

# **Baptism of Our Lord**

## **January 8, 2017**

*Order of Worship 8:30 A.M.*

### **WELCOME TO GRACE**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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*Stand as you are able.*

#### **Gathering Hymn**

*'Songs of Thankfulness and Praise'*

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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.**

*Be seated.*

#### **Opening Litany**

**A** We are the people of God,

**C** **Marked by water,**

**A** Claimed by the Spirit,

**C** **Precious and honored in God's sight.**

**A** We are the body of Christ,

**C** **Gathered around the table,**

**A** Fed by the Bread of Life,

**C** **Filled with the cup of joy,**

**A** Strengthened for the new year.

**C We are the community of faith,**  
A Following God's star,  
**C Bringing our gifts,**  
A Seeing the Holy in the ordinary,  
**C And being made new as we travel new roads.**

### **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**

### **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.**

*Stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*'Angels We Have Heard on High' vs 1*

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd 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.**

*Be seated.*

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*'Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized'*

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*Stand as you are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

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### **Prayer of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**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** *'Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful'*

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### **Offering Prayer**

A Merciful God,

**C receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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*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**

*'All Who Believe and Are Baptized'* **442**

*'We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus'* **451**

*'Baptized in Water'* **456**

*Stand as you are able.*

### **Table Blessing**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

A O Morning Star, fair and bright,

**C you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now – today, tomorrow, every day – that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen**

## **Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**     *'Remember and Rejoice'*     **454**

## **Dismissal**

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

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## **Worship Assistants: January 8**

**Greeters:** Mason – Joy & Dirk DeBraal  
East – Marty Grow

**Assisting Minister:** Laury Grow

**Lector:** Laury Grow

**Communion:** Ron Bailey

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

**Organist:** Martha Jensen

**Hospitality:** Valerie & Gary Sieg and Martha Jensen

**Attendance 1/1:**           8:30 a.m. 44  
                                      10:30 a.m. 9

### ***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today. Fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate to share your contact information and any needs. There is also a guest book to sign in the gathering area. If you are looking for a church home, you are welcome here.*

### **Grace Lutheran Church Mission Statement**

*By grace, through faith, we follow God's Word, share the gospel of Jesus Christ and bring hope to others through **worship, education and outreach.***

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

***For members on the Care List*** especially Dorothy Henke and Donny Kassube.

***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 being claimed by God in baptism.

***“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 Today 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**, many people prefer to not shake hands. If you wish, 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**

The 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](mailto:Grace54914@gmail.com)) to be included on the distribution list each month.

**A reminder** that any **contributions** you want included for 2016 giving should have been given by December 31. If you did not get your final offering in by December 31, make sure your check is dated in December. Giving statements will be completed by mid-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

**Hospitality Volunteers** are needed. Please sign up on the table in the gathering area if you are willing to provide treats between services.

**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).

**The Heart of the Valley Optimist Club** donated \$500 to the High School Grilled Cheese Lunch as a part of the distribution of remaining funds after almost 40 years of funding youth activities and projects.

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## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Jan. 8**.....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. *Special Congregational Meeting*  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)

**Monday, Jan. 9**.....2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours  
6:30 p.m. Joy Circle  
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**.....8:30 a.m. Quilters  
2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours  
4:30 p.m. TLC Executive Committee Mtg.  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation  
6:30 p.m. Fox Valley Chorus

**Wed., Jan. 11**.....9:00 a.m. TLC Bible Study  
2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. TLC Worship  
7:00 p.m. APA Bible Study

**Thursday, Jan. 12**.....10 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch  
10 a.m. Salvation Army  
2:00-4:30 p.m. Office Hours  
6:30 p.m. Trinity Singers  
7:00 p.m. Trinity Ringers

**Friday, Jan. 13**.....9:00 a.m. Bible Study

**Saturday, Jan. 14**.....9:00 a.m. Hmong Service

**Sunday, Jan. 15** .....8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
12:30 p.m. Appleton Pentecostal Assembly (APA)