

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church



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



Jan. 22, 2023
Third Sunday after
Epiphany
8:00 and 10:30 am

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

Please note that our Annual Meeting will be held
on January 29 immediately following the 10:30 service.
All active (voting) members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

Prelude: Meditation on Jesus Call Us; o’er the Tumult

Arr. Dale Wood

Please stand.

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

P. 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.



Water is poured into the font.

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. **C. Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Jesus Call Us; o'er the Tumult

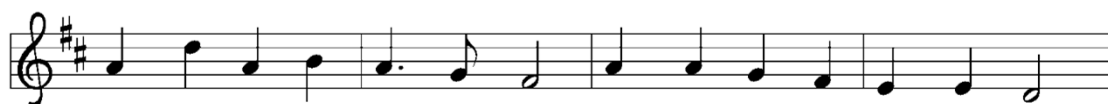
ELW 696

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.**

Hymn of Praise: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310 (stanza 1)



Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Prayer of the Day

P. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

Kevin Freaney



¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;**

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD. R

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.

**⁸My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my
salvation. **R**

Psalm prayer

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon: Here is your God, who has come to save you **Pastor Nancy Raabe**

Please stand after the hymn introduction.

HYMN of the DAY: Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

Apostles' Creed

P. With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C. I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS (for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25, 2023)

P. With faith and confidence, we come in prayer, before God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

P. Creator God, today we live with the consequences of actions that have made life unsustainable for some and overabundant for others. Teach us to know how to use

responsibly the resources you have given to us for the benefit of all and the respect of your creation. The groaning creation cries out to you.

C. Teach us and show us the way.

P. Compassionate God, help us repair the harm that we have inflicted upon each other and the divisions we have created among your people. Just as Christ Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit onto the disciples to give birth to the community of the new creation, send your grace to heal our divisions and gift us with the unity for which Jesus prayed.

C. Teach us and show us the way.

P. Christ, the way, the truth and the life, you embodied justice in your ministry on earth by the good that you did, breaking down the walls that divide and the prejudices that imprison. Open our hearts and minds to recognize that though we are many, we are one in you.

C. Teach us and show us the way.

L Holy Spirit, you create anew the face of the earth. The summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the lakes speak to us –

C. Because we are connected.

P. The faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us –

C. Because we are connected.

P. The voices of the poor, the oppressed and the marginalized speak to us –

C. Because we are connected.

P. But above all, our hearts soar to you for we cry out ‘Abba, Father’ as we say:

C. Our Father, who art in heaven.....

GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.



Please be seated.

Music at the Offering (Choir at 10:30): Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

Please stand.

Offertory: Let the Vineyards



♩ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P. Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. It is you that we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **C. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BLESSING

P. God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C. Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: As with Gladness Men of Old

ELW 302

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **C. Thanks be to God.**

The service has ended and you may depart. The candles are extinguished during the postlude.



Postlude: Great Redeemer, We Adore Thee

Arr. Anna Laura Page

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Preacher and presider: Rev. Nancy M. Raabe

Organist: Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8:00am, W. Walter; 10:30am, R. Badman

Ushers: 8:00am, Walter Family; 10:30am, Kathy Stawasz & Crystal Tula

Acolyte: 8:00am, Usher; 10:30am, Cristiano Tula

Coffee Hour: Diane Ball

Council Offering & Lockup: 8:00am, P. Schmidt; 10:30am, J. Krout

Video Team: Harold Schaefer, Dan & Tami Sarm

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Micah 6:1-8

The offering of justice, kindness, humility

Psalm 15

LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Christ crucified, the wisdom and power of God

Matthew 5:1-12

The teachings of Christ: Beatitudes

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Epiphany 3: Words of our liturgy

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