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Thank you to the following people that participated in worship this weekend:

- Pianist, Jen Knutson
- Praise Choir and director Jen Knutson
- Guest preacher, Mr. Orie Thomford who is currently a Grace member and a Senior at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

This week - God willing.....

Today: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am /SS 9:15am /Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am

Mon: Worship 6:30pm

Tue: Council Meeting 6:00pm / Adult Bible Class 6:30pm

Wed: Adult Bible Class 1:30pm / Catechism 5:30pm

Lent Worship 4:15 & 6:30pm – *no meal between services*

Sun: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am /SS 9:15am /Teen & Adult Bible Classes 9:20am

Wednesday Lent worship “Hands of the Passion” continue with services at 4:15 & 6:30pm. Our theme for this Wednesday is “Hands of Betrayal—Judas”.

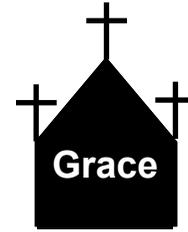
Food & Supply Drive: This is the final week to bring in your donations for this drive for 2 single mothers we have been helping out. Donations of food, personal hygiene items or cleaning supplies can be put on the round table in the fellowship hall. You can also make a monetary donation—please give these to Ann or Heidi in the office.

New meditations are on the Information Table –pick up your copy today for a donation of only \$2. There are large print meditations available as well.

February/March Newsletters: Printed copies of our February/March Grace Newsletter are out on the Information Table for anyone that would like a printed copy. These have been sent out in our weekly email and can also be viewed online, by going to our website www.gracelutheran-church.com, and clicking on the Newsletter link at the top of our home page.

Praise our Risen Savior by joining the “Easter Festival Choir” at Grace!

Rehearsals will be immediately following the 4:15pm Lenten Services on Wednesdays, Mar 3, 10, 17 & 24. The Choir will sing on Easter Sunday morning. Please contact Jen Knutson to let her know you would like to be part of this joyous musical offering **by February 28**....call/text (920) 860-9265, or email: markandjenknutson@comcast.net.



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We See His Shining Glory Once More!

**Transfiguration Sunday
February 21 & 22, 2021**

WELCOME! In the name of our Lord Jesus, welcome to one and all! We pray that here at Grace you will find the warmth of Christian hospitality, the abiding truth of God's Word and the quiet assurance of peace in Christ. If we can assist you in any way, please ask. Come worship with us again!

***Listening Assist Aids are available.
Please ask an usher if you are interested in these.***

Service of Word and Sacrament (page 26 in hymnal)

Opening Hymn:

- 8:00am & Monday 6:30pm: Hymn #369 "Beautiful Savior"
- 10:45am: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"—Choir sings—Congregation joins on REFRAIN

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession and Absolution

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us, and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY - Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy. (sung)

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy. (sung)

DISTRIBUTION

Communicant members of WELS/ELS churches may come forward at the direction of the ushers. Those who are not members of this fellowship are asked to speak with the pastor before communing.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#712: "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain (stanzas 4 & 5)

#379: "Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"

THANK THE LORD (sung)

***Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell everyone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy,
with shouts of thanksgiving alleluia, alleluia.***

PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen (sung)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

- **Sunday 8:00am & Monday:**
"Shine, Jesus, Shine" 8:00am choir sings—congregation joins on REFRAIN)
- **Sunday 10:45am:**
Hymn #369: "Beautiful Savior"

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *And also with you.* (sung)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.* (sung)

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.* (sung)

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love, he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvations and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - Sanctus (sung)

***Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory
You are my God and I will exalt you
I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glory.***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Worship leader speaks the words of institution concluding with:

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *Amen.* (sung)

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei* (sing)

***O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.***

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: *Lord have mercy.* (sung)

M: Merciful God, maker & preserver of life, uphold us by your power & keep us in your tender care.

C: *Amen.* (sung)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON: FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah was one of those who came down from heaven to speak with Jesus for the encouragement of Peter, James and John. Elijah is the greatest Old Testament preacher of repentance and Moses the greatest teacher of the God's Law. Jesus is the one who comes to win forgiveness for sinners.

¹ When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah was traveling with Elisha from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³ The sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?" Then he said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here because the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵ Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master away from you?" He said, "Yes, I know. Be quiet."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

⁷ Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood and watched them from a distance, while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, folded it together, and struck the water. The water divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask me for whatever I can do for you before I am taken from you.” Then Elisha said, “Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰ He said, “You have asked for a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, it will surely be yours. But if not, then it will not.”

¹¹ While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha was watching and crying out, “My father! My father! Israel’s chariot and its charioteers!” Then he did not see him anymore. He grabbed his clothing, and he ripped it into two pieces

PSALM 148 (pg 121) *We sing refrain and the psalm verses*

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Today we see the Lord Jesus so willing to set his glory aside for the greater glory of being our Savior who suffered and died for all. But so many people are blinded in unbelief. Self-interest is their only perspective. We would be blinded too, if not for the gospel opening our eyes of faith. The light of Christ conquers sin and gloom and death and carries us from his cross to his empty tomb to the day when our faith will be transformed to sight.

³ But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing. ⁴ In the case of those people, the god of this age has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from clearly seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is God’s image.

⁵ Indeed, we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶ For the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” is the same one who made light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day (spoken by ALL)

A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:2-9

The Transfiguration was primarily for the benefit Jesus’ disciples. We are blessed, too. Moses and Elijah came to speak with our Lord about his coming suffering and death and resurrection. They talk while already enjoying the eternal life Jesus would win for them. The wonderful high of Christ on the mountain prepares us for the low of his suffering. God help us only see Jesus and listen to him in both our good days and days of spiritual struggle.

² After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. ³ His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

⁵ Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

⁷ A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.”

⁸ Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

After the Gospel:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise be to you, O Christ! (sung)

Hymn #712: “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain” (stanzas 1-3)

SERMON THEME: (based on Mark 9:2-9)

“Listen to Jesus”

(Next week’s readings: Genesis 28:10-17, Romans 5:1-11, Mark 8:31-38)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son’s body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.