



***“God Sends Us To Do His Work”***  
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
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# KING OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH | *Golden Valley, Minnesota*

Welcome to God's divine service among his saints in his house this morning. If you experience any kind of barrier to worship, please speak with an usher. There is a hearing assistance system available, there are activity bags for children, and the service is streamed live in the Fireside Room down the hall.

## *Service of the Word*

### **Preservice Music**

### **"Invention in B flat"**

*The readings for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany reveal God's authority, working through his messengers in love. God's prophets delivered his Word, and the greatest prophet, with unrivaled authority, is Jesus. His words cast out demons, rebuke fever, heal diseases, and preach the Good News. His word alone empowers his church and his people to speak truth. Therefore, it is important that we treasure, study, believe, and obey God's Word, for without it, we know nothing.*

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray you to open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

### **Hymn**

### **"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" | #206**

### **Confession and Absolution**

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to you, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended you, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word, and deed, so that you could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity. Therefore we come before you with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

P: O merciful God, you still grant us in this hour to be reminded of your fatherly goodness.

According to the promise of your Word, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, and implore you, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification: Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

**C: We therefore pray you, O Lord, through your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, by the authority of God and of my holy office, I declare to you the gracious forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May he who has begun the good work in you perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. Peace be with you. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray for the gift of love: Ever-loving God, we thank you that you sent your own Son to bring us life, and that through him you give us many gifts. Teach us to desire your greatest gift, the gift of love, so that we love others as you have loved us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## New Testament reading

## 1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13

*St. Paul demonstrated that love must motivate our use of God's various gifts. God wants us to use his Word at all times with the tricky combination of both authority and love.*

<sup>31</sup>And now I will show you the most excellent way.

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. <sup>12</sup>Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade singing** (8:15 AM)

**“God Loves Me Dearly”**

**Gospel reading**

**Luke 4:31–44**

*Jesus showed the power and authority of his teaching. His words silence unclean spirits and cast out demons, heal diseases of body and soul, and restore life and health to his creation.*

<sup>31</sup>Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. <sup>32</sup>They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

<sup>33</sup>In the synagogue there was a man possessed by a demon, an evil spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, <sup>34</sup>“Ha! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

<sup>35</sup>“Be quiet!” Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!” Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him.

<sup>36</sup>All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!” <sup>37</sup>And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.

<sup>38</sup>Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. <sup>39</sup>So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

<sup>40</sup>When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. <sup>41</sup>Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

<sup>42</sup>At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup>But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." <sup>44</sup>And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

## **Confession of Faith**

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

**Hymn**

**"If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee" | #205 v. 1-3, & 5**

*God appointed Jeremiah to be his prophet, with authority to deliver his words of both judgment and love to kings and nations.*

<sup>4</sup>The word of the Lord came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

before you were born I set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>“Ah, Sovereign Lord,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am only a child.”

<sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a child.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “Now, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**Sermon**

**“God Sends Us To Do His Work”**

**Offering and Prayers**

## *Service of the Sacrament*

*Personal prayers for before and after Holy Communion can be found on page 40 in the front portion of the hymnary.*

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that we may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that we consider what we believe. From the words of Christ: “This is my body, which is given for you; this is my blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins,” we believe that Jesus Christ is himself present with his body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ’s words “For the remission of sins,” we believe that Jesus Christ gives us his body and blood to assure us of the forgiveness of all of our sins. And finally, we do as Christ commands when he says, “Take, eat; drink of it, all of you,” and “Do this in remembrance of me.”

P: We also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and then love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end, may God the Father grant us his grace; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

## Consecration, Distribution, and Reception

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## Hymn

## "Lamb of God"



O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world,  
have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world,

grant us your peace. A - - men.

Hymn "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" | #209

Hymn "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" | #210

Hymn "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" | #325



# Announcements

**PRAYER REQUESTS?** Please contact Wanda Warnke at 612-529-1497.

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** 335 worshiped on Sunday, and 13 worshiped on Monday.

## OFFERING LAST WEEK

Average Needed Per Sunday: \$16,154

Average Needed Year to Date: \$500,774

Received Last Week: \$10,174

Received Year to Date: \$552,122

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Tim Larson and Ann Hengel in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary.

## WESTERN ACCENTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser: **Saturday, February 16 – 8:00-9:30 AM.** Held at **River Inn, Hanover.** Cost \$8 per person - if you can fit in a high chair, you eat free! It is time to fulfill your New Year's resolution; EAT MORE PANCAKES! Join us for breakfast and support the mission trip fundraiser for the Western Accents. This Easter the choir will be traveling to congregations in Ohio and Kentucky to help with mission work and provide music during Holy Week services. (Note - this trip is self supporting through fundraisers and student contributions. We do not use budgetary funds). **You can purchase your tickets for the Pancake Breakfast from a Western Accent member or from Mr. Baures at [gbaures@westlutheran.net](mailto:gbaures@westlutheran.net) or calling (763) 509-9378 ext. 22. Limited tickets sold at the door.**

## KING'S LITTLEST KIDS

Help needed! We are looking for one more helper for the kid's room. We meet from 9:45 AM - 11:30 AM on Thursdays. The spring session will meet from **February 28 - May 16**, with no session on March 28 or April 18. If you are willing to help or have any questions, please contact Emily Bredeson at 612-703-7385 or [ejshoop@hotmail.com](mailto:ejshoop@hotmail.com). Hourly pay is available.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Is investing more time in God's Word this year part of your New Year's resolution? Whether your answer is yes or no, if you are a young lady we would love to have you join us in a three-week study on Galatians! We will encourage each other on our heavenward journey just as Paul did for the Christians of Galatia in this letter he wrote so long ago! We will meet at King of Grace at **7:00 PM** for an hour-long study on **Thursdays: February 28, March 7, and March 14**. If you enjoy this three-week study, we are hoping to start a regular bi-weekly study on Tuesdays after we finish Galatians. For more information, please contact **Jenna Albrecht** at [jalbrecht@blc.edu](mailto:jalbrecht@blc.edu) or **Lauren Farquhar** at [lfarquhar@blc.edu](mailto:lfarquhar@blc.edu). Please let us know if you can make it so we are sure to have enough materials.

## MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE

You can now manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up a one-time gift or automatic recurring contributions. Follow these easy steps from your desktop computer:

- 1) Visit the King of Grace website at [kingofgracelutheran.com](http://kingofgracelutheran.com)
- 2) Click on the "**Give**" tab at the top of the screen
- 3) Click on the "**Sign Up**" tab
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule contributions

## MANAGE YOUR GIVING ONLINE (CONTINUED)

You can also give through the **Give+ mobile app** on your mobile device. Search "give + church" in your app store and download the FREE Give+ mobile app and enter the zip code **55422** and select **King of Grace Lutheran Church**. Click the plus sign (+) at the lower right of the screen to add a donation. The app allows you to give one time or to set up a recurring contribution to the fund of your choice.



# *Welcome New Members!*

**Avis Luepke**  
**Robert Luepke**  
**Steve & Lisa Meyer**  
**Aimie & Lucas Seehafer**  
**Jared Smiley**  
**Alyssa Wigand**

# Calendar

<b>Today</b>	9:30 am	Dr. Jeff Lemke from Bethany Lutheran College
	1:00 pm	King's Kids snowtubing
<b>Monday</b>	7:00 pm	Board of Elders
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Jesus Cares
<b>Wednesday</b>	4:00 pm	Grades 7 & 8 Confirmation
	6:30 pm	Kindergarten Information Night
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 pm	Senior Choir
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 am	"Catechism: The Lord's Prayer" with Pastor Ekhoﬀ
		"Job" with Pastor Ferkenstad
		"How to Go to Church" with Pastor Wiechmann

## Serving in Worship

<b>Preacher</b> .....	Rev. Erv Ekhoﬀ		<b>Liturgist</b> .....	Rev. Ben Wiechmann
<b>Special Music (8:15 AM)</b> .....	CDS Grade 1		<b>Director</b> .....	Joy Veach
<b>Preservice Pianist</b> .....				Mya Walz
<b>Organist</b> .....	Karen Merseth		<b>Pianist (Monday)</b> .....	Jenny Merseth

## Serving in Support

<b>Counters Today</b> .....	Deb Anderson, Beth & Jerry Hoem
<b>Counters Next Sunday</b> .....	Polly & Nathan Potratz, Carol & Ken Johnson
<b>Usher Captains Today</b> .....	Bruce Christensen, Brian Pederson
<b>Usher Captains Next Sunday</b> .....	John Vomhof, Sr., John Woodington
<b>Video Team Today</b> .....	Gerry Reason
<b>Video Team Next Sunday</b> .....	Katherine Guillaume
<b>Coffee Clean Up Today</b> .....	Board of Youth
<b>Coffee Setup Next Sunday</b> .....	Altos & Basses
<b>Coffee Clean Up Next Sunday</b> .....	Administration Committee
<b>February Altar Guild</b> .....	Linda Browning, Arlene Fuller