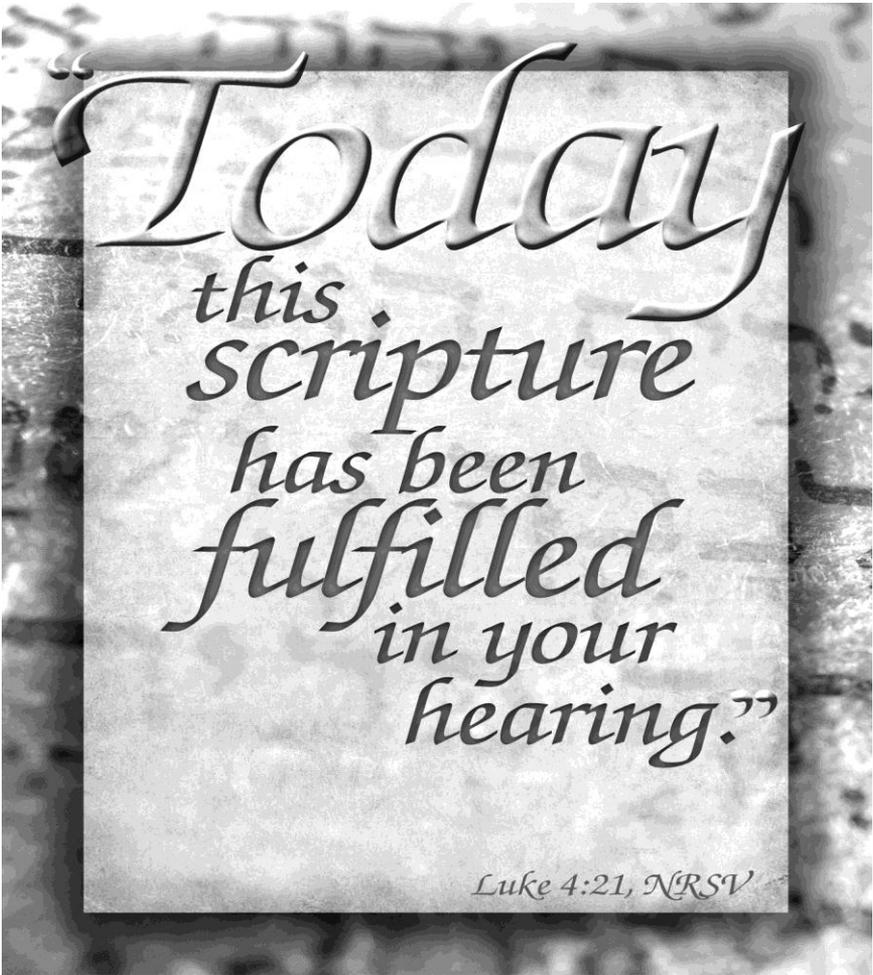


# Grace Lutheran Church

3010 52nd St. Des Moines, Iowa 50310



*“Today  
this  
scripture  
has been  
fulfilled  
in your  
hearing.”*

*Luke 4:21, NRSV*

## **The Third Sunday after Epiphany**

January 27, 2012

8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to bring the good news of  
God's saving grace, through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection to  
all to be free to be the people of God.*

# **Welcome to Worship at Grace Lutheran Church**

Companion Congregation: Msindo Parish in Tanzania

***Welcome!** Please sign the Attendance Registrations sheets which are found in each pew. Visitors, please also sign the guest book at the Welcome Center, and please join us for coffee and education hour activities between services.*

***Large print bulletins** are available from the ushers.*

***A nursery is available** if your children become restless during the service. Heather Nelson or another daycare staff member will be the attendant each Sunday morning. If there is no one in the nursery, check in the daycare office. The service is also broadcast in the Gathering Hall.*

***Communion** – We welcome all people to the Lord's table to receive Holy Communion. Children not instructed are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not able to come forward to take communion, please notify an usher before the service. Then try to sit by the side aisle and the pastor will commune you in your pew.*

***When by intinction:** Receive the host (wafer), then dip the host into the chalice (cup) to receive wine (red) or grape juice (clear); depart by the side aisle. Gluten free wafers and a separate glass chalice are available by request on the pulpit side (left when facing altar).*

***When by pouring chalice:** Receive a cup. Receive and eat the bread. Proceed to the wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to have grape juice, take a rose colored glass from the inner ring of the tray; grape juice will be in the outer most chalice on both sides. Communion bread is gluten free.*

***A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.*

**Prelude**

“Jesus Loves Me” by William Bradbury

*All Youth*

*Please prepare for worship through quiet reflection and meditation*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

**Hymn**

“Hallelujah” by Leonard Cohen, arr. by Rachel Kurtz.

*Jennie Wonderlin on Piano*

*The youth will sing the verses and the congregation is invited to join on the refrain. Refrain: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelu-jah.*

**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

Liturgist: Youth Choir

The congregation sings the refrain only

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

# Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

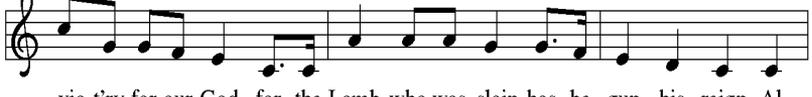


peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



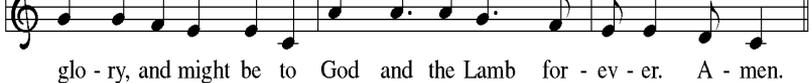
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-



le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### Prayer of the Day

**C: 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**

*Please be seated*

### **First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10**

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that the joy of the Lord is their strength.*

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. <sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the

ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L: the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

**Psalm: Psalm 19**

R 

The teach- ing of the LORD re - vives the soul.

- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, <sup>1</sup>and the sky proclaims its |  
maker's handiwork.
- <sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale | to another, and one night imparts knowledge |  
to another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not  
heard,
- <sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the  
ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber; it rejoices like a  
champion to | run its course.
- <sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about  
to the end of | it again; nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul; the  
testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.
- <sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart; the  
commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**
- <sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever; the judgments of  
the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.
- <sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your ser-<sup>1</sup>vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is<sup>1</sup> great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's<sup>1</sup> own offenses? Cleanse me from my<sup>1</sup> secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion<sup>1</sup> over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a<sup>1</sup> great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable<sup>1</sup> in your sight, O LORD, my strength and<sup>1</sup> my redeemer. R**

## **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12: 12 -31**

### **Many Members, One Body** (*From the Spark Story Bible*)

Apostles like Paul stayed very busy telling as many people as possible about Jesus and his love for them. Sometimes Paul traveled to share the good news in person. Sometimes he sent letters to teach his friends more about what it meant to be Christian. Together, they were part of a new family of people who believed in Jesus. Paul wrote this message to Christians who lived in the city of Corinth. He wanted to help them understand how special the church was, including everyone in it. “The church is like a human body. One body has many different parts, but it’s still one body. We are many different kinds of people, but we’re still one body of believers. If a foot said, ‘Because I’m not a hand I’m not a part of this body’ that would be silly! It would still be a part of the body. And if the whole body was an eye, how could it hear or smell? That’s silly too! God made our bodies to have lots of parts, and each part has something special to do. God made all of our parts to work together!

The body of believers is the same. “God has given each of you special things to do. Some of you travel to share the new about Jesus, and some you teach right where you live. Some of you heal the sick or become church leaders. Is everyone a teacher? Is everyone a leader? No, that would be silly too. God made us to be different and to do different things to show our love for Jesus. Just like the different parts of one body, we all have different talents and we all work together. God has made each of us very special!”

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Sermon

### Anthem

"Amazing Grace" arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
*Youth Bells*

*Please stand as you are able*

### Gospel Acclamation

C:



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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Fourth Chapter.

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

### Gospel: Luke 4:14–21

*Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight

to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Hymn**

"Amazing Grace"

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*Adam Dostalík on Piano*

**Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

**Prayers of the People**

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your loving hands, gracious God, we place ourselves and all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**All: God of love, have mercy on us. Pour out your Spirit upon us. Center us in worship. Hold us in grace. Strengthen us in love. Send us forth in mission. In Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

### Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all,

**C: And also with you!**

*Please be seated*

### Announcements

### The Offering

#### Offertory

8:15

"Lord You Are"

*Cherub Choir with Barb Powers on Piano*

10:45

"Let me Be Your Servant, Jesus" by Judith A. Helms

*Youth Choir with Bev Anderson on Piano*

*Please stand as you are able*

### Offering Prayer

P: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

P: 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.

For as often we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim our Lord's death until he comes.

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

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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;**

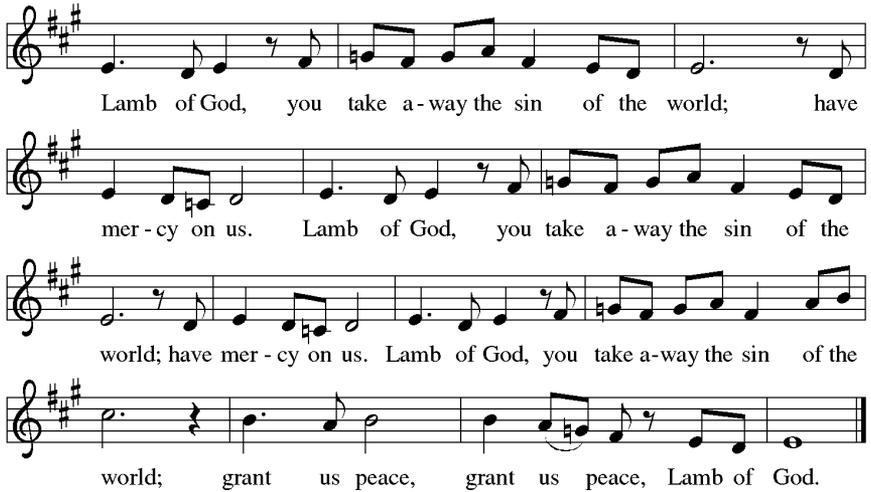
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen

**Invitation to Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table prepared before you. Taste God’s goodness and mercy.

*Please be seated*

**Lamb of God**



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, Lamb of God.

**Distribution Hymns:** 790, 496, 692

*Please stand as you are able*

**Prayer after Communion**

P: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**



## **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

“Make a Difference” arr. by Rachel Kurtz

*The youth will sing the verses and the congregation is invited to join on the refrain. Refrain: I want my life to make a difference. I want my life to make a change. I want my life to do some good here. I want my life to make a change.*

## **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

“Ode to Joy by Beethoven”

arr. by Farber

*Kayleigh Medhurst, piano*



# **Good Morning and Welcome to Grace!**

## **Announcements and Calendar**

**In our prayers:** LeRoi Beers, Lyle Black, Diane Jessen, the family of Charles Bergman (Bruce Bergman’s brother) and the others we name before you...

**Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God by Joann Pierce in loving memory of her husband, George Pierce.

**A Stephen Minister** is available in the upper room between services for people who need a listening ear, encouragement and prayer support.

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## **Education Opportunities**

**Sunday School classes** and **Adult Forum** meet at 9:30 after coffee time.

**Adult Forum**    **January 27** – Beacon of Life – with  
Executive Director Keshia Meissner

**February 3** – Open

**Adult Bible Study** meets Tuesday mornings from 8:45–10:15a.m. in Grace Hall II. Tuesday evening Bible Study meets Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Gathering Hall. Pastor Mike leads both studies.

**Happy Birthday to:** Elaine Westvold, Charles Smith, James Kaleewoun, Norman Trentmann, Cherlyn Lewis, Nayeli Rodriguez, Maryena Petty-Lee, Larry Cramer, Sophia Royster, Richard Johansen, Kathlina Roat, Jolene Wiegmann, William Marberry

**Happy Anniversary to:** Duleep and Dorothy Singh, Larry and Carmen Buell

**All are welcome to the catered hot lunch today after second service, before the Annual Meeting in Grace Hall.** A free will offering will be accepted to offset costs.



**PLEASE NOTE! Super Wednesday Meal WILL NOT be served February 6. Please plan ahead to supply your own meal.. Thank you!**



**Remember to contact the office as soon as possible with your choice for receiving the Friendly Visitor.** The February version will be ready soon and we don't want you to miss out! You should have received a letter in the mail explaining why it is no longer possible to mail the newsletter. Your options include: pickup, email a PDF version, notify by email to view on the website, or if none of the above works, we can mail **a few** by first class postage.



**Would you enjoy helping to lead worship?** Do you like to sing but can't commit to weekly choir rehearsals? Have you considered becoming a liturgist? The liturgist's role includes chanting the Kyrie, reading the prayers, and assisting with Communion. It's a fun way of being engaged in the worship experience and gives you the opportunity to take a more active role in the worship life of this community. Training is provided. Interested, or have questions? See Pastor Mike. We would love to welcome you into that role!



## ALTAR GUILD

**Altar Guild has service opportunities available for 2013!** If you have ever thought about serving through this kind of ministry, now is the time. The duties include preparing the worship space with the appropriate banners, paraments, vessels, linens and elements used in the liturgy. The time commitment is typically an hour per week, in addition to attending one of the worship services.

This is not limited to women! Please consider working as a team: husband/wife, parent/child. We will accept volunteers for one or two months of service, or even on a trial basis if needed.

Please contact Sue Anderson (279-2690) or Gail Peterson (224-4514) with your questions or commitment.

“When we offer ourselves to serve at the altar, we offer ourselves to God as a living prayer.”

- Fran McKinney



The Lenten devotion sign-up for writers is ready! It is located at Volunteer Central. Thanks to all who will be enriching our Lenten journeys. See the sign-up sheet for more information.



## Welcome to Grace!

**Ministers** – The People of God

**Pastor** - Michael Schmidt

**Director of Laity Ministries** - Stephanie Johnson

**Director of Music Ministries** - Jennifer Wohlenhaus Bloomberg

**Ensemble Director** – Sherry Kocek

**Grace Kids Care Director** - Heather Nelson

**Office Administrator** - Jacquelyn Holmes

**Office Assistant** - Michelle Voelker

**Pianist for Liturgy and Amazing Grace:** Adam Dostalík

**Ushers** –8:15 Jessye Rissman, Bailey Woodruff, Christina Anderson,  
Tanner Peeler 10:45 Riley Mortenson, Cooper Mortenson, Molly  
Riordan, Katie Farrell

**Liturgist** – 8:15 Youth Choir 10:45 Youth Choir

**Lector** – 8:15 Leslie Denton and Kayleigh Medhurst  
10:45 Jennie and Ben Wonderlin

**Children’s Sermon** – McKenzie Carney, Jessica Rissman and Bailey  
Woodruff

**Communion servers** – 8:15 Leslie Denton, Natasha Voelker, Donna  
Jordan, Hal Turner 10:45 Christina Anderson, Katie Farrell, Jessica  
Russell, Nely Ruiz, Stephanie Johnson

**Acolytes** – 8:15 Paul Weaver 10:45 Courtney Brandsfield, Sierra  
Carney

**Altar Guild** – Mindy Scholten, Gail Peterson, and Loree Nelson

**Counters** – 8:15 Jon Rissman, Mike Carney 10:45 Mark Stumme,  
Tom McCleary

**Coffee** –



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## **SUNDAY, January 27, Youth Service, Annual Meeting**

- 8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall
- 9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass Practice
- 9:30 a.m. – Stephen Minister in Upper Room
- 9:30 a.m. – Good and Beautiful God Book Discussion – Chapel
- 10:45 a.m. – Holy Communion
- 12:00 p.m. – Annual Congregation Meeting and Luncheon

## **MONDAY, January 28**

- 10:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. – TOPS
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. – AA in Grace Hall

## **TUESDAY, January 29**

- 8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
- 8:45 – 10:15 a.m. – Bible Study in Grace Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Evening Bible Study in Gathering Hall
- 6:00 p.m. – Good and Beautiful God book discussion – Café
- 6:00 p.m. – TOPS

## **WEDNESDAY, January 30**

- 9:00 a.m. – Willing Workers
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Cherub Choir
- 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Youth Choir
- 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Supper
- 5:30 p.m. – Book Discussion
- 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Chapel Chimera (grade 3-5)
- 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Hangout, high school room
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Kids Hour
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Lectionary Study
- 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Youth Bells (grades 6-12)
- 6:30 p.m. – Brass Practice
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Confirmation
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. – Grace Bells
- 7:45 – 8:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, January 31**

9:00 a.m. – Quilters

1:00 p.m. – Circle Friends meeting

6:30 p.m. – Holy Communion Evening Worship

**FRIDAY, February 1**

**SATURDAY, February 2**

**SUNDAY, February 3**

8:15 a.m. – Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. – Coffee & Fellowship – Grace Hall

9:30 a.m. – Adult Forum, Education Hour, Brass Practice

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