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January 20, 2019
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

First Signs

People enjoy recounting predictive stories from their childhood. A nurse shares a story of tending to a sick pet at a young age. An engineer tells about the time she got in trouble for disassembling her parents' TV. An entrepreneur narrates the saga of his first lawn-mowing business. Do you have a story like this that you like to tell? Such stories get shared because in them we recognize the first traces of the people we have become. They are stories full of signs that point toward something coming.

Today's gospel shares a story about the first "sign" of Jesus. When the wine runs out at a wedding he is attending in Cana, Jesus transforms water into wine to help keep the party going. Like the stories we tell about ourselves, this sign points toward who Jesus is going to become. His first miracle is marked by kindness, compassion, joy, pleasure, and abundance. Jesus brings life to a party that is dying. Like stories of our own development, this story feels light-hearted even as it points toward the more profound ways in which we know Jesus will fulfill his own calling to bring joy to those in sorrow, compassion to those in need, and, ultimately, life to those who have died.

Worship is also a place of signs. The rich texture of our words, music, and actions points us toward the truth of God revealed in Jesus Christ. This truth was made known in Jesus' earthly life, but it continues to unfold in the present. Today as you worship, pay attention to moments in the service that speak with power to your life. These may be signs of what God is changing in you—healing wounds, developing gifts, or growing a special calling.

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BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 20, 2019

The season of Epiphany begins January 6th (the 12th day after Christmas) and marks the revelation of the baby Jesus as the Son of God. The Epiphany season, therefore, celebrates the spread of the Good News from its source in the Jewish community to all nations on earth. The color is green, for growth, as Scripture texts explore the mission of the church in the world.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre- Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit

Gathering Hymn

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167 (red book)

Greeting

- ☐ The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

Prayer of the Day

☐ Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

☑ **Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

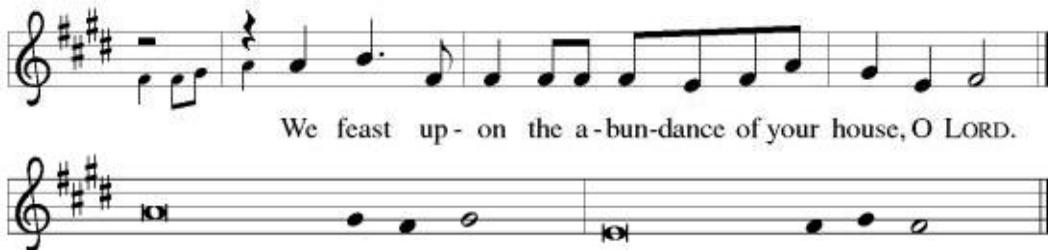
The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

☐ A reading from **Isaiah**:

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

☐ Lord God, your word is a lamp to our feet,

☑ **a light to our path.**



We feast up - on the a - bun - dance of your house, O LORD.

Psalm 36:5-10

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like | the great deep;
you save humankind and ani- | mals, O LORD.** ☑

⁷How priceless is your | love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow | of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance | of your house;
you give them drink from the river of | your delights.**

⁹For with you is the | well of life,
and in your light | we see light.

¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to | those who know you,
and your favor to those who are | true of heart.** ☑

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing one another's spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.

A A reading from **1 Corinthians**:

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L Lord God, your word is a lamp to our feet,

C a light to our path.

Arise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Be Thou My Vision

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a soprano or alto clef. The lyrics are: "1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light." The score ends with a double bar line.

Gospel Reading

John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **John**.

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Arise in body or spirit

Song of the Day

Lord of Light

ELW 688

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

A United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit and make us bold to proclaim your reign of mercy and justice. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, and all who lead your people in ministry, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Alpena, St Andrew & Matthias Anglican Church of Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.*

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A For the earth. For vineyards and orchards, fields and gardens, urban parks and wilderness areas. Fill the earth with your abundance and provide for the needs of all living things.

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A For the nations. Guide leaders and decision makers toward the well-being of all in their care. Strengthen those who work to uphold human rights for the sake of the dignity of all people. Shelter communities threatened by violence and show us the way of peace. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military: *Zack Green (Mikolajczyks), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks) and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).*

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A For those in need. For those who face a scarcity of resources and those who struggle with debt. For all who suffer with chronic pain, all who grieve, and all who are ill, *especially Brady, Matt Dunnigan, Bonnie Ehredt, Karl Golnek, family of Doug Gonzalez, Nikki Haddix, Delmer Hansen, Larry Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, the Klein family, family of Tim Lowe, Betty Lydy, Gary Lydy, Kim Ogden, family of Jessica Palmer, family of Brian Ploeg, Doris Reil, Kailie Triick, and George Ulrich Jr. Comfort the Pastor Scheck's family with the passing of Laura's mother.*

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A For this assembly. Transform us and fill us with your life, so that we pour out your love in service to the world. Bless all who work to provide food for others.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith . Inspire us by their witness and unite us in the eternal light of your presence.

A Radiant God,

G let your light shine upon us.

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

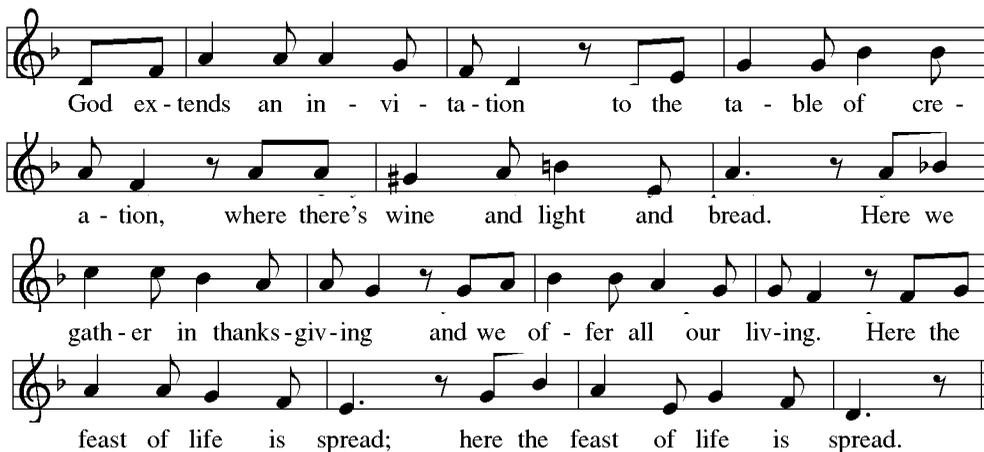
Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning

Arise in body or spirit

Offering Song



God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Offering Prayer

A Let us pray . . . God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.

G You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen

Arise in body or spirit

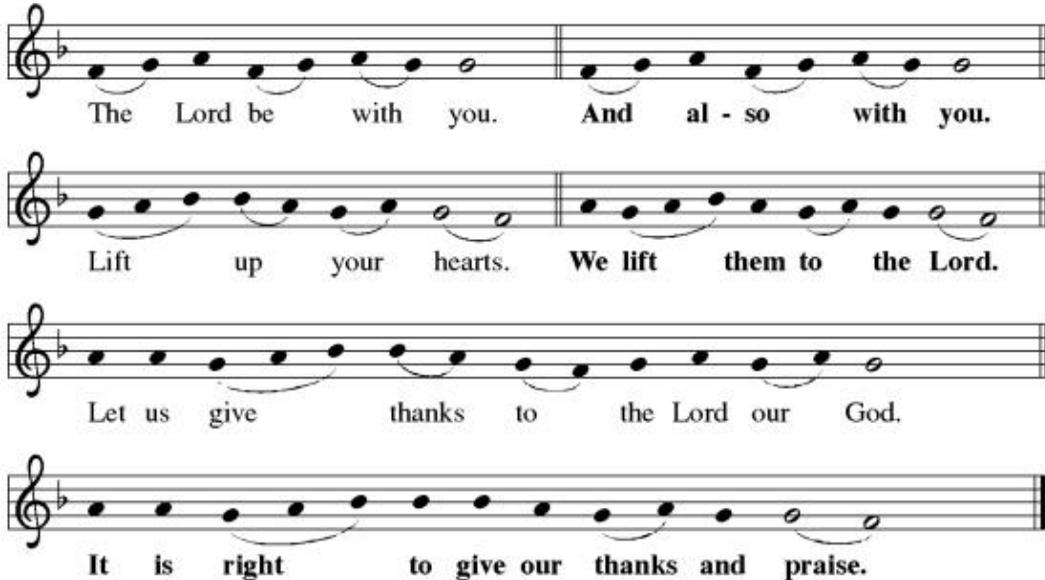
Sharing the Peace of God

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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:

Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

☑ **Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.**

☐ Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

☑ **We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. Let your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.

☑ **Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

☐ We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

☩ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

☩ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

☩ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

☩ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

☩ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

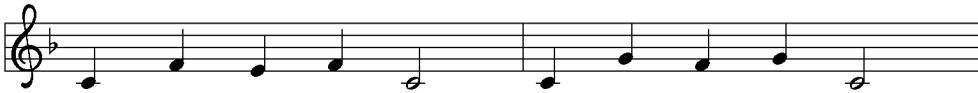
☩ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

**Take My Life, That I May Be
What Feast of Love
Jesus Come, for We Invite You**

**ELW 685
ELW 487
ELW 312**

Sending of Communion

A Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

- A** O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
- C** **You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

Congregational Mission Minutes

Blessing

- P** The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

For the Beauty of the Earth

ELW 879

Dismissal

- A** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 20	Worship Services at 8 am and 10:45 am
Thursday, January 24	Handbell Choir Outing / Senior Center
Saturday, January 26	Bell Choir Workshop / full day

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Mark Anton
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Kate Watson
Lector	John Burdick	Jeanette Markwart
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lexi Watson
Usher	Mark & Jana Bishop	Ed & Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Mark & Jana Bishop	Deb Wilke
Children's Church	~	Tom, Emma & Hope Peck
Table Guild	Vickey Argo	
Bread Maker	Laura Scheck	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, January 27, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Chris Bush
Cantor	Jack Vos	Mark Anton
Lector	Jack Vos	Gwen Hansen
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Phyllis Lietz
Acolyte/Crucifer	Volunteer	Mark Anton
Usher	Kay Marsh/ Dave Neeb	Gary Golnek / Mark Anton
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Volunteer	Doug & Diane Neeb
Children's Church	~	Amy & Phil Poholski
Table Guild	Vickey Argo	
Bread Maker	Laura Scheck	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 106 Weekly Giving: \$3,877.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Adult Forum will meet today at 9:30 and will study what is Possible with God. Next week we will study The Arrival of the King.

Handbell Outing on Thursday, January 24th at Thornapple Manor, 6:15 pm and all are welcome.

Go into the New Year Ringing! A bell choir workshop will be held all day on Saturday, January 26th in the fellowship hall.

Mutual Ministry is here for you. If there is a ministry concern, please contact Julian Kratochvil. Julian is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 806.336.0661.

Email Prayer Chain: The Congregational Care Committee is starting an email prayer chain beginning in January. Participants would be notified by email and would commit to praying for those in need as requests are received. If interested in being a part of this prayer chain, please contact Jane Secor at secorje@gmail.com.

HVAC is being replaced at a cost of \$8,600.00. If you can find it in your heart to make a contribution toward this cost, it would be greatly appreciated.

Called to the Church Triumphant was Bill Politis, Kate Watson's father. Funeral Mass will be on the 21st of January at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Woodstock, VA. Please keep the Politis family in your prayers.

Mission Endowment Fund: As you may be aware, Grace Lutheran Church has a Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) and a MEF Committee. The purpose of the MEF is to provide for mission work beyond the operational budget of our church. The Committee is tasked with discerning where to distribute up to 90% of the earnings of the MEF. Your suggestions are welcomed for directing where these funds may be best used. Please place your suggestion along with your name in Margaret Wood's mailbox and it will be reviewed by the MEF Committee when it meets. You may wonder how does the MEF grow. One way the MEF grows is that 10% of the annual earnings are reinvested and become part of the principal. The other way the MEF grows is through receiving bequests, trusts and gifts of cash or assets designated to it. If you have not done so already, please consider when preparing your will or estate plan to give to the MEF.

Additional Prayers: Elsie Merrow, Audrey Burdick, Teresa Burdick, and Karen Halstead.

Carpet We are thankful to all who have contributed to the Carpet Fund. We started with a \$29,984.00 debt. Contributions have totaled \$27,210.12. We only have a \$2,773.88 debt remaining. Thank you for your partnership in reducing the debt we have on the carpet. You are a gift to us all.