

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
**January 12, 2020**  
**9:30 A.M.**

**WELCOME TO GRACE**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*stand as you are able*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

**C Amen.**

P As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God who searches us and knows us,

**C you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven.



Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

**C Amen**

### **Gathering Hymn**

'Brightest and Best of the Stars'

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### **Greeting**

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

**C And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P 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.

**C Amen**

*please be seated*

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 42:1-9

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

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

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

### **Second Reading**

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify

about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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**Gospel Acclamation** ‘Alleluia’ p. 151

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel**

Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>And 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. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*please be seated*

**Children’s Sermon**

**Sermon**

## Hymn of the Day

'Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized'

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*stand as you are able*

## Apostles' Creed

p. 105

## Prayers of Intercession

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We place our prayers before you, God, united  
in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**Peace** *The people greet one another saying:  
"Peace be with you". (If you are not feeling well,  
please do not shake hands but rather use other  
appropriate greetings.)*

*please be seated*

## Offering

*stand as you are able*

## Offertory

'Alleluia, Song of Gladness' vs 1

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## Offering Prayer

A Giver of every good thing,

**C 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

p.152-153 & p. 132

## Lord's Prayer

p. 134

*please be seated*

## **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

## **Hymns at the Distribution**

'Lamb of God'	p. 154
'Baptized in Water'	<b>456</b>
'Bread of Life from Heaven'	<b>474</b>

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## **Table Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

A Faithful God,

**C you have kept your promise to us in this meal, nourishing us with the gift of salvation. Now send your servants forth in peace, that we may testify to your goodness and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

P May Christ, the wisdom and power of God, and the source of our life together, keep you united in mind and purpose. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**C Amen**

**Sending Hymn** 'People, Look East' **310**

### **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Let your light shine.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Prayer Huddle**

### **Other Music:**

Prelude: "Prayer for Unity" by Kevin Keil & "Aria" by W. A. Mozart

Offertory: "Praise to the Lord" arranged by Phillip Keveren

Postlude: "Shout to the Lord/Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arranged by Susan Naylor Callaway



**Worship Assistants: January 12**

**Greeters:** Mason – Bob & Sharon Meier  
East – Linda Grebe

**Assisting Ministers:** Mandie Klauer

**Lector:** Cheryl Muggenthaler

**Communion:** Deb Werth

**Ushers:** Dennis Pringnitz, Gary Schroeder, Joyce Learman

**Accompanist:** Becky Luett

**Attendance 01/05/20:** 9:30 – 58

**Grilled Cheese Lunch: 01/02/20:** 62

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***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Donny Kassube.

***For Healing*** Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Margaret Congdon; Mike VerKuilen; Lloyd Learman; Charlotte Endorf; Marian Breitenfeldt; Bev; Jim Marks; Darlene, Linda Grebe's mom; Judy Cross; Tom Muggenthaler; Gene Krull; Ole Olson; Gerry Kerwell; Joyce; Ken and Edna; Paula.

***For those with cancer*** especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Kenny Verdegan; Louie Dumke; Sam Strong; Barb; Megan Scovronski.

***For Comfort*** to the family of Ellen Holz who passed away January 6<sup>th</sup>.

***"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer."*** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (422-1090) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

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## **Announcements**

Thank you for **signing the card** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

Check out the **Grace Web Site** [www.gracelutheranappleton.org](http://www.gracelutheranappleton.org) for updated information about our congregation. We also have a feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

**Snow shoveling** is upon us once again. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex. Can you help? It really helps for everyone to know it is taken care of. Thank you in advance for all the help.

Once again it is the **season of snow**. In case of extreme weather, Grace will announce any closures thru the radio on WHBY 1150 AM and thru the TV on station WBAY (ABC).

**2019 End of year Statements** are available now on the table in the narthex in a box. By law we have to mail out any that are over \$600.00 if not picked up. If you visit with our shut ins or have relatives that haven't picked theirs up, please do so for them.

If you give through your bank, remember to update your **envelope number**, in the account Section, to your **2020 envelope number**. If you haven't picked up your 2020 envelope, please do so today.

**Devotional Books** for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2020 are on the table in the narthex. Please take one if interested.

During this cold and flu season, there is now **hand sanitizer** by the front pew if you would like to use it before communion.

**GRACE VISITORS** The care team is looking for 2-3 people who are willing to meet and develop a friendly relationship with a less mobile member of our church family. As we age, we tend to stay home more, and that can get quiet and lonely...or just boring. The care team would match you with one individual who you would visit once a month and perhaps send a card or call them an additional time each month. That's all. Please contact Sharon Meier, 739-4291, for more information. You are needed!

**FVLH** would like to invite ALL people who enjoy singing to consider joining the choir at FVLH. We practice on Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30. We sing at the monthly worship and communion service at FVLH held at 9:30 AM on the 1st Thursday of each month. We make a Joyful Noise! No auditions required!

Call Becky Luett (920-594-2016) if you have questions. Rehearsals to start back up after Christmas break on January 16.

**LOAVES & FISHES MEAL:** 5:30-6:30pm, Mon., Wed. & Fri. nights at St. Therese Parish Activity Center. Dining room opens at 5pm. Parking off Summer Street. Entrance at East end of the building through the double glass doors. FREE meals are for anyone. Volunteers needed to help 10:15am. All are welcome! Call 920-750-0964 or email [staff@loavesandfishesfv.org](mailto:staff@loavesandfishesfv.org).

## GRACE FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Jan 12** ..... 9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

**Monday, Jan 13** .....7:30 pm AA Meeting  
6:30 pm Joy Circle

**Tuesday, Jan 14** .....8:30 am Quilters

**Wednesday, Jan 15** ..... 9:00 am Bible Study  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Thursday, Jan 16** .....No Grilled Cheese

**Friday, Jan 17** ..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Jan 18** .....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

**Sunday, Jan 19** ..... 9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 am Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. Potter's House Worship

