

Baptism of Our Lord
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Grace Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Grace!

We're glad you've joined us as we gather in the presence of God to be encountered by God in Word and Sacrament. God is at work here to create and sustain faith in God's promise of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We use a rich, traditional pattern of worship that dates back to the early days of Christianity. We recognize it comes with a bit of a learning curve, but we're convinced that it's worth the effort. Don't feel like you have to get everything the first time. We'll "carry" you until you get a feel for it.

Helpful information for first-time visitors:

- Restrooms are in the hall to the left of the entrance, on the right opposite the elevator.
- Our staffed nursery for children 4 and younger is on the right past the restrooms.
- Clipboards with crayons and activity sheets are on a table in the Narthex (Lobby).
- Our pastor enjoys meeting visitors. Please introduce yourself.

Please sign the Friendship Register located on the pew, next to the center aisle, and pass it to the person next to you during the Offering portion of the service.

We provide Name Tags for frequent visitors as well as members. If you would like one, please contact our Office Assistant (office@gracelutherancu.org).

Key to the order of service:

Regular type: spoken by a leader

Regular type: spoken by the people

Regular Italics: sung or chanted by a leader

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Small Red Italics: liturgical directions

✙ indicates that the sign of the cross may be made

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)

As We Gather

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

Gathering

The assembly stands and faces the font.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep

ELW 322

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The 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.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
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 forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul 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.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—
⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And 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, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Chris Repp

Sermon

Pastor Chris Repp

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305

Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all
things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For
our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended
into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in
glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one
holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins. We look for the ☩ resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Each petition concludes:

... let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

The prayers conclude:

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. After the Peace, the assembly is seated.

Meal

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

At this time, please fill out the Friendship Register and pass it to the person next to you if you have not already done so. When all have signed the Register, please return it to the center aisle for later collection.

Offertory *Wade in the Water*

ELW 459

The assembly stands as the offering is brought forward.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

receive the gifts we bring,

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,

shining with the light of your justice and mercy;

for the sake of him who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;

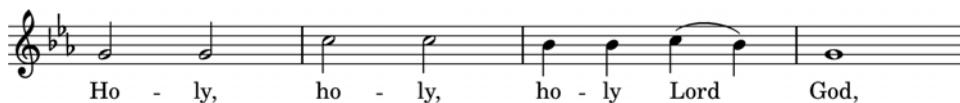
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;

and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on
 earth. † Blest is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.
 Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
 the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

Communion

We believe that Christ is truly present for us in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, forming us into his body for the sake of the world. We welcome to the Lord's table all baptized Christians. Those who are not baptized we invite to explore with us the Christian faith and consider baptism. Those who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please hold this bulletin in your hands as a sign to the pastor that you would like a blessing.

To receive communion, please join the line on your side of the aisle and proceed to the pastor. (Note: gluten-free, dairy-free, wheat-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor.) To receive wine, take an empty glass from the acolyte and proceed to a deacon with a pouring chalice. (Pre-poured glasses of grape juice are also available from the acolytes). Place your used glass in the basket provided near the stairs on the side you leave. Please notify an usher if you need to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy up - on us, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy up - on us, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

ELW 800

When all have communed the assembly stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW 318

Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Shine with the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Worship Support

The ministry of the church is carried out by all of its people, and Christian worship is a communal activity of the whole assembly. We give thanks to the following for their worship leadership and support today.

Presiding Minister:	Pastor Chris Repp	Guitars:	Dave Brown
Assisting Minister:	Becky Kasten		Jack Wilkie
Reader:	Michael Tessene	Bass Guitar:	Michael Miller
Deacons:	Ja'Net Miller	Vocals:	Claire Vail
	Tina Fehrenbacher	Sound Technician:	Kevin Vail
Acolytes:	Ruben Vipinraj	Counters:	Paula Miller
	Ben Kirby		Amy Nicely
Crucifer:	Nolan Miller	Communion Bread:	
Director of Youth and Congregational Life:	Caitlyn Reinders		Juanita Loschen
Director of Music:	Jon Arnold	Nursery Coordinator:	Paula Miller
Communications Specialist:	Virginia Lehmann	Nursery Assistants:	Melissa Goldman
	Chris Alcorn		Jillian Devine, Jonlyn Miller
Office Assistant:		Coffee Hour:	Linda & Randy Laugges

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Christmas Chancel Plants

In appreciation to Grace Lutheran Church members who purchased poinsettias and Norfolk pines to beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve service and Sundays afterward:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dedication</u>
Anonymous	In gratefulness for Pastor and Helen Repp
Ruth and Jim Anderson	In memory of Bob and Jean Koch
Bagger Family	In honor of Emmanuel and Grace Lutheran
Sydney Bianchini	To the Glory of God and with gratitude to my family
Blanke Family	In loving honor of Danielle

Name

Blanke Family

Kathy and Van Bowersox

Russ Dankert

Jo Ellen DeVilbiss

and Marc Alexander

Kirstin Dohrer

Dee and Del Ehler

Nancy Johnson

and Ken Bengoechea

Bev and George Kieffer

Scott Karlstrom

Carol and David Larson

Linda and Randy Laugges

Deborah Leckband

Marcia Hull Licquia

Juanita and Ken Loschen

Ann and Tim Marty

Shirley and Mike Marty

Ja'Net and Steven Miller

Gloria and Brian Rainer

Nancy and David Reinertson

Grace and William Schoedel

Carol and Frank Shupp

J.R. Stillwell

J.R. Stillwell

Shirley and Art Traugott

Marilyn Upah-Bant

and Geoff Bant

Claire and Kevin Vail

Betty Wendland

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Dedication

In memory of Robert and Louise Blanke, and Don
Fuelling

To the Glory of God

In honor of my new great granddaughter

In memory of Margaret DeVilbiss and Nona Clagett

In celebration of my new Godson, Arthur

In memory of our mother and father, B. Jeanne

DeNardis and Roy Ehler

To the Glory of God

To the Glory of God

In memory of Paul and Doris, Ron, and Kirk Karlstrom

In memory of loved ones

In memory of loved ones

In memory of my grandparents

In moving memory of Marilee, Bill, Lorene and Bill
Hull

In honor of our parents

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. DeGenova

In gratitude for our family, both near and far

To the Glory of God

In honor of our family members, present and past

To the Glory of God

To the Glory of God

To the Glory of God and with gratitude to our family

In memory of Clyde and Clara Stillwell

In memory of Grant, Lulu and Ennis Stillwell

To the Glory of God

In memory of Aunt Betty Upah

In Thanksgiving for our family

In memory of Wayne, Jane, Don, and Nancy

In memory of family and friends

People who purchased poinsettias and Norfolk pines are encouraged to take their plants home at the conclusion of the last service on January 7. There are plastic bags available in which to wrap your plants. Gloria Rainer will be available to assist you. Thank you.

