

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
January 11, 2015

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

Gracious God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as You were present at creation calling all things into being, so too were you present at the Jordan River Baptism by John of Jesus. I rejoice that Jesus has fulfilled all righteousness for me and that as the Spirit descended upon Him and the Father voiced His pleasure for Him, I pray that I remain beloved of You, as in my Baptism You have made me Your child with whom You are well pleased. Keep me steadfast in my faith to live as Your child giving You glory in all that I say and do. I pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen

WELCOME

Welcome to everyone! It is indeed good for you to be here today in this new season of the Church Year, the season of Epiphany. This season in our Church Year is all about Jesus Christ and His appearances. It is proper that Jesus make His appearance to the world, just before His temptation, to show all believers that He is ready. His appearance, or “epiphany,” to our world now shows believers that their path to Him is made straight in Holy Baptism where we were made His disciples.

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. Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building or across the bridge on this floor level before entering the fellowship hall. If you have any questions please ask one of our greeters or ushers. Children are welcome in our Service and will be invited to come forward for a Children’s Message. Parents may accompany them. A nursery for infants and toddlers is located downstairs for anyone who has need.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated in our 8:15 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.

AS WE GATHER

Two voices come through loud and clear in today’s Gospel reading from St. Mark. The first voice is that of John the Baptist. He cries out in the wilderness proclaiming a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. His calling is to prepare the way for the Messiah who is mightier than him. The other voice we hear comes not from the wilderness, but from heaven. This is the voice of the heavenly Father, who says of the newly baptized Jesus, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.” In our Service today listen to the voice of the Lord as He comes to us in Word and Sacrament granting us forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Know from His Word that you are His beloved daughter and son, adopted in the waters of Holy Baptism. Having been forgiven, raise your voice in the wilderness of this world to proclaim the Son with whom the Father 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
Vicar:		David Witte
Director of Parish Music:		Nathan Beethe
Secretary:		Pat Funk
Early Childhood Center Director:		Colleen Moorman
Acolyte:	(8:15)	Aidan Sutterfield
Cantor:	(8:15)	Randy Middaugh
Communion Assistant:	(8:15)	Gary Proud
Ushers:	(8:15)	Bobby Bemberg, Daniel Loyd Tim Loyd, Ed Mahnken
Greeter:	(8:15)	Bette Bogart
Altar Guild:	(8:15)	Jim and Judy Keppel
Acolyte:	(10:45)	Anna Kate Manchester
Cantor:	(10:45)	Jeff Ralston
Ushers:	(10:45)	Jeremy Hammond, Stacy Johnson Ken Ross, Richard Sanders
Greeters:	(10:45)	Shaun, Justine and Maxwell Baker
Altar Guild:	(10:45)	Beverly Sanders
Choir:		Adult Choir
Clarinet:		Randy Middaugh
Coffee Host:		
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 18th, The Second Sunday after the Epiphany: The Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, The Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, and The Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51.

Grace Lutheran Church
5124 Hillcrest, Little Rock, AR 72205
Mailing address: P. O. Box 250769, Little Rock, AR 72225

www.gracelutheranlr.org
Telephone Number: 501-663-3631

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

Pre-Service Music

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright - Paul Manz

Lighting of the Chancel Candles

Prelude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright - J.C. Bach

Ringing of the Church Bell

Opening Hymn: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395 sts. 1-4

Epiphany Observance

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

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Collect

- P** O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

““And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 for from you shall come a ruler
 who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn: O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395 sts. 5-6

Confession and Absolution

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**

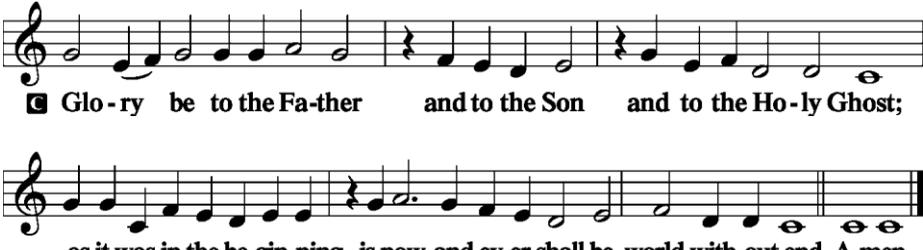
Service of the Word

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.**

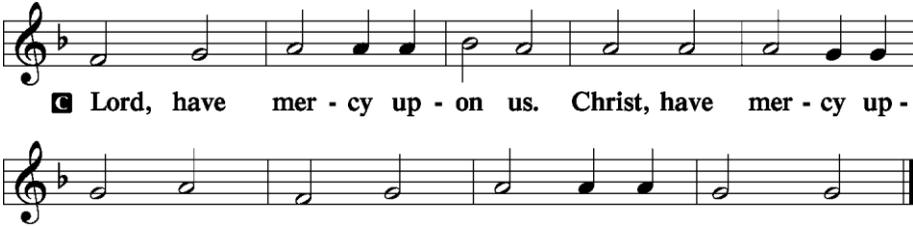
Gloria Patri



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

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

P Glory be to God on high; **C** 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.



C 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.



C A - men.

Sit

Anthem

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (LSB 594) - Kevin Hildebrand

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

- 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.

Mark 1:11b

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



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

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4–11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The reading of the Holy Gospel.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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)

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

LSB 600

Sermon

Mark 1:4-11

"The Voice"

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

Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering - Michael Beyer

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**

Service of the Sacrament (8:15)

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



G We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



G 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 what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

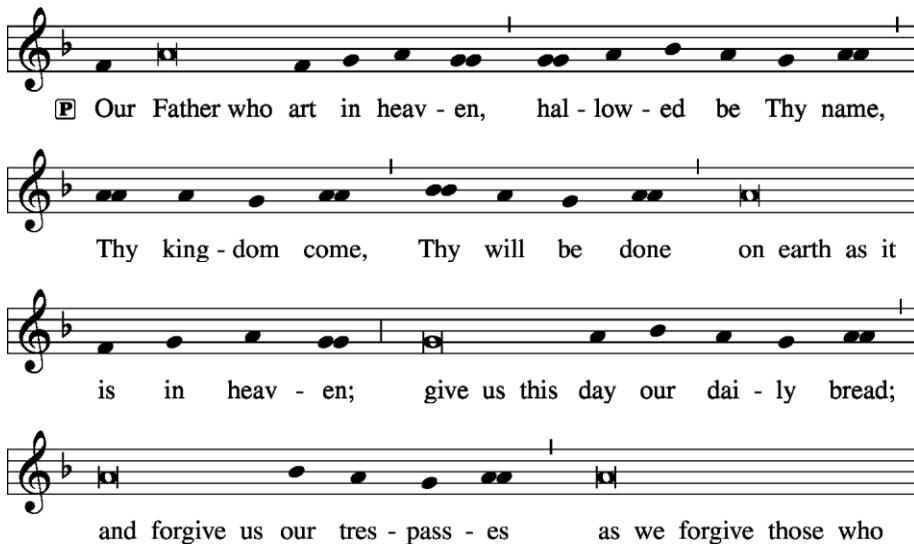
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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



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 forgiveness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

A O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away 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: Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619

Hymn: As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397

Hymn: All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

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,
B and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

- P** 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.

C A - men.

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1



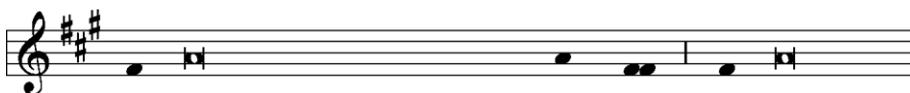
A Bless we the Lord.



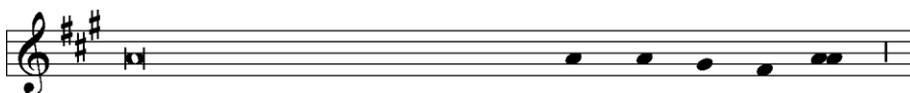
B Thanks be to God.

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: To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

Postlude

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord - Stephen P. Johnson



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: To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

Postlude

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord - Stephen P. Johnson



Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

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
4:00 p.m. – Financial Peace University in Parker Hall
5:30 p.m. – ACTS Epiphany Dinner at the Butcher Shop
- MON - FRI:** 7:30 a.m. – Early Childhood Development Center
- MONDAY:** 7:00 p.m. – Young Adult Bible Class
- TUESDAY:** 5:15 p.m. – 8th Grade Confirmation
6:00 p.m. – Music Department Christmas Party in the Choir room
- WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 a.m. – Men’s Bible Study (St. Vincent’s)
7:00 p.m. – Mid-Week Service with Holy Communion
- THURSDAY:** 5:15 p.m. – 7th Grade Confirmation

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL - The Baptism and temptation of Jesus serve as the lesson focus for Sunday School this week. Jesus is baptized into and takes on our sin, and faces our temptations so we, in Baptism, would receive His goodness, His holiness, and His purity. *Parents could ask, “Why is it important that Jesus was baptized? Why is it important that we are baptized?”*

PASTOR WALTER’S CLASS meets upstairs in Parker Hall. Today we continue with the study entitled *The Mormons: Who They Are, What They Believe*. This study from Lutheran Hour Ministries will acquaint you with the Mormons—who they are, what they believe, and the meaning behind the Christian phrases that they use, and it will equip you for sharing the truth of Jesus Christ.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD’S BLESSINGS TO:

- Jan. 11 – Rachel Messer
Jan. 12 – Rudy Bischof, Larry Stillman
Jan. 13 – Dennis Fastenau

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO:

Jan. 17 – Kara and David Mainard

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Russlynn Krueger is recovering following hip replacement surgery.

Joan Ann Olsen has returned to The Lakes at Maumelle Health and Rehab.

Dennis Fastenau will resume chemotherapy treatment.

Rudy Bischof is thankful for good test results.

LAST WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP – Attendance: Sunday 1/4: 184 (8:15 – 91 and 10:45 – 93). Midweek Service 1/7: 9. Offerings: Sunday 1/4: \$9,261.50. Missions: \$155. Building Fund: \$770. Scholarship Fund: \$205. New Year's Eve: \$12,705. Memorials: \$240. Building Fund: \$15,000. Altar Guild Fund: \$750.

WELCOME - Mr. Chuck Fandrei has transferred his membership to Grace from Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church in Maumelle. Please welcome Chuck to our Grace Family.

WELCOME - Dr. David and Celeste Connor and their son David have joined Grace by Profession of Faith. Please welcome the Connor family to our Grace Family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ward and Laura Parsons on the birth of their children Errol Thomas Parsons and Adrian Michael Parsons. They were born January 3rd in Boston, Massachusetts. Their grandmother is Jane Parsons and their aunt is Kristen Parsons. Congratulations and God's blessings to the Parsons' family.

KEEP IN TOUCH - Pearl Spotts has recently moved to Springfield, Missouri to be near her daughter Marilyn. Please keep Pearl and her family in your thoughts and prayers as she makes this transition. Pearl would love to hear from you...her new address is: Pearl Spotts, Maple Wood, 1146 East Lakewood Street, Room 33, Springfield, MO 65810.

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP – January 25th and Sundays in February are available to serve refreshments in the Parlor between services. Please check the list on the bulletin board by the Parlor and sign up for a Sunday on which you want to serve.

8th CONFIRMATION is Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

7th CONFIRMATION is Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the Parlor.

2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES are on the table on the bridge as you go across to Parker Hall. Pick them up today and begin using them now. Please throw away any 2014 envelopes that you might still have.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY starts today in Parker Hall at 4:00 p.m. and will end around 6:00 p.m. Dave Ramsey, the founder and host for Financial Peace University, is a nationally syndicated personal money management expert. Childcare will be available. The cost is \$93 per couple/single. If you want to attend and have not registered, please contact Randy Middaugh for details.

2015 FLOWER CALENDAR is posted in the Ushers' room at the back of the sanctuary. Please sign up for the date that you would like to place flowers on the altar in 2015. There are still plenty of Sundays available.

PORTALS OF PRAYER Your Portals of Prayer for January – March, 2015 are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up your copy for January thru March 2015 and remember to recycle your old ones in the box on the bridge.

ALTAR GUILD - The 2015 Altar Guild schedule is posted on the bulletin board by the Parlor. Please sign up for the month and service where you would like to serve. If you haven't served before, contact Angie Proud for more information.

YOU'RE INVITED to a Seminar..."Crossing Cultures: Building Bridges for the Gospel Ministry" presented by Rev. Gregory Seltz, speaker for The Lutheran Hour broadcasts. The seminary is Saturday, January 31st, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Hot Springs Village. Tickets are \$15.00. Registration forms are on the tables at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you have questions, call 501-922-5700.

MEMORIALS -

IN MEMORY OF MRS. BETTY WACHTEL – Grandmother of David Witte
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Bette Bogart

Verna and Shirley Rieve

IN MEMORY OF BERNICE WOWRA
TO THE GRACE GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

By Georgia Bobo

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES SCHONERT -
TO THE GRACE BUILDING FUND

By Janet Pulliam

IN MEMORY OF DAVID CLAWITTER
TO THE CLAWITTER ENDOWMENT FUND

By Irvin and Sherry Clawitter

KrogerPlus Cards

Keep every swipe of your card benefitting ECDC?!

JANUARY is the month to RE-SIGN-UP your KrogerPlus Card for ECDC so you can continue “Swiping for ECDC”.

- **Go to krogercommunityrewards.com.**
- **sign-in to your account.**
- **re-designate ECDC (NPO #80368).**
- **Your Done – Thanks for continuing your support!**

OR

if you would like to begin this no-extra-cost way of supporting ECDC— Here’s how:

- Go to krogercommunityrewards.com and register your current Kroger Plus Card. (If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can pick one up at the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger.)
- Click on Sign In/Register
- If you are a new online Kroger customer—click on SIGN UP in the ‘New Customer?’ box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number. (If you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.)
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (for ECDC it is 80368) or name of organization, select “ECDC” from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization’s name on the right side of your information page.
- Then just swipe your card each time you shop to benefit ECDC!

If you need help with this or have questions, please give Colleen (663-0755) or Catherine Manchester (821-4140) a call.