

*January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021*  
*The Baptism of Our Lord*



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Divine Service 10 AM

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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!** We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

**In our readings today:** *“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).*

**Hearing,** Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

**Holy Communion** is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

### **A Prayer Before Worship**

*O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen*

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP BELL**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **WELCOME**

# Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
 4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
 And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
 Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
 Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
 That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Stand

**Invocation** (*God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.*)

*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.

**Confession:** (*We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.*)

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**Absolution:** *(God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.)*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Introit:** *(Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.)*

*Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*

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

**I will tell of the decree:**

**The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

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

**You shall break them with a rod of iron  
 and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
 be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear,  
 and rejoice with trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

## Gloria Patri



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**Kyrie:** (Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.)

LSB 186

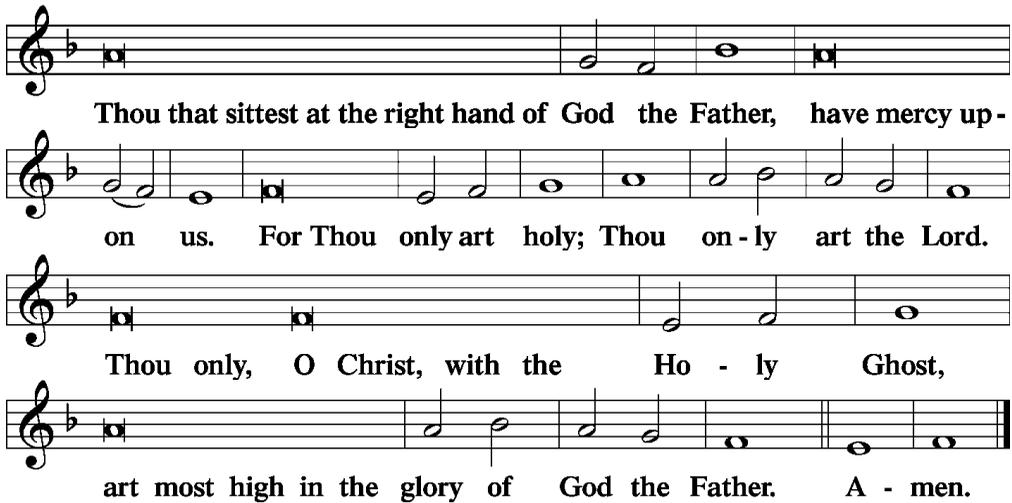
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Hymn of Praise:** (Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.)

**Gloria in Excelsis**

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Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



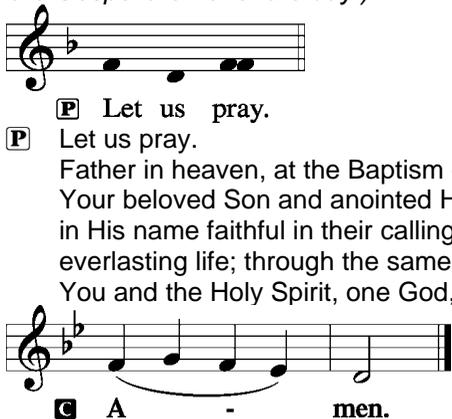
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Salutation:** *(The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.)*



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**Collect:** *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day.)*



**P** Let us pray.  
**P** Let us pray.  
 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.

Sit

**Scripture Readings:** (*Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.*)

**Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 1:1-5*

**P** Today's Old Testament reading is from Genesis, the first chapter

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The 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.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual:** (*The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.*)

*Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

**Extol him, all peoples!**

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**Epistle**

*Romans 6:1-11*

**P** Today's Epistle reading is from Romans, the sixth chapter.

<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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.



**Hymn of the Day:** *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)*

**To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

LSB 405



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom  
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of  
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -  
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the  
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the  
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,  
voice with words pro - found: "This is My Son," was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.  
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.  
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.  
His de - cree, "The one I love, who pleas - es Me."

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| 5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight<br>Anointed Christ in glorious sight<br>As God's own choice, from Adam's fall<br>To save the world and free us all. | 6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;<br>This man is Christ, our substitute!<br>He was baptized in Jordan's stream,<br>Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme. |
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**Sermon "Someone Is in the Water"**

Mark 1:4-11

*(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God's Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)*

**Votum**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- G** Amen.

*Stand*

**Offertory:** (*The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.*) LSB 192

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**Prayer of the Church:** (*The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.*)

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

*Close of the Prayers*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface:** (*The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.*)

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** (Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Is. 6:3; Mt. 21:9).) LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



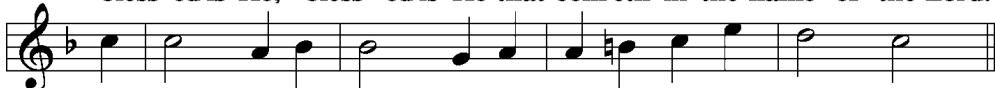
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



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

**Lord's Prayer:** *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray.)*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

**Words of Our Lord:** *(We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.)*

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini:** *(Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.)*

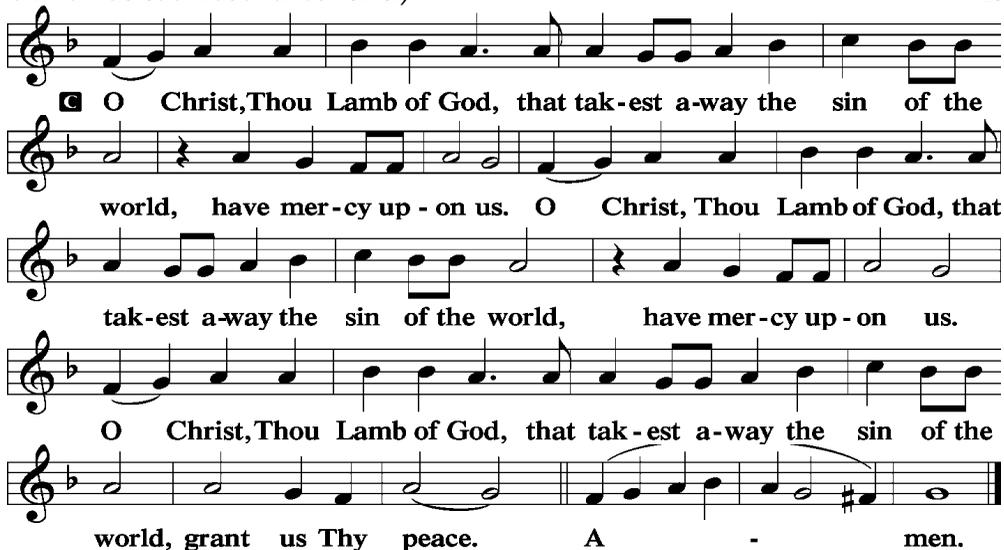
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**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei:** *(Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.)*

LSB 198



**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Distribution

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- G** Amen.

**Post-Communion Cantic:** *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*

## Nunc Dimittis

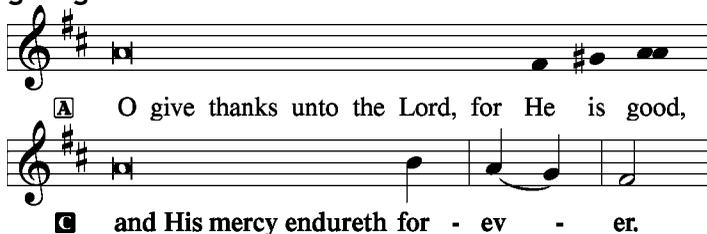
LSB 199



**G** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**Post-Communion Collect:** *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

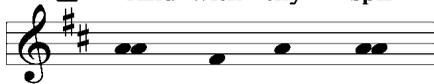
### Benedicamus



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



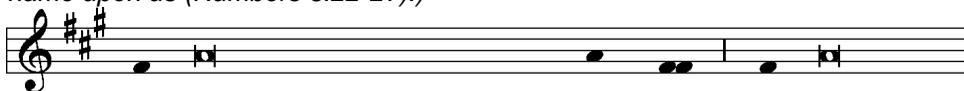
**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction:** *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)*

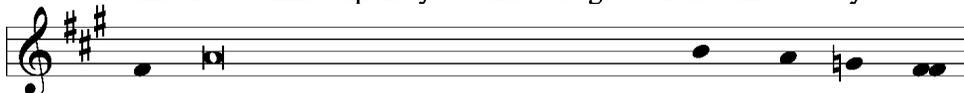
LSB 202



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594



1 God's own child, I gladly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis-turb my soul no long-er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa-tan, hear this proc-la-ma-tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can-not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth-ing worth com-par-ing To this life-long



in-to Christ! He, be-cause I could not pay it,  
 in-to Christ! I have com-fort e-ven strong-er:  
 in-to Christ! Drop your ug-ly ac-cu-sa-tion,  
 in-to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad-ness  
 com-fort sure! O-pen-eyed my grave is star-ning:



Gave my full re-demp-tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je-sus' cleans-ing sac-ri-fice. Should a guilt-y  
 I am not so soon en-ticed. Now that to the  
 To in-her-it par-a-dise! Though I lie in  
 E-ven there I'll sleep se-cre. Though my flesh a-



treas-ures man-y? I have one worth  
 con-science seize me Since my Bap-tism  
 font I've trav-eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash-es Faith's as-sur-ance  
 waits its rais-ing, Still my soul con-



more than an-y That brought me sal-  
 did re-lease me In a dear for-  
 come un-rav-eled, And, a-gainst your  
 bright-ly flash-es: Bap-tism has the  
 tin-ues prais-ing: I am bap-tized



va-tion free Last-ing to e-ter-ni-ty!  
 giv-ing flood, Sprin-king me with Je-sus' blood?  
 tyr-an-ny, God, my Lord, u-nites with me!  
 strength di-vine To make life im-mor-tal mine.  
 in-to Christ; I'm a child of par-a-dise!

**Silent Prayer After Worship**

*Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- DISMISSAL**
- POSTLUDE**

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**The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.**

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**Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service**

<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Davey Kadlecek</b>	<b>Organist(s):</b>	<b>June Parker</b>
<b>Elders:</b>	<b>Jack Page</b>		<b>Esther Wolff</b>
<b>10am Elders:</b>	<b>C. Johannessen</b>		<b>Kim Appel</b>
	<b>Galen Bunte</b>		<b>Ruth Eaton</b>
<b>Trustees:</b>		<b>Altar</b>	<b>Wendy Rohde</b>
		<b>Guild:</b>	<b>Nelda Rohde</b>

**AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b><u>Sun. Jan. 10</u></b>	<b><u>Mon Jan. 11</u></b>	<b><u>Tue. Jan. 12</u></b>	<b><u>Wed. Jan. 13</u></b>
8:30am-Worship/Communion 10am- Worship/Communion 11am-Family Bible Study			5:30pm- Youth Confirmation
<b><u>Thurs. Jan. 14</u></b>	<b><u>Fri. Jan.15</u></b>	<b><u>Sat. Jan. 16</u></b>	<b><u>Sun. Jan. 17</u></b>
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**Ongoing Worship Services at Grace**

Grace continues to offer two worship services each Sunday, one at 8:30 AM and one at 10:00 AM, in order to continue spacing more effectively during the ongoing pandemic. We also continue with a variety of health-conscious practices before, during, and after worship. Our Board of Elders continues to strive toward providing worship opportunities that are not only physically healthy, but especially will build us up spiritually in faith in Christ and together as His Church here in this place.

### Opportunities to Receive God's Gifts Individually

For those who are not yet attending in-person worship, opportunities to receive the gifts of God through other means continue to be available. Please be in touch with me to let me know how I can deliver these gifts of God to you. Even in the midst of a pandemic, no Christian should go without God's gifts in Word and Sacrament. Options include, but are not limited to:

- Live stream the 10:00 AM service on our Facebook page
- Individual appointment to receive Jesus' Body and Blood at Grace
- Socially distant outdoor home visit to receive Jesus' Body and Blood

This offer is made in earnest. ***You are not imposing on my time by requesting this of me; this is precisely why God has given time to me.*** Please let me know how I can best serve you in Christ's name during this time! –Pastor Appel

### Supplies for Increased Gatherings

As you are able, please consider donating supplies that will continue to help us provide a clean environment here at Grace. The items we need most are disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray, and hand sanitizer. Thank you for supporting our congregation in this way!

### Visit with Pastor

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, you can do so via e-mail ([timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto:timothyappel@gmail.com)) or phone (512-237-2108 at church or 512-237-9664 at home). Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Monday through Thursday. He is available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If you are unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (listed on bulletin board outside of Office).

### Online Resources

Each week, our congregation live streams the 10:00 AM Sunday morning on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/](http://www.facebook.com/gracelutheranchurchsmithville/)). If you are unable to be in worship on a particular week, this is a great way that you can still hear the Word of God. It's also a great way to introduce someone to our congregation and the good news about Jesus. You can also go back and listen to sermons from previous weeks. Bulletins and newsletters are also available online at our website, [www.glcs.org](http://www.glcs.org).

### KFUO Bible Study Resources

Please make use of the fantastic resources for growth in your Christian faith produced by the LCMS radio station, KFUO, where Pastor Appel hosts the Bible study, *Sharper Iron*, every weekday morning at 8 AM. **This week on [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org),** study the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and take a moment in creation, scripture, faith, and family on Midday Moments (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or your favorite podcasting app.

### Family Sunday School



Family Sunday School continues at Grace! Please join us after the 11:00AM service each Sunday to learn and rejoice in the Word of God together as the family of Jesus here at Grace! This class is intended for anyone and everyone; whether you are single or married or have lots of kids or have no kids, you are welcome to join us to learn God's Word together. Tables are spaced appropriately throughout the parish hall, with one family per table. Pastor introduces a new Bible story each week, and our learning includes both activities done as individual families and as a large group. We also include a hymn and a craft each week. We finish about 11:45 am. Please join us to learn God's Word together as families and as a congregation!

**Support Grace Lutheran Learning Center**

Our Learning Center continues to navigate the difficult days of the pandemic by God's grace, seeking to serve the children and families of our community with the love of Jesus. As God has blessed you, please prayerfully consider supporting our Learning Center financially. Thank you for your prayers and support of this outreach of our congregation!

**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51



### **New Student Registration**

Any new student who registers for FLHS prior to March 12, 2021 will have registration fees waived for the 2021-2022 school year. Register early to take advantage of this savings! You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.faithlutheranhighschool.com](http://www.faithlutheranhighschool.com).

### **Shadow Days**

Shadow days are a great opportunity for prospective students to follow us for a day and experience what FLHS is all about. Parents, call us today at (979) 242-2889 to set up a shadow day for your child.

### **Raffle Items**

The Spring Raffle is just around the corner. The Board of Directors is currently looking for valuable items or monetary donations to be used in the raffle. Please contact Nikki Kueck if you have something to donate! Thank you!

### **Free Wednesday mornings?**

Join us for our weekly Chapel Worship Service every Wednesday. Chapel this week will be led by Camp Lone Star, beginning at 10:30 am.

### **End of Year Giving**

Thank you for your support of Faith Lutheran High School during our End of Year giving. We were blessed through generous contributions from many of you. We are still accepting donations if you missed out but would like to support the ministry and growth of FLHS. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mrs. Kueck at (979) 242-2889.

### **Thank you!**

Everyone at FLHS is blessed by each gift that we receive from our supporters. It's not about the size of the gift, but the cheerful attitude that gives thanks to God (2 Corinthians 9:7). Whether your gift seems big or small, it is greatly appreciated and makes a bigger impact than you know! Thank you!

### **Share the Gift of Love**

Faith Lutheran High School has a unique role in combining knowledge and God's love in a student's high school experience. We are partnering with families at the intersection of education and faith development. If you would like to support our ministry through a one-time or enduring gift, Thrivent Action Grant or volunteer your time and talents, please contact Mrs. Nikki Kueck