



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

January 12, 2020
Baptism of Our Lord

Welcome to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Note to Visitors

Thank you for worshiping at Grace today. We invite you to fill out a yellow "Welcome" card and place it in the offering plate. For more information about Grace and its ministries, please visit our website www.graceboone.org or speak with a member of the Hospitality Ministry or one of our ushers who are waiting in the Narthex. Please join us at 8:45 a.m. for our Coffee Hour, hosted by members and ministries of the church.

During Worship:

- Bulletin Notes: Congregation responses are in BOLD print; "ELW" refers to the red hymnal; "WOV" refers to the blue hymnal; The Holy Bible is in the lower racks below the pews.
- Devices for the hearing impaired and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.
- Please turn off all cell phones or place in silent mode.
- We especially welcome and encourage families with young children to join us for worship. Quiet bags are available with the ushers. Sunday School is held at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and the children are invited to attend Children's Church following the Children's Sermon.
- Nursery care is available for children up to 4 years old.
- To reach the restrooms and water fountain, exit through the double doors at the back of the Sanctuary and turn right.
- Sermons, worship bulletins, the newsletter, and information about upcoming events are available online at www.graceboone.org.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Affirmation of Welcome

In the name of Jesus, who invites us with reconciling love and grace to join in the kingdom of God, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church welcomes all who profess, or seek to profess, Jesus Christ as their Savior. Believing that the Gospel is God's gift to all, we rejoice in the diversity of God's people and welcome all, regardless of age, cultural and economic background, ethnic and linguistic heritage, gender, marital status, physical and mental ability, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. We are all one in God's eyes, sharing in the free gifts of the Gospel and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, we encourage all to take part in the life of this congregation as we worship, witness and openly share the love of God through Christ our Lord.

Today's Worship Theme

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.

✠ GATHER ✠

WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please hold a time of quiet prayer and reflection. Prayer cards may be held up to be collected by Ushers.

Please stand and face the Baptismal font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Amen.

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.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Please turn with the cross as the crucifer processes forward.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN -"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"- 445 ELW

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.

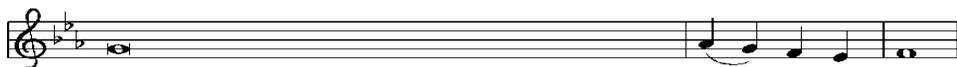
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



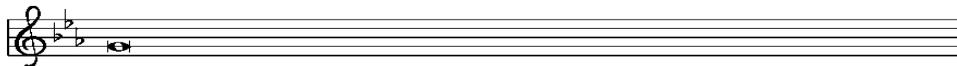
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



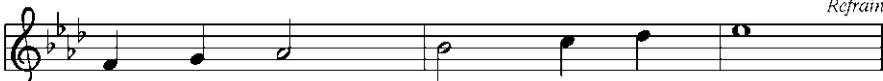
Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

✠WORD✠

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S TIME & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The children are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon and then are invited to the Sunday School classrooms upstairs to learn the Creeds and the Lord's Prayer, make crafts and to talk more about the readings for the day. The children will return to the worship service before Holy Communion is distributed.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

¹Here 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. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

⁵Thus 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: ⁶I 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, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le - lu - jah, ___ hal-le - lu - jah, ___ hal-le - lu - jah, ___ ha-le - lu ___

8
jah. Hal-le - lu - jah, ___ hal - le - lu - jah, ___ hal - le -

13
lu - jah, ___ hal - le - lu ___ jah. ___

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 3:3-17

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY - "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" – 304 ELW

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

Please kneel as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayer ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Please stand.

PEACE

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, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

✠ MEAL ✠

Please be seated.

OFFERING – "Baptized and Set Free" – John Helgen

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN - "As with Gladness Men of Old" – 302 ELW verse 3

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Giver of every good thing, we set before you the gifts that you have already given to sustain our lives and to share with others. Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

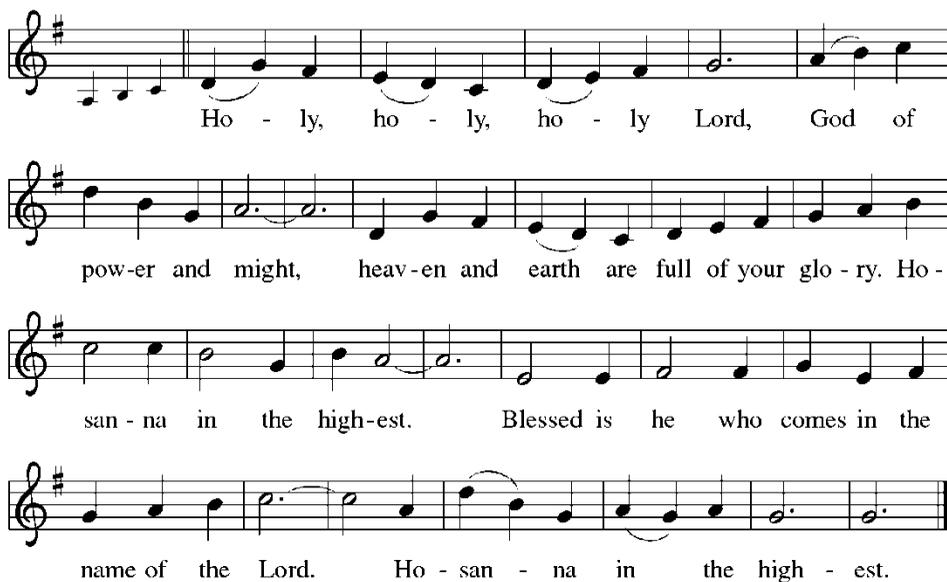
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy..... join their unending hymn of praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

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

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.

Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Holy Communion will be served at the head of the aisle by intinction. Please come forward in two rows by the center aisle. Receive the bread and dip it into the wine (first cup) or the grape juice (second cup). The bread served today is gluten and dairy free. Anyone who may require the sacrament to be brought to their seats should alert an usher.

This is the Lord's Table so all who seek Christ's true presence promised to us through this bread and wine, body and blood, are welcome and invited.

COMMUNION SONG



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, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION SONGS

"This Is the Spirit's Entry Now" -448 ELW

"Baptized in Water" -456 ELW

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN - "Remember and Rejoice"—454 ELW

Please turn with the cross as the crucifer returns to the entrance.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share God's love.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| Preaching | <i>Vicar Christopher Shealy</i> |
| Liturgist | <i>Vicar Christopher Shealy</i> |
| Assisting Minister | <i>Jan Burgess</i> |
| Lector | <i>Kristie Evans</i> |
| Healing Prayers | <i>Judy Michael & Jill Venable</i> |
| Acolyte | <i>TBD</i> |
| Crucifer | <i>TBD</i> |
| Director of Music | <i>Libby Brown</i> |
| Organist | <i>Susan Frank</i> |
| Altar Guild | <i>Cathy Ritchie</i> |
| Greeters | <i>Annette Clinebell</i> |
| Ushers | <i>Gail Lund & Ron Schuette, Denise Martz, Susan McKay, Joel Ritchie</i> |
| Nursery Volunteers | <i>TBD & Katherine Webb</i> |
| Card Ministry | <i>Carol McCubbins</i> |
| Pew Helper | <i>Sandy Moretz</i> |
| Fellowship Host | <i>Roger Bodo</i> |

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by David & Janice Koppenhaver

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning to the glory of God.

Additions to the Prayer List :

All those fighting for peace around the world.

US Military Personnel and their families, for world peace, and for safe return from deployment.

Sunday, January 12th

9:00 am Sunday School & Coffee Hour
10:00am Worship (S)
11:30 am Ringers of Grace Rehearsal (CR)

Monday, January 13th

8:30 am Wildwood (CH)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
5:30 pm Executive Team (O)
6:45 pm AA (LLFH)

Tuesday, January 14th

8:30 am Wildwood (CH)
8:30 am Wood Lot Workday (OS)
10:00 am Appalachian Seniors (FH)
6:45 pm Women's Bible Study (FH)
8:00pm AA (LLFH)

Wednesday, January 15th

10:00 am Quilters (QR)
4:45 pm Via de Cristo (C)
5:00 pm Connect Night Dinner (FH)
6:00 pm Faith Formation (SS, LLFH); Choir Rehearsal (CL); LSA (FH)
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer (S)

Thursday, January 16th

8:30 am Wildwood(CH)
9:30 am Via de Cristo (C)
10:30 am Bible Study (C)

Friday, January 17th

Saturday, January 18th

9:00 am Piano/Organ Rehearsal (S)

Sunday, January 19th

9:00 am Sunday School & Coffee Hour
10:00am Worship (S)
11:30 am Ringers of Grace Rehearsal (CR)

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Attendance:

December 24 – 4pm 125 & 7pm 239

December 29, 2019 – 94

January 5, 2020 - 95

Readings for January 19th

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Key ~C – Chapel; CR – Choir Room; CH – Councill House; FH – Fellowship Hall; L – Library; LLFH – Lower Level Fellowship Hall; N – Nursery; O – Church Office; P – Parlor; QR – Quilter's Room; S – Sanctuary; VdC – Via de Cristo Reunion Groups; Off Site – OS; SS – Sunday School Rooms

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Setting 1

| Giving Report | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Giving as of November 30, 2019</i> | | | |
| November Giving | November Budgeted Giving | Year-to-Date Giving | Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving |
| \$24,766.39 | \$25,000.00 | \$66,288.69 | \$75,000.00 |

Altar Flowers

It is time to look forward to 2020 and to select your week to place flowers in the Sanctuary. The cost did not change. It will again be \$74.73, which covers the cost of the flowers and delivery. You may do this individually, or you may invite someone to share with you and split the cost. The new flower chart for sign-up is posted in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Hauser, Flower Ministry Coordinator.

Invitation for Ringers and Singers

Happy New Year!!! If you have been thinking how much you love music and are looking for a fun group to sing or ring with... Or you used to be in an ensemble and miss the music and fellowship.... We have the place for you!!! Consider becoming a part of the music ministry at Grace... Now is the perfect time to join the Ringers of Grace or Chancel Choir!!! The Ringers of Grace provide music for worship approximately one Sunday a month and rehearse every Sunday after morning worship. The Chancel Choir leads worship and provides special music weekly for the 10:00 service and rehearses every Wednesday at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Contact Libby Brown (Libbster9988@gmail.com) for more information or just come to rehearsal next Wednesday or Sunday!!!

Dorcas -- New Year's Party

Normally Dorcas has an ugly sweater/tie Christmas Party but this year we will be having a Glittery & Glamorous New Year's Party at the home of Charlene and George Sox (605 Fieldstream, Boone) on Saturday, January 11, at 5 p.m. Bring a dish to share for the celebration. We look forward to celebrating the New Year with you!

Faith Formation

1. Tuesday, 01/14/20 @ 7:00 p.m. – Parents, organizers and group leaders for Faith Formation meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The Faith Formation Team will be gathering at Ransom to plan future ministry activities for the coming year. You won't want to miss out on this night of fun & fellowship!
2. Wednesday, 01/15/20@ 5:30 p.m. – Wednesday nights are Connect Nights! Join us once a month for a fun evening with dinner served @ 5:30 p.m.; groups then break out at 6:00 p.m. for discussions around the church. High school youth will meet in the Youth Room upstairs and Confirmation will meet downstairs in the Lower Level Fellowship Hall. Later, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, we will close the evening with a Holden Evening Prayer Service.
3. Women's Bible Study - Starting Tuesday, January 7, at 6:45 p.m. in the Grace Fellowship Hall, Dana Holden will be leading us in an 8-week study of Paul's letters. The title of the study is "*Dear Church...Love, Paul.*" We will continue to meet weekly on Tuesdays except for the third Tuesday (due to Reading Between the Wines book club) for 8 studies. Let's start the New Year off right by getting into God's Word!

Campus Ministry

LSA starts back on January 15!

The Lutheran Students of Appalachian are heading on their annual spring break trip next semester and we need your help! This school year we will be heading to Charleston, South Carolina, to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. We are so excited to head out on this trip and support others! Please help send us on our way by sponsoring a student for a day of work with Habitat (or a whole week)! Thank you for all of your prayers and your help; we appreciate you and your kindness!

Sponsors -- If you'd like to make a donation, please place a check made out to "Grace Lutheran Church," memo: LSA mission Trips, in offering plate or Deacon Stacey's office box.

- A student for a day of Habitat: \$25
- A student for two days of Habitat: \$50
- A student for three days of Habitat: \$75
- A student for the week of Habitat: \$100
- The rental van: \$700
- Food for the week per student: \$150

Reading Between the Wines - December

Join Grace's book club that meets the third Tuesday of each month. In January we will meet to discuss the book, "*A Gentleman in Moscow*" by Amor Towles on January 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Casa Rustica. See you there!