

Birthdays and
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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS



The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
JANUARY 7, a.d. 2024 at 10:15 a.m.



Streaming Starts at 10:05 a.m. • Liturgy Starts at 10:15 a.m.
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Welcome

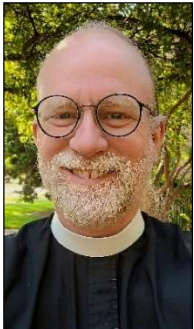
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

Welcome Card. If you are new to Grace, we would love to have a record of your visit. There is a Welcome Card in the pew rack. Please fill out as much (or as little) information as you would like to share with us and place it in the offering plate when it comes by.

A Word about Communion. At the heart of our worship is Holy Communion, which we also call Holy Eucharist. We celebrate it every Sunday with bread and real wine. Please know that we practice an open table; all Christians (no matter what tradition you come from) are invited and encouraged to come forward and receive communion. On page 14, there are more details about how we practice communion at Grace.

Again, welcome! If you ever have any questions or thoughts feel free to call, text, or email me (620-314-7520; frted.grace@gmail.com).

Blessings,
Father Ted Blakley, *Priest and Rector*



PRELUDE

“March on Martyrdom” arr by Young • Organ by Jan Howard

WELCOME

PROCESSION INTO WORSHIP *stand*

“I Come the Great Redeemer Cries” • Hymnal 116

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“I come,” the great Redeemer cries,
“To do thy will, O Lord!”
At Jordan’s stream, behold!
He seals the sure prophetic word.

**The Savior Jesus, well-beloved!
His Name we will profess,
like him desirous to fulfill
God’s will in righteousness.**

“Thus it becomes to fulfill
all righteousness,” he said.
Then, faithful to the Lord’s commands,
through Jordan’s flood was led.

**No more we’ll count ourselves our own
but his in bonds of love.
Oh, may such bonds for ever draw
our souls to things above!**

Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks
from heaven’s exalted height:
“This is my Son, my well-beloved
in whom I take delight.”

The Liturgy of the Word

OPENING ACCLAMATION *stand*

The Book of Common Prayer 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *stand and sing together*

BCP 356 • Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the
right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

A moment of silence is observed.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *sit*

Genesis 1:1-5

A Reading from Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

A Reading from Acts

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *stand*

“Sing Praise to Our Creator” • Hymnal 295

Words: Mark Evans, Music: Melchior Vulpius

**Sing praise to our Creator,
O you of Adam’s race —
God’s children by adoption,
baptized into his grace.**

**To Jesus Christ give glory,
God’s co-eternal Son;
as members of his Body
we live in him as one.**

**And praise the Holy Spirit
poured forth upon the earth;
who sanctifies and guides us,
made strong in our rebirth.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Fr. Ted Blakley

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *kneel as you are able*

Form III • BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

In the world-wide Anglican Communion, we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church, and in the Diocese of Western Kansas, we pray for those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. May they walk forward embraced and loved by the Father. For our Bishops, Michael, Mark, Mike, and Silvestre; for our parish clergy, Ted, Amy, Bill, Larry, Larry, Todd, and Shane. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Laura our Governor, and for our representatives and judges.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died. Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. For Rachel, Valarie, Abigail, Carson, Elise, Steve, Becki, Ed, Bob, James, Wright, Dallas, Makayla, Ann, Lily, Jennifer, Jackie, Kris, Kent, Beth, Heather, Laural, Teresa, Rosalie, Trent, Daryl, Ame, Cody, Max, Wyatt, Josie, Darien, Christine, JD, Leanne, Roger, Ann, and Kelby. Are there others?

Let us pray for those confined to home or care center especially Mary, Nathalee, Julie, Ken, Fifi, Clarice, Jane, and Virginia.



For those prayers and thanksgivings received online: _____.

Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *stand*

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

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN *stand*

“You’re Called by Name Forever Loved” • WLP 766

Words: Rosalind Brown, Music: ©1989 Sara H., Kevin Hackett

**You’re called by name, forever loved,
adopted as a child of God.
Now one with us, the family of those who
know and love the Lord.**

Lord, in your hands we place your own.

In your hands we place your own.

Lord, in your hands we place your own.

In their lives make your love known.

**Marked as Christ’s own, signed by the
cross where Jesus for our sins once died.
With Jesus buried in his death, called to
confess Christ crucified.**

Refrain

**Raised to new life, a life of grace, set free
from sin, in Christ to grow; his
resurrection to proclaim, his love in all
of life to know.**

Refrain

**Sealed by the Spirit, Lord of life,
sustained and strengthened by his
might. Joined to the church to share,
with us, the inheritance of saints in light.**

Refrain

The Liturgy of the Table

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude for who God is and what God does, we give back to God a portion of what God has given to us so that God's mission through this place and this people might flourish. What you give today represents your life and your labors, your loves and loyalties, your joys and thanksgivings, and God receives it with gladness.



DIGITAL OFFERING PLATE: THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE

- ✓ Go to www.tinyurl.com/Giving2Grace
- ✓ Scan the **QR Code** on the right.
- ✓ Text **GIVE** to **620-542-8024**.

FIRST SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE OFFERING — RECTOR'S OUTREACH FUND

On the first Sunday of every month our loose collection plate offering goes to the Rector's Outreach Fund, which is used to assist those in need.

OFFERTORY *sit*

"Hallelujah, My Father" by Tim Cullen • Grace Choir
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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *stand*

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

Sursum Corda (*"Lift up your hearts..."*) *stand*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

Hymnal S-125

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. • And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. • When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we give thanks to you, and
we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *kneel*

BCP 364

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *kneel*

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept, in reverent thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

“O Lamb of God” • Hymnal S-158

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

JESUS' INVITATION

This is the Banquet of the Lamb.

It is made ready for those who love God,

And for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,

You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

ONLINE: THE PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI (1696–1787)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Communion.

My Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present

in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though you have already come,

I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;

never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

IN-PERSON: HOLY COMMUNION IN ONE OR BOTH KINDS

*At this time, an usher will come forward and invite each row to go forward for communion. **Bread.** When it is your turn to receive communion simply extend your cupped hands forward, and a priest will place the wafer of bread in your hands. **Gluten Free.** If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands palms down. **Real Wine.** If you wish to receive the wine, you may drink from the chalice or you may dip the wafer into the chalice. **Two Stations.** You may choose to receive communion at the altar rail or at the station on the right side in front of the pulpit.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *sit*

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High” • Hymnal 448

Words: Benjamin Webb

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked hands betrayed,
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death;
for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *kneel as able*

BCP 365

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

PROCESSION INTO THE WORLD *stand*

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free;
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.**

**He comes with succor speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.**

SENDING FORTH INTO GOD'S MISSION FIELD

The Deacon bids the people to go forth into the world in mission, using the following or some other dismissal.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" • Hymnal 616

Words: James Montgomery, Music: Henry Walford Davies

**He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace, the herald, go;
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



GRACE FOOD PANTRY

Current Balance is \$2,167.54

Please bring **CANNED SOUP & CHILI** for our pantry this month. Thank you for continuing to support this vital ministry, which is just one way we serve Christ by ministering to the needs of the community and the parish. *Thank you for keeping our food pantry funded!*

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

Sign Up in the Narthex

If you would like to celebrate or remember a special event or person(s) with altar flowers, the 2024 Altar Flower sign-up sheet is now posted.

Upcoming Dates Available:

- January 14th, 21st & 28th



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Sign Up to Host

The 2024 Fellowship Hour sign up sheet is now posted in the Narthex. If you would be willing to host a Sunday please sign up. This is a good way for people to connect and reconnect.

Upcoming Date Available: January 14th

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

Sign Up in the Narthex

Sign up to bring dinner for our youth groups. Meals can be simple. Drinks and desserts are appreciated, but not required. We eat at 6:30 pm, and we invite those who prepare the meal to join us for dinner. It is a great way to get to know our youth!

Upcoming Dates Available:

- January 24th and 31st





ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & BRUNCH

Sunday, January 28, starting at 9:30 am

On Sunday, January 28 we will gather as a whole parish for our Annual Parish Meeting. We will begin with combined worship service at 9:30 am. Afterwards, we will move into parish hall where we will share brunch and participate in our Annual Meeting.



Annual Church
ELECTION

We will be electing members to Vestry,
and delegates to Diocesan Convention.



Our Annual Meeting Brunch is a community
affair. We are looking for parishioners to
bring casseroles, coffee cakes, and muffins.

We are also looking for people to
help set up and clean up.

Sign Up in the Narthex Today!

WHO IS THE VESTRY?

What Is the Vestry's Role?

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads the parish. The vestry...

- helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- articulates and communicates the vision;
- holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.



God creates the Church and invites us to participate in the process. A congregation's leaders are the stewards of that creation and hold it in trust. The congregation has been given the resources needed to do the job God has called it to do. Leaders identify and allocate those resources enabling the Church to carry out its mission. They also lead the congregation in celebrating and giving thanks for these resources.

Meetings of the Vestry

Vestry Night. On the first Monday of each month, the Vestry meets at the church from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. On Vestry Nights, we focus on the adaptive work of discerning and clarifying the mission of the church. We begin our evenings with a catered meal. We devote our time to the work of building community, developing our leadership capacity, learning new perspectives and skills, and finding ways to carry out God's mission in practical ways.

Vestry Zoom. On the third Monday of a month, the Vestry meets online from 6:30 to 7:00 pm via Zoom. At this meeting, we focus on the more technical work of finances, stewardship, building and grounds.

Who Can Serve on Vestry?

Nominees for Vestry must be baptized and confirmed, attend worship at Grace regularly, and contribute financially to the mission and ministry of Grace. Nominees will fill out a questionnaire that will be distributed to the congregation the week before the Annual Meeting.

Looking for 5 Nominations. This year, we have three off-going Vestry members—*Mitch Hixson, Kathy Moll, and Brooklyn Walker*—and two other partial terms that need to be completed. So we are looking for at least **5** nominations: **3** persons to serve three-year terms; **1** to serve a two-year term; and **1** to serve a one-year term. You may nominate yourself, or you may nominate someone else, if you have their permission to do so. Signup sheets are in the Narthex or nominations may be given to Angie in the church office (grace.hutch@sbcglobal.net; 662-8024).



**Annual Church
ELECTION**



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Monday, January 15

9:00 AM

Stringer Fine Arts Center



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. – DAY OF SERVICE

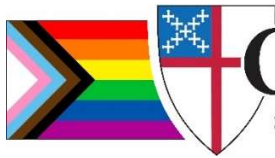
Monday, January 15th, 9:00 am

Join us in embodying the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. by making a positive impact on Martin Luther King Jr. Day! The event will commence at the Stringer Fine Arts Center, where we'll begin with a brief program inspired by Dr. King's vision, followed by a delightful breakfast.

Volunteers will then be assigned to various sites, providing a unique opportunity to give back to community organizations alongside fellow Reno County citizens. Much like Dr. King's dream of a unified and compassionate society, our goal is to foster new connections and friendships among individuals from all corners of our community. By taking this small step, we aim to cultivate an environment in Hutchinson and Reno County where everyone feels a sense of belonging and thrives.

Let's come together in the spirit of Dr. King, embracing his vision of unity and service. Join us in creating a community where inspiration, compassion, and service flourish!

We are looking to get a group from Grace to participate in the MLK Jr. Day of Service. If you are available to join the workday, **contact Fr. Ted** (frted.grace@gmail.com, 620-314-7520).



GRACE EPISCOPAL

Serving Christ by Ministering to the Needs of the Community & the Parish

Upcoming EVENTS

Mondays thru Thursdays
9:00 am to 1:00 pm



ONLINE PRAYER

9:00 pm • Every Night Compline Online at Nine (FB LIVE)

12:30 pm • Mondays & Wednesdays Centering Prayer (FB LIVE)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken

9:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music

After 10:15 am Service Fellowship Hour

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

6:30 pm Vestry Night

7:00 pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1

10:00 am Adult Bible Study

6:30 pm MS-HS and Elementary Youth Groups

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken

9:15 am Sunday School

10:15 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music



SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • EPIPHANY 2

- 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)
- Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- John 1:43-51



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