



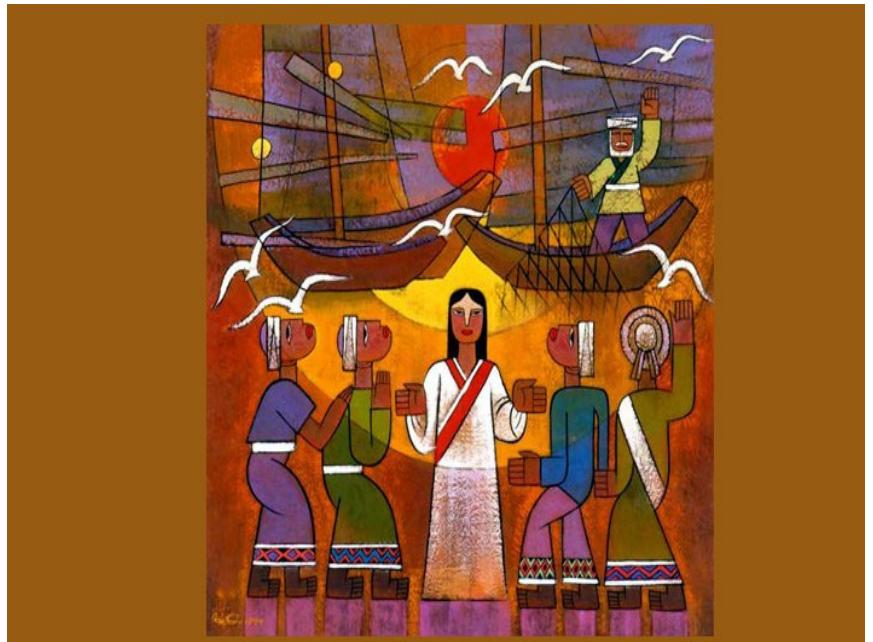
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Ringing of the Bells & Greeting

Hymn of Invocation #913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power

The Book of Job:
Blessed be the Name of the Lord

One of the Bible's greatest wisdom books is the book of Job. This Lent we are going to explore this magnificent composition that is numbered among some of the greatest literature of all time. Nine sermons will help us dig deeply into Job's central message and supporting truths, while six Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes will further address the book's major topics and themes.

We all suffer—personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways. A husband loses a job. A child gets divorced. A parent dies. And now, thanks to the media, we are able to see and experience more and more of the world's catastrophes and suffering. We need the book of Job, now, more than ever.

Martin Luther asserted that "Job is magnificent and sublime as no book of Scripture." Others have called Job "the Shakespeare of the Bible." Yet the early Christian scholar Jerome perhaps put it best when he called the book of Job an "eel," since the more one tries to contain it, the slipperier it becomes! The purpose of our Lenten emphasis is to learn how to apply Job to our lives, so that the book becomes less like an eel and more like a loving companion through life's dark valleys. Preaching plans are as follows:

The Book of Job:
Blessed be the Name of the Lord!

Feb. 18-Ash Wednesday, "Flying Blind" (Job 1:1-12)
Feb. 25, "Sweet Surrender" (Job 1:13-21)
Mar. 4, "Learning to Lament" (Job 3:1-26)
Mar. 11, "It is Enough" (Job 14:1-14)
Mar. 18, "Understanding How it all Works Together" (Job 23:1-17)
Mar. 25, "God Speaks in the Storm" (Job 38:1-11)
Mar. 29-Palm Sunday, "On Earth is not his Equal!" (Job 41:20-34)
Apr. 2-Maundy Thursday, "Why do the Wicked Prosper?" (Job 21:7-16)

come.

Reflection: Reflection: “Let gratitude guide your choices this year, for every blessing is an opportunity to serve.” Verse: 1

Thessalonians 5:18 – “Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Building Healthy Families: Our culture encourages us to see the world and our relationships through a lens of individualism, in which we make decisions based on the question: “How will this affect ME?” How would our world be different if we returned to a faith, family, and community-centered lens, in which decisions are instead based on this question: “How will my actions effect my children, my spouse, my parents, my congregational family, my community?” Give it a try this week and see what a difference it makes! **Lutheran Family Service**

Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Exhortation

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth.

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness: therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession and Absolution of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Introit Psalm 22:27–31; antiphon: v. 22

I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a **people yet unborn, that he has done it.**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

Kyrie (Sung) (Lord, Have Mercy)

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy

Gloria In Excelsis (Sung) (Glory to God in the Highest)

**1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'ly King.**

-847-4836 or access Thrivent through their website. It is very simple, quick and easy process, in order that you can designate where this \$25 dollars goes. Again, this is in addition to the Choice Dollars you already get and designate. Check it out!

The Good Shepherd Hour Greetings to all fellow Lutherans within listening range of the Good Shepherd Hour. The Good Shepherd Hour is broadcasted over the radio in Fort Dodge, Le Mars, Sioux City and Storm Lake on Sunday mornings. The GSH is a short service of that week's Bible readings, a hymn, a sermon message, a creed, Lord's Prayer and blessing. It is perfect for shut-ins and those home sick, who don't have access to their home church's service and for anyone else. . Most important, the GSH is available to those who don't know Jesus at all or have fallen away from Him. The Good Shepherd Hour was originally started in connection with the chaplaincy in Sioux City, but the chaplaincy has ended. Its current speaker is Pastor Trevor Freudenburg of the LCMS.

For your spiritual growth, past broadcasts can be found at <https://kscj.com/the-good-shepherd-hour>.

New church directory: Grace is doing a new picture directory . The dates are March 19th and 20th that is when the pictures will be taken at church. If you can't come and have your picture taken on those dates you can submit a picture but it will cost you \$25 dollars. More details to come!

Beer City Pizzas: The youth group is selling Beer City pizzas to help raise funds for the youth group activities. They will be taking your orders starting today through the 25th of January. They will assemble the pizzas at the church on the 7th of February at 9:00 am and can be picked up that day. This is just in time for the Super Bowl the next day. Cost of the Pizza's are 12 dollars.

Mark the date: The youth group (5-12th) grade will be going ice skating on February 21 at the BPI center in Sioux City. We will meet at the church at 6pm, skating is 7-9 pm. More details to

Visitors: You are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We encourage you to give to God of what He has first blessed you with. to make sure your spiritual needs are taken care of.

On Main Street: February 1 airing

This is the Life – “Visitation” – Pastor Andrew Burdick (Dick Sargent) is having problems keeping his congregation together. Bishop Smith (Parley Baer) visits him to identify some troubling leadership spots and to renew faith.

Worship Service – Rev. Merle Mahnken of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Schleswig, IA, delivers the message “Blessed Are the Poor In Spirit” based on Matthew 5:3. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com

Fellowship/Social Ministry will be collecting food for Rejoice’s food pantry until the end of the year. Grab a purple bag and fill it up and put in the shopping cart in the fellowship hall. All donations are very much appreciated.

Thrivent: New Choice dollars for the 4th quarter of 2025 are available after January 6, 2026. If you have not directed your choice dollars, please direct them as soon as possible by calling Home Office at 1-800-847-4836 or by directing them on line at www.thrivent.com. Thanks for your continued support of the Choice Dollars program at Grace.

A New Discovery: We have just learned of a new opportunity that is available to Thrivent members. For owners, you have the opportunity to designate an additional \$25 to a ministry of your choosing **during the month of your Birthday!** Please call 1-800

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
“Amen!” our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation & Collect of Day
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
....one God, now and forever.
Amen

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 9:1–4

¹ There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made 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 dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his bur-

den, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ 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 may 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 preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia and Verse (Sung)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Those Serving Us this Week

January 25, 2026

Elders: Tony H / Mark H / Chad P
Ushers: Chris Colt / Bryson Z
Reader: Ryan Zitritsch
Trustee: Andrew Schwartz
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Acolyte: Ushers

Those Serving us Next Week

February 1, 2026

Elders: Mark H / Tony H / Ryan Z
Ushers: Chris Colt / Bryson Z
Reader: Tony Heisterkamp
Trustee: Roy Thoms
Music: Ruth Alexander
Acolyte: Ushers

+ News and Notes +

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Don't Have Cash Today? You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Simply download the Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift. You can also set up payments through your bank. Contact the office for more information.

Benedicamus and Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The grace of our Lord...be with you all.

Amen.

Closing Hymn #655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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+This Week at Grace Lutheran +

Sun, Jan 25: **Worship at 9:00 am**
Education Hour at 10:15 am
Sudanese Worship at 1:00 pm

Mon, Jan 26: Bible Study at 9:30 am

Weds, Jan 28: Confirmation and Grace Kids at 6:00pm

Sunday, Feb1: **Worship w H/C at 9:00 am**
Education Hour at 10:15 am

Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
the 4th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:12–25

¹² When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ While walking 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 fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Confession of Faith-Apostles' Creed

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

Hymn of the Day #839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.

2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.

4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'lers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,

5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n

By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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Sermon "Do We All Agree?" 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

Nunc Dimittis (Sung) (Song of Simeon)

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**