

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!



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

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January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
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: Prelude on a Scottish Melody "O Waly Waly" Christopher Evans

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

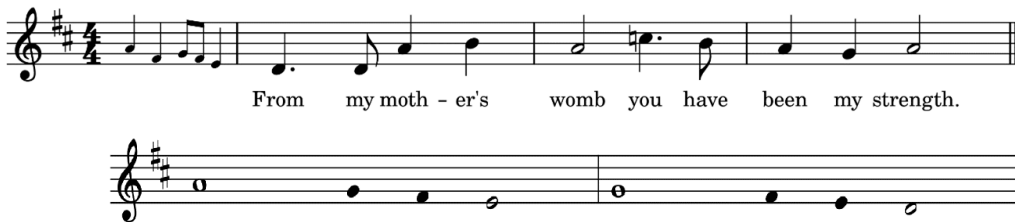
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,
 “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
 for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
 and you shall speak whatever I command you.
⁸Do not be afraid of them,
 for I am with you to deliver you,
 says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,
 “Now I have put my words in your mouth.
¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
 to pluck up and to pull down,
 to destroy and to overthrow,
 to build and to plant.”

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

Psalm 71:1-6



¹In you, O LORD, have I | taken refuge;
 let me never be | put to shame.
²**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;**
incline your ear to | me and save me.
³Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;
 you are my crag | and my stronghold.
⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,**
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R
⁵For you are my hope, | O Lord GOD,
 my confidence since | I was young.
⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's**

womb you have | been my strength;
my praise shall be al- | ways of you. R

Psalm Prayer

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef and the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the first staff. The second staff is identical to the first, also starting with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps, and ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the second staff.

The Gospel of the Lord, according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: The Hazards of Prophetic Speech

Pastor Nancy Raabe

***HYMN of the DAY: Rise, Shine, You people**

ELW 664

***PRAYERS**

To the petition “God of grace” please respond, “Hear our prayer.”

***LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven...

***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.

Announcements

Sing a New Song

arr. by K. Freaney

Grace Choir

Come let us sing! Let us be joyful; sing to the Lord a new song! All shout allowed to Jesus our savior; sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things, sing to the Lord a new song!

Join we in praise, come with Thanksgiving; sing to the Lord a new song! Lift up our voice, with anthems extol him; sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things, sing to the Lord a new song!

Great is our God, great is his kingdom! Sing to the Lord a new song! He made the Earth, all mountains and valleys; sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things, sing to the Lord a new song!

He is our God, God our creator; sing to the Lord a new song! We are his flock, the sheep of his pasture; sing to the Lord a new song! He has done marvelous things, sing to the Lord, sing a new song!

***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: Gigue Fugue

D. Buxtehude

Serving today

Preacher and presider, Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8:00 am, Wendy Walter; 10:30 am, Jean Shaffer

Ushers: 8:00 am, Don Capanear & Wendy Walter; 10:30 am, Bob Reilly

Acolyte: 10:30 am, Jayson Tula

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Next Sunday's readings:

Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Today is our Annual Meeting. Please come! Among other matters we will name new Council officers, vote on the 2022 budget, recognize those who are transitioning off, and honor certain ministries. The meeting will begin immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. We will have a Zoom option for those unable to join in person, but we are not able yet to include electronic voting.