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2nd Sunday after Epiphany - January 18, 2026

Order of Service - Divine Service Setting 4 LSB 203

FM 90.5 or Grace Lutheran Church Blirstown - Facebook

Welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

Supporting the Ministry of Grace is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as our Facebook and website so you can give online.

As We Gather: People often speak about a person's calling in life. They are describing a unique purpose or vocation according to interests and talents. Today we hear of God calling otherwise ordinary fishermen Andrew and his brother Simon Peter. They were called by God through John the Baptist to follow the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. They were called to be disciples and eventually to be sent on Christ's mission as apostles. So are we! This calling differs from merely surveying interests or abilities within us; it comes to us from outside of ourselves, from the living God, our creator and Redeemer. This calling comes from God to everyone. It is the call of salvation, the divine call that transforms us from sinners into saints. Therefore, this calling depends not on anything within us but solely and totally on the grace and mercy and love of God.

Sign-up for Altar Flowers: The 2026 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board for anyone wishing to supply the flowers for a particular Sunday. Please indicate on the sign up sheet the special acknowledgement if you would like it placed in the bulletin.

Mission Of The Month is Lutherans for Life. Lutherans for Life has many valuable resources that help us understand and articulate our Biblical positions on life issues. Visit them at lutheransforlife.org.

Annual Reports: Please email your annual reports to Carrie at gracetou111@gmail.com so she can start pulling together the congregational annual report.

Fellowship Sunday is TODAY January 18th following worship!

The GOES Committee is sponsoring a fellowship gathering after worship by supplying a soup dinner with all the fixings! Plan on joining each other for lunch and to spend some time with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Thank You! *A huge "Thank You" for the calls, cards and most of all the prayers offered up for me. They all meant so much to me and my family. I know that it is only by the Grace of God that I am still here. Special thanks to Pastor for his visits and prayers. May God bless each of you!* Kathy Patterson

Interested in Finding Out More about our Faith? Pastor would like to offer some instructional classes on the basic beliefs of our faith for anyone interested. At the end of these sessions, anyone wishing to become a member of this congregation will be welcome to do so. Talk to Pastor if interested.

Interested in a Men's Bible Study? While the women have a monthly opportunity to get together to study God's Word, Pastor is interested in finding out if there is interest for men to have the same. If you would be interested in this opportunity, please talk to Pastor.

CLS Update: The January CLS newsletter is posted on the bulletin board in the entryway of church. Check out the information on...
Parent Meeting on January 22nd and 2026-2027 Staff Openings

Singles: Join Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha for another January church singles event. **Sunday, January 25**, we will enjoy a potluck AND play card/board games. Please meet at Zion at 12:00 pm. A main dish, paper products and water are supplied. Bring a dish to share and your favorite game. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event.