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Welcome to Grace!

January 6 & 9, 2022

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 when it is passed during the service.

Offering: The offering plates are not passed. Rather, they are located at the back of the nave. Please place your offering in one of the plates as you enter or leave the church. You may also hand it to one of the ushers.

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 6 & 9, 2022 – Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪Baptized into Your Name Most Holy LSB 590

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

♪Hymn of Praise – *This Is the Feast* LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

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

¹But 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.

²When 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.

³For 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.

⁴Because 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.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I 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,

⁷everyone 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

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 – Luke 3:15–22

Pew Bible, p. 858

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John 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.

¹⁷His 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.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and 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 322

The First Article

P I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P *What does this mean?*

C I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. This is most certainly true.

♪ To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

LSB 405

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

LSB 159 or inside back cover of hymnal

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
G hear our prayer.

♪Offertory

LSB 159

The offering plates are not passed. Please see note on the first page of the bulletin.

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 cover of the Friendship Pad. 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:

♪All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

LSB 596

♪God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594

♪How Firm a Foundation

LSB 728

♪Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB 735

♪Post-Communion Canticle – *Nunc Dimittis*

LSB 165

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

Benediction

LSB 166

♪All Who Believe and Are Baptized

LSB 601

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 9th THROUGH January 16th

<u>TODAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE I WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Sunday School & Bible Study
	11:30 AM	Council Meeting Pastor – Vacation
<u>MONDAY</u>		Pastor – Vacation
<u>TUESDAY</u>		Pastor – Vacation
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	10:00 AM	Bible Study
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:30 PM	DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION
<u>FRIDAY</u>	11:30 AM	Ladies of Grace Luncheon at Douglas Avenue Diner Office Closed
<u>SATURDAY</u>		Newsletter Deadline
<u>SUNDAY</u>	9:00 AM	DIVINE SERVICE IV WITH HOLY COMMUNION
	10:30 AM	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	10:30 AM	Sunday School



Our Prayers:

Members celebrating birthdays this week: 9-Russ Draeger; 10-Laura Deschler, Barbara Storey, Steve Vargas; 14-Yvonne Blome

Grace Families to Pray for this week: Erik Andersen, Ruth Anger, Nydia Antongiorgi

About the Bulletin Cover: The voice from heaven announces, “You are My beloved Son.” Jesus, though He has no sin, has joined Himself to sinners in a Baptism for the repentance of sins, which He did not need. Likewise, He was counted among sinners as He hung on the cross in atonement for our sins. He united Himself to us in order that He might bring us into His resurrection life. In Holy Baptism, we each have been united to His cross and resurrection life so that we are dead to sin and alive to God.

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, 2021: 19

January 2, 2022: 24