



# GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion  
The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 9, 2022  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**We welcome you** in the name of Jesus Christ as we gather to hear God's holy Word and celebrate the meal of Holy Communion. We are blessed by your presence, just as you are. As God welcomes all people through the saving grace of Jesus, so do we seek to welcome God's people of all races, social statuses, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities to be together in Christ – to love, to grow, and to serve. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace. We encourage you to fill out the perforated page on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Welcome!

**Children's resources**, including activity bags, worship bulletins and booster seats, are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

**Nursery care** is provided at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services for children ages 4 and under. The nursery is located across from Fellowship Hall. From the atrium, go through the Lamb Door by the elevator, up half a flight of stairs and turn right. From the sanctuary, go through the door by the stone baptismal font, up the stairs and turn left. A silent paging system allows the nursery staff to contact parents when needed.

**Assistance in Worship:** For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please remain seated and contact an usher if you would like Holy Communion to be brought to you. Sound enhancement units are available in the back of the church. Large print bulletins are available from the ushers in the back of the church and at the Division Street door.

**Please silence** all cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank you.

**In Holy Communion** the crucified and risen Christ is present, giving his true body and blood as food and drink. All baptized Christians are invited to the table where Christ himself is host. If you desire to be baptized, or to learn more about Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the pastors.

**Educational opportunities** occur between worship services at 9:45. Topics and locations for classes are listed at the end of this bulletin under "This Week at Grace."

**Grace Council Statement on Racism:** Racism, manifested in individual acts and present throughout systems, continues to prevent us from being the beloved community that God intends. Our faith in the crucified and risen Christ compels us to speak. We speak against the sin of racism. We speak in solidarity with Black people and all people of color, each of whom is precious to God. We stand with and for Black people within our church and school and in the larger community.

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ into the world in the hope that, by the Spirit's power, God's Kingdom would come on earth as it is in heaven. We look with hope and anticipation to a season of growth and change as Grace becomes a more faithful witness to God's wide welcome in Christ. We see this as the beginning, not the end, of the conversation. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide us, and for the courage to follow.

## As We Gather

To a people who have known exile God promises redemption. To a people lost and alone God promises a future where they will be home again. Safe with God forever. This God will go to great lengths to make that possible. Becoming immersed in the world of sin and death Jesus begins his public ministry. He is baptized by John and enters fully into this fragile and finite world. From there he goes all the way down into death. Embracing all those held in its grasp and rising again he has set us free from our age old captivity. With Jesus on the other side of the grave we are found, redeemed, and home wherever we lay our heads. We are God's beloved children. In our baptism we have been joined to his death and resurrection. Immersed in those waters God's future has become ours. So we walk forward unafraid, dying to sin and rising to new life each day with the son.



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# ✠ GATHERING ✠

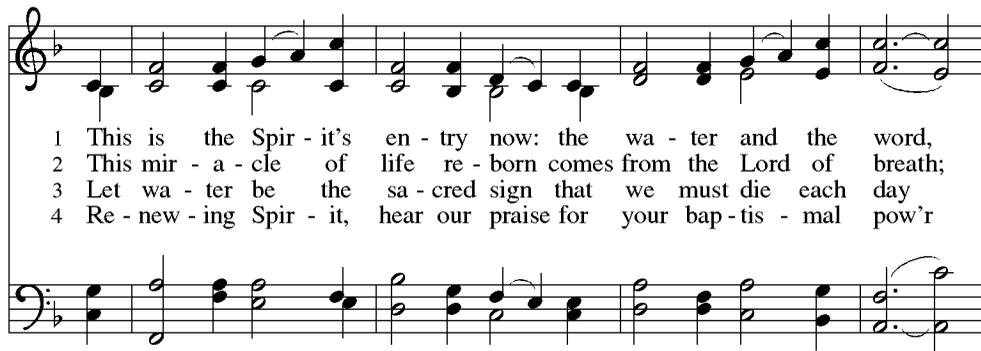
**PRELUDE:** This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

Richard Proulx

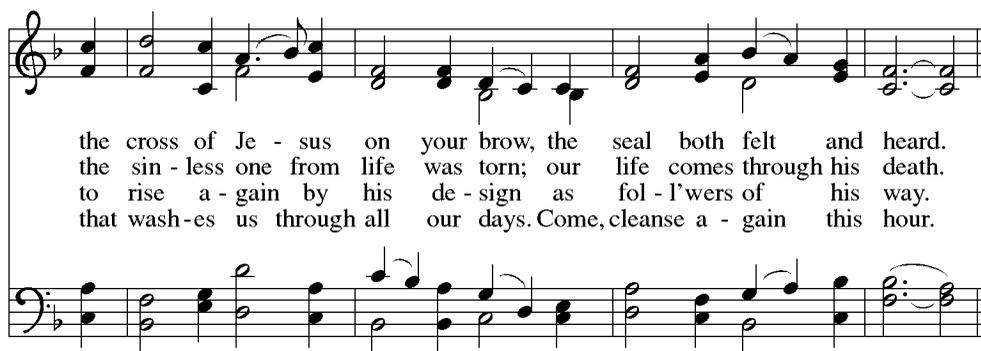
*We face the processional cross as we sing.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

**ELW #448**



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933  
Music: North American traditional; arr. hymnal version  
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Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

## **APOSTOLIC 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: Glory to God in the Highest



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



♩ We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



♩ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



♩ You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



♩ You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



♩ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



♩ you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



♩ in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God,

you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit  
and revealed him as your beloved Son.

Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service,  
that we may rejoice to be called children of God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



# ✠ WORD ✠

*We sit.*

## **FIRST READING:** Isaiah 43:1–7

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, “Give them up,”  
and to the south, “Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth —

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

ANTIPHON: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

- L Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,\*  
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.
- C **Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\***  
**worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**
- L The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;\*  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- C **The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;\***  
**the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**
- L The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;\*  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- C **he makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,\***  
**and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**
- L The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;\*  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.
- C **The voice of the LORD makes the | oak trees writhe\***  
**and strips the | forests bare.**
- L And in the temple | of the LORD\*  
all are | crying, "Glory!"
- C **The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;\***  
**the LORD sits enthroned as | king forevermore.**
- L The LORD shall give strength | to his people;\*  
the LORD shall give his people the bless- | ing of peace.

**SECOND READING:** Acts 8:14–17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:** Matthew 3:17

**Choir** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**REFRAIN** (*below*)



**Choir** A voice from heaven said,

“This is my son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**REFRAIN**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the third chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON:** A People Immersed in God's Future

Pastor Troy E. Medlin  
Luke 3:15–17, 21–22

*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Down Galilee's Slow Highways

**ACS #916**



1 Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled on  
2 A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens torn;  
3 We too have found a road - way; it led us to this place.



from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by John.  
it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's form.  
We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and grace.



He went down to the wa - ters like sol - dier, scribe, and slave,  
The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a - mid a glo - rious voice:  
But now be - side this wa - ter a - gain a voice is heard.



but there with - in the riv - er the sign was birth and grave.  
"You are my own be - lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."  
"You are my own, my cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: MERLE'S TUNE, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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## NICENE CREED

**P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**C** 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Each petition concludes:*

**A** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

# ✠ MEAL ✠

## PEACE OF CHRIST

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** All Who Believe and Are Baptized

Michael Burkhardt

*Giving is one of the ways we participate in all that God is doing through Grace.*

*Visit [GraceRiverForest.org](http://GraceRiverForest.org) to give online.*

*The Voluntary serves as the introduction to the hymn. We stand and sing as the gifts are presented.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** All Who Believe and Are Baptized



1 All who be - lieve and are bap - tized shall see the Lord's sal - va -  
2 With one ac - cord, O God, we pray, grant us your Ho - ly Spir -



tion; bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, they are a new cre - a -  
it; help us in our in - fir - mi - ty through Je - sus' blood and mer -



tion; through Christ's re - demp - tion they will stand a -  
it; grant us to grow in grace each day by



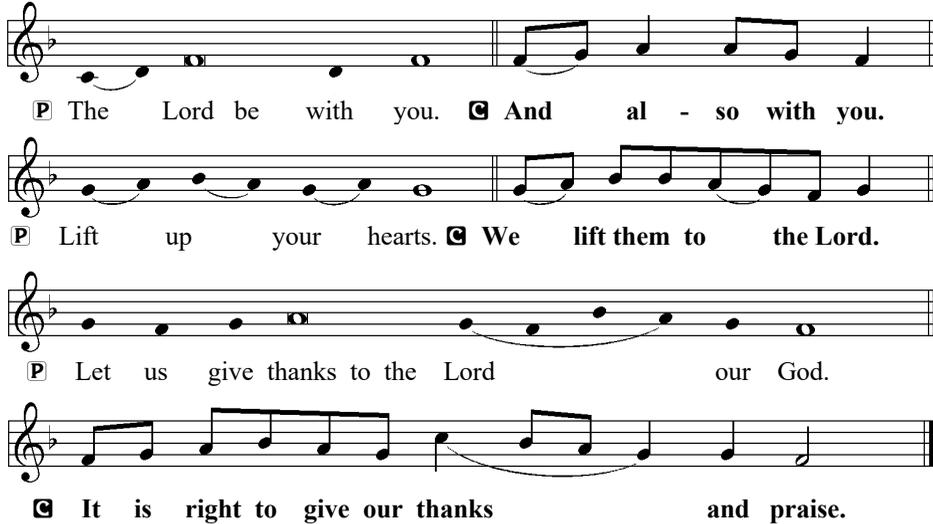
mong the glo - rious heav'n - ly band of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
ho - ly bap - tism, that we may e - ter - nal life in - her - it.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860–1943, alt.  
Music: ES IST DAS HEIL, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
**C** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—  
our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

- P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**P** Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.  
 By your powerful word you created all things.  
 Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.  
 Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
 He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
 and revealing to us your mercy and might.  
 In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.  
 Remembering, therefore,  
 his preaching and healing,  
 his dying and rising,  
 and his promise to come again,  
 we await that day when all the universe  
 will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.  
 By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
 that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
 we may be light for the world,  
 revealing the brilliance of your Son.  
 Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
 in your holy Church, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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

**C** **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.

**P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** Come, for all is now ready.

*We sit.*

### AGNUS DEI



**C** 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.

## COMMUNION

*Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized. The crucified and risen Christ is present in the Lord's Supper, giving us his true body and blood as food and drink.*

*Please remove your mask as you approach the head of the aisle, where we receive the consecrated wafer and then drink from one of the individual cups.*

*Non-alcoholic wine is in the center of the tray.*

*Those with a gluten allergy may pick up a gluten-free host from the table at the head of the aisle.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

### (11:00) ANTHEM: When You Pass Through the Waters

Paul D. Weber

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

Isaiah 43:1-3a

### HYMN: I Bind Unto Myself Today

ELW #450

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name  
of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion  
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of  
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . . the vir - tues  
faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the  
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -

Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his  
giv - ing ray, . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the

burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing  
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing

up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the  
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the

day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

4 Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me,  
Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan - ger,

Christ be-side me, Christ to win me, Christ to com - fort and re-store me,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and strang-er.

*Stanza five is printed on the following page.*

5 I bind un - to my - self the name, the strong name of the  
 Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion of the same, the  
 Three in One and One in Three, of whom all na - ture has cre -  
 a - tion, e - ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the  
 Lord of my sal - va - tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. Patrick, 372–466; para. Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
 Music: ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE, sts. 1–3, 5: Irish melody. DEIRDRE, st. 4: Irish melody

*We stand.*

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

# ✠ SENDING ✠

## BENEDICTION

☞ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☞ Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW #304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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## DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized, BuxWV 202

Dieterich Buxtehude

# LET US PRAY. . .

## Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Betty Albain	Hans Dumpys	Amy Juel	Jennifer Murtoff
Diane Amati	Louis Elia	Phyllis Kersten	<b>Karen Rohde</b>
Annalise Balock	Hena Gantepalli	Karla Koehne	Marnie Rourke
Cathy Barker	Erica Charles Garcia	Scott Krueger	Pat Scala
Len Berghaus	David Gruendler	Karen Lemke	Jim Scherer
Larry Caponigri	Don Heimbürger	Carolyn Martin	Evie Tiemann
Rosemary Cheatem	Patricia Herendeen	Karen McMahon	Cameron Valencia
<b>Bruce Cordes</b>	Virginia Hillert	Dave Moeller	

Felipe Altamirano (*friend of Cathy and Paul Schnittker*)

Kay Armstrong (*mother of Neal Armstrong*)

Pat B. (*friend of Pat Anderson*)

Javed Bachew (*relative of Susan Franzone*)

Frances Benson (*sister-in-law of Eunice Spurgat*)

Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)

Jamie Carpenter (*cousin of Jay and Scott Christopher*)

Elena Davis (*friend of Sue and Pat Allen*)

Stella Dillberg (*mother of Gretchen Weaver*)

Clara Dorsey (*mother of Jo-Ellyn Dorsey*)

Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)

James Flutch (*nephew of Valerie Spiller*)

Benjamin Galiher (*nephew of Paul May*)

Chandamma Gantepalli (*mother of Hena Gantepalli*)

Luke Gawencka (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Michael Granato (*grandson of Virginia Walker*)

Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)

Jerry Haase (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)

Jill Hanssen (*niece of Ann Mason*)

Carol Hartung (*mother of Justin Hartung*)

Allison Heppner (*daughter-in-law of Kenneth and Marilyn Heppner*)

Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)

Margaret Hofmaier (*mother of Barbara Hofmaier*)

Alice Hollis (*friend of Marge Sanger*)

June Hostetler (*aunt of Larry Garber*)

Judy Johnson (*Grace School alum*)

Ellen Kanik (*friend of Eileen Maggio*)

Derek Kaufman (*son of Nancy Kaufman*)

Doug Kelner (*friend of Irmgard and Al Swanson*)

Patrick Kennedy (*friend of Grace Church*)

David Kopp (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Arnold Krubsack (*brother of Irmgard Swanson*)

Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)

Maxx Kuspfer (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)

Beth Luebbe and family (*sister of Jenny Luebbe*)

Ken Lukes (*friend of George and Nancy Woblford*)

Joyce and John Lunde (*friends of Susan Messerli*)

Ellen MacGregor (*friend of Chrissy Nelson*)

Tom Maggio (*brother of Joe Maggio*)

Jane Martin (*mother of Justin Martin*)

Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)

Neal Mast (*relative of Susan and David Franzone*)

Pam Mattox (*friend of many at Grace*)

Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)

Duncan McEachern (*brother-in-law of John Reynolds*)

Dolores Pelz (*cousin of Evelyn Grams*)

Paul Peters (*son-in-law of Robert and Billie Navarro*)

Elaine Pierce (*friend of Al and Irmgard Swanson*)

Sarah Ponder (*friend of Hans and Donna Dumpys*)

James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)

Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)

Mark Redheffer (*son of Virginia Walker*)

Paula Rosenberger (*friend of Janet Sylvester*)

Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)

Ed Schulz (*father of Liz Rudy*)

Mary Lu Shipstad (*friend of Marilyn Heppner*)

Huxley Shoup and family (*friends of Marilyn and Ken Heppner*)

Nancy Stelling (*friend of Pastor Phyllis Kersten*)

Lee Stephens (*brother of Tony*)

Pastor Steve Swanson (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Jennifer Sylvester (*daughter of Janet Sylvester*)

Donald Tegeler (*friend of Debbie Conley*)

Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)

Martin A. Thieme (*brother of Susan Franzone*)

Ilene Thompson (*sister of Marilyn Heppner*)

Mary Lou and Ron Wagoner (*sister and brother-in-law of Stan Reddel*)

Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)

Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)

Nola Williams (*Grace student*)

Karen Wischhusen (*sister of Ann Mason*)

Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan & David Franzone*)

Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)

Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

## **Benevolence ministries**

Concordia University Chicago

### **Those serving in the armed services**

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

Kellyn Daly (*niece of Heidi and Chad Bohlmann*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Matthew Grosz (*nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Zachery Grosz (*great-nephew of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Matthew Shinkwin (*friend of Eunice Spurgat*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

### **Those in the foreign service**

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

### **Those studying abroad**

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Drew Krueger (*England*)

### **Those who are homebound**

Jayne Chilton

Joan Koerber

Christopher Davis

Carolyn Martin

Gloria Hillert

Kathleen Wrobel

### **Those who need encouragement**

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Oakhill Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister  
The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, preaching minister  
Rich Schubkegel, assisting minister  
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

**8:30**

Amy Claud  
Mary Margaret Bartley and Paul Eichwedel  
Sam Schueler  
Jane Andrew and Donna Serpico  
Susan Weber  
Lois Harb  
Justin Martin and Al Swanson

**Deacon**

**Lectors** Mary Beth Logas and Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson

**Crucifer/Bible Bearer** Magdalena Keberlein

**Altar Guild** Ellie Schnack and Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson

**Ushers** Gerlinde VanDriesen

**Gift Bearers** Neal and Esther Armstrong

**Livestream Audio/Video**

**Choir**

**11:00**

Susie Calhoun

Mary Beth Logas and Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson

Magdalena Keberlein

Ellie Schnack and Jo-Ellyn Dorsey Swanson

Gerlinde VanDriesen

Neal and Esther Armstrong

Parish Choir

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# THIS WEEK AT GRACE

## TODAY, JANUARY 9

Library Open for Self-Service ..... 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
**Worship Services – Holy Communion**..... 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School, Grades 1-6 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor Common) .....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School, 3–5-year-olds (Nursery) .....9:45 a.m.  
Confirmation (Fellowship Hall).....9:45 a.m.  
Teen Talk (Youth Center).....9:45 a.m.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Finance Committee (Online) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Evangelism Committee (Online)..... 7:00 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry (Church Library) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Benevolence Committee (Conference room)..... 7:00 p.m.  
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
GriefShare (Online) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Health Cabinet (Online)..... 7:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

**School Chapel – Holy Communion**.....8:25 a.m.  
Cornerstones-Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) .....9:30 a.m.  
Property Committee (Online)..... 7:00 p.m.  
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) ..... 7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Yoga (Fellowship Hall) ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room) ..... 7:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Finding Hope (Church Library).....10:00 a.m.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

Overeaters Anonymous (Online) .....9:00 a.m.

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