

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

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January 2, 2022
Second Sunday of Christmas
8 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

Asterisks denote those parts of the service in which the congregation is invited to stand.*

Prelude: Piano Christmas Carols

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who sends the word with angels,
who is made flesh among all peoples,
and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

In Christ, we are bold to name our sin and cry out for peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess our sin before you.
We replace compassion with competition.
We seek what is mighty while ignoring the meek.
We are quick to anger but slow to forgive.
We have not put on love in harmony with you.
Wrap us in the grace of your powerful Word.
Clothe our hearts with your peace,
that all we do, in word or deed,
may reflect your love born among us.
Amen.

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

God has come among us
in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord.

† In Christ your sins are forgiven
and you are freed to live in the fullness of all that God desires for you,
for the sake of the world.

Amen.

*** HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

ELW 288



- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

***Greeting**

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

And also with you.

***Hymn of Praise: Angels We Have Heard on High**

ELW 289

Stanza 1 only



- 1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



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***Prayer of the Day**

O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:12-20 (8 a.m., read responsively)

Refrain (all):

N. Raabe

Wor-ship the Lord, O Je - ru - sa-lem; praise your God, O Zi - on.

¹²Worship the LORD, | O Jerusalem;
praise your | God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars | of your gates**
and has blessed your chil- | dren within you.
¹⁴God has established peace | on your borders
and satisfies you with the | finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command | to the earth,**
a word that runs | very swiftly. R
¹⁶God gives | snow like wool,
scattering | frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters | hail like bread crumbs.**
Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold?
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the | word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the | waters flow.
¹⁹**God declares the | word to Jacob,**
statutes and judg- | ments to Israel.

²⁰The LORD has not done so to any | other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah! **R**
Psalm Prayer

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



The Gospel of the Lord, according to John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Putting Us in Our Place"

Pastor Nancy Raabe

*HYMN of the DAY: Cold December Flies Away

ELW 299



1 Cold De - cem - ber flies a - way at the rose - red splen - dor.
2 In the hope - less time of sin shad - ows deep had fall - en.
3 Now the bud has come to bloom, and the world a - wak - ens.



A - pril's crown-ing glo - ry breaks while the whole world won - ders
All the world lay un - der death. Eyes were closed in sleep - ing.
In the lil - y's pur - est flow'r dwells a won - drous fra - grance.



at the ho - ly un - seen pow'r of the tree which bears the
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose gold - en
And it spreads to all the earth from the mo - ment of its



flow'r. On the bless - ed tree blooms the red - dest flow'r. On the tree blooms the
light brings un - end - ing joy, brings the end - less joy of our hope, high - est
birth; and its beau - ty lives. In the flow'r it lives, in the flow'r, and it



rose here in love's own gar - den, full and strong in glo - ry.
hope, of our hope's bright dawn - ing, Son be - lov'd of heav - en.
spreads in its heav'n - ly bright - ness sweet per - fume de - light - ful.

*PRAYERS

To the petition "Merciful God" please respond, "Receive our prayer."

*GREETING OF THE PEACE

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church, gathered today.

*We rely on your gifts to sustain Grace and all its ministries!
Please leave your offering in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary.*

*OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,
your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth.
As we offer ourselves and these your gifts,
prepare us to receive the grace and truth
you offer at this table
and renew in us the song of your salvation,
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
 My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your
kingdom, and teach us to pray:

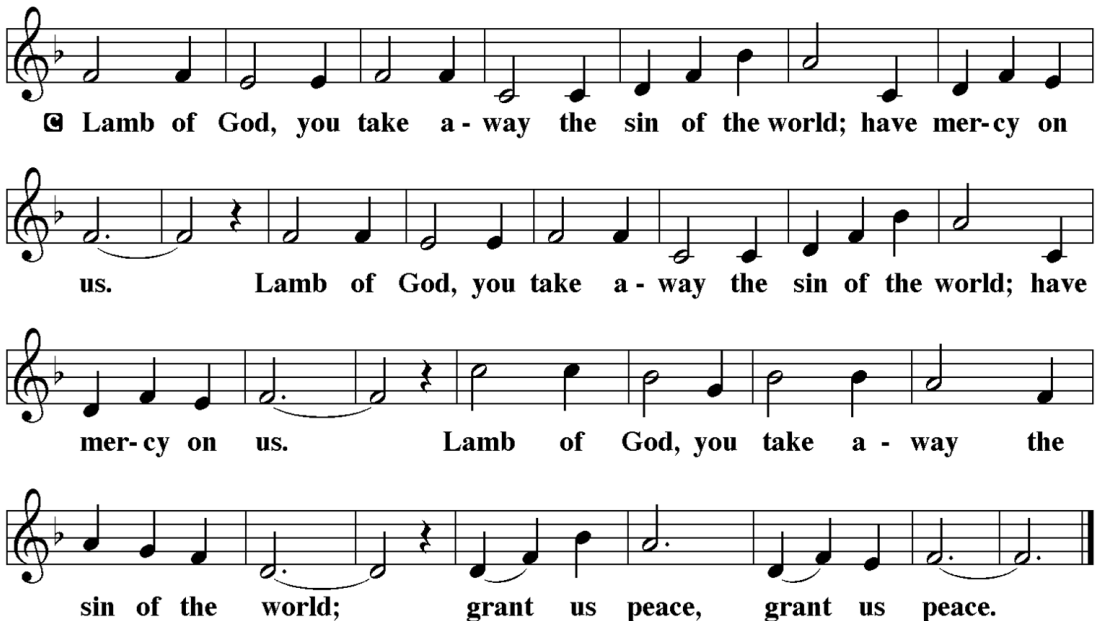
Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for you.

Today we are using pre-packaged communion elements. Following the Lamb of God, as we hear together the words "The body of Christ, given for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for you," open and consume the wafer and grape juice. Please alert an usher if you did not receive one.

LAMB OF GOD



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The body of Christ, given for you...Amen.

Please consume the wafer.

The blood of Christ, shed for you...Amen.

Please consume the juice.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus,
God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
As we have shared this feast of love,
strengthen us to share your love with all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Amen! Go Tell it on the Mountain

Arr. Mary McDonald

Grace Choir (virtual)

Amen! Sing it over
Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

***BLESSING**

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ, our Savior!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Concerto in G Major

J.S. Bach

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8:00 am, Bruce Schmidt; 10:30 am, Jaime Snyder

Ushers: 8:00 am, Don Capanear

Communion Assistant: 8:00 am, Bruce Schmidt; 10:30 am, Jaime Snyder

Altar Guild: 8:00 am, Janice Swartz

Acolyte: 10:30 am, Lennon Kaler

Video team: 10:30 am, Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

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Our Favorite Carols

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ADORE
 SHEPHERDS
 MANGER
 ECHOING
 HARK
 PEACE
 HEAVENLY
 RECONCILED
 SINNERS
 FAITHFUL
 HERALD
 TRIUMPHANT
 JOYFUL
 KING
 NEWBORN
 EXULTATION
 ANGELS
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 JOYOUS

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BONUS WORD SEARCH

My Favorite (Christmas) Things

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SLEIGH
SANTA
PRESENTS
MYRRH
ORNAMENTS
NUTCRACKER
CAROLING
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NATIVITY
WONDER
FRUITCAKE
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MIRACLE
YULE
WASSAIL
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If you are in need of pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe by email; in the office at 215-855-4676; or anytime on her cell phone, 614.214.2639 (texting is good!). Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses and hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and joyful events in your life.

Pastor Raabe extends her heartfelt gratitude to all worship leaders who made the Christmas Eve services here at Grace so special and memorable. Kevin, Frank, Peggy, Bruce, Harold, Dan, Tami, Cathy, our guest oboist Michael, all the ushers and readers who participated, and all who attended—thank you! Grace is truly blessed with a strong and resilient congregation.

Please continue to observe all your best safety precautions here in the building.

Coming up at Grace:

- ❖ **Our Thrivent/Faith Build Spaghetti Dinner team** has decided that in the interests of safety we will postpone this fundraiser until a time when we are sure we can do it safely. We will let you know as soon as we have settled on a new date. Thanks to all for your interest!

Next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22