

Baptism of Our Lord
January 7, 2018 — 10:30 a.m.



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

Bold type: spoken by the people

Regular Italics: sung or chanted by a leader

Bold Italics: sung or chanted by the people

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

Prelude *Concerto grosso Op. 6, No.8 'Fatto per la Notte di Natale'*
Largo - Allegro

Arcangelo Corelli

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

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (v. 1,3-5)

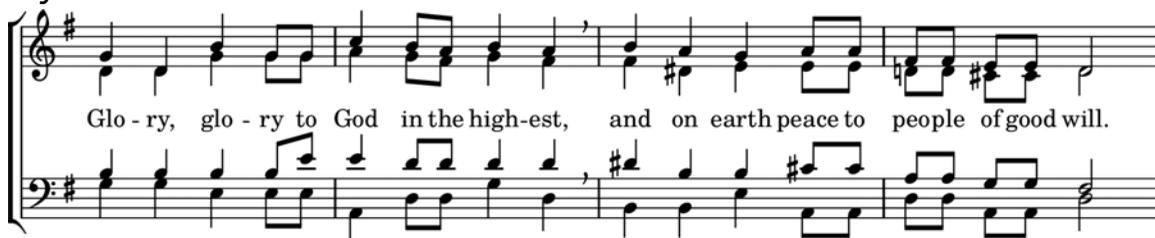
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Greeting

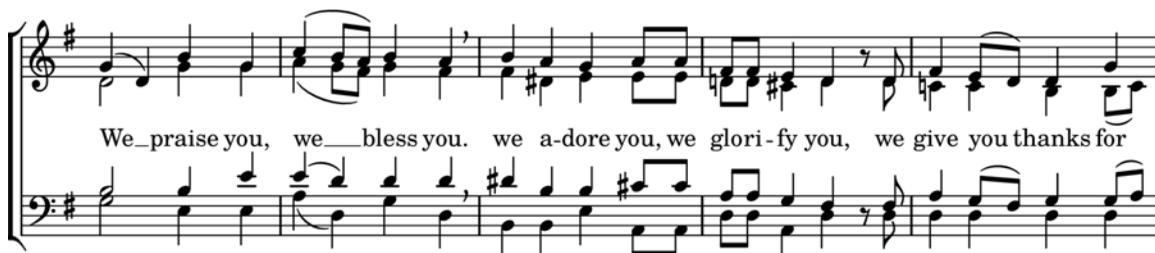
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise



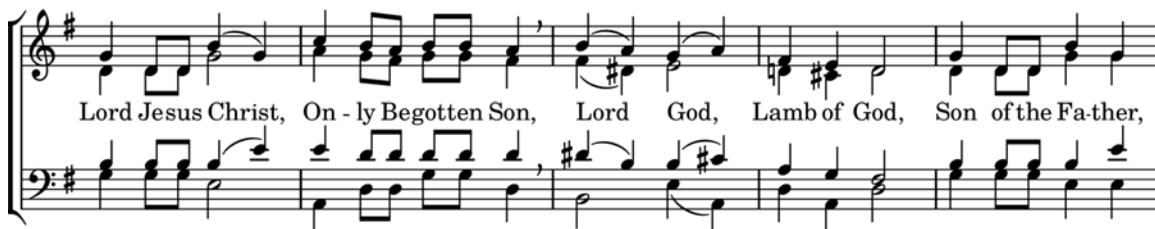
Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to people of good will.



We praise you, we bless you. we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for



your great glo-ry, Lord God, heaven-ly King. O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.



Lord Jesus Christ, On - ly Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,

you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re-

ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most - High, Je - sus Christ, - with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, - in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men. A - men.

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.

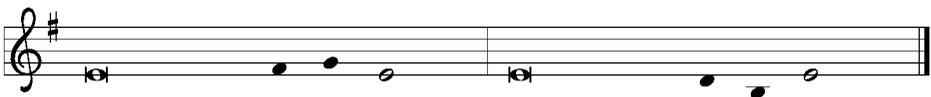
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 29

Refrain (R): 
The voice of the LORD is up - on the wa - ters.

Tone: 

¹*Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.*

²*Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.*

³*The 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 pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R***

⁵*The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;*

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

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

⁸***The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R***

⁹*The 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 a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.***

¹¹*O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R*

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 Processional *When Jesus Came to Jordan* (v. 1&2)

ELW 305



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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.

Gospel Recessional *When Jesus Came to Jordan (v. 3)*

ELW 305

(Please see previous page for hymn.)

The assembly is seated.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Chris Repp

Sermon

Pastor Chris Repp

The assembly stands.

Hymn of the Day

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

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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.

The assembly kneels or is seated. 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.

The assembly stands.

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.

Choir Anthem *The Only Son from Heaven*

J.S. Bach

Text:

*The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,
In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.*

The assembly stands as the offering is brought forward.

Offering Verse

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 your
 pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
 store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
 and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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

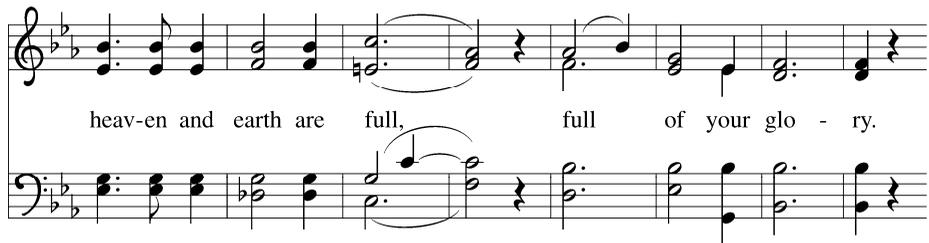
The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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.*

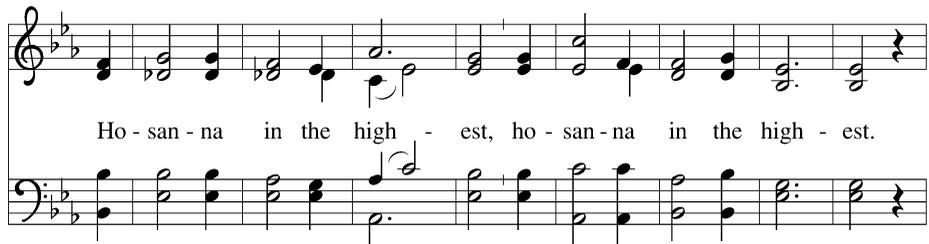
*By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
 in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;
 and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

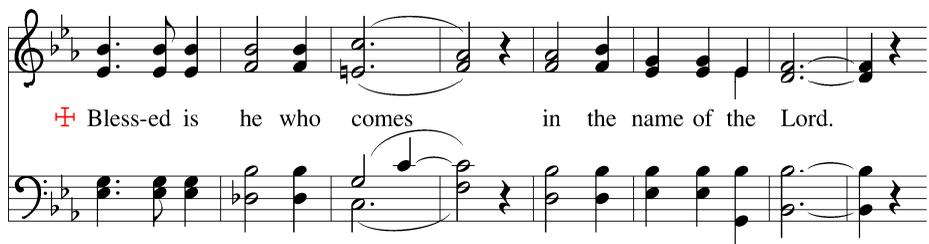
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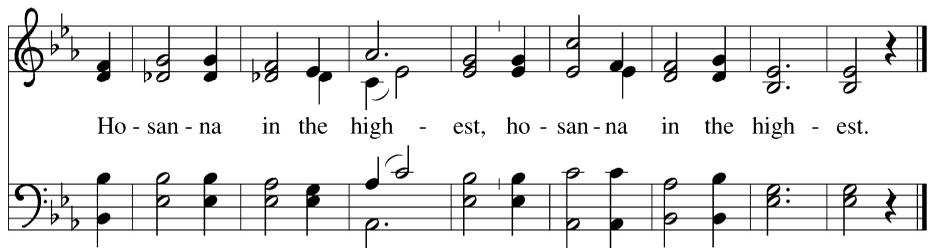
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



✠ Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

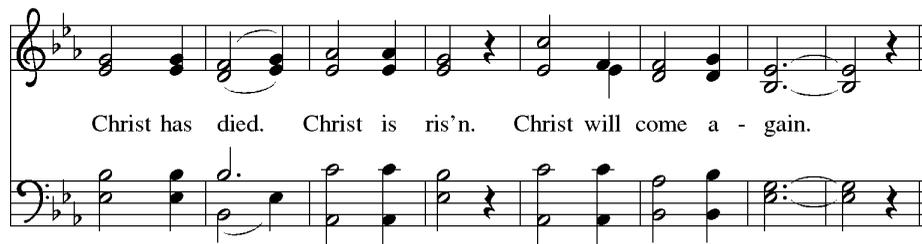
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

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 ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

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.



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

The image shows a musical score for the lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men." The score is written on two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes, and rests. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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. Take a glass from the tray in the center aisle and proceed to the next available spot at the altar rail on your side. (Pre-poured glasses of grape juice also are available from the acolytes at the altar rail.) After receiving the bread, the wine is received in your glass from a pouring chalice. Place your used glass in the basket near the stairs on the side you leave. Note: gluten-free, dairy-free, wheat-free wafers are available. Just ask the pastor. Please notify an usher if you need to have communion brought to you.

Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

The first system of musical notation for 'Lamb of God' consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. It provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff melody continues with a half note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, then a half note G4. The bass staff accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

The third system of musical notation continues the piece. The treble staff melody starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The fourth system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff melody starts with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The bass staff accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

Communion Hymns

The First Noel

As with Gladness Men of Old

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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

(Sending Of Communion)

A prayer may be said for the sending of communion to those who are absent.

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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Shine with the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Concerto grosso No.8*

Allegro

Arcangelo Corelli

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	Sound Technician:	Kevin Vail
Assisting Minister:	Helen Repp	Ushers:	Dave & Carol Larson
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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:

Name

Dedication

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 memory of Robert and Louise Blanke, and Don Fuelling
Blanke Family	In loving honor of Danielle
Kathy and Van Bowersox	To the Glory of God
Russ Dankert	In honor of my new great granddaughter
Jo Ellen DeVilbiss and Marc Alexander	In memory of Margaret DeVilbiss and Nona Clagett
Kirstin Dohrer	In celebration of my new Godson, Arthur
Dee and Del Ehler	In memory of our mother and father, B. Jeanne DeNardis and Roy Ehler
Nancy Johnson and Ken Bengoechea	To the Glory of God
Bev and George Kieffer	To the Glory of God
Scott Karlstrom	In memory of Paul and Doris, Ron, and Kirk Karlstrom
Carol and David Larson	In memory of loved ones
Linda and Randy Laugges	In memory of loved ones
Deborah Leckband	In memory of my grandparents
Marcia Hull Licquia	In moving memory of Marilee, Bill, Lorene and Bill Hull
Juanita and Ken Loschen	In honor of our parents
Ann and Tim Marty	In memory of Dr. and Mrs. DeGenova
Shirley and Mike Marty	In gratitude for our family, both near and far
Ja'Net and Steven Miller	To the Glory of God
Gloria and Brian Rainer	In honor of our family members, present and past
Nancy and David Reinertson	To the Glory of God
Grace and William Schoedel	To the Glory of God
Carol and Frank Shupp	To the Glory of God and with gratitude to our family

Name**Dedication**

J.R. Stillwell	In memory of Clyde and Clara Stillwell
J.R. Stillwell	In memory of Grant, Lulu and Ennis Stillwell
Shirley and Art Traugott	To the Glory of God
Marilyn Upah-Bant and Geoff Bant	In memory of Aunt Betty Upah
Claire and Kevin Vail	In Thanksgiving for our family
Betty Wendland	In memory of Wayne, Jane, Don, and Nancy
Betty Wendland	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.

