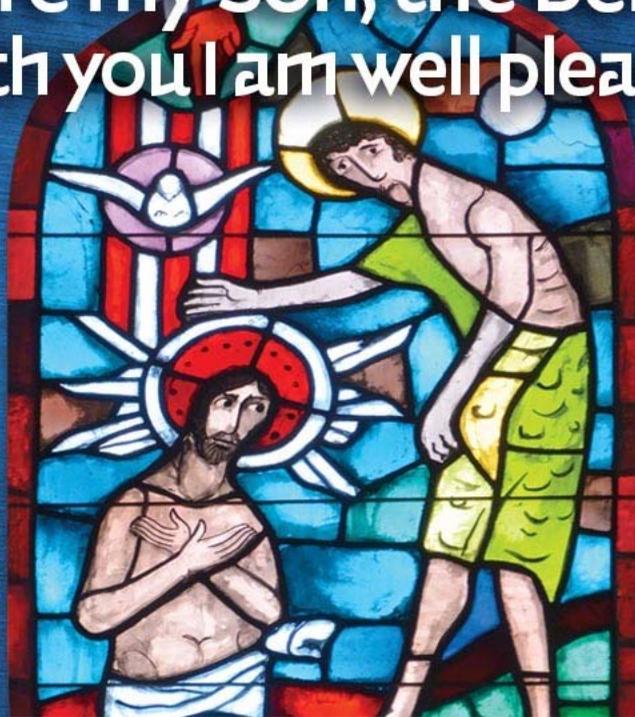


**You are my Son, the Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased**

**LUKE 3:22**



**Baptism of Our Lord  
January 13, 2019 – 10:30 a.m.**



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## Welcome to Grace!

We're glad you've joined us as we gather to be encountered by God in Word and Sacrament. We believe that 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). Other activities for young children are in the pink and blue totes.
- ❖ 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](mailto: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*

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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: The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own and all baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine.

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Large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

# Gathering

Prelude *Partita on “Lobt Gott ihr Christen”*

Gottlieb Walther

*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

*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

ELW 304

## 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 to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



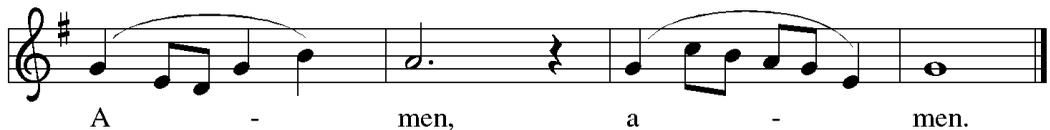
3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



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.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through 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

Isaiah 43:1-7

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—  
<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

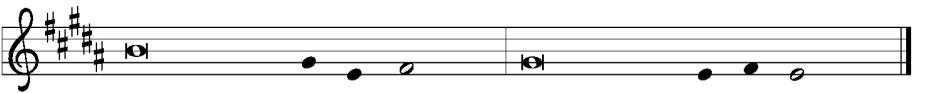
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalmody

## Psalm 29

Refrain (R): 

Tone: 

- <sup>1</sup>*Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.*
- <sup>2</sup>***Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.***
- <sup>3</sup>*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.*
- <sup>4</sup>***The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor. R***
- <sup>5</sup>*The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;*
- <sup>6</sup>***the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.***
- <sup>7</sup>*The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.*
- <sup>8</sup>***The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh. R***
- <sup>9</sup>*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!"*
- <sup>10</sup>***The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.***
- <sup>11</sup>*O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. R*

# Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And 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

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*The assembly kneels or is seated. Each petition concludes:*

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our 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.*

## Offertory *The Only Son from Heaven*

arr. J.S. Bach

*See ELW 309 for the text of the hymnal version.*

*The assembly stands as the offering is brought forward.*

## Offering Verse *What Feast of Love*

ELW 487

What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?  
What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?

What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

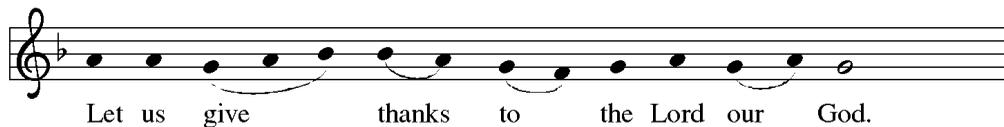
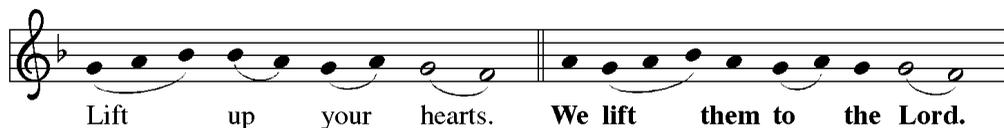
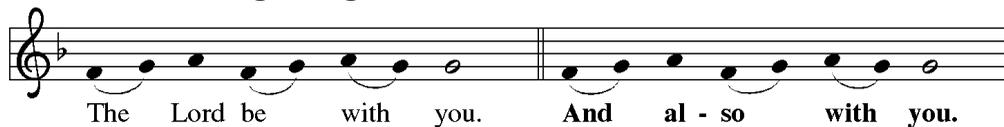
This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.

Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray. **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



*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 - er and

might, heav - en and earth are 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:



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.



## 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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

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

## Communion Hymns

*The Only Son from Heaven*

ELW 309

*Remember and Rejoice*

ELW 454

*The assembly stands.*

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

**Amen.**

## Post-Communion Canticle *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus*

ELW 501

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho-rus nev - er cease the heav'n-ly strain;

but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system of music is for the first line of the hymn: "Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho-rus nev - er cease the heav'n-ly strain;". The second system of music is for the second line: "but in us, thy lov-ing chil-dren, come with peace, good will to reign." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

ELW 311

## Announcements

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is your light.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude *Toccata in E minor*

J. Pachelbel

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## 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.*

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✠ Chancel flowers are given by **Grace Schoedel and Gloria Rainer** ✠  
in memory of our mothers, Ruth Grace Cool and Florence Senner Evans,  
both born on January 11, 1909

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