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Welcome to Grace!

January 7 & 10, 2021

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.

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

Large Print Hymns: 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 7 & 10, 2021 – Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 406 (vv. 1–3)

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 – *Genesis 1:1–5*

Pew Bible, p. 1

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And 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.

Epistle – *Romans 6:1–11*

Pew Bible, p. 942

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

♪ **Alleluia and Verse**

LSB 156

Holy Gospel – *Mark 1:4–11*

Pew Bible, p. 836

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his

waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 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 when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Catechism Time – *The Ten Commandments* *Luther’s Small Catechism, LSB 321*

The First Commandment

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

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

LSB 406 (vv. 4–7)

Sermon

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 or inside back cover of hymnal

Prayer of the Church

♪ **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 on the inside page of the worship bulletin. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. If possible, please sit near the center aisle, and it will be brought to you at the conclusion of the distribution. Wine greatly diluted with water is available in purple-tinted cups in the center of each Communion tray for those with alcohol sensitivities.*

Distribution Hymns:

♪ To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord	LSB 405
♪ God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It	LSB 594
♪ Baptized into Your Name Most Holy	LSB 590

♪ Post-Communion Canticle – <i>Nunc Dimittis</i>	LSB 165
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Post-Communion Collect	LSB 166
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♪ Benediction	LSB 166
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♪ The Star Proclaims the King Is Here	LSB 399
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+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 10th THROUGH January 17th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM 10:30 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION Sunday School and Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY</u>	6:30 PM	Council Meeting Pastor Crane – Vacation
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>		Pastor Crane – Vacation
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION Pastor Crane – Vacation
<u>FRIDAY</u>		Pastor Crane – Vacation Newsletter Deadline Office Closed
<u>SATURDAY</u>		Pastor Crane – Vacation
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION <u>NO</u> Sunday School and Bible Study Pastor Crane – Vacation



Lectionary Summary: *In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image:* *“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth”* (Gen. 1:1). Then, as *“the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters”* (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: *“Let there be light, and there was light”* (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, *“the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ”* (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, *“proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,”* Jesus also came *“and was baptized by John in the Jordan”* (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are *“united with him in a death like his”* (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto *“newness of life”* (Rom. 6:4).

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.

2021 Theme: *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

Our Worship Attendance:

December 31, 2020 (New Year's Eve): 26

January 3, 2021: 52