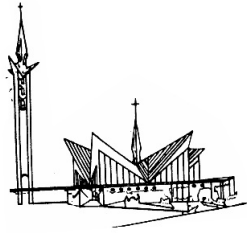


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)



January 19, 2025

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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sermon Notes:

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Weekly Schedule

HYMN OF THE MONTH...In January, we will sing hymn 403 - "O Savior of Our Fallen Race" translated by Gilbert E. Doan.

Gilbert E. Doan was educated at Harvard University (Bachelor of Arts 1942); Lutheran Theological Seminary (Bachelor of Divinity 1955); the University of Pennsylvania (Master of Arts 1962, though he returned it to the school to protest their policies); and Wagner College (Doctor of Divinity, late 1970s). He served as a campus pastor in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1955-61); Northeastern Director of the National Lutheran Campus Ministry; and pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion, Philadelphia (1984-95). His works include: *The Preaching of Frederick W. Robertson* (editor), 1964; *Renewal in the Pulpit*, 1966; *Sermons on Peace and War*; *Preaching to College Students*; *Worship in Campus Ministry*.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY....Meets Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. We are currently studying *Jonah*. In this Old Testament book God displays His power, patience and relentless grace, showing how He works out His purposes and how nothing can thwart His determination to save. Each lesson helps us understand God's compassion, mercy, patience and sovereignty, ultimately encouraging us to trust God through every circumstance. There's room for you at the table and we hope you will join us. For a study book see Barb Quist.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY...Has been put on pause. More information to come after Easter.

HIGHER THINGS REGISTRATION...Higher Things Conference will be held in Grand Rapids at Calvin University from July 29 to August 1, 2025.

DOXOLOGY...Now that Pastor Marklevitz is a Doxology graduate, we are invited to attend future conferences! There is an annual conference called "Doxology: Encore," in which lay members are invited to attend. This is a unique opportunity to travel, getaway, and receive professional insight into church ministry and its impact. The next Encore Conference will be in Middleton, WI, from May 30 to June 1, 2025. Please contact Pastor Marklevitz, Tom Hoffman, or Jeff DeYoung with any interest or questions.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH...Grace's second Church plant, gathers Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for Divine Service. They meet in the building of United Lutheran Church, 15424 Lake Michigan Dr, West Olive, MI 49460.
Website: <https://christevangelicallutheran.org>

MESSIAH'S ANNUAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH SEMINAR...Make plans now to join us Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. as we welcome Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger and explore *Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose*. Pastor Leininger will combine insights from Scripture the Church's history and heritage of prayer and song with decades of experience in congregational life and campus ministry to explore this deeply personal topic. There is no charge for this seminar and continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration is now open. Please RSVP online at www.messiahgr.org or by calling 616-363-2553. Messiah is located at 2727 Five Mile Road NE, Grand Rapids, MI.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND...If you are looking for a place to keep your money safe and you are a member of the LCMS, check out the LCEF information and rates on the bulletin board just outside the church office. Feel free to contact John Hoover with any questions or further assistance. John.Hoover@lcef.org.

PORTALS OF PRAYER, JAN–MAR '25...The *Portals of Prayer* for January through March 2025 are available on the devotional table (to the right of the mailboxes). Please help yourself.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP...Please be sure to sign up for altar flowers throughout the year! You may sign up using the sign up sheets in the binder located on the devotional table. The cost is \$20 per arrangement.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSON OPPORTUNITIES WITH OSLC!...Our Savior Lutheran Church is connecting families in the Grand Rapids community with quality music education for their children. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board outside the office. If you have any questions please contact Kantor Roberts at croberts@oursavior-gr.org or call the OSLC Office at 616-949-0710.

SCRIP/RAISERIGHT...If you would like to order Scrip you can find order slips as well as a list of all of the RaiseRight retailers on the showcase. Please be sure to turn in payment at the time you place your order. Make checks payable to Grace Beginnings Preschool. Orders are due on the first Monday of each month (next due is February 3) with delivery Wednesday or Thursday of that week.

QUILTERS WORKSHOP...The next work session is planned for Wednesday, February 19 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. We welcome any and all help of those who can tie knots, layer and/or design Quilts. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Grace members while working on a worthy mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO CATECHISM - "RECITE" AND "RECEIVE"...Any child who has yet to start the Catechism can recite one of these categories to the Pastor at the beginning of Bible Study hour & receive a gift. The goal is for each entering Catechism student to have already received all four gifts. Recitation can be done in any order. Please contact Pastor with any questions.

1. Recite the Lord's Prayer and receive Luther's Small Catechism for Kids.
2. Recite the Apostles' Creed and receive Lutheranism 101 for Kids.
3. Recite the Ten Commandments and receive Luther's Small Catechism.
4. Recite Old and New Testament books (all at once or separated by Testaments) and receive a Faith Alive Student Bible ESV.

ATTENTION - ADDRESS CORRECTION - YOUNG AT HEARTS!...That's anyone who has a free Thursday afternoon and loves the company of others! It is time to get together again for some fun, food, and fellowship. On Thursday, January 30 at 11:30 a.m. we will be meeting at the Tokyo Grill, 5316 Clyde Park Avenue, (Right next to a Tommy's Car Wash). Cost of this buffet is \$12.50 with an extra fee if you order a beverage. Please consider joining us as we don't want to have all the fun without you! There will be a sign up sheet at the showcase so we have an idea of how many to add to our reservation. Hope you can be there! Questions, call Diane Long at 616-745-5594.

SNOW REMOVAL...We are looking for volunteers to remove the snow from our sidewalks & entryways throughout the winter season for Sundays and also for Wednesdays during Lent (and for any special services). There is a sign-up board in the hallway, across from Pastor's office. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS...If you would like to subscribe or renew your current subscription to Lutheran Witness magazine, please sign up on the clipboard at the showcase. The subscription cost is \$21.00 for the year. Please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church (payment envelopes available on the showcase). Payment can be placed thru the mail slot in the office door. The deadline to subscribe or renew is NEXT SUNDAY, January 26, 2025.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DONATION BAGS...Yes, it's that time of year again! WinGS has set up several St. Valentine's Day bags for our homebound members on the table in the hallway across from the members mailboxes. A list of all our homebound members is available on that table. You may place your St. Valentine's Day cards, treats and small gifts in each person's bag. The last day for collection will be on Sunday, February 9, 2025 after the Divine Service as they will be given out before St. Valentine's Day itself. Any questions please contact Paula DeYoung at prvdy2330@comcast.net or 616-361-9461.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH...For expressing your care for my well being during my time of recovery. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, and constant inquiries have been greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Pastor Marklevitz for bringing Holy Communion to the hospital as well as praying with Diane and me. These caring acts have been comforting and appreciated. Love in Christ, Norm Long

THANK YOU, WinGS...For letting us share our ministry with your group. Thank you for the generous donation from Grace and from the area churches! This allows us to continue our faith based Equine Assisted Learning activities. We would love to give anyone a tour. God bless you, Lisa and Grace, H.U.G.S. Ranch

A VERY LARGE THANK YOU...To all who have taken time out of their busy schedule to send cards, make a visit, or make a phone call. You have blessed me in so many ways. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless all of you with all of His blessings. Yours in Christ, Marge Morgan



WINGS HAS APPLE PIES AVAILABLE



Impress your friends by baking a home-made apple pie! If anyone would like to purchase a frozen pie, please see Carol Klein, Diane Long or Linda Franks. The price is \$13 per pie, and there are order forms, if needed, on the showcase.

God Bless all our workers, buyers and sellers
Women in God's Service

GRACE LIFE COMMITTEE



It came that they may have me and have it abundantly. JOHN 10:10



Now they were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him, saying, “Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Luke 18:15-17 ESV

MIRACLE OF LIFE

HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank thee first for the great miracle of life, for the exaltation of being human, for the capacity to love, for compassion waiting within to be kindled, for the wisdom of the old, and the courage of the young, for the promise of the child, for the strength that comes when needed, for this day and time You have given us, help us to use it for Your honor and Your glory. In Jesus’ name. Amen.



WEST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN

Serving Grades 7 - 12

Christ Centered - Student Focused

Academics.....Activities.....Achievement

- † Individual attention so **each student** can achieve their goals;
- † Integration of the **Faith in every class** throughout the day!

ENROLL TODAY!...Looking for an affordable and exemplary Christ-centered education? Then check out West Michigan Lutheran High School. Contact the WML office at 616-455-2200 or email office@wmlhs.org to get the simple and easy enrollment paperwork.

WEST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN OPEN HOUSE...Come learn more about your West Michigan area Lutheran high school on Wednesday, February 5 from 6-8 p.m. at 601 36th Street SW, Wyoming. For questions, call the school office at 616-455-2200.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS & OTHER NEEDS:

Anna Barber; Debra Barber; Rev. Ryan Beffrey; Mae Conkright; Hailey Cutler; Jeanne DeMeester; Jeffrey (Jeff) DeYoung; Michael (Mike) Dykstra; Willis (Jack) Edwards; Hubert and Virginia Eisen; Marilyn Franks; Ronald (Ron) Hansen; Barbara (Barb) Hoffman; Cindy Johnston; Iris Kamradt; Vicki Kik; Lois Klooster; Elfriede (Elfie) Koehler; Terry Larson; Norman (Norm) Long; Sandra (Sandy) Melville; Allen (Al) Miiller; **Scott Miiller**; Margaret (Marge) Morgan; Carol Pellerito; James (Jim) Pellerito; Mark Schrader; Albert (Al) TePastte; Joseph (Joe) Theuerkauf; Sharon Theuerkauf.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED:

Alice Barnes (Barnes); Timothy (Tim) Barnes; Dawsyn Bates (Schrader); Barb Castle (Franks); Douglas Christensen (Christensen); Shannon Crisman (Larson); Vicky Drougl (Barnes); Margaret Eastland (Keith's mother); Phil Edgerton (Cutler); Nicole Girth (Gorman); Brian Hague (Larson); Bruce & Ruth Harder (Kik); Jim Hoard (Larson); Theresa Holzhausen; Ginny Huizenga (Klooster family); John Hume (Quist); the Johnson family (Eisens); Donald Karel (DeYoung); Robert Key (Key); Duane Kimle (Diener); Bridget Kimmel (Gorman); Brian & Dawn Klein (Larson); Laura Kooienga (Zwar); Cathy Kutschinski; **Kelly LaHaine** (Gorman); Tom Murrphy (Larson); Richard Ohse (former member); Carrie Pattok (Hoffman); Dalton Palmer (Kutschinski); Violet Redner (Marklevitz); Carissa Richmond (Pellerito); Julie Rop (Long); Bonnie Seher (Kamradt); Aaron Spratling (Hoffman); Katie Stevenson (Schrader); Ty Tanis (Kutschinski); Donna TePastte (TePastte); Vicky Thompson (Hoffman); Gary Weber (Reynolds); Maggie and Josiah Whitley (Helak).

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES:

Robert Barber (Barber); Klorissa Brown, Katie Collins & Nick Payne (Gorman); Skylar Eriks (Kamradt); Christopher Ferguson & Alex Gaunt (Schrader); Blake Hoffman & Austin Spratling (Hoffman).

PRAYERS FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTED SEMINARIANS:

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Nathan Bublitz; Noah Dunsmore.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING birthdays and anniversaries this coming week that their celebrations would lead to rejoicing in God's goodness once again this year and to give Him thanksgiving for all His blessings.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Sunday, January 19 - Patrick Marklevitz

Monday, January 20 - Linda Stephenson

Tuesday, January 21 - Daniel DenBraber

Happy Anniversary LAST week to:


Tuesday, January 14 - Johnny & Alayna Kendall - 2 years

TOGETHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY IN WORD AND STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, January 12, 2025 9:00 a.m. Worship Attendance: 92 Communion: 70

Sunday, January 12, 2025 Offering & Joyful Response: \$4,114.00

Those serving this week and next at Grace:

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|  | Second Sunday after the Epiphany 1/19/2025 9:00 a.m. | Third Sunday after the Epiphany 1/26/2025 9:00 a.m. |
| | Communion Assistants: Keith Eastland | Dan DenBraber |
| Deaconess/Deacon: | Dave Helak | Norm Long |
| Altar Guild: | Janet Dykstra Martha Gottschall | Norm & Diane Long |
| Acolytes: | Elizabeth Reynolds Hailey Morse | Connor Reynolds John Gottschall |
| Sound: | Gray Ferguson | Doug Klein |
| Fellowship: | Kendall | Larson |

Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Ensemble Director: Diane Long

Organist: Charles Gottschall

Finance Team January: Doug & Carol Klein.

Altar Flowers: By Tim Miller - on the occasion of Virginia Miller's birthday on

January 29. Happy birthday Virginia!

THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, January 19, 2025 (Second Sunday after the Epiphany)

Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir

Fellowship following Worship

Bible Study/Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Monday, January 20, 2025 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Handbell Ensemble 5:45 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 23, 2025

Pastoral Care 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friday, January 24, 2025 (St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor)

Saturday, January 25, 2025 (The Conversion of St. Paul)

Sunday, January 26, 2025 (Third Sunday after the Epiphany)

(St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor)

Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

Handbell Ensemble

Noisy Offering (E/M)

Fellowship following Worship

Bible Study/Sunday School 10:45 a.m.