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Baptism of Our Lord



Introduction to the day

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Food pantry need: cereal and soup
Attendance for January 4.2026 - 35

PRELUDE

please stand if you are able.

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

☩ one God,

the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

Here local bodies of water may be named.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

GATHERING SONG

(ELW 311)

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Music: Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Leader or All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no-so - tros. Cris - to, ten pie - dad.
O Lord, have . . . mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer - cy.

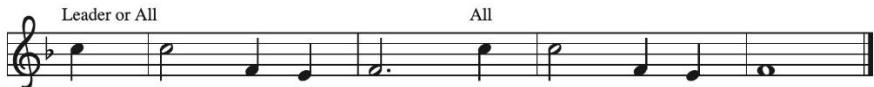
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Leader or All

All



Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Have mer - cy, O Lord. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Have mer - cy, O Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

1 ¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

¡Glo-ria a Dios, glo-ria a Dios, glo - ria en los cie - los!
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre! ¡A Dios la glo-ria por siem - pre!
To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! To God be glo-ry for - ev - er!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!
Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén! ¡A - le - lu - ya! ¡A - mén!

2 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to Christ Jesus!

2 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria a Jesucristo!

3 Glory to God,
glory to God,
glory to the Spirit!

3 ¡Gloria a Dios,
gloria a Dios,
gloria al Espíritu!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

Word God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
 my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
 he will bring forth justice to the nations.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;

³ a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.

⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
 until he has established justice in the earth,
 and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
 who created the heavens and stretched them out,
 who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
 who gives breath to the people upon it
 and spirit to those who walk in it:

⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
 I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
 a light to the nations,

⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to idols.

⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
 and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
 I tell you of them.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due God's name;**
worship the Lord in the beauty 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 powerful 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 cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷ The voice | of the Lord
 bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord | shakes the wilderness;**
the Lord shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the |
forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are | crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;**
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

¹¹ O Lord, give strength | to your people;
 give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he

rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

(ELW 450)

I Bind unto Myself Today

Text: attr. Patrick, 372–466; para. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895

Music sts. 1–3, 5: Irish melody Music st. 4: Irish melody

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Steadfast God, give courage to your servant church. Heal our divisions and unite us in mission. Uphold our lay leaders, missionaries, pastors, and bishops, and all who proclaim hope in a broken world. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Restoring God, cleanse the life-giving waters of rivers, seas, and springs. Create in us an urgent desire to preserve the beauty and bounty of your good creation. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Righteous God, you guide the nations. Reconcile warring enemies and end cycles of violent retribution. Defend the rights of prisoners, detainees, and all who flee from persecution. Sustain international aid workers and peacemakers. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Compassionate God, you care for all in distress. Provide safety and support for those seeking asylum or in need of shelter. Be near to the dying, and comfort all who are grieving or ill. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Loving God, awaken the gifts of the Spirit in this congregation, that we may serve Christ by loving one another, our neighbors, and our enemies. We pray for travelers and those who are homebound.
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Promising God, in baptism we die and rise with Christ. We give thanks for those who have gone before us, and we trust that we will join them in your everlasting peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Then the assembly is seated.

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING *Come and See* (ACS 976)

Come and See

The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major, 2/4 time. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the alto voice, and the bottom staff for the basso continuo. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with the first line 'What are you looking for?' appearing above the soprano staff, 'Come,' below the basso continuo staff, and 'see,' above the alto staff. The second line 'come and see.' appears below the alto staff, 'What are you' above the soprano staff, and 'look - ing for?' below the basso continuo staff. The third line 'Come and see. Come and see.' appears above the soprano staff, below the alto staff, and below the basso continuo staff respectively. The music features various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. Measure lines and repeat signs are also present.

Text: Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962, from John 1:38-39

Music: COME AND SEE, Robert A. Hobby

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of majesty,

no eye has seen, no ear has heard

what you have prepared for those who love you,

yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.

Use what we have gathered

to feed us with the reign of God come near,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting
life. And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

San-to, san - to, san - to Dios de glo - ria y po - der,
 Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God of pow - er and might,

cie - los y tie - rra pro - cla - man tu glo - ria.
 heav - en and earth . . . are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ben - di - to a - quel que vie - ne en el nom - bre de Dios.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na en los cie - los.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O holy God:

you are the Life and Light of all.

By your powerful word you created all things.

Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Remembering, therefore,
his preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - men.

SONG DURING COMMUNION

(ACS 955)

Come to the Water of Life

1 All who are thirst-y for mer-cy,
2 All who are thirst-y for heal-ing,
3 All who are thirst-y for beau-ty,
4 All who are thirst-y for jus-tice,
love; all who are thirst-y for love, for mer-cy,
touch; all who are thirst-y for touch, for heal-ing,
truth; all who are thirst-y for truth, for beau-ty,
peace; all who are thirst-y for peace, for jus-tice,
come: come to the Wa-ter of life.
come: come to the Wa-ter of life.
come: come to the Wa-ter of life.
come: come to the Wa-ter of life.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God,

we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

In the sacrament of his body and blood

you have drawn us to your heart.

Send us from this table with delight,

that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,

and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (ACS 988)

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in Je - sus' name
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the bur-dened free;
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter joy like seed
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel to pro - claim.



to bring glad tid - ings to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.
and, all our days, to cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
God's Spir - it has em - pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: SANTA MONICA, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

BREAD LOAF OFFERING - JANUARY- Energy Assistance

- Please be advised that the Fellowship Hall (North and South sides) will be closed to all meetings from January 5th until January 16th. We do have other areas available for meetings, and you are more than welcome to use them. Kindly inform us of your intended meeting location so we can ensure the space is reserved and no one else uses that room during your scheduled time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at office.gracelutheran@gmail.com or call (260) 244-7118, ext. 1.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

- If you would like to submit a report for the congregational meeting, please send it to Office.gracelutheran@gmail.com by Jan 15th.
- Our annual congregational meeting will be held on January 25th right after church service. The church will be providing Fried Chicken and drinks. We will be passing around a sign up sheet for sides and desserts as we get closer to the date. Please put this on your calendar. Thank You
- Food Pantry needs, with the colder weather the need for Soup increases. While we still need Cereal and Peanut Butter, we could also use Soup as well.
- This month's Bread Loaf offering will go to the Whitley County Ministerial Association for energy assistance. This program has been in place for years and has helped many residents in our community that are struggling with energy bills. With the colder temperatures that we had earlier in November and December, their funds are running low. If you have any questions please reach out to Pastor Matt or Joe Freiburger

Weekly Agenda at Grace Lutheran Church

Monday January 12, 2025

Fellowship Hall Closed

Helping hands 12:30 pm

Financial Team 5:30 pm

Church council 6:30 pm

Scouting America Troop 84 6:30 pm

AA 7:30 pm

Tuesday January 13, 2025

Fellowship Hall Closed

T.O.P.S 9:30 am

Staff Meeting 3:40 pm

Cubscouts Pack 3082 6:30 pm

Wednesday January 14, 2025

Fellowship Hall Closed

Men's Breakfast 8 am

Food Pantry 12 pm

Voucher 4 pm

Thursday January 15, 2026

Fellowship Hall Closed

AA 7:30 pm

Al-non 7:30 pm

Friday January 16, 2026

Pastor's Day Off

Fellowship Hall Closed

Food Pantry 12 pm

Saturday January 17, 2026

Sunday January 18, 2026

Worship @ Hope 8:15 am

Worship @ Grace 10:00 am

Fellowship 11:15 am

Sunday school 11:15 am

We have new sign-up sheets in the parish hall, for coffee hour. Coffee hour will be after church service, for anyone that would like to stay.