

February 12th, 2012

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today: “*Moved with pity,*” the Son of God has come in the flesh, willing and able to save us. He goes to the Cross to give His body as a sacrifice and to shed His blood for the forgiveness of all our sins. Now He stretches out His hand to touch us with His body and His blood in the Sacrament, and with His Word He cleanses us of all iniquity (Mark 1:40–42). Already in the Old Testament, by the promise of His coming, the Word that He spoke by His prophets had the power to cleanse and restore the flesh of fallen man. Thus, “*according to the word of the man of God,*” Naaman, the Syrian warrior, was cleansed of his leprosy when he washed in the Jordan, and “*his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child*” (2 Kings 5:14). By the washing of water with His Word, we also are cleansed of all our sins and set free from the burden of the Law. As little children of God, we now seek the good of our neighbor and “*do all to the glory of God*” (1 Cor. 10:24–31).

Requests, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Attendance Registration cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

WELCOME

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A-glow with grace and mer-cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un-dy-ing!
 from God a-bove A ray of pur-est plea-sure.
 not yet be-gun Was this old earth's foun-da-tion!



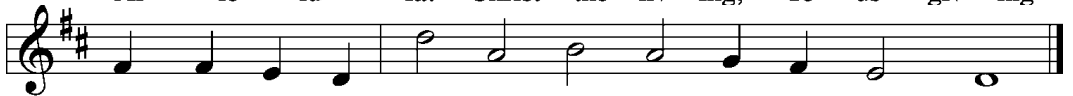
Of Ja-cob's race, King Da-vid's son, Our Lord and mas-
 In Your one bod-y let us be As liv-ing branch-
 Your Word and Spir-it, flesh and blood Re-fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran-somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on-ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup-ply-ing.
 with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear-est trea-sure!
 here and a-bove: This is Your great sal-va-tion.



Low-ly, ho-ly! Great and glo-rious, All vic-to-rious,
 Now, though dai-ly Earth's deep sad-ness May per-plex us
 Let Your mer-cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
 Al-le-lu-ia! Christ the liv-ing, To us giv-ing



Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos-sess-ing!
 And dis-tress us, Yet with heav'n-ly joy You bless us.
 For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
 Life for-ev-er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev-er!

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5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

Stand

Invocation (*God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.*)

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Confession: (*We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.*)

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution: (*God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.*)

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit: (*Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.*)
Ps. 112:1, 3, 7-9; antiphon: Ps. 112:4

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!**

Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.**

His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

**He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures
forever; his horn is exalted in honor.**

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

Gloria Patri



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie: (*Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.*) *LSB 186*



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



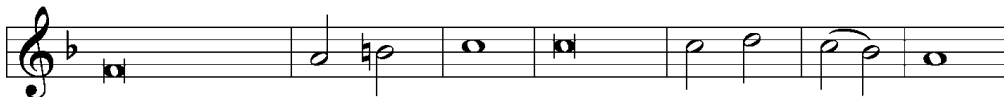
Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



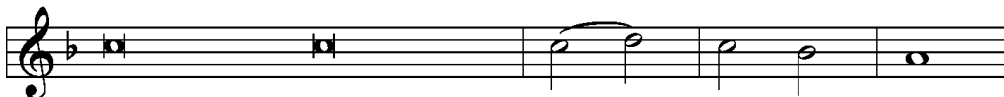
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



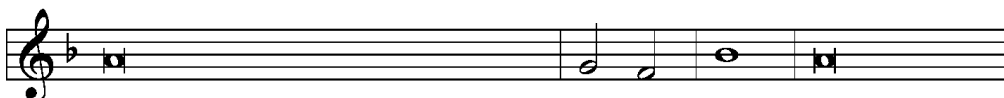
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation: *(The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.)*

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Collect: *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day.)*

P Let us pray.

P O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Sit

Scripture Readings: *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 5:1-14

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. ²Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in

Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.”⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord, “Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel.”⁵ And the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.”

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes.⁶ And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy.”⁷ And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me.”

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel.”⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha’s house.¹⁰ And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.”¹¹ But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants came near and said to him, “My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1

³¹So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.³² Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God,³³ just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved.

¹Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁴⁰And a leper came to [Jesus], imploring him, and kneeling said to him, “If you will, you can make me clean.”

⁴¹Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, “I will; be clean.” ⁴²And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴and said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them.” ⁴⁵But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Creed: *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Sermon "Sinners in Need of Jesus' Touch"

Mark 1:41

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory: (The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.) LSB 192



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Sharing of the Peace

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering: (The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)

Stand

Prayer of the Church: *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Close of the Prayers

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer: *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)*

- 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.

Sit

Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord

LSB 771

1 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord, For
2 You need not mul - ti - ply your words Nor
3 Wait, then, in qui - et con - fi - dence, Your
4 Be still, my soul, be - fore the Lord; On

God is al - ways near. Be - fore your mind is
pray with prac - ticed art. Be - yond all speech, God
anx - ious thoughts at rest. God knows your needs be -
God in pa - tience wait. God's love, un - seen, sur -



moved to pray, God lis - tens and will hear.
 un - der - stands The hun - ger of your heart.
 fore you ask And works for what is best.
 rounds your life; God's help will not be late.

Stand

Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.

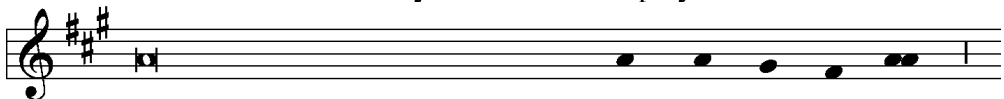


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction: *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)*



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

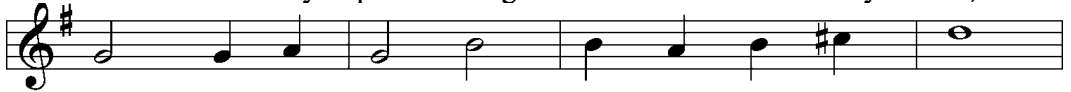
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Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

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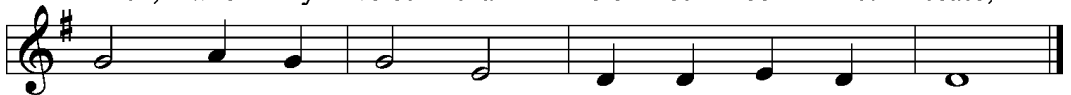
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
DISMISSAL
POSTLUDE**

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**The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically
Model and share the gospel with the lost.**

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

**Feb. Elders: M. W. Kasper Organist(s): June Parker
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**Feb. Altar Guild: Milly Cheak
Marilyn Burns**

Readers:		Acolytes:	
Feb. 12	Dana Bunte	Feb. 12	Chad Catron & Ashley Nitsche
Feb. 19	Jim Duty	Feb. 19	Bailey Bennight & Cody Spencer
Feb. 26	Mike Wallace	Feb. 22	Rose Caldwell & Colin Kasper
		Feb. 26	Nicholas Nitsche & Brody Bennight
		Feb. 29	Reece Kasper & Kaleb Barho

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Grace Lutheran Church now has the ability to record the worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is now being placed online; go to www.glcs.org and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon or the entire service for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS

Also online: we now have the newsletter as well as our bulletin in PDF format for your viewing. Go to www.glcs.org and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.



TEXAS WENDISH HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Texas Wendish Heritage Society will sponsor a **Walk-In Coffee** on **Tuesday, February 14,** in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church located in the 100 block of South Grimes, Giddings, directly across the street from the Schubert-Fletcher House and Eleanor's Cottage in Giddings. Sandwiches, chips, and desserts will be available from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Free will donations benefiting the Texas Wendish Heritage Museum at Serbin will be appreciated.

DARE TO READ LIKE A LUTHERAN

Concordia Publishing House is providing us with a wonderful opportunity to save some money on some great books about what we believe as Lutherans. A poster has been placed in the narthex for more information. If you would like to purchase any of these books (*Lutheran Book of Prayer, Luther's Small Catechism, Reading the Psalms with Luther, Lutheran Service Book, The Lutheran Difference, Law and Gospel, Treasury of Daily Prayer, Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions, The Lutheran Study Bible*), please sign up under the poster in the narthex. You can give your payment to the church office by **Sunday, March 11,** and we will submit one order together as a congregation. If you would like more information on any of the books before you purchase them, please see Pastor Appel. Don't miss this great opportunity to get these books while they are on sale and at the same time learn more about what we believe, teach, and confess!

GLLC CHAPEL INVITATION

Pastor Appel leads chapel for the children at the Learning Center every **Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM.** Even though the time is geared toward teaching the children about what Jesus has done for them, everyone is invited. Please join us for this short chapel service as you are able. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the children at GLLC that they are an important part of our community. Young and old—we are all children of God!



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LARGE PRINT LUTHERAN WITNESS IS NOW AVAILABLE, please let the Office know if you need this size.

JOHN 3:16 CARDS

The Board of Evangelism would like to announce that John 3:16 cards are available through the church office. These cards were introduced to us during our Equipping to Share conference. They are a great way to share the good news of salvation through Jesus with a friend by placing their name into the Gospel message given in John 3:16. The other side of the card has Grace's contact information as well as Bible study and worship times. If you would like some of these cards as a way to share the Gospel with others in your life, please contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The story "Jesus Heals Jairus's Daughter" serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus by Word and touch raised the dead girl to life, so by His Word and Sacraments, He kills and buries death and raises us to eternal life. *Questions for discussion include, "How did Jesus heal this little girl? How does Jesus heal us from the sickness of sin?"*



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST

If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:

Charlene Franke (sister of Ann Schroeder), **Dorothy** Heptner, **Teresa** Slusher, **Dora** Wehmeyer, **Bertha** McGinnis, **Thelma** Bunte

Long Term Health Concerns

Lawrence Goertz (Nancy Young's uncle), **Reggie** Cheak, **Alex** Metzler

Battling Cancer:

Melissa Wellman & **Nancy** Pogg (friends of the Langers'), **Donna** Kadlecek, **Nikki** Rivera(4 yrs. old) & **Luke** Rivera (2nd grader)-friends of Kim Kunz, **Shirley** Wilhelm (friend of Rose Pietsch), **Keith** Whatley (friend of Jim Sanders), **Mary** Knippa (Charles Knippa's mother), **Sharon** Reyna (Brenda Sander's friend), **Bob** Larson (Alvie's son-in-law), **Barbara** Geller (friend of the Langers'), **Patt** Langer, **Joe** Navarro (friend of Allan Riddle), **Patricia** Landon (James Landon's mother), **Pete** Luna (3rd grader with brain tumor), **Lula** Jones, **Jewel** Stark (friend of GLC) and **Tommy** Prochaska.

Recent Health Concerns:

Lillie Valis (Zane Gray's mother), **Deanna** Niesner, **Garrette** Hoffman, **Antone & Marie** Delesandre (Rod Langers' cousins), **Bill** Herbrick (Nancy Fritsche's brother) **Thomas** Kinsey (in-law of Dorothy Heptner), **Ken** Long (Barbara Pauley's brother), **Eugene** Randle, **Leland** Prove, **Harvey** Franke (Ann Schroeder's cousin), **Joyce** Aplin (Brenda Sander's sister), **Bobbie** Aplin (Brenda Sander's mother), **Kenny** Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father), **Richard** Bennatt (friend of the Langer's), **Easton** Earp (friend of Juanita Bertsch), **Charley** Rae Furr (friend of Donna Zimmerhanel), **Evelyn** Tinberg (Alvie's sister-in-law), **Bernice** Behrend, , **Floyd** Meeks, **Alton** Voight (father of Carolyn Riddle), **Martha** Rasor, **Will** Gordon (Robin Nitsche's brother), **Joe** Reyna (husband of one of our GLLC teachers), **Christopher** Harms (friend of the Metzlers), **Sandra** St.John (co-worker of Chrissy Becker), **Bill** Moberg (friend of M.W. Kasper).

In the Military:

James Staton (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Randle), **Dusty** Organ & **Daniel** McIntyre (friends of James Staton), **Steven** Guedry (friend of Millie Fritz), **Ryan** Teague, **Richard** Gamboa, **David** Bienek, **Beck** Williams Helmcamp (George Helmcamp's grandson).

Other Prayer Requests:

Jessica Rogoway (Brooke Deapen's grandmother), **Judy** Murphy (friend of Rose Pietsch), **Nicholas** Harwell, **Mark & Margie** Peres, **The Wolff** family and the **Smithville Volunteer Fire Dept.**

In Mourning:

The family of **Chris Gould**

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Feb. 12</u>	<u>Mon. Feb. 13</u>	<u>Tues. Feb. 14</u>	<u>Wed. Feb. 15</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship 6:30p Youth Group	7p LLL	9-12p Pastor Circuit Mtg-Elgin 6p Community Bunco	10a GLLC Chapel Regular Mid Week (see schedule below)
<u>Thurs. Feb. 16</u>	<u>Fri. Feb. 17</u>	<u>Sat. Feb. 18</u>	<u>Sun. Feb. 19</u>
	Pastor Away-Family Day		8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/ Communion 3p Nursing Home Devotions

MIDWEEK MEALS

We are in need of **volunteers** to cook for midweek meals again during 2012. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board next to the office in the Narthex. Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to sign-up to provide a simple meal for the children and adults who gather each week to learn more about Jesus through Bible study. Thank you to everyone who provides this labor of love!

***MID WEEK SCHEDULE**

5:45p Mid Week Meal
6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages
7:30 – 8:30p Jr. High & High School Youth
Sunday Worship (2/5) 167 Sunday School (2/5) 53

FINANCIALS – as of February 5th, 2012

	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
General	5,784.50			
Sun School	35.75			
Lutheran Witness				
GLLC donation	425.00			
Poinsettias				
New Van	100.00			
Organ	25.00			
Bldg. Maint				
Memorial				
Edna Randle Mem.				
Footprints				
Fire Victims				
TOTAL	6,370.25			



Greetings Grace members! We are starting a new year. And what better way to do so than to start greeting our own folks and visitors at the door. Yes, I know. It has been done before but died. What a shame. Research indicates that initially the top two components that seem to bring people back for a second visit is 1) the effectiveness of the pastor, 2) the friendliness of the people. Research also indicates that when members greet members it makes for a closer church; breaking the ice, putting names with faces, etc. Do you know every one by name in our church? I don't. So join with me and sign up to be a greeter. It is an easy way to serve and only takes about 20-30 minutes Sunday morning. The more we get the less you will get to do it; unless you just want to hog it! We will probably have a meeting before we get started. See me, **Jim Sanders**, or sign up in the Narthex. Now, don't make me come after you!

IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE TO FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Every so often, we at Grace Lutheran Church have the opportunity to provide the service of providing meals to one of our fellow members who has recently come home from the hospital or has another situation that makes it difficult for them to prepare every meal. While it may seem like a simple or trivial thing to do, such service is truly God-pleasing because He himself has given it for us to do. In the 5th Commandment, we learn God has given us the holy task to "help and support [our neighbors] in every physical need." Jesus Christ has freed us from our self-centered sinfulness to live in such service, not because any good works save us, but because the love that Christ has showed us simply overflows into such good works. That's what we see in Matthew 25:31-40. Those whom the Lord has made righteous by faith, his sheep, are surprised when he tells them that they served him in so many ways. Jesus says to them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Service to others is simply what Christ's sheep do. Because they have already been made holy by his death and resurrection, they serve others, in such simple ways as feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, and visiting the sick. Though these tasks look simple and often go unnoticed by the world around us, they do not go unnoticed by our Lord Jesus Christ. Though it may seem that there are more "holy" things that you could do, nothing is more holy than what God has given. That's why Martin Luther says in his Large Catechism, "Know, however, that these works, commanded by God's Word, are the true, holy, and divine works in which he rejoices with all the angels." Please consider helping with this important and worthwhile service to your fellow members of the Body of Christ here at Grace. If you are interested in doing so, please talk to **Mary Ann Duty**, our hospitality coordinator, or let the church office know so that you can be contacted when such a need arises.

PRIVATE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION DURING LENT

During Lent, you will have the opportunity for individual confession and absolution with Pastor. Please consider availing yourself of this great gift of forgiveness. As Martin Luther wrote, "When I urge you to go to confession, I am urging you to be a Christian." Each Wednesday evening in Lent after the midweek service, Pastor will be available in his office until 8:45 PM for private confession and absolution. In order to provide ample opportunity for you to take advantage of this wonderful gift of forgiveness, Pastor will also be available in his office on Monday mornings from 8:00-9:00 AM, on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:00 PM, and on Sunday mornings before Bible class from 7:30-8:30 AM. During these times, you do not need to make an

appointment. If none of these times works for you and you would still like to confess your sins and receive forgiveness privately, please call Pastor and set up an appointment.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

Feb. 22, 2012	Ash Wednesday	Save Me Because of Your Unfailing Love	Psalm 6
Feb. 29, 2012	Lent Midweek 2	Hiding from God or Hiding in God?	Psalm 32
Mar. 7, 2012	Lent Midweek 3	Come Quickly to Help Me	Psalm 38
Mar. 14, 2012	Lent Midweek 4	Against You and For Me	Psalm 51
Mar. 21, 2012	Lent Midweek 5	God's Enduring Presence for You	Psalm 102
Mar. 28, 2012	Lent Midweek 6	Teach Me Your Will, For You Are My God	Psalm 143

Information about Holy Week services (Maundy Thursday-April 5, Good Friday-April 6 and Easter Sunday-April 8) will be published in the coming weeks.



Date	Time	Soup	Host
Feb. 22	6:00 – 6:45 pm	A – Fo	LWML
Feb. 29	6:00 – 6:45 pm	Fr – P	Elders
Mar. 7	6:00 – 6:45 pm	R - Z	
Mar. 14	6:00 – 6:45 pm		LLL
Mar. 21	6:00 – 6:45 pm	Fr – P	
Mar. 28	6:00 – 6:45 pm	R - Z	

Households in the congregation whose last names begin with the letters listed weekly are responsible for bringing a pot of soup or stew. Desserts are optional.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Feb. 19th. 2012

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Divine Service Setting 1

Old Testament Reading: II Kings 2:1-12

Epistle Reading: II Corinthians 3:12-13; 4:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9