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## **Welcome to Grace!**

**January 13, 2019**

### **What We Believe:**

✝ As Lutheran Christians we stand with the church of the ages and confess the faith of the **Holy Bible**, which is **God's Word**.

✝ We believe that our **Triune God** created man and woman holy; however, since we sinned and still sin we cannot free ourselves from **sin and death**. Therefore God sent His Son **Jesus Christ**, who is our **only way to salvation**. By His death and resurrection and through no work or decision of our own, we have forgiveness, life, and salvation.

✝ We joyfully receive these gifts in His Word, and in the holy sacraments of **Baptism** and the **Lord's Supper**.

✝ In all our teaching and preaching we seek to be faithful to God's holy **Law** which shows our sin, and to proclaim His precious **Gospel**, which is the good news of our **salvation in Christ!**

✝ We subscribe also to **Luther's Small Catechism** and the other documents in the Book of Concord of 1580 because they faithfully confess these biblical truths.

### **Guests and Holy Communion:**

Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood, in, with and under the bread and wine. When received in faith, it brings forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Holy Communion is also a statement of our unity in Christ (*community*). Those who receive the Lord's Supper at Grace Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

For this reason, *only members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* are ordinarily communed at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine of Close Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the service.

**Nursery:** If your child becomes restless during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Nursery downstairs.

**Friendship Pad:** Please sign the friendship pad as it is passed during the offering.

**Fellowship Time:** Immediately following the 9:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Large Print Hymnals:** Are available from the ushers!

**Electronic Devices:** PLEASE silence all devices during worship. Thanks!

**May the Lord bless your worship today!**

The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 13, 2019 – Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪To Jordan's River Came Our Lord	LSB 405
Invocation	LSB 151
Confession of Sins and Absolution	LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪Introit

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*



- P** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.
- C** I will tell of | the decree:\*  
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
- P** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
- C** You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”
- P** Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
- C** Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,  
**P** for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

♪Kyrie

LSB 152

♪ **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**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** **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** – *Isaiah 43:1–7*

*Pew Bible, p. 603*

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
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.  
For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you.  
I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of the earth,  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

## **Epistle – Romans 6:1–11**

*Pew Bible, p. 942*

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **♪ Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 156*

## **Holy Gospel – Luke 3:15–22**

*Pew Bible, p. 858*

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”



## **Catechism Time – The Creed**

*Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 323*

## **The Third Article**

### *Sanctification*

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.

*What does this mean?*

On the Last Day [the Holy Spirit] will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

♪ **To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

**LSB 406**

**Sermon**

**Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 159 or inside back cover of hymnal*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering** – *Guests/members please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at the end of the pew, check appropriate columns, and print clearly including children's names.*

♪ **Offertory**

*LSB 159*

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

♪ **Preface**

*LSB 160*

♪ **Sanctus**

*LSB 161*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*LSB 161*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 162*

♪ **Pax Domini**

*LSB 163*

♪ **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 163*

**Distribution** – *If you are visiting with us, please read "Guests and Holy Communion," printed inside the cover of the Friendship Pad.*

**Distribution Hymns:**

♪ **All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

**LSB 596**

♪ **Baptized into Your Name Most Holy**

**LSB 590**

♪ **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

**LSB 594**

♪ **All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

**LSB 601**

♪ **Post-Communion Canticle** – *Nunc Dimittis*

*LSB 165*

**Post-Communion Collect**

*LSB 166*

♪ **Benediction**

*LSB 166*

♪ **Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering**

**LSB 600**

**+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +**

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**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 13th THROUGH January 20th**

**TODAY**            9:00 AM    **DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
                         10:30 AM    Sunday School & Youth Bible Study  
                         10:30 AM    Quarterly Voters' Meeting  
                         12:00 PM    Adult Inquirers' Class (AIC)

**WEDNESDAY**    11:00 AM    Growing Strong with Grace  
                         6:30 PM    Confirmation Class  
                         6:30 PM    Choir Practice

**FRIDAY**            6:00 PM    Family Game Night  
                                    Office Closed

**SUNDAY**            9:00 AM    **DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION**  
                         10:30 AM    Sunday School & Bible Studies  
                         12:00 PM    100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pot Bless Luncheon



**Lectionary Summary: *The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism:***  
The Baptism of our Lord is an “Epiphany” of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. “*When all the people were baptized,*” Jesus submitted Himself to a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, “*when you pass through the waters,*” He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His Kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “*might walk in newness of life*” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

## **Our Partnership in the Gospel**

**Grace's Mission:** We are friends in God's family through Jesus, strengthened by His Spirit to represent Christ in our daily lives, our community and the world.

**Grace's Vision:** To be an active, growing Christ-centered congregation offering youth and adults traditional Lutheran worship, Bible study and fellowship while reaching out especially to our neighbors, families and friends with the Gospel invitation.

**2019 Theme:** *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10*

**Our Worship Attendance:**

**January 6, 2019:** 117