

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to our friends and visitors who are joining us for our worship service this morning! We are glad that you are with us this morning and hope that you will join us again. Please sign our Guest Book at the entry of our church before you leave today.



This morning you will hear a message of freedom from sin and eternal death through Jesus Christ who was **"anointed ... to proclaim liberty to the captives"** and **"to set at liberty those who are oppressed"** (Luke 4:18). May

this message of liberty give you an appreciation for the selfless sacrifice He has made for you and bring you hope for the future! If you have an interest in learning more about the great things God has done for you, please speak to our pastor. He would be happy to speak with you!

Pre-service Devotion: Psalm 2 (*p.123 in the front of the red hymnal*)

Note: We will be following the order of service found on the colored bulletin. The hymns and readings for the service can be found inside this bulletin.

Servants of Grace Today:

Organist: Debra Mayhew

Ushers for January: Joel Schauman, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger, Ron Geiger, Charles Lendt, Ryan Maher, Tony Schauman

Today's Hymns: 629; 507; 346; Insert

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 78:1-7 (NKJV)

1 « A Contemplation of Asaph. » Give ear, O my people, to my law; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, 3 Which we have heard and known, And our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. 5 For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; 6 That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children, 7 That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments.

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:12-18 (NKJV)

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." 14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."

Sermon Text: Matthew 10:32-39 (NKJV)

³² “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. ³⁴ Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; ³⁶ and ‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ ³⁷ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”

Theme: Take up the Sword of the Prince of Peace

The Prince of Peace comes with a Sword of Division?

Part 1 - The Truth of Jesus is in opposition with the world

Jesus came to reconcile sinners to God

He came to bring division between believers and the world

What are your priorities?

Part 2 - Jesus Calls Us to Faithfully Confess the Truth

We are called to reject worldly “peace”

We are called to follow Jesus, no matter the cost

Jesus calls us to receive the Life that He has won for us

† *This Week at Grace* †

- Today - 1/10 -** 8:00 A.M. Bible Class (*Prayer*)
8:00 A.M. Sunday School (*Joseph in Egypt*)
9:00 A.M. Family worship service at Grace
10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8
10:45 A.M. Family Worship at Faith, New Ulm
- Monday 1/11 - 7:00 P.M. Annual Voters’ Meeting
- Wednesday 1/13 - 3:15 P.M. After School Bible Study
4:00 P.M. Confirmation Class (8th Graders)
5:00 P.M. Confirmation Class (All)
7:00 P.M. Grace worship on TV channel
- Friday 1/15 - 10:00 A.M. Ross Park Bible Study (*Gospel of Mark*)
- Sunday 1/17 - 8:00 A.M. Bible Class (*Prayer*)
8:00 A.M. Sunday School (*Bondage in Egypt*)
9:00 A.M. Family worship service at Grace
10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8
10:45 A.M. Family Worship at Faith, New Ulm

Serving Us This Coming Week:

January Ushers: Joel Schauman, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger,
Ron Geiger, Charles Lendt, Ryan Maher, Tony Schauman
Organist: Laura Heinze **Church Cleaning:** Mayhew
January Tellers: Jon Riederer and Shaun Nason

Announcements

Annual Voters’ Meeting - Our Annual Voters’ Meeting will be held tomorrow night at 7:00pm. The agenda for the meeting can be found on the next page. In addition to the Treasurer’s Report and the Pastor’s Report, we will also be considering a proposal from the School Committee on a Christian Day School. Please take some time to review the recommendation prior to our meeting. If you have any comments to share, please speak to pastor, a Church Council member, or one of our voters. †

Annual Meeting Agenda for January 11, 2016 -

1. Opening Devotion
2. Minutes of Fall Quarterly and Electoral Meeting
3. Treasurer’s Annual Report
4. Membership Release
5. Roll Call
6. Pastors Report
7. Audit Committee Report
8. School Committee Report
9. Set date for Vacation Bible School
10. Designate Monthly CLC Support
11. Annual Review of Salaries
 - ▶ Pastor’s Salary
 - ▶ Organist Salary
12. After meeting lunches
13. Anything from the floor
14. Adjournment with prayer †

Invitation to Bible Class - This morning we resume our regular schedule with weekly Bible Class on Sunday morning. We invite you to join us for Bible Class. Bible Class offers a unique and interactive way to grow in your knowledge of God’s Word. In contrast to our worship services in which we join in worship, Bible Class gives people the ability to answer questions and discuss God’s Word in an informal setting. You will also find the topics relevant to your own life. If you aren’t a Bible Class attendee, pick a week and give it a try. You will learn something, and you might even enjoy it!

We are currently going through a study on Prayer which will continue over the coming weeks. Some of the other topics we will be discussing in Bible Class in the future include: Roles in the church, family and home; Synergism; Living without fear and with faith; Forgiveness/unconditional love; and Seeing loved ones in heaven.

We encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to grow in your knowledge of God’s grace! May the Lord bless our study of His Word throughout the coming year. †

Private Communion - Last Sunday we celebrated the Lord’s Supper



in our worship service. If you were unable to attend our service last weekend and would like to receive communion please speak to the pastor. He will be glad to provide communion privately at a time that would be convenient for you during the coming week. Please contact him to request a visit or a time to meet. †

Church Office Work Help - Pastor Mayhew is looking for help with office work and administrative duties to give him more time for member calls and visits. There are a variety of tasks and responsibilities available involving as little as 10 minutes a week to as much as several hours a week. Most of the duties would involve computer work, but there are some that do not. Some work could be done in the comfort of your own home, others would be done here at church. If you are interested in helping out for a few hours each week or if you would like more information, please speak with Pastor Mayhew. Thank you! †

<i>Responding to God’s Grace at Grace</i>	
Sunday, January 3, 2016	
<i>Worship: 72</i>	<i>Communed: 52</i>
Local Purposes	
Grace General Fund	\$ 1,467.00
Grace Building Fund	\$ 25.00
Plate Offerings	\$ 53.25
Faith Reimbursement	\$ 65.00
Total Local	\$ 1,610.25
Synodical Purposes	
ILC Building Fund	\$ 50.00
ILC Tour Choir CDs	\$ 32.00
CLC Mission Development Fund	\$ 20.00
Total Synodical	\$ 102.00
Overall Total	\$ 1,712.25