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Sunday Worship
9:00AM
Sunday School
& Bible Class
10:30AM

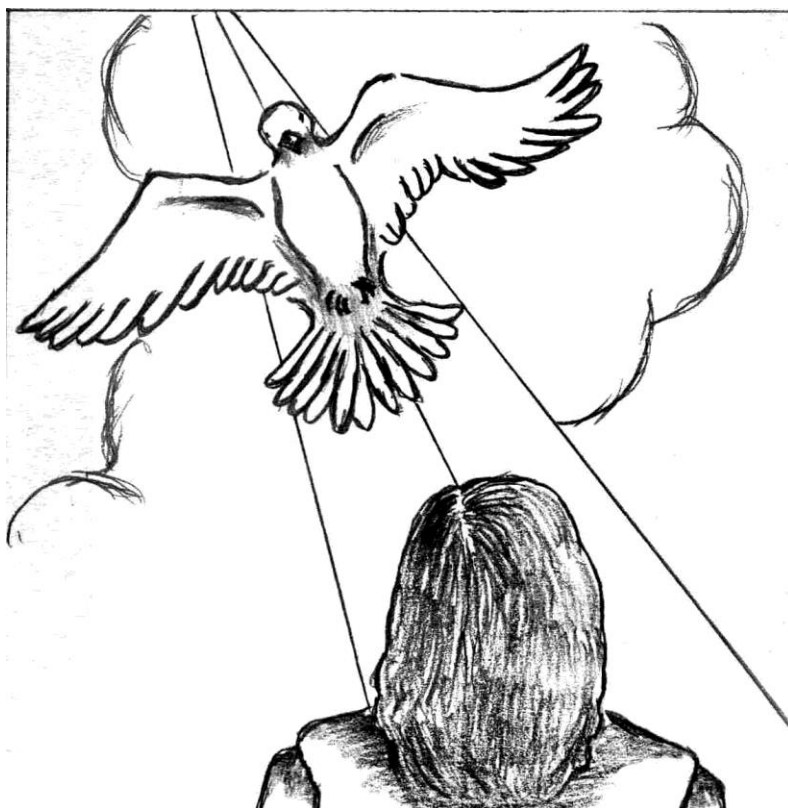
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JANUARY 12, 2025
THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

*... and a Voice came from heaven,
"Thou art My Beloved Son."*



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"Caring For People By Connecting Them With Christ Jesus"

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN as we gather for worship of our loving God, who spared not His own Son, but put Him upon the cross in payment for our sins. May all that we give and receive this day resound to His honor and glory. Members and especially GUESTS are urged to complete the registration card located in the pew rack. If you are visiting with us, we cordially invite your return. Our Pastors will be happy to speak with you.

**THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE – LSB page 184
+ In Nomine Jesu +**

The Sacrament of the Altar will be celebrated today. Grace Lutheran practices closed communion, for God's Word teaches and we believe that communicants receive the very body and the very blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine. God's Word also teaches and we believe that one who eats and drinks while denying the real presence and the benefits and blessings of the Sacrament, eats and drinks judgment upon himself. As the Christian Church is charged with the responsibility of "stewardship of the mysteries of God," we therefore ask that all who are not communicant members of Grace Lutheran please speak with one of our Pastors before communing. Our Pastors will assist you in becoming a communicant member through instruction in all the articles of faith, give you opportunity to publicly confirm your faith, and shepherd you as a member in good standing of this congregation. Those guests who are members in good stead of a sister Missouri Synod congregation and have previously spoken to our Pastors need only sign a communion card which is located in the pew. We trust that all will respect God's Word and our practice in accordance with its teachings.

THE PRELUDE

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Love, How Deep ”

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THE DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE (Left Column)

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The Introit (*Psalm 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*)

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

C: My Chosen, in Whom my soul delights.

P: I will tell of the decree:

C: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

P: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

C: And the ends of the earth your possession.

P: You shall break them with a rod of iron

C: And dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

P: Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

C: Be warned, O rulers of the earth.

P: Serve the LORD with fear,

C: And rejoice with trembling,

P: For His wrath is quickly kindled.

C: Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

P: Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
C: My Chosen, in Whom my soul delights.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

43 But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your name; You *are* Mine.² When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.³ For I *am* the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place.⁴ Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.⁵ Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west;⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not keep them back!’ Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth—⁷ Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him.”

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 6:1-11

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."¹⁸ And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, ²⁰ also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison. ²¹ When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²² And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

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THE HYMN OF THE DAY ***"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our LORD"*** # 406
THE SERMON Luke 3:15-22
"You are My Beloved Son; in You I am Well Pleased"
- Pastor Schuller

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THE POSTLUDE

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Elders – Aubrey Jaster, George Breland, David Dahmann, Justin Henderson
Acolyte – Fynn Wied
Usher Team – Heath Byrd
Organist – Rev. Lee Kunkel
Altar Guild Assistants – Barbara Maurer (Communion Ware)
- Susie Thaler (Paraments)



Every Pastor worth his salt seeks to know the condition of his flock. Please make sure to inform the church office of any health-related issues in need of Pastoral care.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn’t need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus’ life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism, our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

It is a blessed opportunity and privilege to serve the true Body and Blood of Christ to those saints unable to approach the altar. God continues to bring such saints to Grace. Therefore, we humbly ask worshipers to consider leaving the back row open for those needing Holy Communion brought to them in the Divine Service.

The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God by Judy Rudloff in thankfulness for God’s many blessings. In lieu of the cost of flowers Judy is using flowers belonging to the Altar Guild and has made a donation to the Altar Guild.



Today’s Radio Broadcast has been sponsored anonymously
 “To spread the Gospel”.
 The Sunday broadcast can be heard at 12:30 p.m.
 over KWHI 1280 AM.

*THANK YOU THANK YOU
 for all the cards sent over the holidays!
 It meant a lot.*

-Geraldine Gloyna



Men’s Bible Breakfast is held on Tuesdays at 6:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Pastor Kunkel is responsible for breakfast this week. Men of the congregation who would be interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend.

Ladies Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Hostesses are Virginia Hillman and Nancy Joiner.

Note from the Choir Director: Rehearsals begin this week on Wednesday, January 15th at 6:00 p.m. for the Spring Performance schedule.



The next Men's Club will be on JANUARY 28, 2025.
It will be Sausage and Pancakes.
Please bring FRUIT Toppings, Hors d'oeuvres & desserts.

Media publications by Grace pastors are posted on our website. Just go to <https://www.glcsbren.org/media> and you'll find plenty of theological content for your listening and watching pleasure. It's a great gift to those looking for a dose of confessional theology during the busy week.



Looking for the church calendar? Last week's bulletin? Can't remember a church officer you need to contact? Want to watch a church service? Listen to a podcast? Friends in Christ, check out the website at www.glcsbren.org. It has all these things and more for the benefit of God's blessed people at Grace and also those looking to see what Grace Lutheran Church is about.

Annual Report Information Deadline is tomorrow - It is time to gather information to be included in the Annual Report of the congregation. All boards, organizations and committees of the church should submit information to the Church office by TOMORROW, Monday, January 13th. Reports may be emailed to carol@glcsbren.org.

Birthdays This Week:

- Today 1/12 – Daryl Lueckemeyer, Alton McCurry
- Tue. 1/14 – Annaliese Faske, Thomas Magee, Karen Schultz
- Wed. 1/15 – Ansley Grawunder, Charles Hahn
- Thurs. 1/16 – Jackie Malek, Ann Muchow, Jessica Ross
- Fri. 1/17 – Seth Coghlan, Ella Poehlmann
- Sat. 1/18 – Eden Hargrave, Pastor Ogrodowicz, Remington Weatherby



Anniversaries This Week:

- Fri. 1/17 – Derrick & Audrey Jones, (10th)



Coffee and Doughnuts:



Today – Don & Karen Voelter

Next Sunday – ??????

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Grace Lutheran Radio Ministry

- In Memory of Shirley Paetz given by RD & Ginny Morrison

Grace Lutheran Church

- In Memory of Shirley Paetz given by Cameron & Charles Vann

Grace Lutheran High School

- In Memory of Darlene "Dottie" Herrmann given by Freddie & Linda Wellmann

Grace Lutheran School

- In Memory of Shirley Paetz given by Dixie Voskamp, Don & Karen Voelter
- In Memory of Nelly Barby given by Dixie Voskamp
- In Memory of Darren Hinze given by Don & Karen Voelter



It is the start of a new year and that is a great time to update the prayer page and thank God for all the blessings of good health and healing that He has given. Please take a moment to review the names on the prayer list and let the office know of any changes or updates that need to be made.

ATTENDANCE

January 5: 267

Sunday School: 27 Teachers/Staff: 8 YABC: 4 ABC: 73 Visitors: 4

OFFERING

General Fund - \$27,858.00
Radio Ministry - \$85.00
Missions - \$645.00

Building Fund - \$
Memorials - \$225.00
Other - \$1,480.00

You Have a Place at Grace

“Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord? Arise! Do not cast us off forever. Why do You hide Your face, and forget our affliction and our oppression?” (Psalm 44:23-24).

Hear the imperatives of the Psalmist: “awake!” and “arise!” These are commands from the Psalmist calling God to action. Why? — because it seems God is hiding and has forgotten the affliction and oppression of His people.

Likely you’ve been in similar situations. Nothing is improving despite fervent, daily prayers. In fact, things may have gotten worse. Questions and doubt flood the mind: where is God in times of trial and tribulation? Where is God when the going goes from rough to rougher, and the tunnel’s light turns out to be a train?

The dark times in life can certainly shroud the eyes from seeing God’s goodness and love. Affliction and oppression make it seem the Church is now a headless body. But faith knows better and calls God to His promises. The Psalmist uses imperatives because he knows God’s promises. He knows God’s Word never to abandon His people and now petitions God to keep His Word, to look upon His beloved people with favor and grant them peace. Faith trusts in Christ, knows the forgiveness of sins earned by holy, precious blood, and that God doesn’t abandon His redeemed people. “Awake” and “arise” we say to the God, our God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Who invites us to pray, to call upon Him as “dear children ask their dear father” (see the Small Catechism, Intro on the Lord’s Prayer).

And so, we press onward in the grace of our Lord anticipating that eternal Kingdom beyond what the eye has seen and the ear heard (1 Cor. 2:9). All is well in Jesus, and we have no reason to fear. Jesus lives and so does His Church. He’s always awake to His people’s cries, so pray, cry, shout. The Lord Jesus hears you.

-Pastor Ryan J. Ogrodowicz
You Have a Place at Grace – January 12th, 2025

Grace Lutheran Prayer Concerns For Church and Home



Members are encouraged to pray for each of the individuals on this list both in the times we gather together for worship and in our daily prayers.

“I urge first of all that, requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.... This is good and pleases God our Savior.” – 1 Timothy 2:1&3

Members of Grace who are hospitalized, ill, or have on-going needs

Upcoming Surgery: Freddie Wellmann, back surgery on 1/14/25, at Baylor Scott & White in College Station

Prayers for wisdom and peace: for Allan & Colleen Symmank and their whole family as they make tough decisions regarding Allan’s father

Prayers for Healing: Mary Ann Hrnicko; Linda Tarver; Ruth Duvall; Geraldine Gloyna; Pastor Jacobs; Amelia Jones; Nancy Boecker, macular degeneration of eyes; Bonnie Wellmann; Diane Merkel

On-going Needs: Shirley Boeker, Glenn Brenner, Russell Chambers, Onis Finke, Clarence Gaskamp, Butch & Ann Goldberg, Hanson family loved ones, Donald Hendrickson, Richard Jacobs, Karen Markwardt, Diane Merkel, Benjamin Moerbe, Kenneth Muchow, Blake Sacre, Marilyn Schroeder, Lisa Steck, Vernell Thane; August Degner

Members of Grace in Nursing Homes or Homebound



Florence Boehnemann, B.Y. Boeker, Russell Chambers, David Diver, Kurt Duvall, Ruth Duvall, Geraldine Gloyna, Reuben & Darlene Grassl, Al Novosad, Laura Raitz, Harold Rietz, Lee Rogge, Sonny Schulte, Dorine Stoelke, Linda Tarver

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

Those Who are Serving our Country in the Armed Forces

Lt. Col. Matthew Moerbe – son of Mark & Anita Moerbe;

U.S. Air Force, stationed at the Pentagon

LTC Erich Roberts – son of David & Rose Roberts;

U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Moore, GA

Senior Airman Trenton Rylee Rutledge – grandson of Freddie & Linda Wellmann;

U.S. Air Force; now in North Dakota

PFC Riley Baugh – grandson of Pastor & Tina Holzer;

U. S. Army, stationed at Ft. Bliss, TX

SSGT Terrell Felder – son of Larry Felder;

U. S. Air Force, stationed at Goodfellow AFB, TX

Cole Frazier – grandson of Tom & Doris Magee;

Offutt AFB, Nebraska

1LT Ivan R. Degner – grandson of August & Jo Ann Degner;

is serving in the 11th ACR at Ft. Irwin, CA.

Sloan Snead – granddaughter of Allan & Colleen Symmank,

Navy Medic, stationed in Jacksonville, Florida (right now)

SN Dylan James Hicks – grandson of James & Karen Studhalter

Just finished boot camp for Navy, stationed in Great Lakes, IL

Those Serving in the Mission Field Abroad

Rev. Charles St-Onge & Family,

Rev. Samuel Bobby & Family serving in Latvia,

Rev. Micah Wildauer & Family,

Pastor James May and family serving in Kenya with Lutherans in Africa



Friends of our Congregation



Elaine King – niece of Billie Rogas
Harris Kubos, Jr. and Toni Navarre – friends of Eunice Drews
Blanche McMullen – sister-in-law of Billie Rogas
Tim Andrews – neighbor of Knodt's & Roberts'
Regan, Lesley & Beckett Adams – cousins of Joe Green
Marjorie Schroeder, sister; Janis Stayton, sister-in-law; Rick Hammitt, nephew (ALS);
 Travis Bartay, grandson (Diabetes I) – relatives of Shirley Boeker
Brynley Frazier – great-granddaughter of Magee's
Carolyn Zibilski, Mark Marburger, Dean Winkelmann, Scott Hodde
 – friends of the Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder
Betty Maltby – aunt of Mike McArthur, sister of Mildred McArthur
Janice Eckhardt – daughter-in-law of Jimmie Eckhardt
Marcie Brighton – mother of Elizabeth Schuller
Kathy Hudson – mother of Tim Hudson
Hunter Mitchell – friend of Freddie Wellmann family, baby, eye cancer
Rebecca Dahmann – sister-in-law of the David and Michael Dahmann families
Delano Klausmeyer, very good friend of Judy Rudloff
Gloria Hanath – sister of Eunice Drews – prayers for healing
Deonna Moses – daughter-in-law of Dorothy Moses – diagnosed with cancer
Tom Insley – friend of Michael & Kimberly Parks, cancer
Hank Voelter – grandson of Don & Karen Voelter, battling leukemia
Jim Ripple – friend of Lance & Ashley Jahnke
Sherree Pence – niece of Delphine & Sandra Addicks, diagnosed with cancer
Donnie Eckhardt - son of Jimmie Eckhardt, Kimberly Parks' brother, in hospital in Houston
Tricia Kelm – friend of Richard & Diane Merkel
Edna Parks – mother of Michael Parks
Ernest Ware – friend of Cristine Weige, stroke, prayers for healing, long hard recovery
Caleb Reid – grandson of Alan & Linda Reid, still has issues, and now is in ICU with Covid,
 please pray for him and family
Tammy Hill – daughter of Elroy & Bonnie Wellmann – diagnosed with cancer
Bill & Peggy Miller – Johnnie Schroeder's sister & brother-in-law (prayers for healing);
Troy & Kathleen Schroeder - Johnnie & Marilyn Schroeder's son & daughter-in-law (prayers for healing)
Wanda Adams – sister of Carol Guebert & Nathan Walter - prayers for healing
 – recovering at home in Ft. Worth
Stacie Erickson – daughter of Charles & Jean Blake
The Hicks family — friends of Pastor O. — prayers for spiritual strength
Lincoln Tiemann – friend of the Grawunder family – heart condition
Coy Goodwin – friend of Lance & Ashley Jahnke
Matthew Merritt – nephew of August & JoAnn Degner - stroke on 12/5 – is in Rehab in Colorado
Delores Guthman – mother of Diana Stephens – prayers for healing, cancer
Terry Morrison – brother of R.D. Morrison – battling cancer

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" *Please review this Prayer List and notify the Church office of any changes.* "
" *We would like this list to be as up-to-date & as accurate as possible.* "
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This Week at Grace...

Today, January 12

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

The Baptism of Our LORD

Worship w/Holy Communion
Confirmation
Sunday School & Bible Class

Monday, January 13

8:15 a.m.
4:00 p.m.

(Proverbs 1:1 – 3:35)

Chapel
Varsity BB Game – Thorndale @ Grace

Tuesday, January 14

6:00 a.m.
8:15 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

(Proverbs 4:1-27)

Men's Breakfast
Chapel
Ladies Evening Circle

Wednesday, January 15

8:15 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

(Proverbs 5:1 – 6:35)

Chapel
Trustees
Confirmation
GLSB
Choir Practice

Thursday, January 16

8:15 a.m.
9:00 a.m.

(Proverbs 7:1-27)

Chapel
Texas Confessional Lutherans Conf

Friday, January 17

8:15 a.m.
3:00 p.m.

(Proverbs 8:1-36)

Pastor Ogradowicz's Day Off
Chapel
Vespers

Saturday, January 18

(Proverbs 9:1-18)

Sunday, January 19

9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

Worship w/Holy Communion
Confirmation
Sunday School & Bible Class

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Rev. Ryan Ogradowicz – 530-2260

Rev. Isaac Schuller – 408-817-0358 Rev. William H. Holzer – 251-7036

Mr. Tom Knodt (Cong. President) 203-5857

Mr. Aubrey Jaster (Elder's Chair) 421-2748

Mr. Casey Voskamp (S. S. Superintendent) – 251-2498

Mrs. Debbie Hintz (Caring Ministry Contact) – 203-3470
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