

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)*  
**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**  
January 13, 2019

**THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
**PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You looked upon Your Son at His Baptism and announced Your approval, so too You looked upon me at my Baptism and pronounced Your approval as You gave me new birth through the forgiveness of my sins and made me Your child and heir. Keep me in my baptismal grace until I behold You face to face. In the name of Your beloved Son I pray. Amen

**WELCOME**

**Welcome to Grace!** We are now in the season of Epiphany. At Christmas God gave His very best Gift. Epiphany is the unwrapping of that Gift to see what God has given, to thank Him for His Gift, and to put His Gift to use. **We are glad you are here with us this morning!** Grace is a family of believers dedicated to sharing the Good News of salvation in Jesus. We believe and confess that this is done as the Means of Grace, God's Word and Sacraments are shared and administered in their truth and purity. Living as His people we bear witness to His love and mercy shown to us and to all. We recognize that others will know that we are Christians by our love shared in word and deed which is our response to His love for us. If you are visiting it is our prayer that you will realize these things about us as God's people gathered in this place. If you wish to learn more about our teachings from God's Word please speak with our Pastor.

We ask that everyone fill out an attendance registration card found at each pew and return it to an Usher as the Offering is collected. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children's Message. Parents may accompany them if they wish. We have a staffed nursery facility for infants and toddlers located downstairs in this building for anyone who has need. Restroom facilities are located downstairs as well as on this floor level across the bridge before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher or greeter.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Holy Communion will be celebrated in our 8:15 Service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Grace are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.

**AS WE GATHER**

Since the Fall we are less than what God created us to be. Nevertheless He has assured His people throughout history that He loves us and that we need not doubt His promises. To the Israelites He promised, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." St. Paul wrote that we have been re-created, as it were, through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ; we are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." Today we celebrate The Baptism of our Lord, where Jesus fulfilled all righteousness for us. Because we have been baptized into Christ, the Father's approval of Jesus extends to us; totally by grace, with us He is well pleased.

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given today to the glory of God and the beautification of His house by Verna and Shirley Rieve in memory of their mother Mrs. Alvira Rieve and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

### THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:		Rev. James C. Walter
Director of Parish Music:		Charles Russell
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Johnna Litwa
Cantor:	(8:15)	Chuck Fandrei
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Dave Schroeder
Ushers:	(8:15)	Bobby Bemberg, Daniel Loyd, Tim Loyd Ed Mahnken, Claude Rigglin
Greeters:	(8:15)	Sally McNabb, Brenda Parscale
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Angie Proud
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Matthew Faulkner
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Ushers:	(10:45)	Charlie Buchanan, Dave Roberts James Tyhurst
Greeters:	(10:45)	Shaun and Justine Baker
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	The Cline Family
Coffee Hosts:		Paulette Goldsby, Doris Holzhauer
Altar Guild:	(Wed. evening)	Suzanne Raddle and Wilma Richter
Nursery Attendant:		Mary Ann Dyer

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS** - The appointed readings for next Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday After the Epiphany, are: The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5, The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, and The Gospel Reading: John 2:1-11.

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**THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE  
FOR  
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**Prelude**

*To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*

**Lighting of the Chancel Candles**

**Ringling of the Church Bell**

**Opening Hymn: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

**LSB 407 sts. 1-4**

**Confession and Absolution**

*Stand*

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

**Invocation**

**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 (8:15)

**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.**

*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**

### Confession of Sins (10:45)

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

*Mark 16:16; John 1:12*

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen**

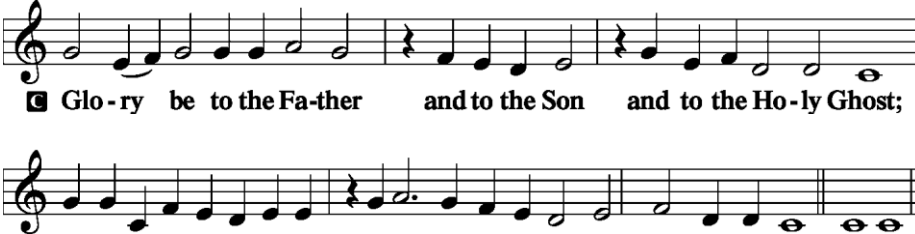
# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Ps. 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*

- P** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
**C** **my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**
- P** I will tell of the decree:  
**C** **The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**
- P** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
**C** **and the ends of the earth your possession.**
- P** You shall break them with a rod of iron  
**C** **and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**
- P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
**C** **be warned, O rulers of the earth.**
- P** Serve the LORD with fear,  
**C** **and rejoice with trembling.**
- P** for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
**C** **Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.**

## Gloria Patri



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

## Kyrie

*Mark 10:47*



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



## 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 up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**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.

**G** A - men.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 43:1–7*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Ps. 117:1–2a; 96:8*



Praise the Lord, all | nations!\*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,\*  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due his name;\*  
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** You are my be- | loved Son;\*  
with you I am | well pleased.

*Mark 1:11b*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



*The reading of the Holy Gospel.*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed (8:15)

**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**

### **Apostles' Creed (10:45)**

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Sit*

### **Children's Message**

**Sermon Hymn: To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

**LSB 407 sts. 5-7**

**Sermon**

***Isaiah 43:1-7***

***“Our Maker and Redeemer”***

*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

*To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition ends with the following:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude with the following:*

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen

10:45 service continues on page 19

## Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1 Psalm 136*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



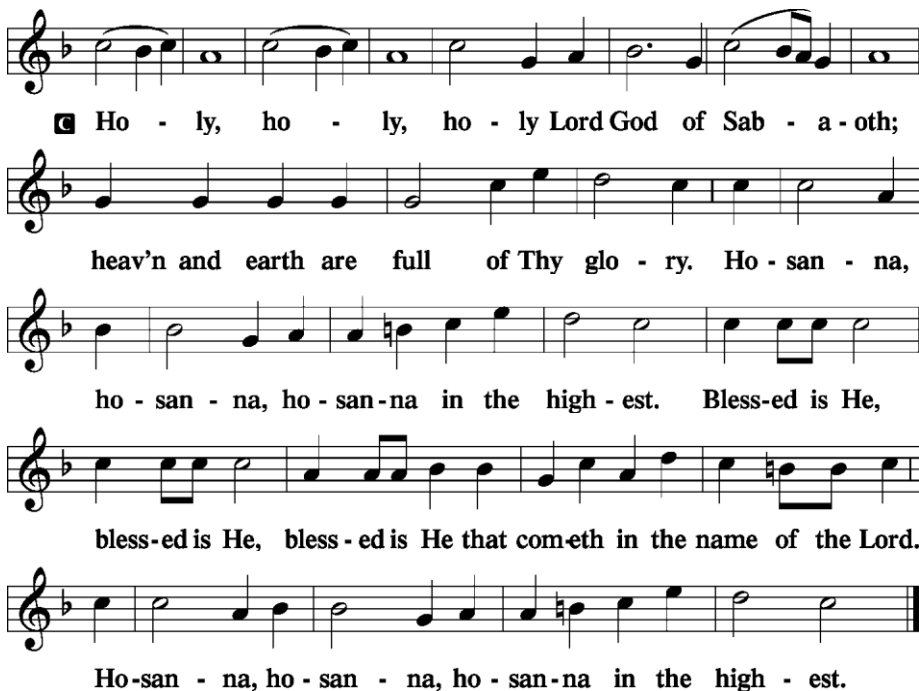
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, 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 at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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

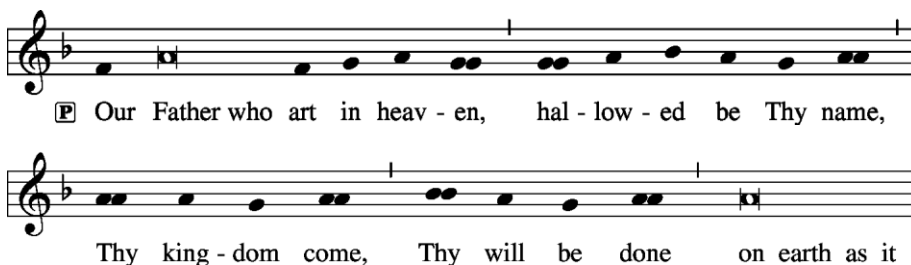
*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*



**P** Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,  
Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it

is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;

and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who

tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to

temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.

**G** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

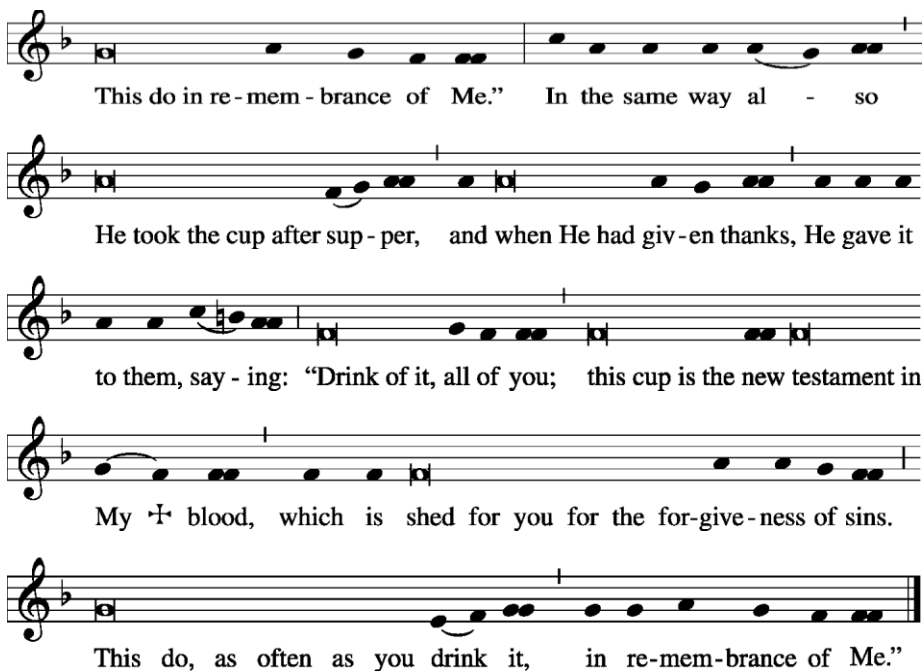
## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,

and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ̣ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



This do in re-mem-brance of Me.” In the same way al - so

He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it

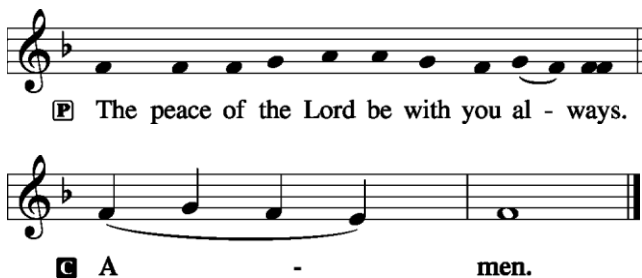
to them, say-ing: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in

My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.

This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

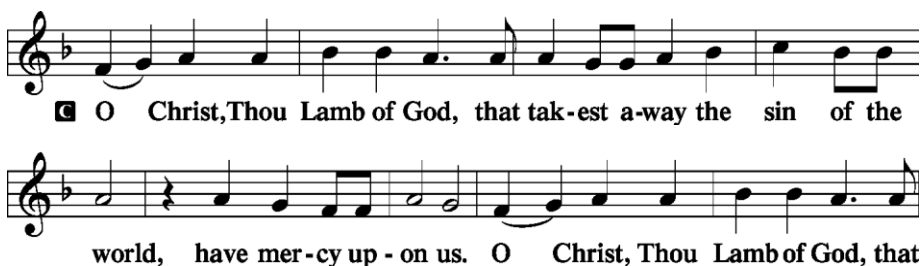


**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al-ways.

**A** - men.

## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*



**A** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

**Communion Instructions:** The Pastor invites the communicants, those who are able, to kneel and then distributes the host which may be received into the hand or the mouth. The Elder distributes the individual cups. The communicants are asked to hold their cups until the Pastor says, “Take and drink.”

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

LSB 623

Hymn: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

LSB 400

Hymn: O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

LSB 554

*Stand*

## 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  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## 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 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.

**G** A - men.

## Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



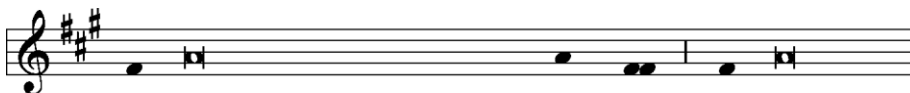
**A** Bless we the Lord.



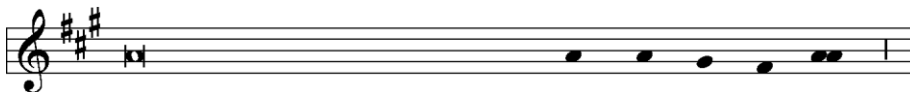
**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

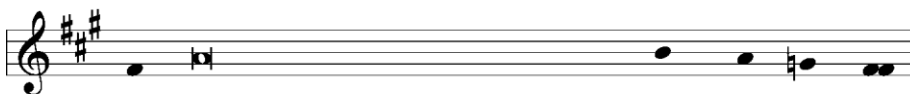
Numbers 6:24-26



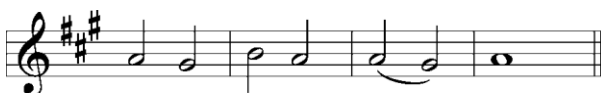
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Postlude

*Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* (BWV 638) ~ *Johann Sebastian Bach*



## Service Concludes (10:45)

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**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**

### Collect

**P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen

## Closing Hymn: All Who Believe and Are Baptized

LSB 601

## Postlude

*Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* (BWV 638) ~ Johann Sebastian Bach



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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- SUNDAY:** 8:15 a.m. – Divine Service with Holy Communion  
Coffee and Fellowship in the Parlor  
9:45 a.m. – Sunday School downstairs in Parker Hall  
9:45 a.m. – Junior and Senior High classes downstairs in the church  
9:45 a.m. – Pastor Walter’s Bible Class upstairs in Parker Hall  
10:45 a.m. – Divine Service
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- MONDAY:** 6:00 p.m. – Board of Elders
- TUESDAY:** 12:00 p.m. – Fellowship Club  
5:15 p.m. – Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. – Handbell Choir  
6:30 p.m. – Adult Choir
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (**Parlor**)  
7:00 p.m. – Midweek Vespers

**TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL,** “The Birth of Jesus” as recorded in Luke 2 is today’s lesson. A Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord! As a family discuss the details of Christ’s birth. Ask, “How does our sin cause us to fear God like the shepherds did? Focus on the fact that God’s Son, Jesus, takes away our fears and offers us true peace, rescuing us from sin and death.

**PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS** meets upstairs in the Family Life Center in Parker Hall. This morning Pastor Walter continues a study of St. Peter’s Epistles with Jude.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children ages 3 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the lower level of the Family Life Center. **JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** meet in classrooms downstairs in the church.

**WELCOME** - The Rev. Dr. Leroy and Deborah Leach recently moved to our area and have transferred their membership to Grace from Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville, New York. Their new address is 1210 Salem Road, Conway, AR 72034. Please welcome Deborah and Pastor Leach to our Grace Family.

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Susie Barlow continues her recovery following surgery.

Jack Funk continues his recovery at home.

Kay Jenkins continues her recovery at The Lakes in Maumelle.

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

Jan. 17 – Kara and David Mainard

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:**

Jan. 18 – Klaus Wolfenberger

**THANK YOU** - The family of Zachary Arnold wish to express their appreciation and thanks for the gifts given to Grace in memory Zachary. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

**GRACE WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP - Attendance:** Sunday 1/6/19 174 (8:15 – 99 and 10:45 – 75). New Year's Eve 12/31: 49. Mid-Week Service 1/9/19: 8. **Offerings:** Sunday 1/6/19: \$8,581.00. New Year's Eve: \$2,560.00. Missions: \$45.00. Memorials: \$70.00. Scholarship Fund: \$45.00. Building Fund: \$545.00.

**BOARD OF ELDERS** will meet on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Claude Riggins is the director.

**FELLOWSHIP CLUB** will meet on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 noon in Parker Hall. Plan to join us for a delicious lunch provided by our ACTS friends and a great time of fun and fellowship. Call the church office for more information.

**2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are on the table on the bridge as you go across to Parker Hall. Please pick them up and begin using them now.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for **January – March, 2019** are on the table on the bridge next to the offering envelopes. Please pick up your copy today. Remember to recycle your old *Portals of Prayer* with your recycle material at home.

## **MEMORIALS -**

### **IN MEMORY OF MRS. BETH PAULSON**

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