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Welcome: We are glad that you are here or are watching our worship service online. May you be blessed through this time of worship. We pray you find today's service a source of encouragement and strength. *Offerings are received at the door as you enter or leave. Please take a moment to complete an attendance registration slip found in the pew rack and return it to the offering plates also.*

The Lord's Supper: As we come to the Lord's Supper we both receive and proclaim. We receive into our mouths not only bread and wine but the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Through our participation in this Holy Meal we proclaim his death until He comes. By our participation in the sacrament at this congregation which is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we are indicating our agreement with the confession of the LCMS. We request that only those who share this confession and are instructed in the sacrament take part today.

For those desiring to receive the sacrament using the common cup (large chalice), it is offered at the 8:00 a.m. service in addition to the individual cups. Those with special dietary needs such as gluten free or alcohol free are encouraged to speak with the pastor.

Lectionary Summary: The Lord Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael to “*come and see*” that He is “*the Son of God*” and “*the King of Israel*” (John 1:43–49). And they shall see even “*greater things than these*” (John 1:50). For His body is the temple of God on earth, and by His priestly sacrifice the heavens will be opened to all who believe and are baptized into Him. Therefore, He calls Philip and Nathanael, first to hear His Word and then to speak as apostles, even as He once called Samuel and established him “*as a prophet of the LORD*” (1 Sam. 3:20). As the Lord was with Samuel “*and let none of his words fall to the ground*” (1 Sam. 3:19), He also accompanies and upholds the preachers of His Word in our day. Thus, by the Gospel that is preached to you, “*your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you*” (1 Cor. 6:19). Since your body thus belongs to the Body of Christ, is meant “*for the Lord*” and shall be raised up like Him, now “*glorify God in your body*” (1 Cor. 6:13–20).

Order of Worship
Divine Service Setting One LSB 151

Preservice Music

Welcome and Greeting Time

Ringling of the Bell

♪ Opening Hymn: “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

LSB 589

- 1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.
Death’s dread pow’r, its inward strife, Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love’s strong fervor That I cling to You forever!**
- 2 Oh, what blessing to be near You And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You, Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin’s burden You give words of peace and pardon.**
- 3 Lord, Your words are waters living When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving; On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light Through death’s cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing!**
- 4 As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e’er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.**

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Stand

- [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.

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.**

Introit

Psalm 40:1–5; antiphon: vv. 10a, b

- P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
- C** **I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.**
- P** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
- C** **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**
- P** Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!
- C** **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**
- C** **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.**
- P** I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.

Kyrie

LSB 152

- ♪P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- ♪C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- ♪P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

♪**C** Lord, have mercy.

♪**P** 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.

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

♪**C** Lord, have mercy.

♪**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

♪**C** Amen.

♪Hymn of Praise: “This Is the Feast”

LSB 155

C This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our
days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♪**C** Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1–20

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose

eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever." ¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him." ¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a

prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

♪ **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Sit

Children's Message

♪Sermon Hymn: "Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure"

LSB 533

- 1 Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End;
Godhead, humanity, union supernal,
O great Redeemer, You come as our friend!
Heaven and earth, now proclaim this great wonder:
Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!**
- 2 Jesus has come! Now see bonds rent asunder!
Fetters of death now dissolve, disappear.
See Him burst through with a voice as of thunder!
He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
Lifts us from shame to the place of His honor.
Jesus has come! Hear the roll of God's thunder!**
- 3 Jesus has come as the mighty Redeemer.
See now the threatening strong one disarmed!
Jesus breaks down all the walls of death's fortress,**

**Brings forth the pris'ners triumphant, unharmed.
Satan, you wicked one, own now your master!
Jesus has come! He, the mighty Redeemer!**

**4 Jesus has come as the King of all glory!
Heaven and earth, O declare His great pow'r,
Capturing hearts with the heavenly story;
Welcome Him now in this fast-fleeting hour!
Ponder His love! Take the crown He has for you!
Jesus has come! He, the King of all glory!**

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Sermon “Come and See”

Pastor Lilienkamp

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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.**

Those with mobility issues who would prefer to receive the sacrament at the pew are encouraged to remain standing at the conclusion of the Agnus Dei.
Those coming to the altar will be welcomed and dismissed half table by half table.
It is helpful to fill the table from the wall toward the middle on both sides.
Used individual cups can be left in the holes in the altar rail.

Sit

Distribution Hymns

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

LSB 570

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

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♪ “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB 618

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole: *Refrain***

ref **Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain***

- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain*
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain*
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*

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Stand

♪ **Post-Communion Cantic: "Thank the Lord"** *LSB 164*

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this
salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
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.

Sit

♪ **Closing Hymn: "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.**

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NEWS AND NOTES

WE REJOICE with the following members of Grace who are celebrating this week.

BIRTHDAYS: Cory Erxleben, Beckett Foote, Kurt Janke, Maddux Heithold, Nancy Niemann, Jerry Echtenkamp, Johnny Lempke, Dwight Mock, Brayden Stegemann, Leanne Centrone, Stacey Kai, Alan Thomsen, Pam Nolte, Kevin Anderson, Lowell Heggemeyer, Anthony Munson & Theresa Lubberstedt

ANNIVERSARIES:

NURSERY: A nursery room has been created to help parents with young children. The nursery is located in the first room west of the upstairs fellowship hall. Please feel welcome to use the room to quiet your child.

PARENTS OF LITTLE CHILDREN: Books which your children may enjoy are available in book bags located near the doors at the east end of the sanctuary. Please return the books after the worship service. Thank you.

LAST WEEK’S OFFERINGS WERE \$5,156.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: Today we continue our new study on the book of Titus. Join us for our study of this practical book of wisdom and guidance concerning what the Christian life is to look like as lived out by congregation leaders and those of different ages. The class meets in the church basement at 9:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Our overview of the Gospel of Luke helps us to better know Jesus as we see how he interacted with various people on His way to Jerusalem. All are welcome to join us at 9:00 a.m. in the large meeting room upstairs for this time of encouragement through God's Word.

SUNDAY SUPPERS AT CUP OF GRACE: There will be no meal at Cup of Grace this evening due to the MLK holiday. Do plan to come on January 21 at 7:30 p.m. as these free meals for students resume.

BE A PART OF CAMPUS MINISTRY: Can you help support campus ministry by preparing the food for one of our Sunday Supper meals? A sign-up list is on the bulletin board in the library area. At this point food for about 10 students is needed each week. If you have other questions, please see Dan or Bonnie Hansen.

LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Battleground of Forgiveness" -- Lutheran Hour
Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler -- God's forgiveness covers our sins-but it's not a coverup! Hear the "Lutheran Hour" message on KTCH AM next Sunday at 7:30 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: "The Downfall Wall" is the title of this week's lesson. Confident in their wall, the people of Jericho shut themselves up inside the city. Following God's unusual battle plan, Joshua gathers the priests, trumpets, ark of the covenant, and people. Six days they march once around the city, then seven times on the seventh day, giving a shout at the conclusion of the last circuit. The city walls come tumbling down, and the Israelites wipe out the citizens and livestock while plundering precious metals for the tabernacle. Yet Rahab and her family are spared.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now in your church mailbox. Please do not use 2023 envelopes after January 1, 2024. If you did not get offering envelopes, please call the church office to request them.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tonight, Sunday, January 14th at 5:30 pm. in the church basement. Join us for a devotion, fellowship, candle, and soap making. Bring a snack if you wish. All are welcome. . .invite a friend. Mark your calendars for February Bible Study as we plan to have a soup swap. More details to follow. If you have questions, contact Julie Bose or Teresa Tiedtke.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY meets at CUP OF GRACE the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. In January, the dates are January 6th and 20th at 7:30 AM. Congregational men please come for a hot breakfast/coffee, good conversation (maybe a joke or two), give and take study of the Word and prayer. The question for this Saturday January 20th will be on Mark 2:23-28 a passage of significant theological significance. Mark highlights Jesus as Lord of the Sabbath, emphasizing Jesus' authority over legalistic interpretations of the law. Join the Men's Study Group to explore this Bible verse.

CHECK IT OUT: Jennifer Rodewald is an author new to our Church Library. She has written a series called "Grace Revealed". Three books in this series are 1) "Blue Columbine", 2) "Red Rose Bouquet", and 3) "Finding Evergreen". "Blue Columbine" is about Andrew who is reeling from professional failure and needs to start over. Jamie's old boyfriend shows up to rekindle. She struggles with his lack of faith in God and his drinking problem but maybe her friendship can save him. The power of addiction drives this story of three lives. "Red Rose Bouquet" finds Cheryl struggling because some things just can't be forgiven. Brock learns that falling in love with a woman who keeps secrets is dangerous all on its own. "Finding Evergreen" is about Ethan and Brandi wrapped in a story where he thought he found the thrill of his life and she, the romance she hadn't dared hope for. Falling in love had been easy but married—totally different story. FIC/ROD

CIRCUIT BIBLE INSTITUTE: The Wayne Circuit Bible Institute is planned for January 28 from 2-4 p.m. here at Grace. The presenter will be Rev. Russ Sommerfeld who is the Director of Concordia Institute for Rural and Small-Town Ministry from Concordia University of Seward, Nebraska and his topic will be "The Unchanging Message in the Changing Mission Field: A study of the Book of Acts." Bible Institutes are a time for the members and pastors from congregations of our circuit to gather for a time of intentional Bible study and to strengthen the ties between our area parishes. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

CHILDREN'S SERMON NOTE: The Confession and Absolution (*from the Latin word meaning "to absolve" - to grant forgiveness*) keeps us honest - honest with ourselves, honest with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and especially honest with God. God's Word teaches that we are sinful, therefore, we confess that *"we are by nature sinful and unclean,"* thus completely deserving God's *"present and eternal punishment."* The Confession of sins is the acknowledgement that God's Law is true and right, and that when we measure ourselves against its demands, we come up short as Romans 3:10 says, *"No one is righteous, no not one"* (see also Romans 7:8-25, Psalm 51). After confession, the pastor speaks God's Word of forgiveness to the congregation, the word of absolution is a reminder of the gift of Holy Baptism *"in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* In John 20:21, the risen Lord Jesus promised His disciples, *"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven."* With this proclamation of Good News, the congregation again responds with a resounding **"Amen!"**

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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ACOLYTES: Chloe Kai & Sadi Fredrickson (8:00)

Grant Reeg & Chase Rethwisch (10:30)

READERS: Irene Mock (8:00) Chase Sturm (10:30)

GREETERS: Jan Doescher & Connie Mindrup (8:00) Chad & Pam Janke (10:30)

FISHERS OF KIDS PRESCHOOL: Teacher – Keila Olson – 402.584.2257

Director – Rhonda Sebade – 402.369.2170

LUTHERAN HOUR SPONSOR: From Louise Green in memory of her second father

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY	8:00 am.	Worship/Communion
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship/Communion
WEDNESDAY	9:00 am.	Bible Study
	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	5:00 am.	Bell Choir
	6:30 pm.	Midweek
THURSDAY	10:00 am.	Preschool Chapel
	7:00 pm.	Choir
SATURDAY	7:30 am.	Men's Bible Study
	4:00 pm.	Family Communion
NEXT SUNDAY	8:00 am.	Worship
	9:15 am.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 am.	Worship
	7:30 pm.	Sunday Night Dinner