

**Sixth Sunday After Epiphany  
February 12, 2023—8:30am**



**Grace Lutheran Church**

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**Our Mission Statement:**

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.  
Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.  
Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.  
+ Please stand as you are able.

**+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

“More Love, More Power” arr. Phillip Keveren

**+ Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal, **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Thus says our God: “The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.” God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**+ Gathering Song**

“Cry of My Heart”

**Refrain:** It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the  
days of my life.

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to You.

All of the days of my life, all of the days of my life!

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**+ Prayer of the Day**

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**+ Word +**  
*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

**+ Gospel Acclamation**

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**+ Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:21-37

**Young at Heart Message & Sermon**

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

**+ Song of the Day**

“Make Me an Instrument”

**Refrain:** Make me an instrument of your love.  
Let me be a channel from above.  
Make me an instrument of your love,  
an instrument of your love.

When a friend is in need of an open heart, let me be there, oh let me be there. When a friend is lost with nowhere to go, let me be there.

When someone is hungry, when someone is cold, let me be there, oh let me be there. When someone needs help to carry their load, let me be there.

If someone should wonder is God still alive, let me be there, oh let me be there. If someone should wonder does God really care, let me be there.

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**+ Apostles Creed**

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**+ Prayers of Intercession**

sung refrain: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

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**+ Peace**

**+Meal+**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Offering**

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**+ Offering Prayer**

**+ Great Thanksgiving**

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**+ Thanksgiving at the Table**

**+ Lord's Prayer**

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**+ Invitation to Communion**

**Notes about Communion Distribution at Grace**

*When we're gathered around the table, there is enough food, drink, blessing, space and time for all to share in Holy Communion! GLC practices Eucharistic hospitality since we trust that God welcomes all who come to the table where Christ is both host and meal.*

*Wine (red) and grape juice (white) are distributed in individual cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

*If you prefer to stay in the pew, there are prepackaged kits (wine, juice, and gluten free options) available at the sanctuary doors. If you prefer not to receive the wafer and wine/grape juice, you may kneel or stand at the rail with arms folded across your chest to receive a blessing.*

**Communion Song**

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**+Sending+**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**+ Sending Song**

“Step By Step”

Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
Oh God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.  
I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways.  
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And I will follow you all of my days,  
And I will follow you all of my days,  
And step by step you'll lead me,  
And I will follow you all of my days.

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**+ Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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