

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Parker, South Dakota

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

## PRELUDE, VISUAL PRAYERS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All: **The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All: **My heart says, "Your face, Lord, will I seek." Do not hide your face from me.**

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom then shall we fear?

All: **In God's tent are sounds of great gladness. Let us sing and make music to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise to the God of glory, strength, and peace as we proclaim our shared statement of mission and ministry:

All: **"We believe we are forgiven and saved by faith in Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection. As people of God, through love, we are God's hands. We are called to invite and welcome everyone into the fellowship of believers. We worship *together*, teach His word, pray for, encourage and uplift each other. We witness to His love and forgiveness to our congregation, community and world." (Written by members from Grace Lutheran)**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: The God who is always present invites us to open our hearts and be honest in our conversations as we come to this place of prayer...

O God, our many fears keep us distant from you and from one another.

All: **We hear Jesus inviting us to follow and become fishers of people, yet we do not understand what this means for our lives.**

Leader: We do not easily leave behind the things that seem important to our own welfare. We do not easily reach out to people whom we think are different from us.

All: **We do not easily embrace the One who does not promise material or social rewards. Have mercy upon us. Empower us by your Spirit to turn from our ways and walk with Jesus wherever he leads. Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

### PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: "I am the light of the world," Jesus proclaimed. The people who sat in darkness have seen this great light! When we come to the Light in repentance, we are restored and forgiven. Walk now as the children of the Light.

All: **We are restored and forgiven! Thanks Be to God!**

### OPENING HYMN

**"Gather Us In"**

ELW 532

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us.

All: **Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

### THE READING RESPONSE

**"Thanks Be to God!"** (After each reading)

### RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

### THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"**

Choir

### KID TALK

**"Gone Fishin'"**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

(Please remain **standing** for The Gospel)

### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

(Pew Bible p. 3 – New Testament)

### GOSPEL RESPONSES

**"Glory to You, O Lord"** (After The Gospel is announced)

**"Praise to You, O Christ"** (After The Gospel is read)

### SERMON

**"I Will Make You Fish for People"**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"**

ELW 817

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Congregational response after each petition of "Lord, in your mercy:" "Hear our prayer.")

RETURNING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

"To me, the Sanctuary is a place where the broken go to heal and where joy rattles out of its cage."

~Shannon Ivy~

Music Video – "OK" (Josh Wilson)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son. (repeat)  
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)  
Give thanks.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Leader: Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our very selves.

All: **So let us give not only our Offering to help others, but our hearts, our hands and our time to make a tangible difference in the lives of those not as fortunate as we are. Keep us mindful of all you have given to us, so we might give to others. We give with gratitude through Christ our Lord, who gave us his all. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT BY INTINCTION *(Special Music played during Communion)*

BENEDICTION

Leader: Let us go now as people of the light.

All: **May the light of Christ dispel our fears and give us insight and hope. May the light of Christ bless us with joy and empower us to serve faithfully in the world. Amen.**


DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord by loving and serving one another!

All: **Thanks Be to God!**

~Grace Lutheran Church Annual Meeting~

**Brothers and sisters, grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus. Welcome to this time of worship. As we celebrate Holy Communion by Intinction this morning, we invite all baptized Christians who seek forgiveness and who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament to join us at the altar. \*\*\* If you want Pastor Don to come to you with Communion, please let an usher know.\*\*\* Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the service.**



Please stay for our Annual Meeting after Worship. Goodies and refreshments will be served after the service with donations going to the Youth Gathering Group, then the annual meeting will begin.

**\*\*\* Reminder: NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING.\*\*\***

**This Week at GRACE**

- Today: 10:00 am: Annual meeting, followed by Church Council meeting  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Wed: 4:00 pm: Pre-Confirmation  
5:00 pm: Confirmation  
6:30 pm: Worship (Holy Communion)  
7:00 pm: Luther League  
7:00 pm: Choir
- Sun: 9:00 am: Worship (Holy Communion)  
10:00 am: Sunday School

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**Attendance 1/12/2020: 131 (Worship cancelled 1/19/20 due to weather)**

Offering total for the week of 1/12/2020 was \$3,660.00. This includes Sunday's and Wednesday's offerings, and direct EFT through First Savings Bank. We exceeded our weekly offering goal of \$2,600 which helps to ensure that all of our bills and salaries are paid timely!!

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*Thank you to the following people for helping with our Worship service this morning: Bill & Marci Leberman, reader Roger Deutsch, Communion Assistants Kaden Avilla, Lori Jones & Chris Wirt, greeters Tim & Jennie Verhey and family, and A/V assistant Kristen Kuchta.*

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