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# The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

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The season of **Epiphany** has begun 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. Today's green color reminds us, even in the middle of winter, we can continue to grow.

*Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.*

### Welcome

### Gathering Music

*Arise in body or spirit.*

### Greeting

*The pastor and the assembly greet each other.*

☐ The light of God given, experienced and shared be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

☑ **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

### Gathering Song

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

ELW 656



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Dialogue

- Ⓟ Those who dwell in the land of deep darkness – on them light shined.
- Ⓞ **We have seen Christ’s light, the light from God is Jesus.**
- Ⓐ Jesus said, “I am the light of the world....”
- Ⓞ **Those who follow me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”**
- Ⓟ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, and wind sweeping over the waters.
- Ⓞ **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

### *Now the Feast and Celebration*

ELW 167

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of  
 God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

### Prayer of the Day

- Ⓐ Let us pray... O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope.
- Ⓑ **Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### Special Music

### *Borning Cry*

ELW 732

Congregation joins on verse 4:

4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

## First Reading

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

*Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.*

📖 A reading from **Genesis**.

<sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’” <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

📖 Word of God. Word of life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40



Refrain



The low - ly shall pos - sess the land; they will de -




light in a - bun - dance of peace.

<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,  
and like the green grass | fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.


<sup>4</sup> **Take delight | in the LORD,  
who shall give you your | heart's desire. **

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust | in the Lord,  
and see what | God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light  
and the justice of your case like the | noontday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord and wait | patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil. **


<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.

<sup>10</sup> **In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;  
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.**

<sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;  
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

<sup>39</sup> **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O Lord;  
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup> You, O Lord, will help them and | rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because in you | they seek refuge. 

## Second Reading

## 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

*In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.*

📖 A reading from **1 Corinthians**.

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

<sup>42</sup> So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. <sup>46</sup> But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. <sup>49</sup> Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

<sup>50</sup> What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

📖 Word of God. Word of life.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Marty Haugen

*Congregation:*

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

*Repeat optional*

## Gospel Reading

**Luke 6:27-38**

*Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.*

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

☞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>27</sup>“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup>Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup>“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

☞ The Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**



Please be seated.

## 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

Please arise in body or spirit.

### Song of the Day

### *Spirit, Open My Heart*

ACS 1043

*Refrain*



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's  
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my  
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and  
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and  
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

*Refrain*



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.  
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.  
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

## Baptism of Ruby Le Gibbons

*See Insert*

*Please be seated.*

### Prayers

*We pray the prayer response after each petition. You will hear, **God of grace.** The assembly prays,  
**Hear our prayer.***

**A** With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Surprising God, you call us to love our enemies and to show kindness in the face of cruelty. Let our actions be a shining witness of your overwhelming grace for all. Bless our leaders and collaborators, *especially Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistant Chrissy, our synod companion Zion Lutheran Church, Comstock Park; Parmelee United Methodist Church, Middleville; Peace Church, Middleville; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.* God of grace,

**G** **Hear our prayer.**

**A** As animals hibernate and fields lay dormant, let them be a reminder that life and faith are not static but always changing and growing. May we, with all creation, trust that the ending of one thing promises life in a new way. God of grace,

**G** **Hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for leaders and policymakers who work to reduce violence in our nations, cities, and towns. Give your wisdom and discernment amid heated arguments and differing viewpoints. Be with those who safeguard the world, including *Parker Stancil (Freedlund), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Cynthia Rudesill (Hansen), Joel Taggart (Varkula), Seth Domke (Domke), and Nathen Schick (Markwart).* God of grace,

**G** **Hear our prayer.**

**A** We pray for the victims of abuse and violence. Provide safe shelter and new beginnings to those experiencing domestic violence and dangerous situations. Enfold with love all who seek your healing care, *especially Jennie Anderson, Pastor Michael Anton, Mark Arens, Bob Bolton, Frank Bolton, Chris Bush, Cherie Clements, Pat DePew, Kim Domke, Bonnie Ehredt, Greg Franks, Lori and John Giacalone, Ruby Gibbons (celebrating her baptism), Lisa Golnek, Heather Gore, Christine Jenkins, Joy Jenks, Michelle Kaufman (pregnancy), Betty Lou Leonhardt, Dana Lepien, Linda Melcher, Larry Maupin, Dawn McElgunn, Sandy Mikolajczyk, Martha Misak, Kate Muraski, Jody Neagle, James Neiderheiser, Lisa Nurenberg, Kali Ranguette (pregnancy), Tammy Rodriguez, Ron Smith, Kathy Surratt, Mary Thompson, Al Throop, Claudia Throop, George Ulrich Jr., Jeanette Ulrich, and Brenda Watson.* God of grace,

**G** **Hear our prayer.**

Ⓐ Empower our faith communities to be signs of your gracious love. Bless the local ministries of parish nursing and caregiving, that they will be a voice for those in need in our communities. God of grace,

☒ **Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Ⓐ We give thanks for the enduring witness of those who have died before us. May their lives in you provide a witness of your everlasting grace. God of grace,

☒ **Hear our prayer.**

☐ We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

☒ **Amen.**

*Please arise in body or spirit.*

### Sharing the Peace of God

☐ The peace of Christ be with you.

☒ **And also with you.** *(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)*

### Offering Song

### As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of five lines of music. The first line is the refrain. The second and third lines are the main body of the song. The fourth line contains two verses. The fifth line is the final refrain. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

## Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.  
**C** **In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW page 181



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

### Table Prayer

- ☐ Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace.
  - ☑ **From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever. Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.**
  - ☐ 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 life, death, and resurrection, we await Christ's coming again in righteousness and peace.
- ☑ **Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share.**

- ☐ We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame. We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit.
- ☑ **Be for us our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:
- ☑ **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

- ☐ At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*

### Lamb of God

ELW page 182



*Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
 have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



*Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;*  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



*ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.*  
 have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
 O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.  
 grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Songs:

*In All Our Grief*

ELW 615



1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.  
 2 Help us to put a - side the an - gry word,  
 3 You did not e - ven spare your on - ly Son.  
 4 God, when we suf - fer all that we can bear,



O God, you know all that we think or do,  
 the clen - ch - ing fist, the wish and will to hurt.  
 He lived our griefs and bore all e - vil done,  
 then let us know that you in truth are near



you know the pain we put each oth - er through.  
 Teach us the way in which love best is served.  
 but through his cross, re - demp - tion has been won.  
 and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

*Refrain*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, grant us peace.



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the  
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our  
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we  
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful  
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,  
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing  
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;  
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:  
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.  
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
 set us free and grant us peace.  
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

**Prayer after Communion**

- A** Let us pray... Giver of every gift,
- C** **Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**Mission Minutes**

*Arise in body or spirit*

**Blessing**

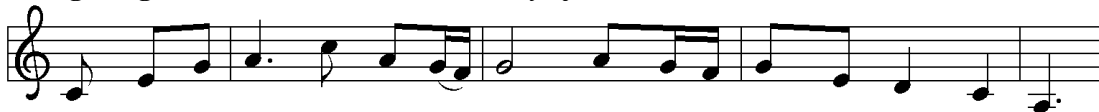
- P** God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you **✝** bless you and remain with you always.
- C** **Amen.**



**Sending Song**

*O Day of Peace*

ELW 711



1 O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce de - vour the small;



guide us to jus - tice, truth, and love, de-liv-ered from our self - ish schemes.  
as beasts and cat - tle calm-ly graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all.



May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re - lease,  
Then en - e - mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac - cord;



till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

**Sending**

- A Go in peace. You are God's beloved.
- C Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**9:30 am**

- Assisting Minister – Anna Scheck**
- Lector – Mark Anton**
- Musician – Cindy Olson**
- Cantor – Ken Scheck**
- Pastor – Ken Scheck**
- Fellowship – Bill & Lorraine Freedlund**

## Countercultural Love

In today's gospel reading, Jesus offers us a vision of a different way of living, one rooted in God's endless mercy. People of God are to love others, do good, and share their possessions—in abundance, in extravagance, to the point that our generosity seems foolish by the world's standards.

This lavishness is possible only through the power of Jesus, who first heals us and invites us to taste and see God's mercy for ourselves. We witness this mercy in scripture through stories of God's profound love and compassion. We experience it as we join in song and prayer in worship, engaging in ancient practices that draw us beyond ourselves and closer to God and neighbor. We remember the mercy we've experienced in the waters of baptism and taste Christ's abundance in holy communion. We practice generosity in our offerings and share God's peace with our fellow worshipers with whom we are bound together, even though we might never have chosen them as neighbors.

With Christ in us, we are able to practice this abundant love today and tomorrow, in our worship and beyond, returning to the font and table again and again to be reminded of the love that dwells within us and surrounds us, making us bold in our love for others.

To try to practice this kind of countercultural love on our own would likely lead to discouragement. But we are given the gift of community—with one another, those who have come before us, and hope for the ones who will come after us. Together, we form one body in Christ, strengthened by God's Spirit. Together, we remind one another of God's promise of unending love and forgiveness and encourage each other to follow Jesus' example. And together, we focus our minds and hearts to catch glimpses of God's kingdom among us, even as we wait for the world Jesus envisions to be made complete on earth as it is in heaven.

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**Baptized in Christ today, Ruby Le Gibbons.** Ruby is the daughter of Shayna and James, sister to Rayland, and granddaughter of Kristi Winick. Ruby receives the sacrament of Holy Baptism as her baptismal sponsors, Samantha and Adam Carroll, make promises that they will help shape and guide Ruby's faith. Today, as the people of God, we make promises to help Ruby, to be supportive of her faith journey, and walk with her as brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Parish Administrator** is Anna Scheck; office hours 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday-Thursday.

**Welcome to Club Grace featuring the Superheroes Blood Drive** is this Tuesday, February 25 from 10am-4pm. Registration is open, call 1-800-733-2767 or go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html>. Please consider giving blood and spread the word to those who may be interested! We have 17 available appointments, all throughout the day.

**March GraceGrams** are available in your mailboxes.

Welcome to worship today! We are thrilled that you are here. We hope you find what we have found - a loving Jesus who welcomes all. No matter your background or faith tradition, you will find that Grace Lutheran Church is a place that is full of love, care, and support. We are pleased that you are here among us to worship Jesus, who comes and cleanses us and gives us comfort in all our times of trial.

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### Stewardship Information

Attendance: 28 Views: 164  
 Weekly Giving: \$1,055.00 Budget Amount: \$4,366.17  
 Noisy Offering 2/9: \$59.61

**Grace Projects Goal \$ 25,252.00**  
 Received To Date -\$ 3,190.00  
**Total Needed \$ 22,062.00**

Given this week toward Grace Projects: \$0



**Hand2Hand** Thank you for your generous support of Hand2Hand this month, we are helping 90 students who may be hungry over the weekends. February donations are due today. March’s need items are Slim Jim’s, Yoo-Hoo Chocolate Milk, individual pudding cups, microwave popcorn, granola bars, chicken gravy packets, and instant mashed potatoes. March donations are due Sunday, March 30. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

**Winter Devotionals** for January through March are available in the Gathering Area.

**Women of Faith** meets on Tuesdays at 11:00 am here at Grace. Join us on February 25 to begin our study on “Listening to God.” All women are welcome.

**The nursery is available weekly during the worship service.** Aurora Collins is the Nursery Attendant. She would love to have some little ones visit her. Please spread the word that Grace provides childcare during this worship service.

**Adult Forum** Please join us after worship today with Pastor Ken, with a study on Hosea.

**Lift Every Voice** invites you to Lifestories – Another Side of Education with Maggie Catchick-Houghton (educator) and Dannon R. Holley (educator & administrator) tomorrow, February 24 at 6:00 pm in the community room at the Hastings Public Library.

**Let us Share Love to the Poor** You are invited to be the hands and feet of Jesus, as we meet with Representative Moolenaar. This Tuesday, February 25 from 12:30pm-1:30pm at the Hastings Public Library, a meeting will be held as an opportunity for citizens to express the help they need in respect to specific government agencies. If you have questions related to federal government agencies, this is an opportunity to voice your concerns in a respectful setting.