PEACE TO ALL THE EARTH!"**

2. **The Word becomes incarnate and yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems to shepherds from the sky. (Refrain)**
3. **While thus they sing you Monarch, those bright angelic bands,
Rejoice, O vales and mountains, and oceans, clap you hands. (Refrain)**
4. **Since all He comes to ransom, by all be He adored,
The infant born in Bethl'em the Savior and the Lord. (Refrain)**

-- Opening

*The Lord says: I will turn your mourning into joy,
I will comfort you, and give you gladness for sorrow. (based on Jer 31:13)*

--- THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Leader: *O Almighty God,*

PEOPLE: GOD, OUR LOVING FATHER,

WE CONFESS THAT WE ARE OFTEN IMPATIENT AND RUSH TO CRITICIZE.

WE TAKE OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR GRANTED.

WE ARE OFTEN UNGRATEFUL AND NOT GRACIOUS.

WE OFTEN EXPECT CHURCH TO MIRROR OUR OWN BIASES.

WE FORGET TO ASK FOR OUR CHURCH TO MIRROR YOU.

WE OFTEN USE YOUR SCRIPTURES TO SUPPORT OUR OPINIONS.

WE FORGET THAT THEY ARE A LAMP TO OUR FEET AND A LIGHT TO OUR PATH.

OUR HOPE IS CENTERED ON OURSELVES AND NOT ON YOU.

RENEW US, LORD, THAT WE MAY DELIGHT IN YOUR WILL

AND WALK IN YOUR WAYS, TO THE GLORY OF YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.

Leader: The story of Jesus is about life and forgiveness.... You are God's beloved; you are a child of the resurrection. Live in the hope of new life. God loves you, and God is the restorer of hope. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

--THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord God, you revealed your only Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us, who know you now by faith, to see you in your glory. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

--THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY" (LW 50 VS 1- 4)

**1. Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

Once again, a prophetic voice breaks the silence to address a discouraged population.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 3:1-12

The Prince of Peace is establishing peace where division and hostility once ruled unchallenged.

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

These men from the East come looking for the One who has been born who will save His people from sin.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

PEOPLE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

--- PROFESSION

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the

Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

--- HYMN OF DAY

"I Am So Glad When Christmas Comes" (LW 56 Vs 1-6)

- 1. I am so glad when Christmas comes, the night of Jesus' birth,
When Beth-l'em's star shone as the sun and angels sang with mirth.**
- 2. The little child of Beth-le-hem, the King of heav'n-ly grace,
Came down from His exalted throne to save our fallen race.**
- 3. He's now returned to heav'n above, God's Son he is al-way;
He ne'er forgets His little ones but hears them when they pray.**
- 4. I too would sing my Savior's praise, my joy, my crown, my Lord;
For He has made me His own child by water and the word.**

--- THE SERMON

Await: The King

--THE OFFERTORY

"Create in me a clean heart" (LW pg 143)

***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.***

--- PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(after each petition)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYER.

--- THE LORD'S PRAYER

----- THE BLESSING

Leader: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord look upon you with grace and redemption.

May the Lord always walk before you and give you peace

PEOPLE: AMEN

-----THE CLOSING HYMN

A Great and Mighty Wonder (LW 51 Vs 5)

5. All idols then shall perish and Satan's lying cease,
And Christ shall raise His scepter, decreeing endless peace.
**PROCLAIM THE SAVIOR'S BIRTH; "TO GOD ON HIGH
BE GLORY AND PEACE TO ALL THE EARTH!"**

Our Father who art in heav'n
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heav'n
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

----- SENDING

Leader: Have peace knowing we are all with you.

Serve others knowing God walks before you.

---- **THIS WEEK AT GRACE - Today**

January 2, 2022

Worship Services

10:15 AM

Live-streamed on www.gracelutheranpsl.com

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Korean Church Worship

1:00 PM

Rest of the week

January 3 - 8, 2022

LWML Meeting

Monday, 1:00 PM

Olivet School

Tuesday, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM

TCFGC (ACC Hall)

Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Korean Church Prayer Gathering

Saturday, 6:00 AM

For complete calendar information, go to www.gracelutheranpsl.com/calendar

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Judy D'Argenzio - 1/02, Cheryl Lingis - 1/06,
Judy Fredrich & Shari Blizzard - 1/08.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK: Phil & Judy Fredrich - 1/2/1965 (57 Years)

THE FLOWERS ADORNING THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by Kevin Garbers in celebration of another New Year!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS: ARE HERE! These coupon books are chalked full of various discount coupons. The books sell for \$35.00 each, and \$10.00 will go to our youth activity fund. They are available in the fellowship hall, or you can stop by the office, 9:00 - Noon, during the week.

LADIES: LWML will have their meeting Monday, **TOMORROW**, January 3, at 1:00 PM. All ladies are invited to attend for fellowship, fun, snacks and some Bible Study.

ACC REQUEST: If you need to go into the ACC side of the building they are asking that you PLEASE check in at the front desk FIRST. This is being requested for the health and security of the clients.

PARKING SPOTS: Please remember the two parking spaces closest to the ACC center are for their use during the week. Their clients need close access for those with walkers and handicapped.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY and WEDNESDAY COMMUNION: They will resume next week.

GIVING: We are here to provide "Grace and Peace in this Chaotic and Lonely Time" to those in our church and community. Thank you for your past and continual prayers and financial support to Grace and your community.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in the narthex. 2021 Statements will be available by 1/19/22.

OUR SISTER PAT HESSEE: is in Longwood, near Orlando, with her daughter recuperating. If you would like to send her a card or letter: Patricia Hessee, 2062 Hutton Point, Longwood, FL 32779.

01/02 ***Worship assistants:** 10:15 - David Vik*
***Scripture Readers:** 10:15 - Ed Bock*

01/09 ***Worship assistants:** 8:30 - Kevin G. & 10:15 - Ed B*
***Readers:** 8:30 - Bob F. & 10:15 - Cheryl N.*
***Readings:** Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15 (ESV)*