



The Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 19, 2025  
9:30 AM

# Amazing Grace Lutheran Church

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**Welcome friends in Christ!** We're grateful for your presence here in worship today.  
If you are visiting, please sign the guest book in the entryway.

- Children are welcome to utilize the open space in the back for quiet play during worship.
- Feel free to remain seated at any time during the service.

## **GATHER:**

We gather as people of God, a family of faith.

*The season of Epiphany is a celebration of God's enlightening presence in the person of Jesus Christ. We witness God's works of mercy and might embodied by our Savior.*

**Centering Music**      *Use this opportunity to center yourself before worship.*

## **Welcome**

### **Call to Worship (Psalm 36)**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,

**And your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep.

**You save humankind and animals alike, O Lord.**

How priceless is your love, O God!

**All creatures take refuge under the shadow of your wings.**

They feast upon the abundance of your house;

**You given them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life,

**And in your light we see light.**

Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,

**And your care to those who are true of heart.**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,  
source of mercy, tender and mighty,  
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water,  
satisfying the thirst of all living things,  
sustaining life in this community,  
nourishing and delighting us.

We bless you for these gifts of water:

For the ponds and streams, rivers and lakes that surround us.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power:

Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through the water of baptism, joined to your life-giving Word:  
your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life,  
your healing river washing sin away, your living water springing up to eternal life.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit.

**Fill us with your love.**

Clothe us and all your people with grace.

**Embolden us to do justice.**

Bless us to love mercy.

**Guide us to walk humbly with you,  
whom we thank and praise, through Jesus Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## Come to Us, Creative Spirit



1 Come to us, cre - a - tive Spir - it, in this ho - ly  
 2 Po - et, paint - er, mu - sic - mak - er, all your trea - sures  
 3 Word from God e - ter - nal spring - ing, fill our minds, we  
 4 In all plac - es and for - ev - er glo - ry be ex -



house; ev - 'ry hu - man tal - ent hal - low,  
 bring; crafts - man, ac - tor, grace - ful danc - er,  
 pray; and in all ar - tis - tic vi - sion  
 pressed to the Son, with God the Fa - ther



hid - den skills a - rouse, that with - in your earth - ly  
 make your of - fer - ing; join your hands in cel - e -  
 give in - teg - ri - ty: may the flame with - in us  
 and the Spir - it blest: in our wor - ship and our



tem - ple, wise and sim - ple may re - joice.  
 bra - tion: let cre - a - tion shout and sing!  
 burn - ing kin - dle yearn - ing day by day.  
 liv - ing keep us striv - ing for the best.

Text: David Mowbray, b. 1938

Music: CASTLEWOOD, Richard Proulx, b. 1937

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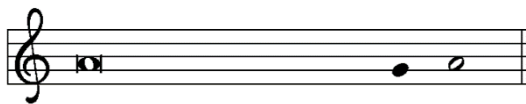
## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie:**

**Setting 4**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



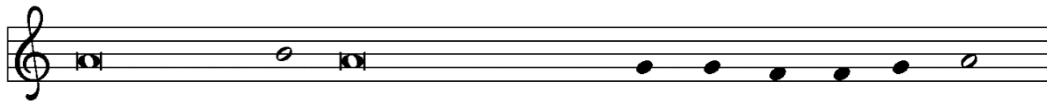
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

### Canticle: This is the Feast

### Setting 4

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

Lord God,

source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### GROW:

We grow as we are fed by the Word and nourished at the Lord's table.

### First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup>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.

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**



## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

Jesus revealed his glory,

**And his disciples believed in him.**

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11**

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

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Message**

**Pastor Tim Maybee**

## We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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**Confession of Faith**

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Giver of gifts, you form each member of the church to serve. Inspire us to boldly use gifts of welcome and healing, service and teaching, leading and preaching, for the sake of your work in the world. Give strength in times of need to our siblings in Magulilwa, Tanzania. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Refuge of creatures, you place all the living under the shadow of your wings. Lead us in ways that tend to the needs of wild and domestic animals, creatures threatened by extinction, and the environment we share. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Voice of the oppressed, you call prophets throughout time. We remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a voice for racial and economic justice and for peace. Guide our nation in continuing to heed your prophetic call. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of steadfast love, as Jesus celebrated at Cana, nurture marriages and relationships in mutual care; in times of separation or divorce hold tenderly broken hearts and broken dreams. Be present to all who are sick, grieving or in any need especially those we name before you now... God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Spirit of peace, celebrating this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray for neighboring congregations and ministry sites. Nurture our shared commitment to embody Jesus' love, justice, and healing. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Wellspring of life, in living and dying we trust in you. We give thanks for the saints. Guide us in our living until, at last, we rest in you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**Amen.**

### Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### Offering

*AGLC gives in the style of our Tanzanian partners. You may place any gift in the basket as you come forward for communion. If you don't have a physical gift to share, you are encouraged to dip your hand in the basket as a reminder that God uses you to do God's work in the world.*

**Offering Song: Jesus, the Light of the World** (Verses 2-3)

**ACS 914**

## Jesus, the Light of the World



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je - sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je - sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je - sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain

Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

## **Offering Prayer**

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

**Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.

Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,

The nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm.

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

**The earth is full of your glory!**

O God triune, you took on flesh in Jesus our healer.

In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his death and we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

**The earth is full of your glory!**

## Sung Words of Institution

Verses 1 & 2: Pastor, Verse 3: All



3. So, we thank You for the wine and for the bread; For we  
see the life You gave and the blood You shed. And we re -  
-mem - ber Your won - drous love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your -  
blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous -  
love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your - blood.

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## Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation

*Amazing Grace Lutheran Church practices open communion. Whether you are a member of AGLC or not, you are invited to the table that is set by Christ for you.*

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

## Distribution

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The wine used in worship is alcohol-free. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

## Communion Songs: Lamb of God

## Setting 4



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Jesus, Come! We Invite You**

**ELW 312**

**All Are Welcome**

**ELW 641**

**Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading**

**ELW 401**

## Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God,

**At this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,**

**Amen.**

## Announcements

**GO:**

We go into the world, sent by God, to serve all people in the name of Jesus.

**Benediction**

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: Bind Us Together**

**WOV 748**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**