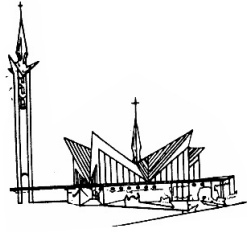


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)



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The Presentation of Our Lord

Sermon Notes:

Announcements

Upcoming Events

Weekly Schedule

HYMN OF THE MONTH...For February: 409 - "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"
The author of our hymn of the month is Basil Woodd. He was born at Richmond in Surrey on August 5, 1760. The influences of his home and of his widowed mother were most salutary, and produced the best results. As a boy, he studied under the Rev. T. Clarke of Chesham Bois, and at seventeen, he entered Trinity College, Oxford. Taking Holy Orders in 1783, he was chosen lecturer of St. Peter's Cornhill in 1784; morning preacher at Bentinck Chapel, Marylebone, in 1785; and Rector of Drayton Beauchamp, Buckinghamshire, in 1808. Bentinck Chapel is a proprietary chapel; he purchased the lease in 1793 and held the Incumbency, together with the Rectory of Drayton, from 1808 to his death on April 12, 1831. He took a deep interest in the great religious societies and in the anti-slavery movement. His prose works were not numerous or important. He is associated with hymnody; the best known is "Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing."

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY....Meets Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. We are currently studying *Jonah*. In this Old Testament book God displays His power, patience and relentless grace, showing how He works out His purposes and how nothing can thwart His determination to save. Each lesson helps us understand God's compassion, mercy, patience and sovereignty, ultimately encouraging us to trust God through every circumstance. There's room for you at the table and we hope you will join us. For a study book see Barb Quist.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY...Has been put on pause. More information to come after Easter.

DOXOLOGY...Now that Pastor Marklevitz is a Doxology graduate, we are invited to attend future conferences! There is an annual conference called "Doxology: Encore," in which lay members are invited to attend. This is a unique opportunity to travel, getaway, and receive professional insight into church ministry and its impact. The next Encore Conference will be in Middleton, WI, from May 30 to June 1, 2025. Please contact Pastor Marklevitz, Tom Hoffman, or Jeff DeYoung with any interest or questions.

CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH...Grace's second Church plant, gathers Sundays at 8:00 a.m. for Divine Service. They meet in the building of United Lutheran Church, 15424 Lake Michigan Dr, West Olive, MI 49460.
Website: <https://christevangelicallutheran.org>

MESSIAH'S ANNUAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH SEMINAR...Make plans now to join us THIS Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. as we welcome Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger and explore *Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose*. Pastor Leininger will combine insights from Scripture, the Church's history and heritage of prayer and song, with decades of experience in congregational life and campus ministry to explore this deeply personal topic. There is no charge for this Seminar, and continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Registration is now open. Please RSVP online at www.messiahgr.org or by calling 616-363-2553. Messiah is located at 2727 Five Mile Road NE, Grand Rapids, MI.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND...If you are looking for a place to keep your money safe and you are a member of the LCMS, check out the LCEF information and rates on the bulletin board just outside the church office. Feel free to contact John Hoover with any questions or further assistance. John.Hoover@lcef.org.

SEMINARY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23...Grace Lutheran Church has supported Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, Indiana (CTSFW) and its students for many years. Join us during the Bible study hour on Sunday, February 23 to learn more about how your gifts are being used for our Lord's kingdom. Rev. Daniel Burfiend, an advancement officer at CTSFW, will preach and preside in the Divine Service and teach a Bible study on how the Lord uses people to bring sinners to faith. Bible study will include an update on the ways in which the Lord is using CTSFW to prepare messengers who deliver His forgiveness. Those who sign up for the CTSFW mailing list will be eligible to receive a book or a recording of sacred music from the seminary (please check your church mailbox for a card to fill out and hand in that day). Please join us!

PORTALS OF PRAYER, JAN–MAR '25...Don't forget to pick up your copy of *Portals of Prayer* for January through March 2025. They are in the basket on the devotional table (to the right of the mailboxes).

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP...Please be sure to sign up for altar flowers throughout the year! You may sign up using the sign up sheets in the binder located on the devotional table. The cost is \$20 per arrangement.

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSON OPPORTUNITIES WITH OSLC!...Our Savior Lutheran Church is connecting families in the Grand Rapids community with quality music education for their children. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board outside the office. If you have any questions please contact Kantor Roberts at croberts@oursavior-gr.org or call the OSLC Office at 616-949-0710.

SCRIP/RAISERIGHT...If you would like to order Scrip you can find order slips as well as a list of all of the RaiseRight retailers on the showcase. Please be sure to turn in payment at the time you place your order. Make checks payable to Grace Beginnings Preschool. Orders are due on the first Monday of each month (next due is TOMORROW, February 3) with delivery Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

CHILI COOK-OFF - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT NOON...This year our theme is "Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is." Attendees will vote for their favorite chili by putting money in the corresponding bag. All monies will go to "Kids' Food Basket." Contestants and attendees, please sign-up at the showcase.

QUILTERS WORKSHOP...The next work session is planned for THIS Wednesday, February 5 and then on Wednesday, February 19 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. We welcome any and all help of those who can tie knots, layer and/or design Quilts. It's a great way to get to know your fellow Grace members while working on a worthy mission.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TO CATECHISM - "RECITE" AND "RECEIVE"...Any child who has yet to start the Catechism can recite one of these categories to the Pastor at the beginning of Bible Study hour & receive a gift. The goal is for each entering Catechism student to have already received all four gifts. Recitation can be done in any order. Please contact Pastor with any questions.

1. Recite the Lord's Prayer and receive Luther's Small Catechism for Kids.
2. Recite the Apostles' Creed and receive Lutheranism 101 for Kids.
3. Recite the Ten Commandments and receive Luther's Small Catechism.
4. Recite Old and New Testament books (all at once or separated by Testaments) and receive a Faith Alive Student Bible ESV.

SNOW REMOVAL...We are looking for volunteers to remove the snow from our sidewalks & entryways throughout the winter season for Sundays and also for Wednesdays during Lent (and for any special services). There is a sign-up board in the hallway, across from Pastor's office. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help.

ST. VALENTINE'S DAY DONATION... As it's that time of year again! WinGS has set up several St. Valentine's Day donation bags for our homebound members on the table in the hallway across from the members mailboxes. A list of all our homebound members is available on that table. You may place your St. Valentine's Day cards, treats and small gifts in each person's bag. The last day for collection will be NEXT Sunday, February 9, 2025 after the Divine Service, as they will be given out before St. Valentine's Day itself. Any questions, please contact Paula DeYoung at prvdy2330@comcast.net or 616-361-9481.

A HUGE AND HEARTFELT THANK YOU...Goes to Barb Edwards who has unselfishly committed over 40 years to our Grace Altar Guild. The Grace family has truly been blessed by Barb's service in this very important area of ministry. Well done, good and faithful servant. God has truly blessed you with the gifts that you have used to bless us!

TO GOD BE THE GLORY...Thank you so much to all for the nice Christmas cards and the sweet candy. Both are much appreciated. I am so blessed and thank God for His goodness and for your love. Love and hugs in Christ, Elfie Koehler



WINGS HAS APPLE PIES AVAILABLE



Impress your friends by baking a home-made apple pie! If anyone would like to purchase a frozen pie, please see Carol Klein, Diane Long or Linda Franks. The price is \$13 per pie, and there are order forms, if needed, on the showcase.

God Bless all our workers, buyers and sellers
Women in God's Service

GRACE LIFE COMMITTEE

It came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)



Now they were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Him, saying, “Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” Luke 18:15-17 ESV

MIRACLE OF LIFE

HEAVENLY FATHER, we thank thee first for the great miracle of life, for the exaltation of being human, for the capacity to love, for compassion waiting within to be kindled, for the wisdom of the old, and the courage of the young, for the promise of the child, for the strength that comes when needed, for this day and time You have given us, help us to use it for Your honor and Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.



WEST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN Serving Grades 7 - 12

Christ Centered - Student Focused

Academics.....Activities.....Achievement

† Individual attention so **each student** can achieve their goals;
† Integration of the **Faith in every class** throughout the day!

ENROLL TODAY!...Looking for an affordable and exemplary Christ-centered education? Then check out West Michigan Lutheran High School. Contact the WML office at 616-455-2200 or email office@wmlhs.org to get the simple and easy enrollment paperwork.

WEST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN OPEN HOUSE...Come learn more about your West Michigan area Lutheran high school THIS Wednesday, February 5 from 6-8 p.m. at 601 36th Street SW, Wyoming. For questions, call the school office at 616-455-2200.

SAVE THE DATE...West Michigan Lutheran will be holding our annual Celebrate fundraiser on Friday, March 21 at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 5:30-9:00 p.m. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. To reserve your tickets go to: celebrate2025.square.site or call the office at 616-455-2200.

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS & OTHER NEEDS:

Anna Barber; Debra Barber; Rev. Ryan Beffrey; Mae Conkright; Hailey Cutler; Jeanne DeMeester; Jeffrey (Jeff) DeYoung; Michael (Mike) Dykstra; Willis (Jack) Edwards; Hubert (Hugh) and Virginia Eisen; Marilyn Franks; Ronald (Ron) Hansen; Barbara (Barb) Hoffman; Cindy Johnston; Iris Kamradt; Vicki Kik; Lois Klooster; Elfriede (Elfie) Koehler; Terry Larson; Norman (Norm) Long; Sandra (Sandy) Melville; Allen (Al) Miiller; Margaret (Marge) Morgan; Carol Pellerito; James (Jim) Pellerito; Mark Schrader; Albert (Al) TePastte; Joseph (Joe) Theuerkauf; Sharon Theuerkauf.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED:

Alice Barnes (Barnes); Dawsyn Bates (Schrader); Barb Castle (Franks); Shannon Crisman (Larson); Vicky Drougl (Barnes); Margaret Eastland (Eastland); Phil Edgerton (Cutler); Nicole Girth (Gorman); Brian Hague (Larson); Bruce & Ruth Harder (Kik); Jim Hoard (Larson); Theresa Holzhausen; Ginny Huizenga (Klooster family); John Hume (Quist); Donald Karel (DeYoung); Duane Kimle (Diener); Bridget Kimmel (Gorman); Brian & Dawn Klein (Larson); Laura Kooienga (Zwar); Cathy Kutschinski; Kelly LaHaine (Gorman); Tom Murrphy (Larson); Richard Ohse (former member); Carrie Pattok (Hoffman); Dalton Palmer (Kutschinski); Violet Redner (Marklevitz); Carissa Richmond (Pellerito); Julie Rop (Long); Bonnie Seher (Kamradt); Aaron Spratling (Hoffman); Katie Stevenson (Schrader); Ty Tanis (Kutschinski); Donna TePastte (TePastte); Vicky Thompson (Hoffman); Gary Weber (Reynolds); Maggie and Josiah Whitley (Helak).

PRAYERS FOR THOSE MOURNING A LOSS:

Family & friends of **Douglas Christensen** who died last Tuesday (Christensen).

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY & THEIR FAMILIES:

Robert Barber (Barber); Klorissa Brown, Katie Collins & Nick Payne (Gorman); Skylar Eriks (Kamradt); Christopher Ferguson & Alex Gaunt (Schrader); Blake Hoffman & Austin Spratling (Hoffman).

PRAYERS FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

Nora Leon; Rev. Steven & Martha Mahlburg.

PRAYERS FOR OUR GRACE SUPPORTED SEMINARIANS:

Nathan Bublitz; Noah Dunsmore.

WE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO WILL BE CELEBRATING birthdays and anniversaries this coming week that their celebrations would lead to rejoicing in God's goodness once again this year and to give Him thanksgiving for all His blessings.

Happy Birthday this week to:

Sunday, February 2 - Peter Gottschall

Saturday, February 8 - Dave Helak

Saturday, February 8 - Sharon Theuerkauf


No Anniversaries this week

TOGETHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY IN WORD AND STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, January 26, 2025 9:00 a.m. Worship Attendance: 78 Communion: 62

Sunday, January 26, 2025 Offering & Joyful Response: \$3,514.00

Those serving this week and next at Grace:

	of Our Lord 2/2/2025 9:00 a.m.	after the Epiphany 2/9/2025 9:00 a.m.
	Communion Assistants: Ed Gorman	Tom Hoffman
Deaconess/Deacon:	Diane Long	Jill Reyers
Altar Guild:	Jeff & Paula DeYoung	Linda Franks
Acolytes:	Hailey Morse James Gottschall	Elizabeth Reynolds Connor Reynolds
Sound:	Scott Christensen	Gray Ferguson
Fellowship:	Gorman	Kendall

Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Ensemble Director: Diane Long

Organist: Charles Gottschall

Finance Team February: Norm Long, Phyllis Neitzel, Linda Franks

Altar Flowers: In thanksgiving to God for His many blessings.

THE SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, February 2, 2025 (The Presentation of Our Lord)

Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship following Worship
 Bible Study/Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
 Elder's Meeting 12:00 p.m.
 LCMS Children in Worship Session (at Our Savior) 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Monday, February 3, 2025

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Women's Bible Study 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Quilters Workshop 9:00-11:30 a.m.
 Handbell Ensemble 5:45 p.m.
 Sanctuary Choir 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Pastoral Care 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Friday, February 7, 2025

Saturday, February 8, 2025

Spiritual Growth Seminar (at Messiah) 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 9, 2025 (Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany)

Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship following Worship
 Bible Study/Sunday School 10:45 a.m.