

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD (LCMS)



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

Jesus Came for Gentiles, Too – The Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile (Rm 1:8–17). Even in the Old Testament, the Gentiles were beneficiaries of God’s saving power. Though unimpressed at first with the Word of God, a Syrian commander is persuaded to receive that Word, and in the water he is cleansed and brought to faith in the God of Israel (2Ki 5:1–15a). Evil is overcome by good (Rm 12:16–21). So also in the New Testament, a Roman centurion demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord (Mt 8:1–13). All he needs is the Word of Christ, for he trusts that Jesus’ Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. The centurion’s faith is praised by our Lord above that of any Israelite. For the last shall be first, and the first last. Apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation—not even for a Jew—but only weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Ministering to the People of

Ball State University Community
East Central Indiana
The World

1 I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me,
I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit
As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
The end of faith attain.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading *2 Kings 5:1–15a*

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little girl from the land of Israel, and she worked in the service of Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord, "Thus and so spoke the girl from the land of Israel." And the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel."

So he went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothes. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you Naaman my servant, that you may cure him of his leprosy." And when the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider, and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, it is a great word the prophet has spoken to you; will you not do it? Has he actually said to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *Ps. 102:15–16*



Nations will fear the name | of the LORD,*
and all the kings of the earth will fear your | glory.
For the LORD builds up | Zion;*
he appears in his | glory.

Epistle *Romans 12:16–21*

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 8:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

When [Jesus] came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.” And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them.”

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

401 From God the Father, Virgin-Born *LSB 401*

- 1 From God the Father, virgin-born
 To us the only Son came down;
 By death the font to consecrate,
 The faithful to regenerate.

- 2 Beginning from His home on high,
 In human flesh He came to die;
 Creation by His death restored,
 And shed new joys of life abroad.

- 3 Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring
 The gift of healing on Your wing;
 To ev'ry dull and clouded sense
 The clearness of Your light dispense.

- 4 Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;
 The gloom of darkness chase away;
 Your work of healing, Lord, begin,
 And take away the stain of sin.

- 5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
 And, we believe, shall come again;
 Be with us on the battlefield,
 From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

- 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
 For this Your blest epiphany;
 To God, whom all His hosts adore,
 And Holy Spirit evermore.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will 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 in 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.

Installation of Church Officers

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Willmann

Stand

Prayer of the Church

For the Holy Church throughout the world, that she would rejoice in the Lord with a thankful heart; and that she would not be ashamed of the Gospel, but confess it, preach it and cling to it as the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the congregations of our Synod, that they would be faithful to the Word of God and motivated by our Lord's compassion and love in all they do, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the gift of Holy Baptism, by which we are healed from sin's corruption and saved by Christ's power; that we would love His great Word and name, by which plain water became for us a life-giving stream; and that we would neither forget our Baptism, nor withhold its cleansing from our children, but treasure it as Christ's trustworthy promise and so arise daily to newborn life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all civil authorities, including our president, our governor; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the sick and suffering, especially Cathy Branscome, Paul Buchmeier, Rylynn Byurn, Susan Cook, Dave Heinkel, Devon Hill, Darren Hindsley, Maryanne Jundt, Terri Mackey, Juanita Mays, Dlynn Melo, Henry and Amy Miller, Bethany Myers, Harold O'Bryant, Jason Partin, Carrie Sue, and Janet Walker that they would know the Lord's peace and receive healing and relief according to His gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all those celebrating birthday and wedding anniversaries, especially Mitchell Bowdell, Ann Ludwig, Brian Ludwig, Becky Levihn, Carol Bowdell, and Lucas Overfield, that they rejoice in God's gracious care and protection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who approach the holy altar to receive Christ's very body and blood, that they would come in humility and faith, confessing with the centurion that though they are unworthy to have the Lord come under their roof, nevertheless, at His Word, they shall be healed, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Sit

Offering

Please sign in using the attendance register located at the end of each pew.

Offertory 159

☐ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface

LSB 160

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 161

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He 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 for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini *LSB 163*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

635 O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing *LSB 635*

- 1 O gracious Lord, I firmly am believing
Your boundless love will bless each faithful soul,
As from this altar we are here receiving
Your body and Your blood to make us whole,
Your body and Your blood to make us whole.

- 2 Lord, I have sinned, a thousand times offending;
My thankless thoughts and words and deeds erase,
To me Your hand of mercy now extending,
O God, my Savior, I implore Your grace,
O God, my Savior, I implore Your grace.

- 3 You see my sin yet seat me at Your table;
Lord, as a guest, I surely am the least:
Unclean, unfit, of worthy deeds unable—
My heart prepare for this most holy feast,
My heart prepare for this most holy feast.

- 4 O Lamb of God, my faithful, loving Savior,
You I embrace in faith and holy love;
Grant me the strength to show by my behavior
A life now hidden in Your reign above,
A life now hidden in Your reign above.

- 5 Heavenly Bread, my life and benediction,
This cup You give can take away each ill.
Come and relieve my soul from all affliction;
Calm ev'ry sigh until my heart is still,
Calm ev'ry sigh until my heart is still.

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

1 Jesus comes today with healing,
Knocking at my door, appealing,
 Off'ring pardon, grace, and
peace.

He Himself makes preparation,
And I hear His invitation:

 “Come and taste the blessed
feast.”

2 Christ Himself, the priest
presiding,
Yet in bread and wine abiding

 In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once
broken,
And the cup, the precious token
 Of His sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though
lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
 Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven,
Who to bitter death was given,
 Hung upon the cursèd tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly
power,
Gives Himself to me this hour
 In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge
receiving,
I accept His grace, believing
 That I taste His love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless
favor,
Whose own feast of love I savor,

Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides
me,
With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit
whole.

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528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing *LSB 528*

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;
He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer *LSB 918*

- 1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
 Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
 Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more;
 Feed me till I want no more.

- 2 Open now the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
 Be Thou still my strength and shield;
 Be Thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to Thee;
 I will ever give to Thee.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis LSB 165

C Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of
ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness
sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have
given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your
children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be
enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing *LSB 924*

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing,
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing,
Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us,
Trav'ling through this wilderness.

- 2 Thanks we give and adoration
For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To Your truth may we be found.

- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us
From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us,
Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
Reign with You in endless day.

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Serving Today at Grace 1/22

Celebrant and Preacher– Rev. Danny Mackey

Liturgist – Vicar Peter Preus

Organist and Choir Director – Dick Grill

Handbell Director – Judi Pape

Assisting Elder 8:00 a.m. – ; 10:30 a.m. –

Ushers 8:00 a.m. – ; 10:30 a.m. –

Videographer 10:30 a.m. – Eric McCoy

Altar Guild – Mary Painter, Kim Janek, Cathy Branscome

Serving Next Week at Grace 1/29

Celebrant – Rev. Danny Mackey

Liturgist and Preacher – Vicar Peter Preus

Organist and Choir Director – Dick Grill

Handbell Director – Judi Pape

Assisting Elder 8:00 a.m. – ; 10:30 a.m. –

Ushers 8:00 a.m. – ; 10:30 a.m. –

Videographer 10:30 a.m. – Eric McCoy

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Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God and to enhance the beauty of His house by the Willmann family celebrating Joey's birthday and in memory of Courtney Cook.

This Week (Jan. 22 - 29) at Grace

Matins: Tues. - Thurs. 8:30 a.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Confirmation Class (1st-year)

Monday: 10:00 a.m. (St. Peter's service and March for Life Indianapolis)

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (2nd-year)

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:10 p.m. Vocal Choir

Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. Food Pantry

7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Vespers Service

Next Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:20 a.m. Christian Education Hour

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Confirmation Class (1st-year)

In Our Prayers

Health – Cathy Branscome, Paul Buchmeier, Rylynn Byurn, Susan Cook, Dave Heinkel, Devon Hill, Darren Hindsley, Maryanne Jundt, Terri Mackey, Juanita Mays, Dlynn Melo, Henry and Amy Miller, Bethany Myers, Harold O'Bryant, Jason Partin, Carrie Sue, Jacob Sutton, and Janet Walker

Comfort – Family of Rev. John Hamer

Shut-ins – Becky Levihn, Pat Mark, Jim McCoy, Debby Taylor

Armed Forces – Jonathan Atsinger, Dean Bartel, Matthew Bowdell, Emily Kingsley, Gary Parks, Jr., Hayden Parsons, Cory Robertson, and Dan Selke

Birthdays – Mitchell Bowdell (1/22), Ann Ludwig (1/23), Brian Ludwig (1/23), Becky Levihn (1/24), Carol Bowdell (1/28), Lucas Overfield (1/28)

Thanksgivings and Praise – for Kris Swanson recovering and being able to return to work; for Kelli returning to the office after her maternity leave; for Pastor Mackey and Brenda returning from their vacation; for Jacob Sutton's recovery and receiving of a call.

To activate the Grace Prayer Chain at any time, contact Diana James (765) 748-1377 or log on to our website and click "Prayer Request"— your email goes directly to Diana.

Announcements

Indiana March for Life – Tomorrow 1/23 is the Indiana March for Life in Indianapolis. There will be a brief Matins or Prayer service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church at 10 a.m. We will carpool to St. Peter's as we have done in the past. Afterward we'll carpool downtown to participate in the March and Rally which begins at 12p.m from the Indiana Convention Center (126 W. Georgia St) toward the Indiana State Building.

Parish Services – After the holidays and helping all of the families this year our pantry needs restocking. Items needed are toilet paper, laundry detergent, cereal, jelly, boxed potatoes, pork and beans, canned corn, pancake mix, syrup, Jell-O, tuna helper, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, and cornbread mix. Thank you to all those who donate.

Altar Guild – We are in need of more volunteers to help on the Altar Guild. If you are interested in learning about the Altar Guild please contact Lori Foist or Emily Nickels.

Altar Flower Chart – The Altar Flower Chart is all set and ready for you to reserve the Altar flowers for Sunday in 2023. Please include your name and what we are celebrating or honoring on the lines provided with each date. There is also a box beside the date, if you would like to donate the flowers to a shut-in, please check the box. The altar flowers are \$30 (they can be split if we have a Sunday that two people are requesting) Checks made payable to Grace Ladies Aid. Thank you all for helping beautify our Altar with the flowers year-round.

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
LCMSU and MOST Mission Trip Valentine Fundraiser

Name: _____

_____ # Large Chocolate Chip Cookies (\$7.00 each)

Message on Cookie (shorter works better):

_____ # Fancy Apples (\$7.00 each)

(A Fancy Apple is a Granny Smith apple, covered in layers of caramel, milk chocolate, and white chocolate, and then covered in pecan and toffee bits.)

Last day to order Cookies and Apples will be Sunday, **February 5**. Orders may be place in the Valentine Box at the back of the Sanctuary or call/text your order to Linda Cook at (765) 729-0262.

Your orders can be picked up and paid for on Sunday, **February 12** after both Divine Services.



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