



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**Worship services: Sundays at 9am,
 Tuesdays at 12:10pm**



(ELCA)
 WI 53092

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Our Mission: "Reaching out to all people as Disciples of Christ, we serve God, proclaim our faith, and care for all creation."

Welcome to Worship: We encourage visitors to talk with our pastor following worship! Know that you are always welcome to join us for worship! If you are interested in becoming a member at any time, please contact the pastor.

Communion Instruction: Jesus Christ, present in this Meal of bread and wine, invites every person to share in Holy Communion, especially children. Ushers will direct you to the front, where you will come forward in an orderly fashion, receive a piece of bread, and then select either the red wine or the white grape juice and return to your seat. **Gluten-free wafers are also available; talk to the pastor if you require gluten-free.** If you would prefer not to commune today, you are welcome to come forward with your hands crossed to receive a blessing instead. If you would like your children to receive communion instruction prior to sharing in this Meal, please talk with the pastor before or after worship.

Offering: Offerings are not taken during worship. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary and one near the front for you to drop an offering when you come up for communion. You may also scan the QR code on this page to give online.

Hearing Assistance Available: This facility is equipped with a hearing-assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Nursery Available: We love to have children in worship with us. For those that play quietly there is a space for them to play with quiet toys in worship (the Pray-ground). A separate staffed nursery is provided for healthy children that are more active and like to be a bit louder.

(♦ = The congregation is invited to stand)

PRELUDE (Organ)

1. Johann Christoph Bach (1642-1703), "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern"
2. Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706), "Chaconne"
3. C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918), "Tranquility"
4. Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), "Siciliano" (arr. by J.S. Bach from Concerto in D minor, Op. 3, No.11)
5. J. H. Knecht (1752-1817), "Cantabile in F minor"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO WORSHIP (Chancel Choir): Robert P. Wetzler, "O How Beautiful the Sky" (1998)

◆ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (*Please stand*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism...the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

◆ GREETING (*Please stand*)

P: The grace of our Lord... be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Please stand*)

P: Let us pray. (*Silence is kept for reflection*) Lord God...Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Come, Share the Spirit*

(ACS 1045)



- 1 Come, share the Spir - it, God has called us to ven - tures
- 2 Come, drown your sins be - neath the wa - ters where life flows
- 3 Come, God in - vites us to the ban - quet that ev - 'ry
- 4 Come, let us tell the gos - pel sto - ry, how God has



- in the life of faith, to bring good tid - ings to the
from the gran - ite rock, the stone from which our Lord has
peo - ple soon will share, with shouts of joy and loud thanks -
giv - en us new birth and rais - es us to live for



need - y, to tell of vic - t'ry o - ver death.
ris - en, our cor - ner - stone and build - ing block.
giv - ing be - fore God's throne we will ap - pear.
oth - ers, to speak good news through - out the earth.



Christ speaks and all of life is new;
Christ speaks and rais - es from the dead
Christ speaks and bids us sit and dine;
Christ speaks and life is come a - gain.



God's word is pure and it is true.
all those who hear the liv - ing Word.
his bod - y, bread, his blood, the wine.
Good news, good news for ev - 'ry - one!

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 36:5-10

Refrain:



We feast up - on the a-bun-dance of your house, O LORD.

L: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

C: Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humankind and animals, O Lord. R

L: How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

C: They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

L: For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.

C: Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart. R

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. ² You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW Setting 10)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

◆ GOSPEL John 2:1-11

P: The holy gospel, according to John, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*The gospel is announced*)

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

◆ HYMN OF THE DAY *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

(ELW 310)

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: God of mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you..... among the people. **C: Amen.**

◆ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (*Please stand*)

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 our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty...join their unending hymn: **(ELW Setting 10)**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy one.... mystery of faith: **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: With this bread...for his coming. **C: Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Holy God,..peace on earth. **C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: All praise and glory...now and forever. **C: Amen.**

◆ THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Please stand*)

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.

COMMUNION SONG

(ELW Setting 10)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONG *In This Feast of Love*

(ACS 962)

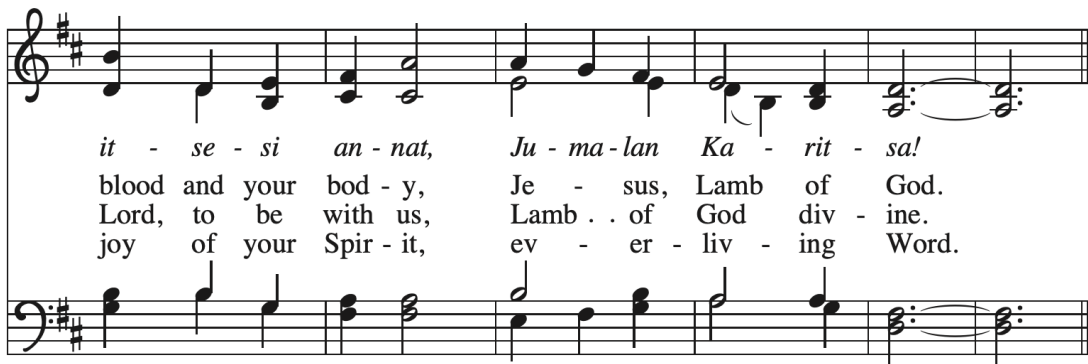


Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



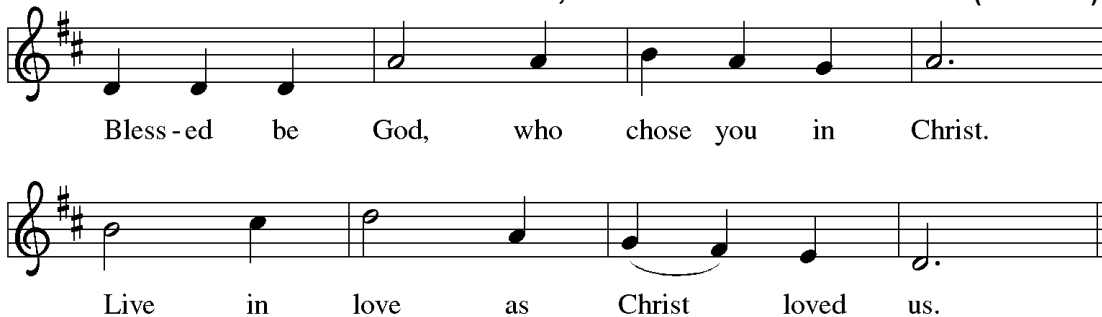
pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the





it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION *Blessed Be God, Who Chose You* (ELW 215)



Bless - ed be God, who chose you in Christ.
 Live in love as Christ loved us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: We give you thanks, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

◆ **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C: Amen.**

◆ SENDING SONG *Thine the Amen*

(ELW 826)



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

◆ DISMISSAL (*Please stand*)

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE (Organ): Anonymous (18th Century Italian), "Toccata and Fugue"

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Music Notes:

The Chancel Choir offers the **Last Prelude**, a setting by Robert Wetzler of a Danish carol by Nicolai F. S. Grundvig (1783-1872). Wetzler (b. 1932) served several Lutheran churches as organist and choirmaster. For 44 consecutive years, he received the Composer Award from ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers).

The **Hymn of the Day** was written by Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), who called it a “recapitulation of the successive Manifestations of Christ which... [are] presented in the services...throughout the season of Epiphany.” He was an Anglican priest and the nephew of the poet William Wordsworth, with whom he corresponded and whom he visited regularly. The tune, “Salzburg,” was probably by Jacob Hintze (1622-1702), court musician to the Elector of Brandenburg. The harmonization is based on one by J.S. Bach.

Today’s **Organ Music** comes from the first book of Oxford Service Music for Organ, compiled and edited by Anne Marsden Thomas, Director of St. Giles International Organ School at St. Giles Cripplegate Church, Barbican, London, and features a variety of composers. Johann Christoph Bach was an older cousin of J.S. Bach, who described him as “the profound composer”. He was organist of St. George’s Church at Eisenach. Johann Pachelbel was a German composer, organist and teacher who wrote a large body of sacred and secular music, including the celebrated “Kanon in D,” a staple of wedding services. C. Hubert H. Parry was an English composer, teacher and music historian, best known for his coronation anthem, “I Was Glad.” This piece was used at the 2023 coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camila. Antonio Vivaldi, the so-called “Red Priest,” along with Handel and Bach ranks as one of the greatest Baroque composers. He was also a virtuoso violinist. Justin Heinrich Knecht was a German composer, organist and music theorist. He was a Lutheran teacher and music director in Biberach and served as organist of St. Martin’s church, which was used simultaneously by both Lutherans and Catholics.

Next week: Saved by Grace Band warms up at 8:15am and leads music for worship at 9:00am. Annual Congregational Meeting after worship – ***** NO REHEARSALS *****



ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Today's Worship Leaders</u>	<u>Next Sunday Worship Leaders</u>
Greeter: TBD	Greeter: TBD
Reader: JoAnn Holdmann	Reader: Katy Koppa
Wine: Geri Schesel, DawnMark Bacon-Johnson	Wine: Nancy Perez, TBD
Usher: Marilyn DeMore	Usher: TBD
Comm. Set Up: Bev Leidel	Comm. Set Up: TBD
Coffee Fellowship: Rita Karthaus	Coffee Fellowship: Annual Meeting Potluck

This week at Grace

- Sun 1/19 8:15am Chancel Choir Warmup
9am Worship ~ Chancel Choir Sings
10:15am Grateful Giving Team Meeting
10:15am Sunday School
10:15am Faith Formation with Pr. Bill ~ *Christian Nationalism and the Church*
11am Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Mon 1/20 2:30pm Violin Lessons
- Tue 1/21 12:10pm Devotional Worship
5:30pm Scouts
6pm Council Meeting - rescheduled
- Wed 1/22 3pm Violin Lessons
- Thu 1/23 12pm Bible Study
- Sat 1/25 9am SBG Band Rehearsal
- Sun 1/26 8:15am SBG Band Warmup
9am Worship ~ SBG Band Leads Worship Music
10:15am Potluck
10:50am Annual Meeting Begins

Grace's Welcome Statement: Grace Lutheran Church is a religious community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live. Grace is a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation, which means we welcome the participation of people of all ages, races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, education backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join us in serving God, proclaiming our faith, and caring for all creation.

Doris McMahon Funeral Arrangements: A funeral service for Doris, Pam Liegeois' mother, will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 1pm at Advent Lutheran Church, W63N642 Washington Ave., Cedarburg. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 12 Noon until the time of service.

Grace Membership: If you have been visiting Grace either in person or online and are interested and becoming a member, please let Pr. Bill know, respond to this email or call the office (262-242-1174). We will be receiving new members on February 23.

Directory Updates: A copy of the directory is on the communication desk for updates. Please mark up any changes or additions you would like to be made by February 16. You may also call the office with any necessary updates.

Christian Nationalism and the Church: Today after worship Pastor Bill will be hosting a Faith Formation on Christian Nationalism and the Church. With all the press recently about Christian Nationalism it is important for us as believers to know what it is we are talking about and whether it is biblical or not. We will examine; What is Christian Nationalism? Does it fit the biblical narrative? How do we respond?

Annual Meeting Notice: All are welcome, especially voting members, to join us next Sunday, **January 26**. We will receive the 2024 Annual Report, elect new leaders for 2025, and vote on the 2025 Budget. ***Reports were emailed out and there are hard copies on the communication desk.*** This year we will again have a potluck. You can sign up at the communication desk to bring a side dish and/or help with setup/cleanup. Ham sandwiches will be provided.

Tentative schedule:

- 9:00am service
- 10:00 - 10:15 head to fellowship hall for potluck and opening prayer
- 10:15 - 10:45 grab food
- 10:45 children head to nursery
- 10:50 meeting begins (Agenda TBD)



Sermon Definitions: Below are sermon definitions from the last couple of weeks.

Homage: Special honor or respect shown publicly.

Pagan: One who has no religion

Winnowing: The act of spearing wheat from the stalk.

Guest House Sandwiches: We assemble sandwiches for the guests at the Guest House *twice* each month – on the first and third Wednesdays at 9am. Join us for this opportunity to serve and to enjoy fellowship with one another on Wednesdays, **February 5 and 19.**



All Peoples
Church

Update to Isaiah 55 Food Pantry (All Peoples Church): Thank you to those that have and plan to donate items. Usual items appreciated include pancake mix, syrup, tuna, tuna helper, spam, baked beans, spaghetti, canned pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly, hamburger helper, canned greens. Hygiene items needed include deodorant, toothpaste, single toothbrush, lip balm, body lotion (4-8oz), dental floss. You can drop items off in the bins just outside the Luther room.



Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge: As you all know winter is here! If you have any new or gently used coats, boots, or other cold weather clothing you would like to donate, please consider dropping it off at the church to be donated to Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge. There is a box near the Luther room for these items.

"Lend A Hand" Board: As you enter the building near the pastor's office you will notice the new "Lend a Hand" board. This board contains small tasks that need to be done around the building from time to time. Perhaps you have some time on a rainy afternoon? Perhaps you are waiting for a loved one to get out of a meeting? Perhaps you're bored and want to do an act of service? This board will help you find jobs around the church that help make this place looking great from day to day. Just take a task off the board if you plan on doing it and when the task is complete, place the card in the offering plate. This will help us to know things are done. Let us know if you see anything around the building that we can add to this list and have a great time keeping Grace clean and in good shape.

Are You a Thrivent Member? We are looking for people who are Thrivent members who can apply for Thrivent grant cards to help fund the many activities we do here at Grace. There is a sheet on the communication desk where you can let us know if you are a Thrivent member and if you have applied for a grant this year to help us fund an activity. Please stop by the communication desk to provide that information. Thank you.

Worship Volunteers: Calling all readers, wine servers, ushers, greeters, communion setup folks and coffee fellowship helpers! There is a hard copy of the SignupGenius form on the communication desk for those that find it easier to sign up on their way in or out of church. The link sent out in the Grace Notes is still active and available, and this QR code can also be used to connect to the Signup Genius. Emails and phone calls are always welcome as well. Thank you for all your help!



SignupGenius

Celebrations this week:

Birthdays this week: Nathan Campbell -1/19, Lynne Huebschen -1/20, Jenny Gehr – 1/21, Nancy Perez -1/23

Anniversaries: None this week

Prayers: **Sandy** Smith, **Bill** (Stepfather of Sandy Smith's best friend), **Jack** Clark (Florence Panning's son-in-law), **Chevelle** Lutze (Veronica Junker's great-niece), **Faye** Junker (Matt Junker's mother), **DawnMark** Bacon-Johnson, **Grace** McCandless, **Hildegard** Quaegber, **Jerry** Karthaus, **Dan** Gander (friend of Sandy Smith), **Maygie** May, **David** Rauth, **Marilyn** (friend of Dawn Omernik), **Tricia** Baackes, **Joyce** Winghart, **Jim** Martin, **Gretchen** Pohl (niece/cousin to the Brown family), **Ann** Williams (former pastor at Grace), **Thomas** Button (Jim Button's brother), **Lana** (Janie Robbins's cousin), **Mary** Karthaus, **Suzanne** Peterson (mother of Kevin Mussatti), **Sarah** Mohr (friend of Steve Mussatti), **Javier** Rodriguez (friend of Buczynski family), **Olivia** (cousin of John Liegeois), **Connie** H. (friend of Lynne & Dave Huebschen), **Tami** Zuiker (friend of Geri Schesel), **John** (friend of Holly Tischer), **Nathan** Campbell.

MUSIC NOTES:

The Chancel Choir offers the **Last Prelude**, an Epiphany song combining an original text and tune with the traditional "We Three Kings." After the first melody is presented by the women, the men join in a harmony that hints at the second tune. After the key change, both melodies are presented simultaneously, then in canon (a round) after another key change. After a brief coda, the piece ends quietly. The music and lyrics are both by Cynthia Gray, a composer and retired music educator as well as a sought-after conductor and workshop clinician.

The **Hymn of the Day** was written in 1973 by F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), an Episcopal priest who faithfully served churches in Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Georgia. He served on the committee for The Hymnal 1940 and as a consultant for They Hymnal 1982. The tune, "Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich," was written by Nikolaus Herman (c. 1500-1561), cantor of the church and Latin school in Joachimsthal.

Today's **Organ Music** comprises seasonal hymns arranged by Wilbur Held. Dr. Held served as a forester and laboratory technician during World War II (he was a conscientious objector). He married Virginia Starrett, also of Des Plaines, and began a long and fruitful career as a composer and church musician. He played right up to his last year of life, leaving a legacy of more than 350 organ compositions.

Next week: Instrumental music on the organ. Chancel Choir warms up at 8:15am and sings for 9:00am worship. Bell Choir rehearses after worship at 10:15am.