

# *Worship Folder*



# *Epiphany*

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# *Grace Lutheran Church*

*January 10, 2021 ~ Baptism of Our Lord*

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## **Grace Lutheran's Purpose Statement**

*“We share God's love by welcoming all and making a Christ-like difference in our community and world.”*

### **GATHERING**

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

#### **WELCOME**

#### **PRELUDE**

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God..

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Holy God,

**C:** you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

**P:** How vast is God's grace! Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

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**GREETING**

**P:** The steadfast love of God, the life of Jesus Christ, and the growth of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

**P:** Lord have mercy

**C:** **Christ have mercy**

**P:** Lord have mercy

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *Unison*

**Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the  
waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we  
may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching and song.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Genesis 1:1-15**

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This  
familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their  
history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a  
formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God  
swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there  
was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from

the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 29

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>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!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

### Acts 19:1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even

heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”<sup>3</sup> Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.”<sup>4</sup> Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.”<sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **Mark 1:4-11**

*Mark’s gospel reports the story of Jesus’ baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HOMILY** Rev. Laraine Sundin

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** “Baptized and Set Free”

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## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

*(Response after each petition)*

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Have mercy, O God.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

P: Let us pray...O God,

C: **receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feasts; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

P: God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

C: **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN** "God, Whose Almighty Word"

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Rev. Laraine Sundin for preaching and leading worship today.

## **PRAYERS**

Paul Denstaedt, Nancy Platt, Darlene Freel, Gerald Lancaster, Charlotte Werth, Hannelore Duenkel & Family (Charlotte Werth's niece), Dorothy Hansen, Alecia Lewis, Don, Verna & Tammy Furze, Larry Nelson, Vicki Piontkowski, Michele Amelotte, Bethany Popour, Joanne Nicholls, Deb Nitchman's Family, Diane Prevost, Harold Kissau, Jim Malaski, Emma Nelson, Allison, Bishop Craig Satterlee and Synod staff, Joanne Coughlin, Bob Mackie, Sylvia Rouech, Jimmy Lappan, Herb Schiller, Donna Hatch, Jordyn, Maggie, Ann McMullen, Genie Diamond, Ann, Laura Bleau, Sharon Anderson, Laura Hyatt (Kristin Rich's partner), Becky, Jodi Kennedy Dinnan, Stephanie Bradford, Charlotte Barnard, Jamie Shipman, Barb Agius, Betty Kelly, Maria Shelton, Emily Cross, Liz, Lucas David, David Delano (David's Dad), Edna Delano, Joseph Hansen, Scott Coddington, and Cody Gustin. We also remember the family of Barbara Agius, who passed away on January 4th.

*Our prayer list is redone each month. If you, or a family member, would like to continue on the prayer list, please call the office (354-2640).*

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Prayer concerns received by the church office by Tuesday each week will be included in the coming weekends bulletin. Please do have the person's permission for inclusion and realize it is published online, so more than our congregation will know about it.

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

In observance of our covenant with the LARCC (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Congregational UCC) parishes of Alpena, we pray each week for a specific ministry of one of the 5 LARCC parishes. This weekend we pray for the Church Leadership at First Congregational UCC. We also pray for this week's Synod Prayer Partner: Grace Lutheran Church/Alpena, Rev. Tom Orth.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Given to the glory of God.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES-MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE**  
**Making Sense of Scripture** will be the next series for Adult Christian Education (ACE), offered both on Sunday morning and Thursday evening via the internet Zoom platform. The series is about seven major questions of the Bible that encourages participants to dialogue with others in reading the Scripture. The participants book is \$14. Please order you book through the office by January 20th. The Classes will begin the week of February 7th.



### **SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES**

With a heavy heart, Grace's Council and Pastor Tom have suspended in-person worship services again. With the increasing number of cases in the area, schools having to suspend class rooms and the prediction for more to come, the decision was made. Additionally, on November 5<sup>th</sup> Bishop Satterlee of our ELCA Synod along with the Bishop of the Southeast Michigan Synod ELCA strongly recommended the suspension of in-person worship. This means that in-person Sunday School is also suspended. We will continue to evaluate local conditions and keep you informed of our future decisions on returning to in-person worship.

### **LIVESTREAMING OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:30 AM**

There will be livestreaming of the Sunday morning worship service. Worship will be conducted with a very limited number of worship leaders in the sanctuary and can be viewed as it is happening. A recording of that will be available for viewing anytime afterwards. Go to [www.gracelutheran-alpena.org](http://www.gracelutheran-alpena.org) for the link to the YouTube livestream.

### **WATCHING GRACE'S WORSHIP ON THE INTERNET**

Several people have mentioned that using their smart TVs that are connected to the internet for viewing the worship services have offered them the bigger picture of course and as importantly for some, better sound. Hope you are enjoying the worship livestreamed.

### **CHRIST IN OUR HOMES DEVOTIONAL**

*Christ in Our Homes* Devotional for January - March are available in the Office Lobby. Pick one up during office hours of Tuesday - Thursday 8 am to noon or call the office and we will mail one to you.

### **LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

The new *Living Lutheran* from the ELCA for January and February is also available in the Office Lobby. Several back issues are there too.

### **LIVESTREAMING TEAM - *HELP NEEDED***

Help place our services on the internet so people can join us from home and view them. We need a person to operate the system during the service. Like before it will be button pushing to position the cameras and buttons to send the service to the internet. A very straight forward process. We are looking for a few people to be familiar with the equipment so we can have a schedule of people to operate it on Sundays. David Delano will be our in-house person to head the group and train anyone interested. Contact the office 354.2640. THANK YOU.

**COMING SOON! YOUTH GROUP**

Grace Lutheran is looking forward to rebooting it's youth group this upcoming January. While we navigate these unsure times, we plan to have youth group over Google Meet once a month. I am hopeful in transitioning to an in person setting sooner rather than later. Both Junior High and Senior High students are welcome to participate in our virtual youth group activities! We will be reading and discussing bible stories, as well as playing games and sharing in conversation. More updates to follow in the coming weeks! Keep an eye out in the weekly bulletin and in your emails! If you have any questions please contact me, Val Slaght, at [vslaght98@gmail.com](mailto:vslaght98@gmail.com).

**YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Do we have all your current info?

Have you changed your primary phone?

New email?

Or new street address? Or PO Box?

Please update the office with any of these changes so we can be in touch. THANKS

**WHEN PLACING FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR WORSHIP**

Please call (989.354.2640) or email the church office ([officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org](mailto:officemanager@gracelutheran-alpena.org)) with the information you would like listed in the bulletin. Thanks!

**DO YOU NEED A FACE MASK?**

Several church members have been making face masks and some are available for church members. Please call the office and let us know if you would like one. We will get one to you.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The Church Office is open Tuesday-Thursday, from 8 a.m. - noon. We ask that you please wear a mask when in the building. Please log in on the sheets as you enter the Office Lobby. Please also log out as you exit the building, noting the areas of the building that you were in.

**GENERAL FUND GIVING**

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Average needed each week to meet budget | \$ 4,489.00 |
| Weekly giving - January 3               | 4,035.00    |

We received:

8 envelopes, 26 Simply Giving recurring payments and  
3 Give+ payment made from our website



## Birthdays



**January 2**  
Mitchell Agius  
Sharlene Kennedy

**January 16**  
Levi Konarzewski  
Allison Urlaub

**January 5**  
Judy Black  
Ryan Schultz

**January 19**  
Rhonda Himes

**January 7**  
Susan Stacey

**January 22**  
Michael Lang  
Elsa Phillips

**January 9**  
Arnold Jahnke

**January 25**  
Pamela Nowak

**January 10**  
Michael Herrmann  
Elfie Jahnke  
Kat Tomaszewski

**January 28**  
Jerry Charter

**January 12**  
Richard Engstrom  
David Hansen

**January 29**  
Madelyn Boyd

**January 30**  
Judy Dorr  
Adam Urlaub

## Anniversaries of Baptism



**January 1**  
Alec Kennedy  
Jessica Timm

**January 19**  
Sandra Malaski  
Meredith Smith

**January 7**  
Douglas Chroninger  
Olivia Haske

**January 20**  
Matthew Freel

**January 15**  
Michael Townsend

**January 21**  
Kasandra McInerney  
Ricky Slater

**January 16**  
Betty Dulebohn

**January 24**  
Brody Nowak

**January 17**  
Erika Nicholls

**January 25**  
Lisa McIntosh

**January 18**  
Nancy Stachnik

**January 30**  
Hannah Matzke  
Erin McCourt

**January 31**  
Brent Welch



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