

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



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Welcome to Grace!

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.

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+

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Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ They Strong Word LSB 578

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 begotten you.

[P] Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

[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 refuge in him.

[C] Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

[C] as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

[P] Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

♪ Kyrie

LSB 152

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

LBS 154

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.

G 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.942-943

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.

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 Lord's Prayer

Luther's Small Catechism, LSB 322

The Conclusion

P For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.* Amen

P What does this mean?

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Apostles' Creed

LSB 159 or inside back cover of hymnal

♪ To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord

LSB 406

Sermon–Theme:

"The Baptism of our Lord"

Text: Romans 6:1:-11

Prayer of the Church

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

♪ **Offertory**

LSB 159-160

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ **Preface**

LSB 160

♪ **Sanctus**

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 162

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:

♪ **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

LSB 395

♪ **All Who Believe and Are Baptized**

LSB 601

♪ **From God the Father, Virgin - Born**

LSB 401

♪ **Thank the Lord**

LSB 164

♪ **Benediction**

LSB 166

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

LSB 594



+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 7th - January 14th

SUNDAY 9:00 AM **DIVINE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
 10:30 AM Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY 6:30 PM **DIVINE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

FRIDAY 11:30 AM Ladies of Grace Luncheon @ Aries

Saturday 9:00 AM Take Christmas Decorations Down

SUNDAY 9:00 AM **DIVINE SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**
 10:30 AM Bible Study

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).