

# Baptism of our Lord

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**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. If you are seeking a Church Home or would like more information about Grace, please contact Pastor Doug (980)234-8848.

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

**PRELUDE**    *Please observe silence for meditation.*

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

### \* **BRIEF ORDER OF CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and confession.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**



## **PSALM 29:1-11**

- <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**
- <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over many waters.
- <sup>4</sup> **The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**
- <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- <sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**
- <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
- <sup>8</sup> **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- <sup>10</sup> **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**
- <sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace!

## **SECOND READING: Romans 6:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-22**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>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 fire. <sup>17</sup>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.” <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But 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, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.     **C: Praise to You O Christ!**

*The congregation may be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE****SERMON****Pastor Doug**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

\* **HYMN OF THE DAY:**                      **Baptized in Water**                      **WOV 693**

\* **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Response at the end of each petition.*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

\* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Worshippers may greet one another with "the Peace of Christ" or similar words.  
The assembly may be seated.*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY:**                      **Let the Vineyards**                      **LBW Pg. 66**

\* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time and our possessions.  
Through this meal of grace unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice  
and mercy; for the sake of him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

\* **DIALOGUE AND PREFACE**

**LBW PG. 68**

\* **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**LBW PG. 69**

\* **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LBW PG. 70**

\* **LORD'S PRAYER**

**LBW PG. 71**

\* **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The gifts of God for the people of God! **C: Thanks be to God!**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**COMMUNION SONG**

**Lamb of God**

**LBW PG. 72**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**COMMUNION HYMN**

**Now We Join in Celebration**

**LBW 203**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

\* **COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

P: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with the heavenly food of your body and blood. you are our dearest treasure. As we go now, nourished in faith and love, be present with us today, tomorrow and everyday so that we will tell and live-out the story of your never-ending love now and forever in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen**

\* **BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

\* **SENDING HYMN:**

**Blessed Assurance**

**WOV 699**

\* **DISMISSAL:**

P: As God's beloved baptized daughters and sons let us go forth in joy and peace to love and serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**GRACE PRAYER LIST**

**In the Grace Church Family:** Jeffry Bivens, Rick & Cindy Bivens, Glenda Childers, Pat Dietz, Allen and Kay Hatchett, Irene Heavner, Larry Heavner, Lorene Heavner, Larry & Brenda Jarrett, Martha Johnson, Faye Lane, Harvey Leatherman, Phil & Malinda Leatherman, Betty Matheson, Jane Moss, Christine Norman, Tricia and Dan Panek, Michael, Debi & Stephen Pisko, Helen Smith, Ethan Starnes, Sandi Tallant, Libby Travis, Shirley Warlick, Scott & Carolyn 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, Bobby Aderholdt, Jimmy Aderholdt, LeAnn Buckwell, Patsy Bumgardner, Caleb Bumgarner & Family, Becky Cartee, Jessica Cassels & Family, Evelyn Childers, Dennis D’Alessio, Guy Franzen, Stormy Geter, Wendy Hannah, J.C., Rebecca Speagle Jackson, Ray Porter, Lily Rose, Alyssa McCary, Sgt. Ryan McMullen and shift, Angela Sanford, Anita Sabino, Marc Sigmon, Scott Speagle, Zachary Speagle and Amber, Nathan Starnes, Monica Thomas, Kelly Wesson, United States of America, 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.)

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- ❖ The Ministers: The People of Grace
- ❖ Pastor: Doug Hefner
- ❖ Administrative Assistant: Kristi Tucker
- ❖ Organist: Sandi Tallant
- ❖ Leadership Board President: Tim Eckard
- ❖ Youth Leader: Stormy Shull
- ❖ Ushers: David Wilfong & James Hall
- ❖ Altar Preparation: Herb & Libby Travis
- ❖ Communion Assistants: Herb & Libby Travis
- ❖ Lector: Stormy Shull
- ❖ Offering Tabulators: Alan Shull & Sheila Drum
- ❖ Custodian: Chris Abernethy