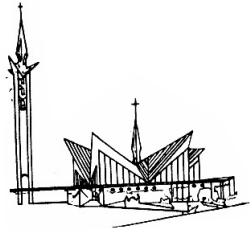


GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)



February 16, 2025

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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

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, O 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

put on pause. More information to come after Easter.

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>

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.

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 at John.Hoover@lcef.org.

PASTOR MARKLEVITZ WILL BE OUT OF STATE...from February 18-25. His family will be visiting his parents in Arizona while he attends the English District Board of Directors meeting in Green Valley, AZ, from February 21-23. If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Swem at 616-644-8338 (cell phone). If you have any other urgent pastoral matters, Pastor Marklevitz will have his cell phone (616-516-0600) and respond as able.

Rev. Daniel Burfiend, an advancement officer at CTSFW, will preach and preside in the Divine Service and teach (please check your church mailbox for a card to fill out and hand in that day). Please join us!

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.

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).

EASTER LILY ORDERS...You will find an Easter lily order form in your church mailbox. Please neatly fill out this form and return with \$9.00/lily (\$8.00/tulip) to the church office or place in the Easter lily basket on the devotional table to the right of the mailboxes on or before Sunday, March 23.

CHILI COOK-OFF - TODAY! - 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.

BAKED POTATO BAR...Here in our Fellowship Hall on March 23 starting at 12:00 noon. A wonderful Grace family get together! Baked potatoes with yummy toppings & beverages (hot dogs for the kids), will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to pass. There is a sign-up sheet on the showcase outside the church office.

SAVE THE DATE!...May 10 will be the WinGS annual silent auction and dinner. NEW this year is a live dessert auction. More details will follow.

FREE CONCERT...The Wind Symphony of Concordia University Chicago will be performing at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (5125 Cascade Rd. SE, Grand Rapids) on Sunday, March 2 at 4:00 p.m. Dr. Richard R. Fischer will be conducting. A freewill offering in support of the Wind Symphony will be received.

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 March 3) with delivery Wednesday or Thursday of that week.

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.

QUILTERS WORKSHOP...The next work session is planned for THIS 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.

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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS...Al Miiller has moved. His new address is: 725 Baldwin Street, Room 119, Jenison, MI 49428.



LWML Noisy Offering
Last Sunday of the Even Numbered Months

Funds collected during the Noisy Offering taken during the Even Numbered months are used for:

- 25% of your mites will be used for local Missions which will be chosen by the attendees at the Spring Rally to be held at Epiphany. During the Fall Rally, we gifted \$300 to H.U.G.S. Ranch, which utilizes rescued horses to offer mental, emotional, physical and social healing to hurting children. We also gifted \$200 to our local branch of the Orphan Grain Train.
- 50% of your mites will be added to those given by our zone and 6 others and used for the English District Missions chosen on April 27, 2024 by the delegates at the Detroit convention. Three missions have been paid since then:
 - \$1,850 to Orphan Grain Train in Surprise, AZ to purchase a Water Heater to sterilize medical equipment; and to repair their Loading Dock.
 - \$3,000 to Camp Restore Detroit to clean up vacant lots and provide a safe, Christ-centered environment for children & families in Detroit.
 - \$3,000 to Operation Barnabus to offer support to Women veterans in Tucson, AZ

We are currently raising funds for the 4th grant to Most Ministries, which will provide translators for short-term mission trips to help spread the Gospel while assisting those in need.

- 25% of your mites are combined with 39 other districts and used for the LWML National Missions as chosen by the delegates who attended the June 2023 convention in Milwaukee. Of the 31 grants chosen (\$2,350,000), 21 have been paid in full, 5 have been partially paid and 5 are still to be paid. God willing, all grants will be paid by June 1. A card showing all the missions your mites have supported this biennium is on the showcase. Feel free to take one.

The LWML WinGS group used the Pie money to support the following Mission Organizations:

- Haiti Community Meals program - \$500
- Kid’s Food Basket - \$500
- Pregnancy Resource Center - \$500
- Wellspring - \$500
- Samaritan’s Purse \$500

We invite each of you to join us in honoring God by Serving others through your generous mite donations!

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Being Pro-life is not a political position.

† “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10 †

What does the Bible say about: I formed You in the Womb

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the Womb, I knew you and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
Jeremiah 1:4-5

For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb.
Psalms 139:13



Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.
Psalms 127:3

Thus says the Lord who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob My servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen.
Isaiah 44:2

Tracts and donation envelopes are available on the tract table next to the mailboxes



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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.

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.

IN OUR PRAYERS...

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH CONCERNS & OTHER NEEDS:

Anna Barber; Debra Barber; Rev. Rvan Beffrev; Mae Conkright; Hailey Cutler; Jeanne Demeester; Jeffrey (Jen) DeYoung; Michael (Mike) Dykstra; Willis (Jack) Edwards; Hubert (Hugh) and Virginia Eisen; Marilyn Franks; Ronald (Ron) Hansen; Barbara (Barb) Hoffman; Iris Kamradt; Vicki Kik; Lois Klooster; Elfriede (Elfie) Koehler; 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:

Dawsyn Bates (Schrader); Barb Castle (Franks); Shannon Crisman (Larson); Margaret (Peg) Eastland (Eastland); Phil Edgerton (Cutler); Brian Hague (Larson); Bruce & Ruth Harder (Kik); Jim Hoard (Larson); **Newell Hoback** (Gorman); 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 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 Mahlborg.

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:

Thursday, February 20 - Carol Pellerito


Happy Anniversary this week to:

Monday, February 17 - Jim & Carol Pellerito - 52 years

Thursday, February 20 - Tim & Virginia Miller - 54 years

<p>TOGETHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY IN WORD AND STEWARDSHIP</p> <p>Sunday, February 9, 9:00 a.m. Worship Attendance: 81 Communion: 66</p> <p>Sunday, February 9, 2025 Offering & Joyful Response: \$4,370.00</p>
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Those serving this week and next at Grace:

	after the Epiphany 2/16/2025 9:00 a.m.	Sunday after the Epiphany 2/23/2025 9:00 a.m.
Communion Assistants:	Keith Eastland	Dan DenBraber
Deaconess/Deacon:	Kathy Helak	Dave Helak
Altar Guild:	Janet Dykstra Martha Gottschall	Linda Franks
Acolytes:	Molly DenBraber John Gottschall	Leah Morse Elizabeth Reynolds
Sound:	Doug Klein	Gray Ferguson
Fellowship:	Gottschall	Larson

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 16, 2025 (Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany)

Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir
Fellowship following worship
Bible Study/Sunday School 10:45 a.m.
Chili Cook-Off 12:00 p.m.

Monday, February 17, 2025 (Presidents’ Day)

Pastor Appreciation Lunch (at WMLHS) 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Women’s Bible Study 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Friday, February 21, 2025

English District Board of Directors Meeting (Green Valley, AZ) . . . Fri 21-Sun 23

Saturday, February 22, 2025

Sunday, February 23, 2025 (Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany)

Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Handbell Ensemble
Noisy Offering (LWML)
Fellowship following Worship
Bible Study/Sunday School 10:45 a.m.