

# Grace Lutheran Church

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## Baptism of Our Lord January 12, 2025

*Grace ~ “I am not ashamed of the gospel...”*



When it comes to the truth of Scripture, there is no room for compromise. The Bible is the book we live by... for life now and for life forever. We accept the Bible as the pure Word of God. We believe that our only Savior is Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, who was crucified, died, and was buried but rose again to open the door to heaven for everyone who believes in him.

*Grace ~ “These are written that you may believe...”*



Grace Lutheran Church has served the Portland area for over 100 years by faithfully preaching and teaching the timeless truth of God’s Word. We believe that God uses the timeless message of Word and Sacraments to bring souls into his care. This is a message that we share here and around the world through our affiliation with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

*Grace ~ “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...”*



Grace Lutheran Church exists to win souls by joyfully proclaiming the truth of God’s grace through Christ, to nurture believers in growing in faith and lives of Christian service, and to join together in worship and praise. **“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever! Amen.” 2 Pt. 3:18**

## Opening Hymn

CW RED 89 TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD

1. To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

3. As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on him from above.

5. The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.

2. The Savior came to be baptized –  
The Son of God in flesh disguised –  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all his promises fulfill.

4. Then from God's throne  
with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice  
with words profound:  
"This is my Son," was his decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases me."

6. Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Order of Worship: Common Service (CW Red Pg. 15)

### Invocation

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.



**C:**

### Confession of Sins

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

## Absolution

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - - - men.

**C:**

## Prayer and Praise

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the LORD.

## Gloria in Excelsis

♪ **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,  
We glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

**M:** The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

**C:**

**M:** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:**

## THE WORD

### The First Lesson

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.” <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.”

<sup>4</sup>So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?” <sup>5</sup>He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, “Certainly this is the LORD’s anointed.”

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?” Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.” <sup>12</sup> He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, “Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one.”

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

## The Second Lesson

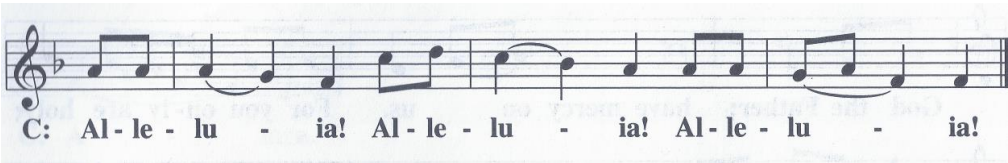
TITUS 3:4-7

<sup>4</sup> But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

## Verse of the Day

MARK 1:11B

**M:** Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

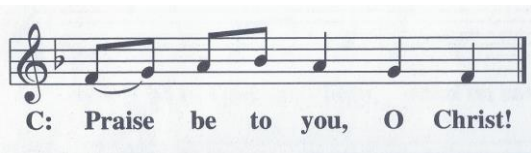


## The Gospel Lesson

LUKE 3:15-17; 21-22

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps 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 he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was 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 Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



## The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one LORD, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### Hymn of the Day

CW RED 366 O JESUS SO SWEET, O JESUS SO MILD

**1. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
For sinners you became a child.  
You came from heaven to fulfill  
Your Father's just and holy will.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

**2. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
With God we now are reconciled.  
You have for all the ransom paid,  
Your Father's righteous anger stayed.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

**3. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!  
Joy fills the world which sin defiled.  
Whate'er we have belongs to you;  
Oh, keep us faithful, strong, and true.  
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

**Sermon – Don't Assume You Know God's Will**

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

# THANKSGIVING

## The Offering

An opportunity to give online can also be used at:  
[Paypal.me/GracePortland](https://www.paypal.me/GracePortland) or by utilizing this QR code:



## Prayer of the Church

### The LORD's Prayer

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation.  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

### Preface

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their glorious song:

### Sanctus

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



**C:** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

**C:**

## Agnus Dei



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD  
*Agnus Dei*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Thank you for honoring our practice of "close" communion. The Bible teaches that participating in the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete unity of faith (1 Cor. 10:17). We lovingly ask, therefore, that before joining in this, the highest act of fellowship, a unity of faith based on the Bible be established through membership in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We are most eager for you to join us in the unity of faith and confession we enjoy.

**1. I leave all things to God's direction;  
 He loves me both in wealth and woe.  
 His will is good, sure his affection;  
 His tender love is true, I know.  
 My fortress and my rock is he:  
 What pleases God, that pleases me.**

**2. God knows what must be done to save me;  
 His love for me will never cease.  
 Upon his hands he did engrave me  
 With purest gold of loving grace.  
 His will supreme must ever be:  
 What pleases God, that pleases me.**

**3. My God desires the soul's salvation;  
 My soul he, too, desires to save.  
 Therefore with Christian resignation  
 All earthly troubles I will brave.  
 His will be done eternally:  
 What pleases God, that pleases me.**

**4. My God has all things in his keeping;  
 He is my ever-faithful friend.  
 He gives me laughter after weeping,  
 And all his ways in blessings end.  
 His love endures eternally:  
 What pleases God, that pleases me.**

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

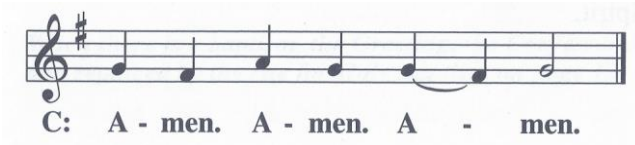
**M:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**C:**

## The Benediction

**M:** The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look on you with favor and † give you peace.



## Closing Hymn

CW BLUE 376 RISE UP AND SHINE

- 1. Rise up and shine! Your light has come;  
God's glory breaks like dawn.  
For though the earth be cloaked in night  
And gloom shrouds ev'ryone,  
Yet over you the Lord will rise  
With glory gleaming clear,  
Till nations turn to seek your light  
And humbled kings draw near.**
- 2. Fling wide your gates, both day and night;  
No more keep watch or guard.  
You will be called God's holy hill,  
The city of the Lord.  
No sound of strife will plague your land,  
Nor harm besiege your ways;  
"Salvation" will you name your walls,  
And all your portals "Praise."**
- 3. No more will you implore the sun  
To shed by day its light,  
Nor will you need the changeful moon  
To glisten through the night.  
Your glory then will be your God,  
Whose light will never cease.  
Rise up and shine! Your light has come  
To give you joy and peace.**