



THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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WELCOME

Good morning and welcome to Grace! We are glad that you joined us today, whether online or here at Grace. If you would like to learn more about the Christian faith as taught here at Grace Lutheran Church, please contact our pastor.

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Isaiah 42:1–7
1 Corinthians 1:26–31
Matthew 3:13–17

In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners

Our Lord Jesus is baptized “*to fulfill all righteousness*” (Matt. 3:13–17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in “*Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption*” (1 Cor. 1:26–31). Jesus is the “*chosen*” One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1–7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in our Service this morning. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to receive this Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood given and shed for the forgiveness of sins, we ask that you first speak with our Pastor so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given today by Ed & Susan Mahnken in honor of Ed's birthday (1/2), for the beautification of God's house and in thanksgiving for the Lord's many blessings.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:
Guest Pastor
Kantor:
Altar Guild:
Soloist:
Ushers:
Streaming:

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Jacquelyn Magnuson
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THE DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Prelude

Ringin of the Bell

Stand

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

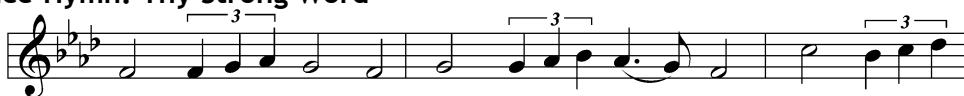
Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Entrance Hymn: Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,

Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias,
 Alleluias without end!

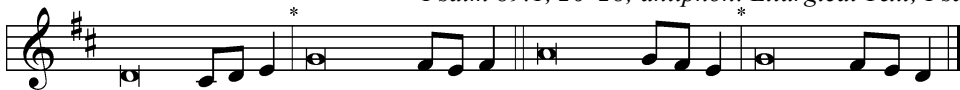
- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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Service of the Word

Introit

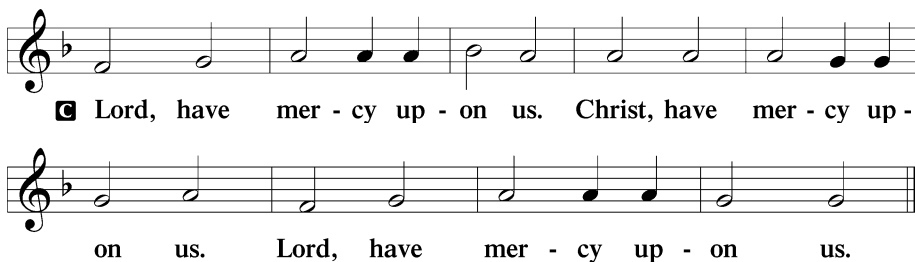
Psalm 89:1, 26–28; antiphon: Liturgical Text; Psalm 89:20



- A** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,*
 and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
 I have found David, my | servant,*
 with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.
- C** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
 with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.
 He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,*
 my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation.”
 And I will make him the | firstborn,*
 the highest of the kings | of the earth.
 My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,*
 and my covenant will stand | firm for him.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- A** Behold the Lord, the rul- | er, has come,*
 and the kingdom and the power and the glory are | in his hand.
 I have found David, my | servant,*
 with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

P Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–7

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 72:18–19



C Blessèd be the LORD, the God of | Israel,*
who alone does | wondrous things.

Blessèd be his glorious name for- | ever;*
may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and | Amen!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Psalm 143:10

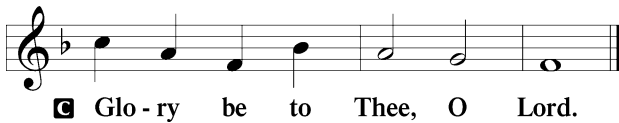


Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

**☩ 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

Hymn of the Day: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 407

Stanza 3: Men

Stanza 4: Women



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Fa - ther's
2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him - self has
3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y word and
4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us ex -



plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's op -
God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while be -
Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full - est
That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find a



pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

- 5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,
 “Go out to ev’ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word
 And this My invitation:
Let ev’ryone abandon sin
 And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win
 Full pardon and remission
And heav’nly bliss inherit.”
- 6 But woe to those who cast aside
 This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide
 And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail,
 Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail,
 And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.
- 7 All that the mortal eye beholds
 Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds
 The pow’r of Jesus’ merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood
 To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood
 The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering & Psalm 85

A: Antiphon

C: Antiphon

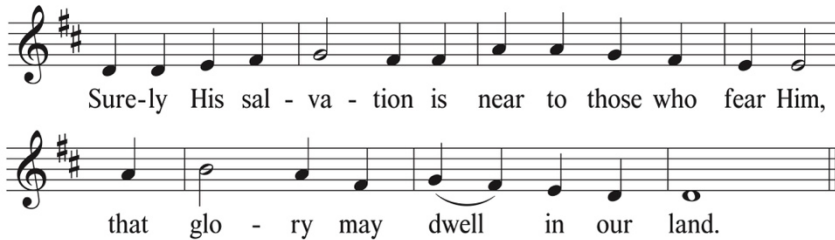
Sure-ly His sal - va - tion is near to those who fear Him,
that glo - ry may dwell in our land.



A: Lord, you were favorable | to your land;*
 you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
 You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
 you covered | all their sin.

**C: You withdrew | all your wrath;*
 you turned from your hot | anger.
 Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
 and put away your indignation | toward us!**

C: Antiphon



A: Will you be angry with us for- | ever?*

Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
 Will you not revive | us again,*
 that your people may re- | joice in you?

**C: Show us your steadfast | love, O Lord,*
 and grant us your sal- | vation.
 Let me hear what God the | Lord will speak,*
 for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
 but let them not turn back to | folly.**

A: Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
 that glory may dwell | in our land.
 Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
 righteousness and peace kiss each | other.

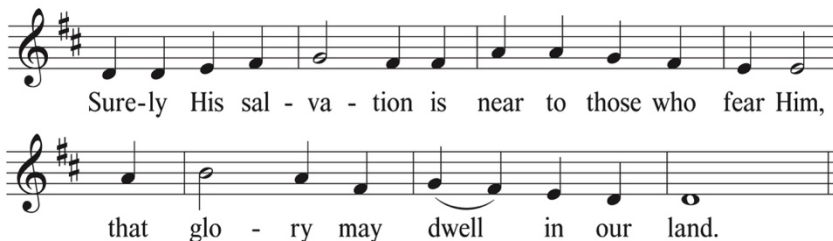
C: Antiphon



A: Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,*
 and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
 Yes, the Lord will give | what is good,*
 and our land will yield its | increase.
 Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
 and make his foot- | steps a way.

C: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

C: Antiphon



Prayer of the Church

Each petition ends with the following:

P Let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

After the final petition:

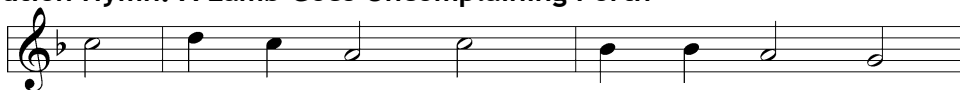
C Amen.

Following the Prayer of the Church, the live stream is paused for the Service of the Sacrament. If you would like to request a pastoral visit to receive the Sacrament, please contact Pastor Schaaf or the church office.

The live stream audio will resume with the distribution hymns, and the video will resume after the distribution of the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn: A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

LSB 438



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, The
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The
 3 "Yes, Fa - ther, yes, most will - ing - ly I'll
 4 Lord, when Your glo - ry I shall see And



guilt of sin - ners bear - ing And, lad - en with the
 Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, Whom God the Fa - ther
 bear what You com - mand Me. My will con - forms to
 taste Your king - dom's plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al



sins of earth, None else the bur - den shar - ing; Goes
 chose to send To gain for us His fa - vor. "Go
 Your de - cree, I'll do what You have asked Me." O
 robe shall be, My joy be - yond all mea - sure! When



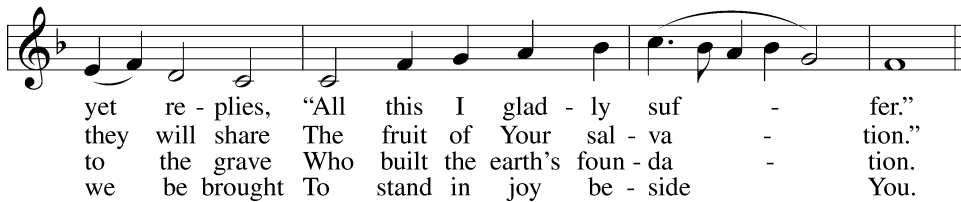
pa - tient on, grows weak and faint, To slaugh - ter led with -
 forth, My Son," the Fa - ther said, "And free My chil - dren
 won - drous Love, what have You done! The Fa - ther of - fers
 I ap - pear be - fore Your throne, Your righ - teous - ness shall



out com - plaint, That spot - less life to of - fer, He bears the
 from their dread Of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and
 up His Son, De - sir - ing our sal - va - tion. O Love, how
 be my crown; With these I need not hide me. And there, in



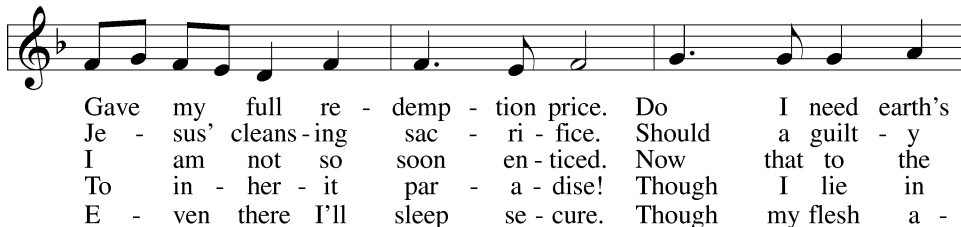
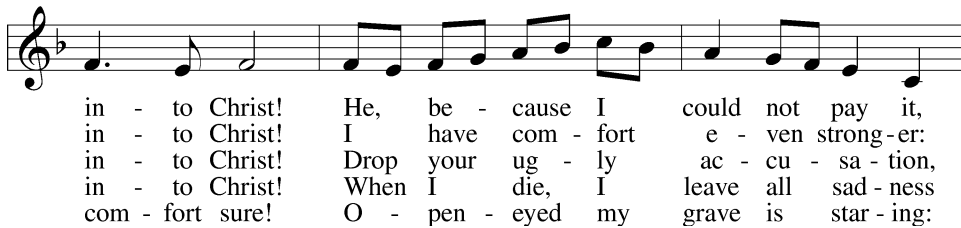
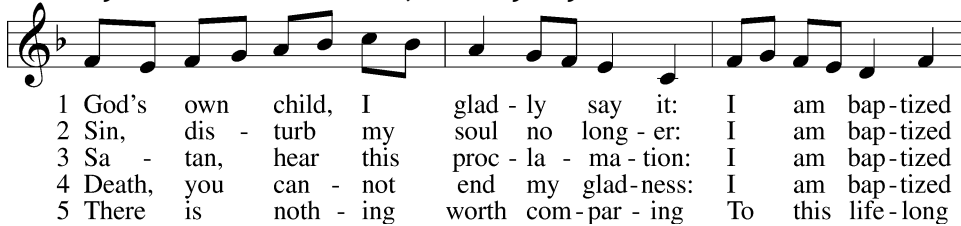
stripes, the wounds, the lies, The mock - er - y, and
 stripes are hard to bear, But by Your pas - sion
 strong You are to save! You lay the One in -
 gar - ments rich - ly wrought, As Your own bride shall




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Distribution Hymn: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594





more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your -
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized




va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Distribution Hymn: Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

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1 Mark how the Lamb of God's self - of - f'ring Our hu - man
 2 From this as - sur - ance of God's fa - vor Je - sus goes
 3 Grant us, O God, the strength and cour - age To live the



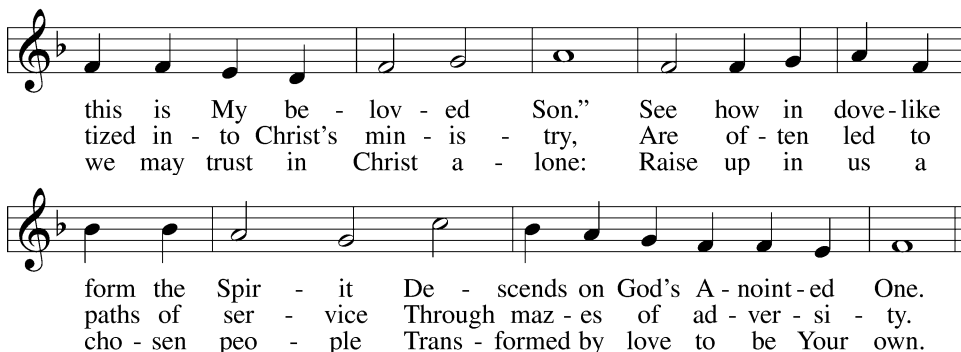
sin - ful - ness takes on In the birth - wa - ters of the
 to the wil - der - ness, There to en - dure a time of
 faith our lips de - clare; Bless us in our bap - tis - mal



Jor - dan As Je - sus is bap - tized by John.
 test - ing That read - ied Him to teach and bless.
 call - ing; Christ's roy - al priest-hood help us share.



Hear how the voice from heav - en thun - ders, "Lo,
 So we, by wa - ter and the Spir - it Bap -
 Turn us from ev - 'ry false al - le - giance, That



this is My be - lov - ed Son." See how in dove-like
 tized in - to Christ's min - is - try, Are of - ten led to
 we may trust in Christ a - lone: Raise up in us a
 form the Spir - it De - scends on God's A - noint - ed One.
 paths of ser - vice Through maz - es of ad - ver - si - ty.
 cho - sen peo - ple Trans - formed by love to be Your own.

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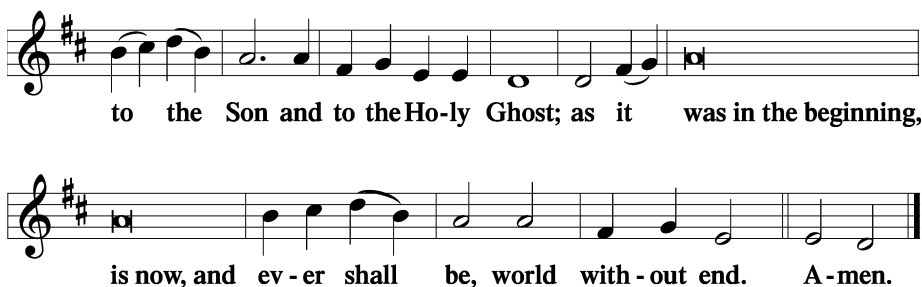
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Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

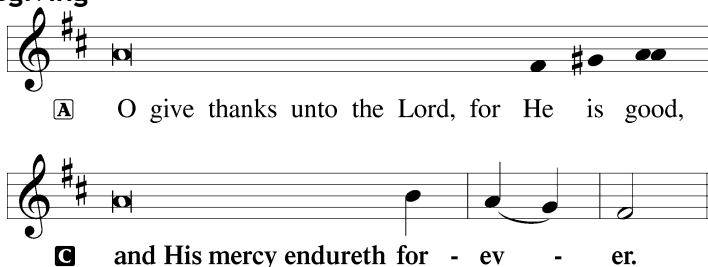


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



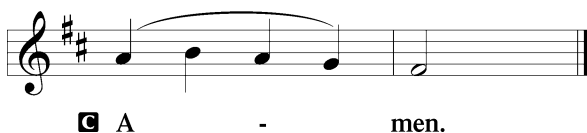
Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



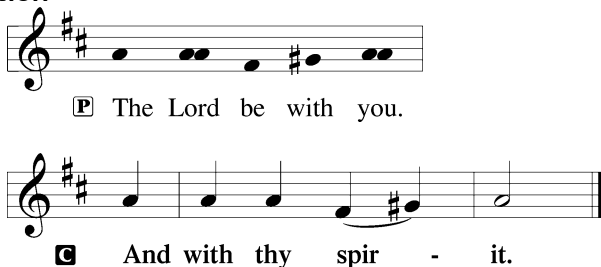
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



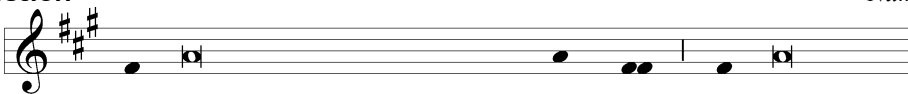
A Bless we the Lord.



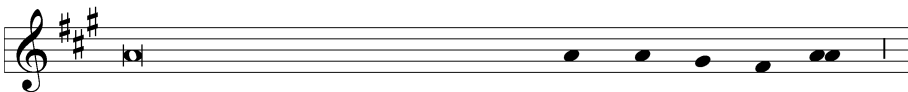
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

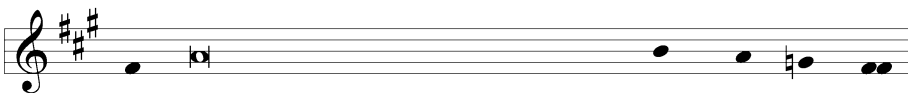
Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.




The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: From God the Father, Virgin-Born

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1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the
2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man
3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of
4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of

on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -
flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -
heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed
dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -

crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.
stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.
sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.
gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain
And, we believe, shall come again;
Be with us on the battlefield,
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

△ 6 To You, O Lord, all glory be
For this Your blest epiphany;
To God, whom all His hosts adore,
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Postlude

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

January 7 – Perryn Andrews, Lindsay Zweifel

January 8 – David Cossey, Bradley Stillman

January 11 – Afton Calvillo

January 12 – Larry Stillman

- IN OUR PRAYERS -

**Names of those with health concerns will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks after a request is made. If you wish to make or renew a prayer request, please call or email Pastor Schaaf or the church office.*

HEALTH CONCERNS: Jeanne Von Der Ahe

MEMBERS WE PRAY FOR THIS WEEK: The Lambert Family, Donna Langlais, The Leach Families, Gervais & Sharon LeBlanc, Jon & Sandy Lindemann, The Litwa Family, The Loyd Family, Jacquelyn Magnuson, Ed & Susan Mahnken, The Mainard Family, Jim & Florence Marvin, Lou Alice May, The Mayo Family, Mary Ellen McAllister, The McCrory Family, Hannah McIntyre, Sally McNabb, The Metzler Family, Riley Middaugh

SEMINARY STUDENT: John & Jana Carpenter

MEMBERS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY: Nicholas Wold (Marine Corps) & Ethan Wold (Navy Corpsman)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Nancy Orpin, Myrna Smith, Robert & Jan Grant, Robert & Wilma Richter, Sherry Clawitter, Elsie Westerfield, Kay Jenkins, Dorris Deislinger, Joe & Cecillia Gelzine, Rachel Allen, Mildred Burgess, Emily Esget, Carol Ann Mitchell (Donna Langlais' friend)

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF RON KRUEGER:

TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Colleen Moorman

IN MEMORY OF RACHEL ALLEN:

TO THE GRACE LUTHERAN ECDC

By Colleen Moorman

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT JONES:

TO THE PASTOR JAMES WALTER MEMORIAL FUND

By Colleen Moorman

- NEWS & NOTES -

Please submit announcement requests for News & Notes to the church office by noon on Tuesday.

LAST DAY FOR POINSETTIA PICK-UP Poinsettias can be picked up from the church on **Sunday, December 31st** after Divine Worship. You are also welcome to come during the work week. Office hours are 9-3:30. The last day to pick up your poinsettia will be Sunday, January 7th.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN 2024 *Altar Guild* is quiet service with both men and women encouraged to sign up. You can find the 2024 sign-up sheet at the church entrance or in the Sacristy. Please email Angie Proud at angieproud12@gmail.com for more information. *The Usher Ministry* at Grace is in need of both men and women volunteers on Sunday mornings. Please contact Monica at (monica@glclr.org) or 501.663.3631 for more information and to sign up to assist in this ministry.

Acolyte Schedule

The Acolyte(s) light the candles & the Crucifer carries the Crucifix.

January 7 - Brayden - Acolyte / Amifaiith – Crucifer

January 14 - Henry - Acolyte / Effie – Crucifer

January 21 - Tyler - Acolyte / Velta – Crucifer

January 28 - Ike - Acolyte / Avery – Crucifer



SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK January 14, 2024 immediately after Divine Worship. For more information, please contact Betty Bryant at 501.425.9080 or bettybryant30@gmail.com.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Schaaf at 501.663.3631 or ***kent.schaaf@glclr.org*** to make an appointment. If there is a pastoral care emergency, you may call/text his cell **24/7** at 501.703.4474. Please leave a message if he does not answer.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

MON. – FRI.:

7:30 a.m. Early Childhood Development Center

TUESDAY:

6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

WEDNESDAY:

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Midweek Eucharist Service
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Freewill Meal (Parker Hall)
6:00 p.m. Schola Cantorum (Choir Room, 2nd-8th graders)
6:00 p.m. Preaching Partners (Parker Hall)

THURSDAY:

7:00 p.m. Kantorei Rehearsal (Choir Room & Sanctuary)

NEXT SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
12:00 p.m. Church Fellowship/Chili Showcase