



Transfiguration
February 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Lutheran is a community of faith...

Gathering in God's Love
Celebrating God's Presence through Life Events
Caring for God's People
Deeply Rooted
Valuing Life-long Learning

If you are a first-time visitor to Grace, thank you for joining us today and we hope to see you again! If you wish to speak with the Pastor, you are welcome to do so after the service in the narthex, or join us downstairs for coffee and rolls in the Fellowship Hall.

The * in our bulletin indicates the parts of the service where the congregation is asked to stand, if able. The abbreviation of **ELW** in this bulletin refers to our cranberry-colored hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

All are welcome to Holy Communion. In addition to grape juice, gluten-free wafers are available. Simply indicate to the server your preference. Children who do not commune are invited to receive a blessing.



Offering: If you wish to make an offering today, please use the white envelope provided in the pew pocket, and place it in the basket before communion. If you wish to give electronically, you can scan this QR code.

If you would like to sponsor our radio broadcasts (KTOE 1420-AM, each Sunday at 10 a.m.) or support our missionary serving Wycliffe Bible Translators in West Africa and the Global Eye Mission, or to provide altar flowers on a specific Sunday; please stop by the podium near the elevator.

Grace Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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GATHERING

Prelude

Beautiful Savior

by Charles W. Ore

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Living God,

You have given us all we need to follow you, yet we doubt ourselves, criticize others, grasp for meaningless pleasures and seek hollow assurances. Forgive us for refusing to see what is in front of our faces. Restore us by the power of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Son of Man is powerful, yet compassionate. Take heart in the pardon that he offers: you are forgiven. You are beloved children of God. Your faith has healed you. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Enter God's house,

See the Lord's glory!

Our savior reflects

God's brilliant light!

Come to behold—

And worship the Lord!

*Opening Hymn

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW #315

*Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*Kyrie

ELW p.156

*Canticle of Praise

Alleluia, Song of Gladness v. 1

ELW #318

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. O Lord,

You showed yourself distinct from, but of one will, with the ancient prophets when you appeared with them in splendor. Show yourself also to us as the beloved one of God, in whose name we pray. Amen.



WORD

Scripture Introduction

Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia* ELW #174

Focus Scripture Mark 8:27--9:8
Word of God. **Word of Life.**

Musical Offering *Jesus, Take Us To the Mountain* Voices of Grace Choir

Children's Time

Message Rev. Kent Narum

***Hymn of the Day** *Will You Come and Follow Me* ELW #798

*Nicene Creed

*Prayers of the Church

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
A brief silence.

God of glory... **Hear our prayer.**

When life is beyond our understanding, we hand over our cares into your capable hands.
We trust you to receive these prayers and care for us as you have always promised to do:
by the grace and mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**



MEAL

Offering & Offering Hymn *Arise, Your Light Has Come* ELW #314

***Offertory** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* ELW #184

*Offering Prayer

Let us pray together. O God,
Like Peter's confusion on the mountain,
we do not always know what to offer in response to your brilliant revelation,
Accept these gifts which we have brought to your altar in humility and thanksgiving,
and use them to feed and nurture a world in need of your gospel. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

ELW p.144

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer** *Traditional*

***Invitation to Communion**

It is good for us to be here, Lord. Feed us in the way that you have chosen: through your body and blood, for the forgiveness of all. Let us come now and gather around the table of mercy!

Music during Distribution

Lamb of God

ELW p. 146

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Screen

Purify My Heart

Screen

Jesus, Your Name

Screen

***Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

***Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray together. O God,

We give you thanks that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.



SENDING

*Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. 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. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Screen

*Dismissal

Go in the light of God's presence, fulfilling Christ's mission for us.
Through God's abundant love we will live and work to serve others.

Postlude

Christus by Gordon Young

Please pray for...

The needs of: Randel Blasing, Loren Burkel, LaDonna Nelson, Margaret Burman, Vi Pierson, Robyn Menk, Andrew Johnson, Leona Wass, Milan Skarphol

Those on active duty: Ryan Vulcan, US Army; CW04 Helicopter Pilot Andrew Erp, US Army; and Lt. Col, Mike Zenk, USAF, A1C Airman Andrew Block, USAF

Missionaries: Edith White on furlough and those serving Global Eye Mission around the world.

Worship Assistants

Assistant Minister	Becky Glaser
Care Ministers	Audrey von Holt, Pat Priem, Dianne Osborne
Coffee & Rolls Server	Sandy & Randy Gustafson and GLCW
Communion Server	Larinda Burg, Terry Kvitek, Ginny Bird
Lector	Dianne Shoemaker
Organist	Chuck Hoogland
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Rev. Kent Narum
Property Steward	Shawn Simonson
Technical Team	Jason Glaser, Tom Thompson
Ushers	Keith Burg, Lowell Reedstrom, Paul Kvitek, Jim Shoemaker
Vocalists	Voices of Grace Choir
Worship Steward	Audrey von Holt

Happy Birthday!

Jill Helling	02/23	Brian Hoppe	02/24	Shirley Sawyer	02/27
Barbara Payne	02/23	Hannah Reddy	02/24	Janice Christianson	02/28
Jennifer Domas	02/24	Joshua Block	02/25		

On the Calendar

Sun	Feb 23	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion	(Mark 8:27—9:8)
		10:00 am	Worship Radio Broadcast, KTOE-AM 1420	
		11:00 am	Meet-n-Greet for Ben Geer and Kent Narum	
Mon	Feb 24	10:30 am	Staff Meeting	
		1:00 pm	Washington Park Neighborhood Meeting	
Tue	Feb 25	9:30 am	Sweet Connections	
		8:00 am	Men's Bible Study at Happy Chef	
		1:00 pm	Prayer Group at Willow Brook Cooperative	
Wed	Feb 26	ASH WED.	5:15 pm-Soup and Bread, 6:00 pm-Worship w/HC & Imposition of Ashes	
		7:15pm	Voices of Grace Choir rehearsal	
Thurs	Feb 27	9:30 am	Quilters	
Sun	Mar 1	10:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion/Petersen Baptism	(Mark 10:17-31)
		10:00 am	Worship Radio Broadcast, KTOE-AM 1420	



For our journey together this season of Lent, we will be using five practices that may already be a part of your daily routine. The goal is not to add new jobs for us to do each day in order to be better and more holy, it is to be intentional about looking for God in some of the things we are doing already. Here is what we have put together for the five weeks of lent:

Lectio Divina: Reading for God between the lines. Reading is a great daily practice that many of us enjoy already, and in order to make this a spiritual practice all we need is the intentionality of reading through the lens of our faith. You don't necessarily need to be reading the Bible to connect your reading to spirituality. We will explore this practice together in the first week of Lent.

Audio Divina: Listening for God. Everyone knows that there is plenty of music out there meant to turn our hearts towards spiritual things, but what about the music you hear on the radio, or the music you listen to as you sit in your comfortable chair at home? Together we will explore how listening to music can be a spiritual practice, even if the music isn't the kind you would expect to hear in church.

Visio Divina: Look for the wonder all around us. For millennia, people have used paintings and icons to connect with the holy. This is a practice that connects many with their faith, but what if you don't have a religious painting or an icon from the middle ages sitting around your house? Together we will look for God in the art all around us.

Prayer: Talking back to God. Prayer seems like an obvious spiritual practice, but at times we can get so focused on the idea of an elaborate life of prayer that we discount of praying in simple ways that just pop up. Together we will experience prayer that comes from the heart, spontaneously, wherever we are.

Gratitude: Counting your blessings. Keeping a gratitude journal is popular for some people right now. Gratitude is an excellent way to see where God is at work in our lives, but what if it's not something I do already? Do I need to buy a fancy new book for this to work? For our final week of spiritual practices, we will see how some of the things we are already doing can be focused on gratitude and learn some easy ways to start counting our blessings.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Ash Wednesday Lenten Soup and Bread Supper provided by Grace Lutheran Church Women begins at 5:15 pm followed by:



Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Service
and Imposition of Ashes
6pm in the Sanctuary



**Lenten
Wednesdays**

**March 4 to
April 1**

Join us for

**5:15 pm
Supper**

and

**6:00 pm
Worship**

**Please pick
up your
2020
Offering
envelopes
and take
them home.**

**SUN., FEB. 23
after worship**

**MEET-N-GREET Reception
for**



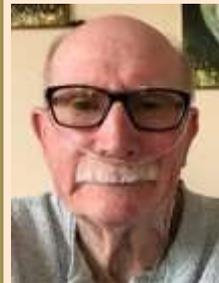
**Pastor
Kent Narum**
Ministry Associate



Ben Geer
Director
for Spiritual
Growth

*Forever Remembered
Forever Missed*

**Our Sincere Sympathies
to the Dixon Family**



*Michael
A. Dixon*

Born
October 19, 1946

Died
February 13,
2020



**Rend Collective Concert - For all ages
Thursday March 12, 2020**

Grace Church Eden Prairie Campus
Doors Open: 6:15 pm. Concert: 7-10 pm
Group Rate 10+ Tickets then \$20 each after fees

Rend Collective is a Christian Folk Worship Band from Northern Ireland. The band is very entertaining as you'll see many different instruments played during a single song. Through the bands worship and storytelling, it's a fantastic experience. Some of their more well known songs are My Lighthouse, Build your Kingdom Here, and You Will Never Run.

Let Ben (DSG@gracemankato.org) know if you are interested in going. If we can get a group of 10 or more people they all can be purchased at once and get a discounted rate.

More information can be found at <https://rendcollective.com/>