



Grace

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*Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about
“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”*

*If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **10:30a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.*

You can follow the whole service here in this folder as well as on the displays. Some parts of the service will be found in the burgundy “Lutheran Service Book” hymnals in the pew back.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 9, 2022

Today in Worship

- The “epiphany,” the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah, began with the coming of the Magi from the East. This “epiphany” now continues as our Lord’s active earthly ministry begins at the hands of John the Baptist and His Baptism in the Jordan River. As the Holy Spirit comes upon His human flesh and the voice from heaven declares Him to be the Son of God, so our Baptism gives us “the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12–13).
- To be thus “born again” is nothing less than to have heaven opened to us with the power of God’s gifts of faith, hope, love, and the perseverance to live as God’s children now.

Ringling of the Bells

Welcome

Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #594
“God’s Own Child I Gladly Say It”

1. God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

5. There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P With these words you are baptized into Christ and given the new birth of water and the Spirit.

C So shall we stand in faith without fear now and forever.

Confession & Absolution

P Yet even as God's people in this world, when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find that we daily struggle against our weakness and sin that so easily besets us. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C **God our Father, though You have made us Your own possession by our Baptism into Christ, still we struggle to live as Your redeemed children in this fallen world. Therefore, we confess our sin and weakness to You and in repentance pray You of Your mercy to forgive our sins and grant us Your grace and strength.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ☩ everlasting.

C Amen.

10:30 Service

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Ben Andrew Witte
Son of Mark and Sarah Witte

Introit Psalm

Psalm 2:7-11; *antiphon*: Ps. 42:1a

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
C my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

P I will tell of the decree:

C 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,

C and the ends of the earth your possession.

P You shall break them with a rod of iron

C 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.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

C my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

Kyrie

Lutheran Service Book p. 152-153

Gloria in Excelsis

Lutheran Service Book p. 154

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

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.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

"Israel's only Savior"

L The Old Testament Reading for the Baptism of our Lord is from Isaiah, chapter 43.

¹ But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,

and honored, and I love you,

I give men in return for you,

peoples in exchange for your life.

⁵ Fear not, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you.
⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of the earth,
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:1-11

“Dead to sin, alive to God”

L The Epistle Reading is from Romans, chapter six.

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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.

⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Mark 1:11b

P Alleluia. You are My beloved Son,

C with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15-22

"The heavens were opened"

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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."

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² 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 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Confession of Faith

Luther's Small Catechism on Holy Baptism

P What is Baptism?

C **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

P Which is that word of God?

C **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt 28:19)**

P What benefits does Baptism give?

C It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

P Which are these words and promises of God?

C Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

(Mark 16:16)

Message for Children from God's Word

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #407

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

1. To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Father's pleasure;
Baptized by John, the Father's Word Was given us to treasure.

This heav'nly washing now shall be A cleansing from transgression
And by His blood and agony Release from death's oppression.

A new life now awaits us.

2. O hear and mark the message well, For God Himself has spoken.

Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell And so receive this token.

Our Lord here with His Word endows Pure water, freely flowing.

God's Holy Spirit here avows Our kinship while bestowing

The Baptism of His blessing.

3. These truths on Jordan's banks were shown By mighty word and wonder.

The Father's voice from heav'n came down, Which we do well to ponder:

"This man is My beloved Son, In whom My heart has pleasure.

Him you must hear, and Him alone, And trust in fullest measure

The word that He has spoken."

4. There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to us extending;

The Holy Spirit like a dove Upon the scene descending;

The triune God assuring us, With promises compelling,

That in our Baptism He will thus Among us find a dwelling

To comfort and sustain us.

5. To His disciples spoke the Lord, "Go out to ev'ry nation,
And bring to them the living Word And this My invitation:
Let ev'ryone abandon sin And come in true contrition
To be baptized and thereby win Full pardon and remission
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6. But woe to those who cast aside This grace so freely given;
They shall in sin and shame abide And to despair be driven.
For born in sin, their works must fail, Their striving saves them never;
Their pious acts do not avail, And they are lost forever,
Eternal death their portion.

7. All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing'
The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

Sermon

Offering

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

— Isaiah 43:1a

We encourage you to place your offering in the dropbox in the narthex before service. When the usher brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord's Word this morning.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P ...let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude:

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son.

With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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8:00 a.m. Service

Lord's Prayer

The Closing Prayer

P Thank You, Lord of all creation, for bringing joy into this heartbroken world. For the joy of creation, the beauty that points us to You as the Creator of all,

C we thank You, Lord.

P For the joy of saving Noah and his family in the flood, and likewise saving us through the flood of Holy Baptism,

C we thank You, Lord.

P For the joy of the Exodus in the Red Sea where through the waters You brought Your people from slavery into Your freedom,

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P For the joy of John the Baptist, who at the Baptism of Jesus, heard the Father proclaim over Jesus "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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P For the joy of Jesus, Your Son, who proclaimed, taught, and demonstrated the coming Kingdom, and who suffered, died, rose, and ascended,

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Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- Ⓟ The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- Ⓞ Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #603
“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
2. We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
3. The Father’s splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit’s power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

This concludes the 8:00 a.m. Service



Service of the Sacrament

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



The Proper Preface

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Lutheran Service Book p. 163

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Lutheran Service Book p. 163

Pax Domini *"The Peace of Our Lord"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei *"Lamb of God"*

Lutheran Service Book p. 163



G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #395

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God’s own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,
Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!

Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!

2. Come, heav’nly Bride-groom, Light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily Earth’s deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,
Yet with heav’nly joy You bless us.

3. Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav’nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us
God’s own love through You has reached us.

4. Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth’s foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,
Keep us Yours and fails us never!

5. O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev’ry day! His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6. What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transports us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

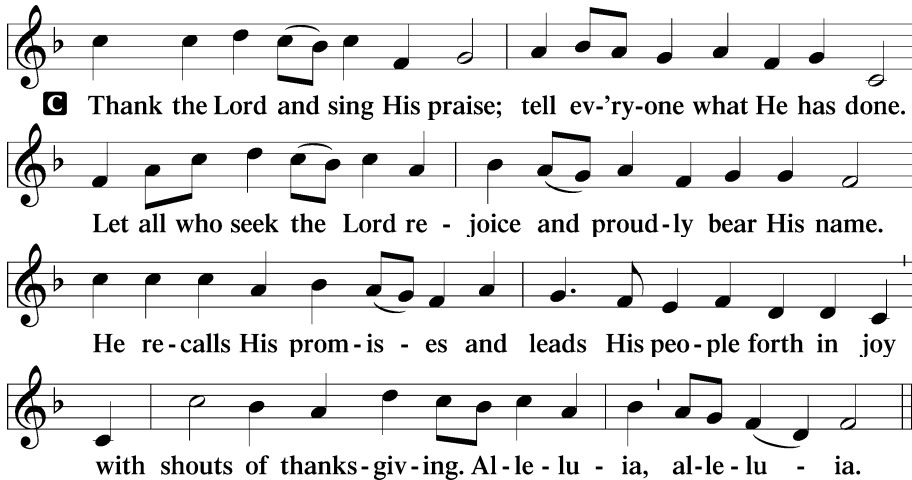
Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #399

“The Star Proclaims the King is Here”

1. The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For, He who offers heav’nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.
2. The eastern sages saws from far And followed on His guiding star;
And, led by light, to light they trod And by their gifts confessed their God.
3. Within the Jordan’s sacred flood The heav’nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.
4. And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne’er bestowed.
- Δ 5. For this His glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

Post-Communion Canticle “Thank the Lord” Lutheran Service Book p. 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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