

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Baptism of Our Lord January 10, 2021 8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

Grace Council Statement on Racism

The events that have unfolded in our nation in recent months have reawakened us to the deep divides that still exist within our country. Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

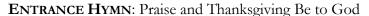
As We Gather

Order out of chaos. Turning to the beginning of the scriptures, we find a God who brings order out of chaos, creating a world that is good. In our sin, we have brought chaos and confusion back into this world. The waters rise and the storm winds rage. Jesus Christ, the One to whom John the Baptist points, has entered this world's chaos. He goes under the storm's flood in his baptism, prefiguring his death, in which he undergoes all that the powers of sin, death, and the devil have to offer. But as his head breaks again the plain of the Jordan, the heavens are broken open with God's good, re-creative pleasure. We, too, are called through the waters into newness of life. It is a new life in which we are not bound by the oppressive order of the old, but set free in the life-giving order of the Holy Spirit.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE: Meditation on THIRD MODE MELODY

Charles Callahan



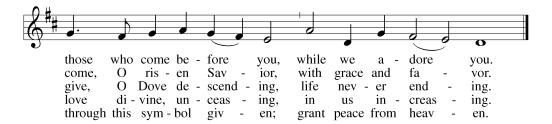
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- Praise and thanks-giv ing be to God our mak er, source of all
- 2 Not our own ho li ness, nor that we have striv en brings us the
- 3 Come, Ho ly Spir it, come in vis i ta tion; you are the
- 4 E ter nal Word, . . still by the Fa ther spo ken, speak to us
- 5 Praise to the Fa ther, Son, and Ho ly Spir it: one Lord, one



bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre - a - tor. Bap - tize and make your own peace which you, O Christ, have giv - en. Bap - tize and set a - part; our hope, and our sal - va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, truth, now in this bap-tis - mal to - ken; pro-claim a - new to source of ev - 'ry mer - it. Here now re - new your church faith, one



Text: H. Francis Yardley, 1911–1990; Frank J. Whiteley, b. 1914, alt. Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681

Text @ H. Francis Yardley

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P 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: Glory to God in the Highest



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1–5

In 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.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

- Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,* ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;* worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;* the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;* the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;* the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,* and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;* the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- 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!"
- The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;*
 the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.
- L The LORD shall give strength | to his people;*
 the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 19:1–7

While 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.

- **L** The Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 3:17 John Ferguson

- L Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
- **©** REFRAIN (below)



- A voice from heaven said, "This is my son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
- REFRAIN

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 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."

- **P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON: Water and Spirit

Pastor David R. Lyle Mark 1:4–11; Genesis 1:1–5

HYMN OF THE DAY: When Jesus Came to Jordan

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NICENE CREED

- P Living together in trust and hope, we 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.

ANTHEM: I'm Going on a Journey

Edward V. Bonnemère arr. by Mark Hayes

I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today. My head is wet, and I'm on my way. Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too; It says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

I'm becoming this day a saint of God. It really doesn't matter what roads I trod. Wherever I go, God's been there, too. God's love has touched me and will carry me through.

There are other saints who have said amen. They'll keep me faithful to my journey's end. Along the way I want to be The kind of person that God set free.

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RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Kathrine Leis and Judie McDonnell

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

- **A** Lord, in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- @ Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **Q** 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.

+ SENDING +

BENEDICTION

- P Almighty God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- Amen.



- 5 I am trusting you for power; you can never fail.Words which you yourself shall give me must prevail.
- Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: STEPHANOS, Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.I am trusting you forever and for all.

DISMISSAL.

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

Setting by Benjamin M. Culli

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister
The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister
Ellie Anderson, assisting minister
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor
Johanna Johnson, hornist
Joseph Johnson, soloist
Eunice Eifert, videographer
Julie Hinz, sound board operator

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LET US PRAY...

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson Tina Baird Annalise Balock Cathy Barker Iim Barker

Anne-Marie Bogdan

Len Berghaus

Ed Borg

Marilyn Gotsch Angela Gruendler Carl & Donna Gruendler David Gruendler Sarah Gruendler-Ladner Kathy Haves Patricia Herendeen Ioan Koerber

Jerry Koenig Margaret Kruse Beth Smoots McClanahan Karen McMahon Jennifer Murtoff Chrissy Nelson Paul Nelson Tim Sandvoss

Marge Sanger Pat Scala Carl Schalk Madison Staples Rich and Bonnie Stasack

Ellis Allinson (brother-in-law of Carolyn Garber) Felipe Altamirano (friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker)

Mardie Anderson (friend of Christie Nelson)

Valerie Anderson (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Bob Andree (friend of Deb Maxwell) Vera Leora Barnett (friend of Paul Eichwedel) James Beglin (cousin of Cathy Schnittker) Karen Berglund (friend of Carol Stanger) Ira Birnbaum (friend of Sandy and David Lentz) Stephanie Bogue and Elva (friends of Pat Anderson)

Ken Briggs (friend of many at Grace)

Mike and Beth Bullock (parents of Keith Bullock)

Linda Castaing (friend of Marnie Rourke) Jim Cozzi (friend of Diana Sicuro)

Linda DeMeyere (friend of Randy and Ellie Schnack)

Peggy Dickenson (mother of Paul Eichwedel)

Jane Duda (friend of Karen Eckstein)

David Eastman and family (brother of Pat Anderson) Patti and Neal Enslin (friends of Marilyn Heppner) Emily Ford (daughter-in-law of Cynthia Hill) Ray Garmatz (son of Margaret Garmatz)

Ann Gesme (mother of Karen Brunssen and Martha Nielsen)

Stacy Gibb and family (friends of Kristin Vogen) Mike Guss (friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening)

Jerry Haase (friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke)

Jill Hanssen (niece of Ann Mason) Harry Heppner (brother of Ken Heppner) John Hunt (friend of Ken and Marilyn Heppner)

Mia Rose Jones (granddaughter of John and Loretta Lattyak)

Doug Kelner (friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson) Don Kersten (brother of Phyllis Kersten) Sally Kindsfater (sister of Mary Jane Endicott) Andrew Korcek (friend of Eunice Spurgat) Ron and Jeanette Koski (parents of Jill Koski) George Kozuchowski (friend of Timothy Douma) Arnold Krubsack (brother of Irmgard Swanson) Kathryn Krubsack (niece of Irmgard Swanson) Maxx Kusper and family (friends of Deb Maxwell) Alyssa Kutak (granddaughter-in-law of Galen Gockel)

John Larson (father of Morgan Anderson) Maria Laskowski (friend of Joe Modrich)

Lily (friend of Carrie Douma)

Elsie Locke (grandmother of Troy Medlin)

Karen Luebbe (mother of Jenny, sister of Stan Reddel)

Joyce and John Lunde (friends of Susan Messerli)

Jim Maggio (brother of Joe Maggio) Jane Martin (mother of Justin Martin) Anne Matthys (mother of Susan Curran)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (cousins of Tom and Deb

Maxwell)

Denny McClerren (cousin of Stephanie Wilkening) Monika Nash (daughter of Don and Verna Offermann)

Joan Nelson (mother of Julie Modrich)

Mary Kay Olson (friend of Paul and Cindy Koester)

Rosie Parker (mother of Cameron Parker)

Jacob Pletan (great-nephew of Ruth Rehwaldt & Gick Schmidt)

James Powers (friend of Al Swanson)

Susan Prather (cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott)

Zach & Ellie Radosevich (grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba)

Phillip Rice III (friend of Pat Anderson) Ronald Riley (friend of Al Swanson) John Rohleder (friend of Sandy Grams) Florence Saeger (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Shirley Moyers Schnack (sister-in-law of Randy Schnack)

John Schuurman (friend of Timothy Douma) Lindsay Shaner (brother of Bob Shaner) Mary Lu Shipstad (friend of Marilyn Heppner) Ken and Lori Shoup (friends of Marilyn Heppner)

Zina and Huxley Shoup (friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner)

Ruth Soppet (friend of Bob and Kathryn Jandeska) Nancy Stelling (friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten)

Lee Stephens (brother of Tony)

Jennifer Sylvester (daughter of Janet Sylvester) Martin A. Thieme (brother of Susan Franzone) Jan Thomson (sister-in-law of Christine Phillips) Wes Van Dell (brother of Emily Hartung)

Rev. Mark Van Scharrel (friend of Karl and Ruth Reko)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel)

Brian Walden (relative of Pat Gulik)

Verna Walsh (aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz)

Sonja Wandro (sister of Al Swanson) Bob Weaver (husband of Gretchen) Lucy White (friend of Mary Beth Logas)

Fr. Dennis Woerter (friend of Grace E. Marotz)

Elise Wojack (niece of Pat Gulik) Kathie Wolff (friend of Tim Duoma)

Randi Woodworth (sister of Tammy Bretscher)

Veronica Zurowski (mother of Tom)

Benevolence ministries

Concordia University - Chicago

For those who mourn

Gus Anton (father of Ted Anton) Ann Ellingson (great-aunt of Erika Lyle) Marty Krueger (cousin of Irmgard Swanson)

Arthur Omes

Darlene Schroeder (cousin of Dan Cattau)
Donald Tremper (brother of Virginia Walker)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus)
Kevin Buss (nephew of Christa Krout)
Reid Beveridge (son-in-law of the Schnacks)
David Danford (son of John and Karen)
E. Michael Garcia Goetting (son of Mary Goetting)
Matthew Garmatz (grandson of Margaret Garmatz)

Bradley Larson (cousin of Rhea Sprecher) Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher) Kari Paetzold (niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski)

Those studying abroad

Colleen Lattyak (Germany) Drew Krueger (England)

Those who are homebound

Barbara Bunjes Carolyn Martin Christopher Davis Joanne Nelson Marie Gierke Barbara Rinnan Ronald Gresens Kathleen Wrobel

Gloria Hillert

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (friend of Bob and Margaret Burke) in Oakhill Correctional Center Cheryl Luchetta (friend of Joan Koerber) in Logan Correctional Center

Sonny Putman (nephew of Susan Franzone)
Rusty Robb (grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/ Roberta Gillespie)
Jason Brown (nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss)
Matthew Shinkwin (friend of Eunice Spurgat)
Christopher W. Sylvester (grandson of Janet Sylvester)

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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- ☐ I am visiting Grace for the first time.
- $\hfill \square$ I would like to know more about Grace Church.
- lacksquare I am interested in a path toward membership.
- ☐ I would like to know more about Grace School.
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 Sunday Is Coming.
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 - via (check one) ☐ Phone or ☐ E-mail.

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