

Name of Jesus

January 1, 2017

Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO GRACE

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, † one God, now and forever.

C Amen

P Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.
silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious God,

C in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen

P I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:

To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Angels, from the Realms of Glory'

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Greeting

P A child is born to us!
A son is given to us!
His name is Jesus.
God be with you.

C And also with you.

Be seated

Hymn of Praise

'How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds' vs. 1-3

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray
Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

First Reading

Numbers 6:22-27

²²The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. ²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

'Angels We Have Heard on High' vs 1

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Stand as you are able.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

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

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:15-21

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. ²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Be Seated

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

'From Heaven Above' vs 1-3, 12-14

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Stand as you are able

Nicene Creed

p. 104

Prayer of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Peace

The people greet one another saying: "Peace be with you."

Be seated. The offering is presented.

Offering

Stand as you are able.

Offertory

'Angels We Have Heard on High' vs 3

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Offering Prayer

A God with us:

C You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P Wonderful Counselor!

C Mighty God!

P Everlasting Father!

C Prince of Peace!

P We bless your Name forever!

C Light of Light!

P Lord of Lords!

C King of Kings!

P Emmanuel, God with us!

C We bless your Name forever!

P True God, Giver of Life, Word of our Creator, Spirit of Counsel and Might; God of our essence, be with us now as we join in the celebration of your love.

Words of Institution

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

'Your Little Ones, Dear Lord'	286
'Love Has Come'	292
'The Bells of Christmas'	298

Stand as you are able

Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A On this day, O God,

C you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Benediction

P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always.

C Amen

Closing Hymn 'Joy to the World' **267**

Dismissal

A Glory to God in the highest!

C Peace to God's people on earth!

A Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Assistants: January 1

Assisting Minister: Ron Williams

Lectors: Mark Balkman

8:30 Communion: Dennis Pringnitz

10:30 Communion: Deb Werth

Ushers: Marty Grow, Laury Grow, Brian Klauer, Kathy Lanska

Organist / Pianist: Diane Bailey

Preacher / President: Pastor Vicki Fink

Attendance 12/24	99
12/25	8:30 a.m. 29 10:30 8

In Prayer this Week

For members on the Care List especially Earl Breitenfeldt, Adeline Elias, Ellen Holz

For those in Hospice Care especially Earl Breitenfeldt.

For Healing for 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 has multiple medical issues and has decided to lay low for a month and asks for prayers for trust, patience and healing.

For those with cancer especially Melissa Heins, Gene and Karen Krull's daughter; Mark Catlin; Robyn Messenger, Deb Baumbach's sister; and Roger Schmidt.

In Thanksgiving for 12 days of Christmas Joy

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



If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) 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.

Announcements

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 8th at 9:30 a.m.

The Council has approved the recommendation of the Call Committee to extend a half-time call to Pastor Dan Luett. This special meeting will be an opportunity for discussion and a congregational vote.

During cold and flu season, some prefer to not shake hands. You may share God's Peace using a healthful alternative, such as patting a shoulder, bumping fists or elbows, or placing your hand over your heart.

Council News, Council Minutes will be posted each month on the bulletin board above the magazine rack in the Gathering Area. The minutes will also be available by email. Contact Sarah (Grace54914@gmail.com) to be included on the distribution list each month.

Hospitality Volunteers needed. Please sign up on the table in the gathering area if you can provide treats between services.

Piano Recital You are invited for a fantastic piano recital January 4 at 7:00 p.m. Tammy Li, a piano performance major at Lawrence University, will present a program which will last about an hour. Free admission.

A reminder! Contributions for 2016 need to be in by December 31 or check is dated in December. Giving Statements will be completed in January and available in the Gathering Area. If you are unable to pick up your statement, please let the office know and we will mail it to you. Thank you. Cheryl Muggenthaler

The Preschool from Lincoln Elementary will continue to meet at Grace through the school year! A person to do light cleaning Monday - Thursday for one hour each day is needed. Contact Dave Lease (843-1364).

GRACE FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday Jan. 1**.....8:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)
- Monday, Jan. 2**..... 10:30 a.m. W&M Mtg.
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday Jan.**6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- Wed., Jan. 4**..... 9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Piano Recital
- Thursday, Jan. 5**.....10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grilled Cheese
6:30 p.m. TLC Singers
7:00 p.m. TLC Ringers
- Friday, Jan. 6**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Jan. 7**..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Jan. 8**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship
9:30 Christian Education
9:30 a.m. Special Congregation Meeting
10:30 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

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