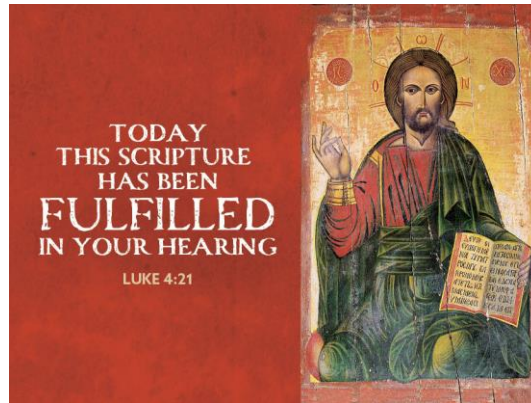


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Woodstock, IL 60098
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January 26, 2025; 9:00 A.M.
3rd Sunday after Epiphany



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

OPENING MUSIC

"Christ, Be Our Light"

setting, David Lasky (Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector,
our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your lovingkindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

ELW 311 (Public Domain)

Please be seated.

WELCOME

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**, *Pew Bible, Old Testament, pg. 436*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM:

Psalm 19

The Psalms are found in the ELW, in the front section, beginning on page 339. We will read them responsively together.

SECOND READING: **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 174*
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 4:14-21, *Pew Bible, New Testament, pg. 61*

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ, Be Our Light"

ELW 715 (One License)

APOSTLES' CREED

ELW pg. 105

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery, especially those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts _____. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church, and beloved friends and family who have died. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

PEACE

After praying for the whole world, we receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Thank you for your generous offerings and commitment to Grace's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your financial offerings in the offering plate. Additional ways to give include mailing your offering to the church office, or by giving online: by texting the amount you would like to give to 877-698-3604, through the Vanco Mobile App, or online at Grace's website (Use the QR code provided). You are also invited to call the church office to learn more about the automatic withdrawal Electronic Giving Program.



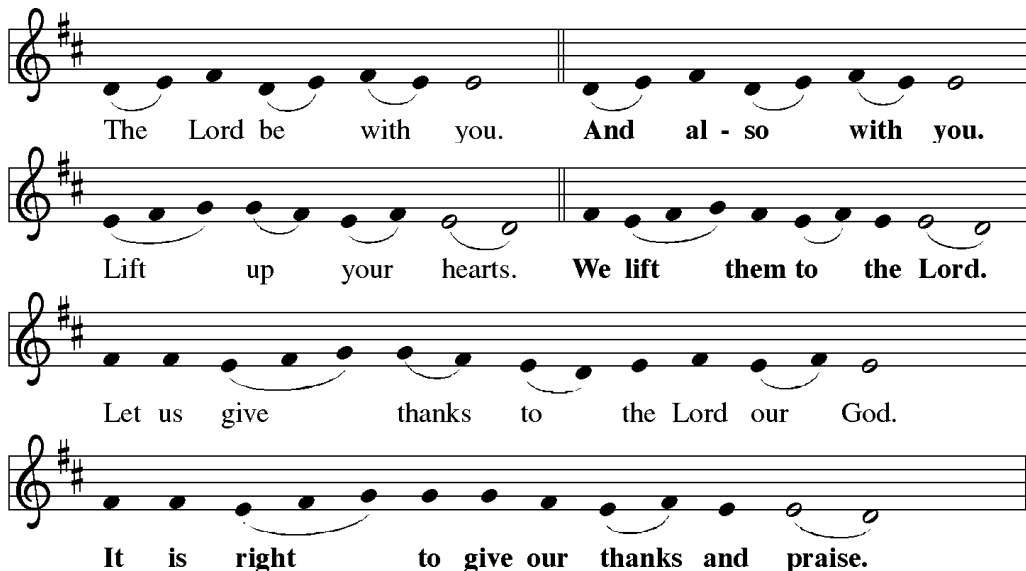
OFFERING ANTHEM

"Psalm 19"

Jayne Southwick Cool (Augsburg Fortress)

Please stand as you are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112, left column

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table.

The joy of the Lord is our strength.

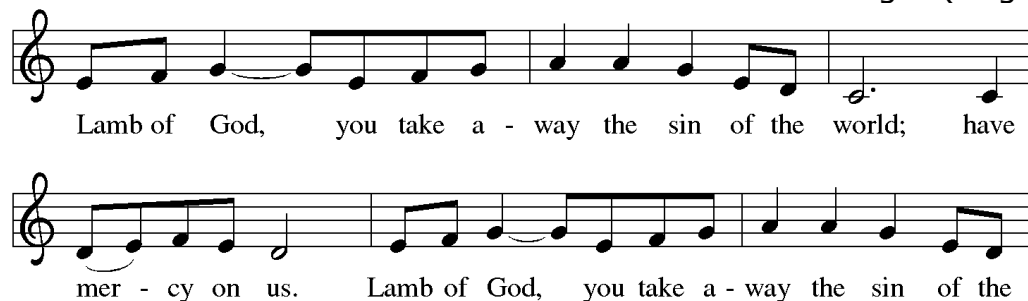
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

Please be seated. The congregation will then commune, beginning with the front pews, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or juice. Extend your hands to receive a wafer from the pastor or communion assistant. Then please pick up one cup from the trays (red wine or white grape juice), and then place the empty cup in a tray on the front pew before returning to your seat. Gluten free elements are available upon request. If you would like the communion elements to be brought to you, please notify an usher.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

ELW setting 1 (Augsburg Fortress)



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.

DISTRIBUTION ANTHEM

“Eternal Light”

Aaron David Miller (Augsburg Fortress)

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496 (One License)

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Spirit of the triune God
 † bless you with joy,
 anoint you with compassion,
 and send you in love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

ELW 886 (Public Domain)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live in hope.
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING MUSIC

“Psalm 19, The Heavens Declare”

Benedetto Marcello (Public Domain)



Worship Team

A/V Team: Bill Nattress

Communion Assistants: Michelle Anderson, Robin Gibbs, Anne Johnson,
Mary Noe, Mike Phillips

Greeters: Bill & Nancy Kreznor

Acolyte: Elena Ayala, Evan Lanham, Tim Nellessen

Reader: Sheri Conover

Ushers: Bill Kreznor, Nancy Kreznor, Wes Krueger

Children's Sermon: Jamielynn Wedoff

Altar Guild: Barb Aavang, Joy Aavang, Grace Nellessen, Kristy Nellessen, Tim Nellessen

Musicians: Jan Burns, Cindy Meyer, Joyful Messengers, Carrie Filetti, Chancel Choir

Lead Pastor: Pastor Amanda Bergstrom

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Thank you for sharing time to hear God's word and pray together. A video recording of worship will be posted to Grace's website later in the day.



You are welcome to join Grace Lutheran Church's Facebook group for news & ministry opportunities. Peace be with you as you go forth to share God's grace.

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