



*To Glorify God,
To Grow in Faith
To Give in Service
Together in Christ*

Grace Lutheran Church

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2018

Announcements

Welcome to our worship as we gather to give praise to God and receive God's blessing through his Word and Sacrament and celebrate the day of resurrection hope. We are glad you are here today!

As you face the rear of the sanctuary from inside, a nursery area is available on the other side of the doors to the left. Restrooms are available after passing through the doors on the right.

We may be taking photos or video recordings during Grace events. You will be giving your consent that any pictures and/or video taken may be published and/or distributed by Grace Lutheran Church (i.e. Facebook, website, promotional materials) by attending these events. Please let Pastor Lutcher, or a church council member, know if you would prefer that you and/or your child's image not be used.

The Altar Flowers have been sponsored by The Stone Family in Honor of the birthdays of: Frank Sr., our son, Frank, and our son-in law, Adam Taylor; and by Dee Mancuso.

Grateful Grace 2018 This year marks our 6th annual Grateful Grace gift. Grateful Grace is our way of paying it forward to other churches or organizations that have a fire or similar disaster as we experienced in December 2011. Grace received many donations from local churches and organizations when we suffered out loss of the 1904 Educational Building. A Grateful Grace donation will be made to *a church in Puerto Rico* to help with the rebuilding after Hurricane Maria devastated the island in September 2017. A Grateful Grace envelope is in your 2018 offering envelop box. Donations to Grateful Grace are accepted at any time. Thank you for considering this Stewardship outreach.

Capital Campaign Update: Thus far we have received 30 commitments totaling over \$128,784. We are well on our way to our \$200,000 goal. If you have not yet submitted a commitment card please do so. The Finance Team appreciates knowing what giving levels to expect. Please return completed forms in the offering plate or in the box in the narthex. There are additional forms in the narthex.

All items for the Parish Newsletter are due today!! The newsletter will be mailed January 30.

Next Sunday Grace is responsible for the Sunday worship at Lutheran Community at Telford at 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed and welcomed to hand out bulletins and hymnals, greet residents, and serve as acolyte, lectors, and choir members.

Christmas Ornaments: In celebration of our first year in the new building, and as a thank you for your support, the Living in God's Grace team is giving Christmas ornaments featuring the new church to everyone. The ornaments, in envelopes addressed to each family, are in the narthex on the table with the offering envelopes. Please pick up yours. We have some extra ornaments available for a \$10 donation to the Capital Campaign. If you have any questions, please see Tami Sarm, Joyce Salter or Tom Salter.

Communion Choice: White grape juice is available for you to choose during communion. The white grape juice is in small communion cups in a silver tray on a table located at the right front row of chairs near the altar. As you approach the altar you may take a glass from the tray with you to the altar. When the chalice is brought to you, you drink the cup of grape juice. Empty cups may be returned to the empty side of the tray.

Stepping Stones is looking for new or used Children's snow pants sizes 3T, 4T, 5T, and 6/7 and boots sizes 6,8,10, and 12.

Advent and Christmas Thanks- Many thanks to those who made the Advent and Christmas seasons wonderful at Grace. Those of you who purchased gifts for needy families, shared your appreciation to the church staff, wrote cards, visited and caroled for those unable to come to Grace, decorated the church, prepared vocal and instrumental music, served as worship assistants, came to worship and gave offerings and commitments for 2018-- we offer to you our mutual gratitude and God's blessings upon you and those you love in this new year.

Our Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 27, beginning with a covered dish meal at 5 pm. Council members will be bringing main dishes, all others are asked to bring side dishes and desserts to share. We will review the past year, hold elections, and participate in a Congregational Asset-Mapping Exercise as part of our goal setting and to imagine our future together in ministry. All submissions for the Annual Report Booklet are due by Monday, January 8. Electronic Submissions are preferred.

Lent 2018 Special Service Schedule- all evening services at 7:30 pm

2018 Lenten Theme- "Thy Will Be Done"

February 14, Ash Wednesday- Services at Grace at Noon and 7:30 pm "God's Will and God's Promises"- Abraham and Isaac

Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
Soup Lunch Following the Noon Service

February 21, Pastor Lutcher at Hatfield Church of the Brethren "God's Will and My Inadequacy" - Moses

February 28, Pastor Glenn Lambert at Heidelberg UCC "God's Will and My Dreams" - David

March 7, Father Chung at Grace

"God's Will and My Identity"- Mary

March 14, Father Robert Tufton at Emmanuel EC

"God's Will and My Worldview" - Paul

March 21, Clay Moyer at St. Maria Goretti

"God's Will and My Response" - Lydia

March 25, Palm/Passion Sunday-services at Grace at 8 and 10:30 am

"God's Will When We Are Not Willing"

Distribution of Palms and Holy Communion

March 29, Maundy Thursday- Services at Grace at Noon and 7:30 pm

"God's Will and Joyful Service"

Holy Communion at Both Services

March 30, Good Friday- Noon and Tenebrae Service of Growing Darkness at 7:30 pm

"God's Will Is Done"

April 1- Easter, The Resurrection of our Lord- Services at Grace at 8 and 10:30 am

"God's Will for the New Creation"

Holy Communion and Special Music

YOGA (Hatha) CLASS - All-levels. Poses and sequences will work on using all parts of the body, and will vary from week to week. This will be suitable for those with some yoga experience but also for anyone with little to none, as options will be offered for the various poses. The

goal is to work on strength and flexibility gradually while gaining an ability to focus on breath and awareness.

WHEN: Wednesday(s) - January 24th and 31st from 6:15-7:15 pm

WHERE: Grace Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 40 N. Main Street, Hatfield, PA

COST: \$25 (\$5/class) (Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church)

WHO: Ages 18 and up

What is needed: exercise mat (let me know if you need one) Invite a friend or family member everyone is welcome. We must have at least 10-15+ people to hold the class. Contact Kathy Stawasz, if interested.

Hatfield Food Cupboard: We continue to collect items for the Food Cupboard throughout the year. Some items that are needed at present are: peanut butter, canned meat & beef stew, large (29-30 oz.) canned fruit or applesauce, toilet paper (individually wrapped if possible), women's deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Updated lists of items are on the bins where the items are placed. *Thank you, The Giving In Service Team*

Laurel House Valentine's Day Project: The *Giving In Service Team* would like your support for our Valentine's Day Project for **Laurel House**. We will collect items for the women and children of Laurel House. This agency provides shelter, care and counseling for abused women and children of Montgomery County. Please check out the display in the narthex and pick up a wish list of items needed for Laurel House. Consider adding one or two of these items to your shopping list. ***Please drop off your gifts by Sunday, February 11th.***

Attendance for 1/14/18 8 am 20 10:30 44

Grace-Full Questions for Epiphany

What difference does it make to live in Paul's time, expecting Jesus to be back at any moment, and living now in waiting for 2000 years?

Mark loves the word "immediately". What does this word mean for the response to the call of the disciples?

How do you think Dad Zebedee and the others felt watching what happened to his sons?

If someone did something wrong to you and is not sorry, should you still forgive them?

Key Verse: "For God alone I wait in silence; truly, my hope is in God." -Psalm 62:5

Participants in today's services

Acolytes Al Lund, Micah Slugg, Leela Morcom
Altar Guild Janice Swartz, Mary Jane Moyer
Flower Delivery Lori Pluda
Comm. Assistant Dave Kunkel
Greeters Peggy Schmidt, Dan and Tami Sarm
Lectors Karen Seiler, Kathy Stawasz
Nursery Jaime and Paul Kaler
Ushers Al Lund, Don Capanear, Kathy Stawasz, Jeff Krout

In Our Prayers

John Fischer Hayley Reath
Bob Kaler Marilyn Homan
Peg Weaver The Family of Dave Krum
Carol Buffone Joan Lattanze
Suzanne Colville Pam and Fred Matolicz
Paige Haldeman Al Godshall
Laura Morcom Thomas Hudson
Nancy Sellers Laura Cooper
Jim Steeley James Roney and his family
John Cisler Elijah Krout
Don Capanear, Sr. Sue Deitch

B.J. Moyer- Kuhn The Family of Chris McMahon
Beth Brown Joe McGlinchey
Joe Hopkins Muriel Rosenfelt
Jennifer Kaler-Thomas Dawn Doll
Kristopher Yoder Dorene Bobb
Jerry Kratz Ginger Rittenhouse Holnick
Layla Lapino Keira Drissel
Barbara Masser Fred Wiesinger
Jean Goetter Shawne Diaz
Nancy Benner
The Family of Joey Mancuso

This Week at Grace

Sun.	January 21
	Newsletter info. due
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Worship
12:30 p.m.	Central Philadelphia Church (Formerly the Korean Church)
2:30 p.m.	Worship at Lutheran Community
Mon.	January 22
7-9 p.m.	Scouts
7:30 p.m.	Capital Campaign Team
Tues.	January 23
6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Wed.	January 24
11 a.m.	Bible Study
6:15-7:15 pm	Yoga
Thurs.	January 25
9:30 a.m.	H3C at Franconia Heritage.
Fri.	January 26
7:30 a.m.	Scouts snow day
Sat.	January 27
5:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting and dinner
Sun.	January 28
8:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 p.m.	Worship/Communion
12:30 p.m.	Central Philadelphia Church (Formerly the Korean Church)

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