

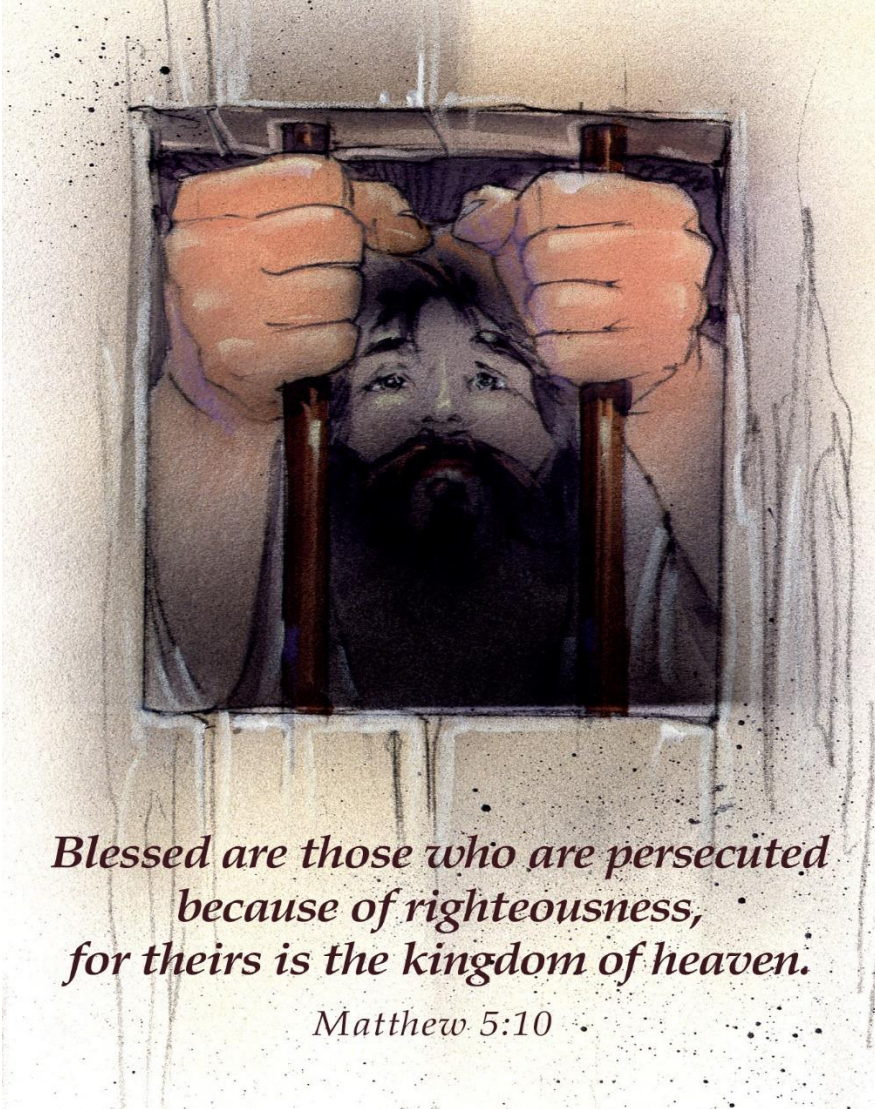
# **Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**

*A North American Lutheran Church Congregation*

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*Blessed are those who are persecuted  
because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Matthew 5:10*

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

January 29, 2023

**PRELUDE** Please gather in silence to prepare for worship

Stand

**GATHERING HYMN**

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**How Firm a Foundation**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

Is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.

## **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Please kneel, sit or stand*

**P** Most Merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

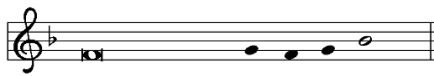
*Stand*

## **GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

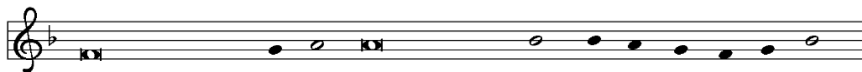
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



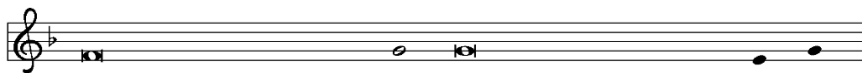
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



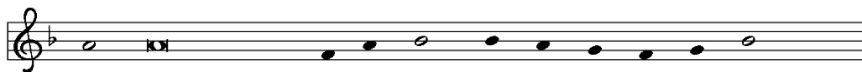
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



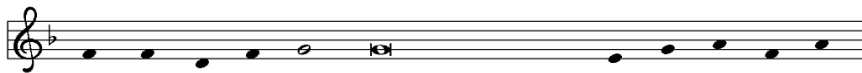
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



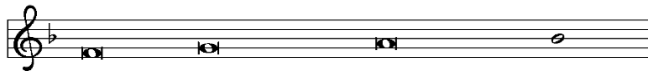
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,  
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Detailed description: This block contains the first part of the hymn. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first line is the refrain: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' The second line continues the refrain. The third line is the first verse: '1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.'

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:  
have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right  
hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Detailed description: This block contains the second part of the hymn. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first line is the refrain: 'Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.' The second line continues the refrain. The third line is the second verse: '2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.'

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -  
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.  
A - men, a - men.

*Be seated*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Pastoral Prayer

C **Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: MICAH 6:1-8**

Listen to what the LORD says:

“Stand up, plead my case before the mountains;  
let the hills hear what you have to say.

<sup>2</sup>“Hear, you mountains, the LORD’s accusation;  
listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth.

For the LORD has a case against his people;  
he is lodging a charge against Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“My people, what have I done to you?  
How have I burdened you? Answer me.

<sup>4</sup>I brought you up out of Egypt  
and redeemed you from the land of slavery.

I sent Moses to lead you,  
also Aaron and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>My people, remember  
what Balak king of Moab plotted  
and what Balaam son of Beor answered.

Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>With what shall I come before the LORD  
and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

<sup>8</sup>He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15

R <sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?  
Who may live on your holy mountain?

C <sup>2</sup> **The one whose walk is blameless,  
who does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from their heart;**

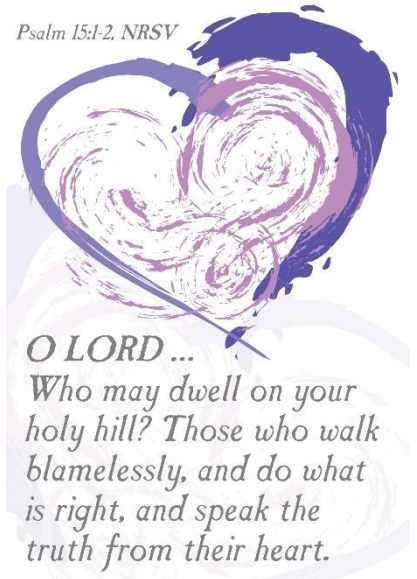
<sup>3</sup> whose tongue utters no slander,  
who does no wrong to a neighbor,  
and casts no slur on others;

<sup>4</sup> **who despises a vile person  
but honors those who fear the LORD;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts,  
and does not change their mind;**

<sup>5</sup> who lends money to the poor without interest;  
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things  
will never be shaken.

*Psalm 15:1-2, NRSV*



*O LORD ...  
Who may dwell on your  
holy hill? Those who walk  
blamelessly, and do what  
is right, and speak the  
truth from their heart.*



## SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT



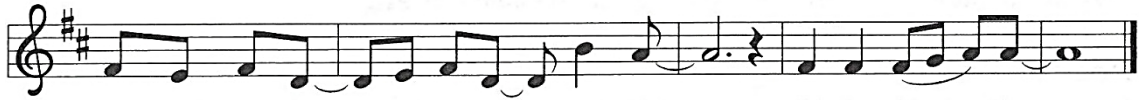
*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

He said:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup> “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil  
against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in  
heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

**SERMON** “What Does The Lord Require?”  
*Moment of silent reflection after sermon*

Pastor Steve Nicolai



Stand

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Kneel/sit/stand*

## THE PRAYERS

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need:

A O God, you know the perilous choices we are prone to make that fall short of your desire for human faithfulness and obedience. Without you, our fragile nature cannot survive. Strengthen us in body, mind, and spirit so that we may continue in the face of all that threatens to overcome us. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

Lord and giver of life, as citizens of the reign of God, we know well the blessedness which we have been given. May we be a vehicle of that blessing for those who have yet to know your grace. We particularly ask that you prosper the work of our ministry partner, Hope Rising. May those to whom they minister choose the blessing of life. May they be especially aware of your presence with them and rest in the confidence of your provision for their every need. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Pour out your compassionate mercy on those suffering from depression, illness, poverty, or injustice [especially ...]. May they who are poor in Spirit remain confident that you are a faithful God who remembers your children in every situation. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

Sovereign One, grant your wisdom to all elected representatives of our republic. Protect them from corruption and temptation. Conform their wills to yours and lend them courage to lead according to your statutes. Enable them to ensure the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all, from first heartbeat to last. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

Lord of the Church, bless the leaders of our denomination: our bishop Dan Selbo; his assistants Amy, Brad, David, Gemechas, Phillip, Andrew; and the staff and faculty of our North American Lutheran Seminary. Raise up a new generation of pastors to shepherd your flock. Enhance the missional efforts of all congregations that faithfully proclaim your word. Lord in your mercy.

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

*Stand*

**PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

*Be seated*  
**OFFERING**

Special Music

*Stand*  
**OFFERTORY**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment provides a steady harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal line.

*Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711*  
*Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561*

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**C** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## DIALOGUE

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The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever living God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

*Be seated*

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

*\*White grape juice is in the center of each communion tray. Gluten-free wafers available at the rail upon request.*

We believe that Holy Communion is the sacrament of the real presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As we partake of the \*bread and the \*wine, we trust Jesus' promise that we receive His Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sin and strength to service in our lives. If you are a baptized and repentant Christian who desires to commune with us, you are thereby publicly declaring your oneness in faith with us, and you too recognize the Lord's Body and Blood as fulfilling God's Covenant of Grace for us.

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
The communicant may say: Amen.*

*Stand*

## PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

## 9 Glorify Thy Name

*Father, glorify Your name! John 12:28*

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

*Optional segue to "Majesty."  
No transition is needed.*

TEXT: Donna Adkins

MUSIC: Donna Adkins

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GLORIFY THY NAME

Irregular meter

## BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

## SENDING HYMN

### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



*Welcome,  
Visitors*

**Welcome visitors!** Thank you for worshipping with us today. We invite you to come and get to know us at the pace that fits who you are, where you are on your spiritual journey, and to explore with us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, Tidings of Grace, please send an email to our administrative assistant, Brenda, at [gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:gracewcsecretary@yahoo.com).

# Servant Schedule

## Communion Servers

Jan-Nancy Oliver & Becky Reinhart  
Feb-Kathy Gross & Carol Koles

	<u>Assistant Minister</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
Jan 29	Sandy Rice	John Jackson	& Debbie
Feb 5	Joe Costantino	Steve Gross	& Debbie
Feb 12	Shirley Schryver	Steve Hedlund	& Debbie
Feb 19	N'Anne Knight	Tom Teague	& Debbie
Feb 22		Steve Gross	
Feb 26	Sandy Rice	Aaron Mood	& Debbie

## Sunday School

### Young Learners (Prek—K)

### Disciples (Early Elementary)

Jan 29	Wanda & Steve	Cassie
Feb 5	Susan & Roseann	Jean
Feb 12	Diane & N'Anne	Julie
Feb 19	Mechelle & Ava	Lea
Feb 26	Wanda & Steve	Cassie



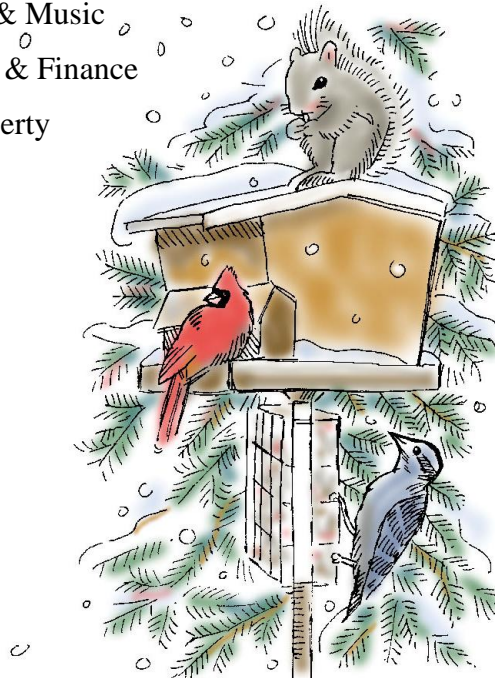
# **Grace Council 2023**

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Steve Gross~Treasurer  
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Caitlin Pfeiffer~Worship & Music  
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Lauren Gleason~Property



As a congregation of the  
*North American Lutheran Church*  
we are guided by four core values:

1. Christ Centered
2. Mission Driven
3. Traditionally Grounded
4. Congregationally Focused



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