

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Service of Holy Communion

January 25, 2026

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.
**-the congregation is invited to stand*

WELCOME TO GRACE

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us during this season after Epiphany. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which is found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Fanfare for Trumpet and Organ arr. John Marsh
Emily Hartman – organ, Kristopher Hartman - trumpet

The assembly stands as able.

***CONFESSİON AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

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***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. 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 assembly may be seated.

DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹ There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan,

Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days
of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to
seek God in the temple.
⁵ For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise
me high upon a rock.
⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who**
surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to
the LORD.
⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
⁸ **My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.
⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant
in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me
not, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹ For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹² What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³ Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands as able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the
gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a
net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he said to them,
“Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he
went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of
Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father
Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called
them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and
followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their
synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and
curing every disease and every sickness among the people.
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

The assembly may stand as able.

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

Will You Come and Follow Me?

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***APOSTLES CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

The Leader prays for the church/world and all in need.

Each prayer concludes:

**Merciful God,
receive our prayer.**

***THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

During this flu season and the ongoing pandemic, we remind you that it is appropriate to greet each other and pass the peace verbally rather than have hand contact, which helps to transmit the flu virus. We likewise remind you to use the hand sanitizers that are available in each pew, upon arrival and throughout the service as needed.

OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Just Two Words

Robert Lau

Grace Chancel Choir

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

*SETTING THE TABLE

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

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1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*THE 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.

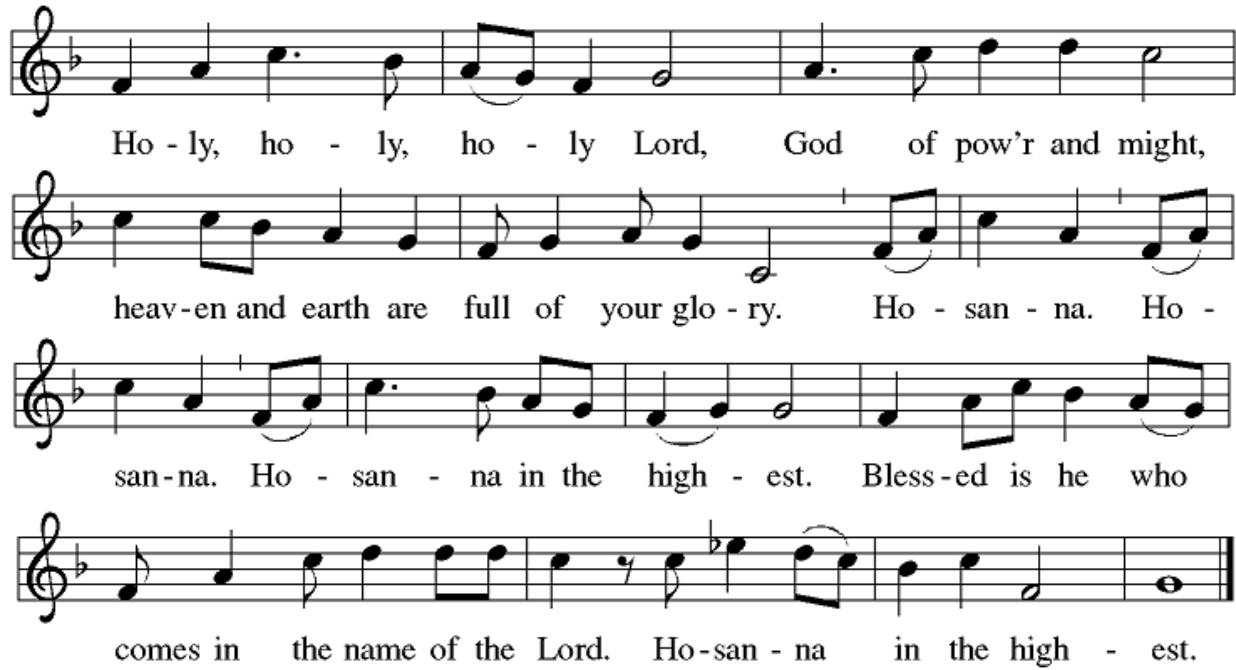
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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; By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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:

***SANCTUS**

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people
to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.

He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:*

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.*

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

***INVITATION**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Those communing in their seats and at home are led through each element.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Please join in singing:

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

SENDING

*BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever.

Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister.....	Donna Enrico
Acolyte	Kinsey Hall
Lector.....	Karen Galle
Communion Assistants	Tom Blackburn, Patty Rohde
Sound	Rick Keen
Director of Music.....	Kristopher Hartman
Organist.....	Emily Hartman
Technology Operator	Chris Jury

This Week at Grace: January 24-30, 2026

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given by Nancy Whitcomb
in honor of daughter, Vicki Whitcomb.

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Judy Michael, Julia, Carson Osswald, Larry Hoffman, Carolyn Houck, Cheryl A., Elaine & Ed Klemmer, Howard Lauver, Halie Osswald, Beverly Earhart, Amy Vogel, Alice M., and Dean Jury.

We hold in prayer the recently departed...

Phil Schrier

Annual Budget Congregational Meeting

The Annual Budget Congregational meeting will be on Sunday, January 25 immediately after worship at 10:30am. This is an in-person meeting only. All may attend, but only members may vote on the budget. Copies will be available in both narthexes and in the library. You may also contact the office to have a copy sent electronically to you.

Pub Theology Group 1 – Monday, January 26

Pub Theology Group 1 will meet at Watershed Pub (2129 Market Street, Camp Hill) on Monday, January 26 at 6pm. Currently, there are two groups that meet to talk about how God works in life, politics, faith, science, and everything in-between. All opinions, experiences, and perspectives welcome. For more information contact Pastor Chad at pastorchad@gracecamphill.org.



Connect with Us

EVENTS

Community Meal – Wednesday, January 28

Join us for the Community Meal on Wednesday, January 28 at 5:30pm in the Social Hall. The menu for that night is General Tso's over Rice, Spring Roll or Egg Roll, Broccoli, and Assorted Desserts.

Check out the new Merchandise Store for Grace

Looking for some Grace swag? Check out our new merchandise store at <https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-camp-hill-merch/> or use the QR code. You can find hats, clothing (with Grace's purpose on the back) and water bottles. What a great way to support Grace and start a conversation.



Pastor Chad's Lenten Devotional

For Pastor Chad's Lenten Devotional this year, he will be reading: Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations. It is a Catholic lenten meditation devotional, so there will be some things that us Lutherans don't agree with. But on the whole, I believe it will help center us in Christ and remind us to put our faith in Jesus, and not in ourselves. According to Ascension Press, *"You will read through the entirety of the Gospel of Mark, reflecting on your identity as God's beloved child, and you'll respond through prayer and practical action."* If you would like to follow along with Pastor Chad this coming Lent, let the office know that you would like a copy. **Copies are \$ 8 each and should be requested by February 8. Books will be available before Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Make Checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.**

Journeys of Paul in Greece with Pastor Chad and Evan Houck – Oct. 17-24, 2026

We would love to have you join us as we explore the journey of Paul in Greece. Paul is one of, if not the most, influential theologian for the Christian church as we know it. Come and see firsthand the places that he walked and ministered through. We will be departing October 17th and returning on the 24th. There is an optional cruise to extend your journey. Looking forward to entering into this pilgrimage with you all! You can find out more information regarding the trip and how to sign up by scanning the QR code to the right or on the website at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/faith-formation/journeys-of-paul-in-greece>.



Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **January** is **Grace Giving Pantry**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to Special Offering Ministry on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page on the website page at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> or use the QR Code. If you prefer to donate items, they are especially in need of size 5 & 6 diapers, general cleaning products such as Lysol, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, and dish soap. They do not need any clothing detergent at this time.



Give Now

Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

If you need pastoral assistance or to request At Home Communion, please contact Pastor Chad (717-737-0439x10 or pastorchad@gracecamphill.org). If you need a pastoral emergency outside of normal working hours you can contact Pastor Chad on his mobile phone at 610-297-2514. A pastoral emergency would be a death, or life-threatening circumstances.

Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to complete one of the "Welcome to Our Church" cards found in both narthexes, the library and the pews. We'd love to hear from you.

Winter Weather Policy

During the work week, Monday thru Friday, Grace follows the closings of the West Shore School District. If the school is closed, the office and all activities that day are closed and cancelled. Weekend worship cancellations are determined by the Pastor and Council President. Cancellations will be posted on CBS 21 and ABC 27, as well as Grace's Facebook page and website.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. **Grace Notes** information is due by **12noon on Tuesdays**. Email to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org

Calendar

1/24/26	5:00pm	Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
1/25/26	9:00am	Coffee Hour w/Fellowship & Community Outreach Ministry <i>(After worship from 10:30 – 11:00am, too)</i>
	9:30am	Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary
	10:00am	Children's Church
	10:30am	Annual Budget Congregational Meeting
1/26/26	6:00pm	Pub Theology Group 1 @ Watershed Pub
	7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting
1/27/26	9:30am	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room
	1:00pm	Bible Study in Small Conference Room
1/28/26	3:00pm	Grace Giving Pantry
	5:30pm	Community Meal in Social Hall
1/29/26	6:00pm	Bells of Grace in Balcony
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir in Choir Room

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er dwell-ing in the ho - liest realms of light;
2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er liv - ing as the church's ver - y life;
3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev - er work-ing through the church's min - is - try;

Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er striv - ing through us in a cease - less strife;
quick'-ning, strength'-ning, and ab - solv - ing, set - ting cap - tive sin - ners free;

Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er rais - ing those of earth to thrones on high;
Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
Ho-ly Spir - it, ev - er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul

liv - ing, life - im - part - ing Spir - it, you we praise and mag - ni - fy.
you we praise with end - less wor - ship for your gifts and fruits un - priced.
in com - mu - nion nev - er end - ing, you we wor - ship and ex - tol.

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



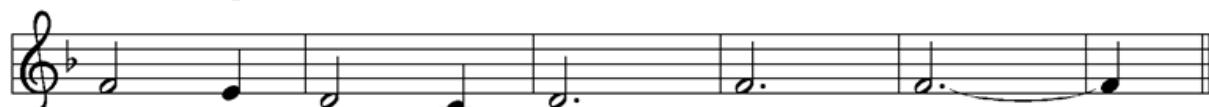
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980

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Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’*³⁷*Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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