Grace Announcements

For the Week of February 19th

**Notes for Worship**

**Welcome GUESTS!** We are SO GLAD that you have joined us today to worship our Lord together. Today we will be using the Divine Service **Setting 1** liturgy. If you might be unfamiliar with it, please turn to **page 151** in the pew hymnal to follow along.

**Children’s Bulletins** are available on the table in the narthex for kids ages 3 & up, and 7 & up. Help yourself! **Children’s Church**, for those age 3 thru 1st grade, is held today after the Children’s Message in the hallway Sunday School classroom.

Sunday morning **prayer requests** can be placed in the **Prayer Basket** next to the offering plates in the narthex.

**Red attendance pads** can be found on the inside of each pew. Please take a moment and sign it at the start of the service.

**Coffee hour** is held in the Fellowship Hall after worship – a time for coffee, a snack, and a chance to fellowship together.

A quick summary of Grace’s current **COVID-19 church policy**:

*- Wearing masks is* ***optional****.*

*-* ***Offering plates*** *will be placed in the narthex. The Usher will bring them forward during the Offertory, along with any petitions from the prayer request basket.*

*-* ***Announcements*** *and* ***worship service******bulletins*** *can be picked up from the table in the narthex.*

*- Pastor will* ***sanitize*** *his hands before Holy Communion. Individual communion cups can be discarded in the baskets along the wall.*

*- If you are sick or feeling sick, please stay home.*

**Happenings at Grace**

TODAY after worship we have a very important **Voters' Meeting** where we will be discussing and deciding on the times for our Sunday morning worship services as well as our midweek Lenten services.  Input from many is appreciated!

**Pastor Josh** will be emailing out **short daily devotions** to everyone during Lent **starting on Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22)**.  If you would know of someone who would like to receive them, please email him at [graceoberlinpastor@gmail.com](mailto:graceoberlinpastor@gmail.com).

Contact Sue Walker for an end of the year **church offering report**. 440-822-9323 (call or text) or [suze204@hotmail.com](mailto:suze204@hotmail.com).

**Please volunteer to help with Coffee Hour.** Check out thesign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board or see Lee Anne.

All items for next week’s Announcements are due to **Sue Walker** ([suze204@hotmail.com](mailto:suze204@hotmail.com)) by Thursday.

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

TODAY 2/19 Voters’ Meeting 11:40 am

Mon. 2/20 Confirmation Class (BW) 7:00 pm

Wed. 2/22 Ash Wednesday Service at ? 7:00 pm

**Pastor Josh** has received a **Divine Call** to be the pastor at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Portage, Indiana.  A letter from that congregation - and one from Pastor Josh - has been posted on the hallway bulletin board.

SERVING THE LORD AT GRACE

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| **DATE** | **Usher** | **Acolyte** | **Counters** | **Altar Guild** | **Lay Reader** | **Comm. Assist.** |
| **Feb. 19, 22** | Paul Castle | Carter Jones | Dave M. & Fred C. | Colleen Karp | Paul Castle | Andy Karp |
| **Feb. 6, March 5** | Tom Monroe | David Jones | Bonnie & Lisa | Robin Turnbull | David Jones | Bob Izold |

**Communion Statement** of

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)

At Grace we come to the altar to receive the gift of the Lord’s Supper. In the Lord’s Supper those who are baptized receive through faith the true body and true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ “in, with and under” the bread and wine for their personal forgiveness and strengthening of faith (Matt. 26:26-28; John 6:51-55). We examine ourselves beforehand, mindful of our need for repentance (1 Cor. 11:27-79). In the Lord’s Supper we are united with Christ and His body the Church, and also reflect the unity we have as a congregation with a common Christian, biblically-based confession (1 Cor.10:16-17); see also John 6:56; Acts 2:42; Romans 16:17. Therefore, those who come forward to receive the Lord’s Supper should be united with us in our understanding of the Lord’s Supper, the real presence of Jesus therein, and the Lutheran Faith. We ask that any visitors who wish to be our guests at the Lord’s Table please talk to the Pastor before the worship service.

Note: the cups of wine in the inner circle, which are a different color than the others, are non-alcoholic.

The **January 29th** attendance was **38** with **26** communing.

The **February 5th** attendance was **39** with **27** communing.

The **February 12th** attendance was **25** with **16** communing.

**February 2023 Worship Prayer List**

- **Mark Huston** (Karen’s husband) – knee surgery this week

- **Glenn Mertz** (guest preacher) – recovery from cancer treatments

- **Marion** (Greg Christner’s sister-in-law) – cancer

- **Marc Kauble** (Linda Butler’s son-in-law) – bladder cancer

- **Bryon Memmott** (Robin Turnbull’s friend) – tonsillar cancer

- **Michelle Ingold** (Donna Perron’s friend) – spreading cancer

- **Shawn Hadaway** (Tom Hadaway’s brother) – cancer neck/spine

- **Marge Pomfret** (Karen Huston’s sister) – cancer

- **Dean Divins** (Diane Senyak’s relative) – tongue cancer

- **Andy Christner** (Lee Anne’s son) – blood clots

- **Greg Christner** – back problems

- **Tom Hadaway** – recovery from heart surgery

- **Kris Koepp** – recovery from heart attack

- **Pat Antonio** (Lee Anne Christner’s friend) – brain aneurism

- **Glen Fridenstine** – recovery from foot surgery

- **Judy Gornek** – recovery from back surgery

- **Bev Hines** – recovery from back surgery

- **Donna Gail** (Lee Anne Christner’s cousin) – recovery from surgery, fall

- **Emily Costa** (Pastor’s friend’s daughter-in-law) – brain surgery

- **Gary Saathoff** (Anita’s husband) – recovery from knee surgery, back issue

- **Teressa** (Anita Saathoff’s friend) – Lou Gehrig’s Disease

- **Barbara Sennhenn** (Jan Koepp’s sister-in-law) – back surgery, issues

- **Bob Scherry** – general health

- **Marcia Metzger** – recovery from eye surgery, general health

- **Lisa Kavanaugh** (friend of Izolds) – mitochondria disease

- **Keith Stechow** – diabetes, general health

- **Dawn Burdette** (Diane Senyak and Dale Rider’s sister) – overall health

- **Chris Koch** – pain, hearing, sight issues

- **Ron Koepp** (Jan Koepp’s brother-in-law) – pneumonia

- **Kurt Schuetz** (Jan Koepp’s friend) – lung problems

- **Lynn Meilander** (former member) – lung problems