

Baptism of Our Lord

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* = Stand

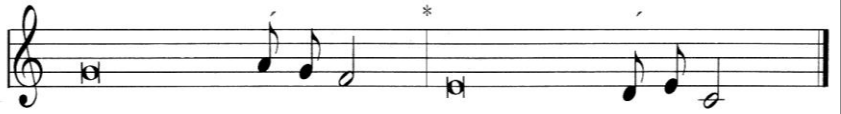
Hymnals in Pew Rack: LBW = Green WOV = Blue TCH = Burgundy

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP at Grace Church this morning as we gather to worship the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit in truth. As you entered the sanctuary today, you received this bulletin containing the order for worship and announcements. Please also notice the Prayer List where you will find a listing of all the known prayer concerns. You are invited to use this as a guide for your personal prayers throughout the coming week. If you need information about our congregation or if you'd like to update your information, make sure to fill out the yellow Worship Today Form and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. If you have a prayer concern, indicate that on your Worship Today Form at the bottom or on the reverse side. The Prayer Teams will be praying with you and for your concerns during the coming week as well. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact the Church Office this week.

THIS WEEK'S THEME – The Christian's life begins with Holy Baptism. Nothing can ever take away the water with the Word, being stated at the time of the baptism. For by this sacrament, we are forever adopted in the family of God. It should never be seen or thought of as a singular act, but as a holy experience which follows us throughout life as we die daily to sin and are raised with Christs. Jesus' baptism is an example to us that we should follow in his steps.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

In 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.



PSALM 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the / LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD glo- / ry and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his Name;***
worship the LORD in the beau- / ty of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of / glory thunders;*
the LORD is upon the / mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the LORD is a pow- / erful voice;***
the voice of the LORD is a / voice of splendor.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees;*
the LORD breaks the ce- / dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **He makes Lebanon skip / like a calf,***
and Mount Hermon like a / young wild ox.
- ⁷ 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.
- ⁸ **The voice of the LORD makes the / oak trees writhe***
and strips the / forests bare.
- ⁹ And in the temple / of the LORD*
all are / crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned a- / bove the flood;***
the LORD sits enthroned as / King forevermore.
- ¹¹ The LORD shall give strength / to his people;*
the LORD shall give his people the bless- / ing of peace.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1-11

What 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

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 being torn open 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."

Next Sunday's Readings: I Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-10; Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51. Readings are based on the recommended use of the English Standard Version (ESV) by the North American Lutheran Church and Lectionary of Sola Publishing. Used by Permission.

PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO PASTOR GARY COBLE who is leading us in worship today!

GRACE PRAYER LIST

In the Grace Church Family: Kevin Adams, Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Irene Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Rachel Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Phil Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Debi Pisko, Michael Pisko, Stephen Pisko, Helen Smith, Ethan Starnes, Richard & Sandi Tallant, Libby Travis, Shirley Warlick, Carolyn & Scott Whisnant.

Nursing Home: Juanita Haas (Trinity Village), Ted Whisnant (Trinity Village),

Friends and Relatives in our Prayers: Pray for Peace in Israel and the World, New Covenant Lutheran Mission Church, all of those who are suffering from the widespread sicknesses, Alyssa, Bobby Aderholdt, Jimmy Aderholdt, Baby Skylar, LeAnn Buckwell, Caleb Bumgarner & Family, Travis Bumgardner, Jessica Cassels & Family, Dennis & Evelyn Childers, Harold Crouse, Julie Foster, Guy Franzen, Gail, Wendy Hannah, Larry Heavner, Amy Jarrett, Peggy Klutz, Family of Myrtle Robinson, Lily Rose, Ryan McMullen, Greg Masters, Chris Medlin, Katie Patton, Angela Sanford, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Cozel Spencer, Shanie Spencer, Steven, Sue, Monica Thomas, United States of America; Faye White, and especially the families of those who have given their lives in the service of our country and those who continue to protect our freedoms and for all members of our Armed Forces.

(Names are left on the prayer list for 30 days unless the office is notified otherwise.)

THE GRACE LEADERSHIP MINISTRY BOARD FOR 2024 will be installed today: Tim Eckard, Alan Shull, Libby Travis, Ricky Bivens, Sheila Drum, Jason Yoder, Todd Childers and Jeff Scronce.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING will be held on **Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 pm.**

THE GRACE PRAYER BREAKFAST will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 9:00 a.m. at Four Peas in a Pod Restaurant in Conover. Come join us and bring a friend!

THE UNHANGING OF THE GREENS will take place on Saturday, **January 13th at 11:00 a.m. after the Prayer Breakfast.** This includes taking down the tree and sanctuary decorations. We need your muscles and appreciate your help!

THE ECCCM FOOD ASK for the month of **January** is **canned soup or broth.** ECCCM thanks the disciples of Grace for helping to keep the food pantry stocked.

*“The LORD shall give strength to his people;
The LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.”*

Psalm 29:11

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 9 – Lula Ingle
- 12 – Nathan Starnes
- 13 – Sheila Drum
- 14 – Cindy Watson

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

- Today:** **BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**
 - 9:30A – Sunday School
 - 10:30A – Worship Celebration
- Tuesday:** 6:00P – Stephen Ministry Training
- Saturday:** 9:00A – Grace Prayer Breakfast at Four Peas
- 11:00A – Unhanging of the Greens
- Next Sunday:** **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
 - 9:30A – Sunday School
 - 10:30A – Worship Celebration

The Ministers.....The People of Grace Lutheran Church
Pastor
Organist..... Sandi Tallant
Administrative Assistant Pam Tallent
Leadership Board President Tim Eckard
Youth LeaderStormy Shull
Lector
Communion Assistants..... Rick and Cindy Bivens
UshersJoe and Lynette Momier
Altar Preparation..... Herb and Libby Travis
Offering TabulatorsTodd Childers and Jason Yoder
Custodian.....Chris Abernethy



Table Talk II

By Rev. Timothy J. Swenson • ILT Dean of Chapel

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MATTHEW 3:13-17

“he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;” Vs.16

Here, at the baptism of Jesus, we are given witness to the presence of all three persons of the Holy Trinity. Jesus, the Son, comes up out of the baptismal waters. The Holy Spirit descends from the heavens like a dove. God, the Father, speaks with both love and satisfaction. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the Holy Trinity, the fullness of the Godhead—there with John the baptizer at the river Jordan. Here is an incident you can recall and give witness if anyone should question the presence of the Holy Trinity in scripture.

When you were brought to your own personal river Jordan—that is, the baptismal font, there your own personal John the baptizer—that is, your preacher, combined water with the Word of God and baptized you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You came up out of that baptismal water having received the life of Jesus Christ, the Son. The Holy Spirit descended upon you, giving you the gift of faith. God, the Father, bears witness in love for you, his new child, and in satisfaction that all righteousness has been fulfilled (vs. 15). The entirety of the Holy Trinity is there, present and working, at your baptism and at every baptism done in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

For the rest of your mortal days, you will be a child of God, a brother or sister to Jesus Christ. You hold membership in the family of God. And, when your mortal days shall end, Jesus will take you to that place he has prepared for you (Jn. 14:3). There, you will have the run of the household. Until that day, your flesh—the body of sin and death—obscures and hides your membership in God’s family. During these days—the days of your baptism—your only guarantee of righteousness is this promise that all righteousness was fulfilled in your baptism and maintained by the ongoing proclamation that puts the forgiveness of sins into your ears and the bread and wine on your tongue.

Table Talk: Discuss your grasp of the Holy Trinity

Pray: Father, hold me in the fulfillment of all righteousness. Amen



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