



# GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion  
The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 8, 2023  
10:00 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 most 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.

**Altar Flowers** can be sponsored by members to celebrate a special occasion or to honor the memory of a loved one. Please stop by the front desk for more information.

**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.

**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

The voice breaks through the heavens so that those on earth might hear: “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” These words, attested by the presence of the Holy Spirit, proclaim the fulfillment of the Servant prophecies made by Isaiah. In both Matthew and Isaiah, we are privy to the Triune speech of God. The Son hears the Father speak as he emerges from the Jordan, and we are allowed to overhear. The same is true when God speaks to the Servant in Isaiah 42, as the One who is to come hears what he is to do. This One will be given as a covenant to the people and a light to the nations. This One will give sight to the blind and release to those in the dungeons. This long-promised Servant is now incarnate as Christ, God’s beloved Son. In Christ, God takes on our sin, both at the Jordan and at Golgotha, that the righteousness of the Lord would be fulfilled.

## ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord, BWV 684

Johann Sebastian Bach

*We stand and face the cross in procession.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** God, Whose Almighty Word

(green) **LBW #400**



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
wis - dom, love, might! Bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light!  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## 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



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



**B** 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.

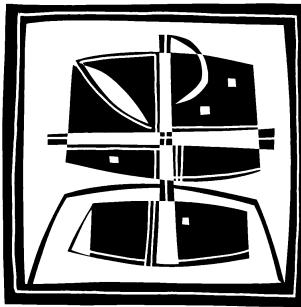
**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God our Father,  
at the baptism of Jesus  
you proclaimed him your beloved Son  
and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.  
Make all who are baptized into Christ  
faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons,  
and empower us all with your Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*



## ✠ WORD ✠

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1–9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

℟ The Word of the Lord.

☩ 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 10:34–43

Then Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

*We stand and join in singing the refrain as indicated.*

**GOSPEL VERSE: Matthew 3:17**

**Choir** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**C** **REFRAIN** (*below*)



**Choir** A voice from heaven said,

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

**C** **REFRAIN**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13–17**

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON:** Let It Be So Now

Pastor David R. Lyle  
Isaiah 42:1–9; Matthew 3:13–17





*We stand.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY: I Bind Unto Myself Today

(green) **LBW #188**



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  
4 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the pow'r of  
5 I bind un - to my - self the name, . the strong name



faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the  
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -  
God to hold and lead, . . . his eye to watch, his  
of the Trin - i - ty . . . by in - vo - ca - tion



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  
might to stay, . . his ear to hear - ken to my need, . the  
of the same, . the Three in One and One in Three, . of



burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing  
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing  
wis - dom of my God to teach, his hand to  
whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal

up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the  
 wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the  
 guide, his shield to ward, the word of God to  
 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise to the Lord of

day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
 deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.  
 give me speech, his heav'n - ly host to be my guard.  
 my sal - va - tion; sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. St. Patrick, c. 372–466; para. Cecil F. Alexander, 1823–1895  
 Music: ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE, Irish



## 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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

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

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** I Bind Unto Myself Today

Benjamin Culli

*We stand.*

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** Psalm 29:2–4

Robert Wetzler

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in holy array.  
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.  
The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

## 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.

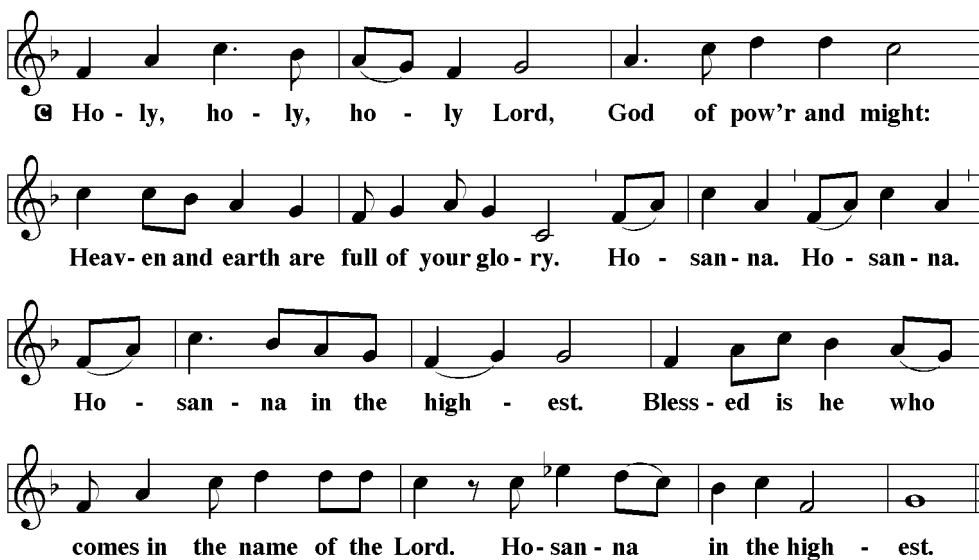


**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**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:



- 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** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

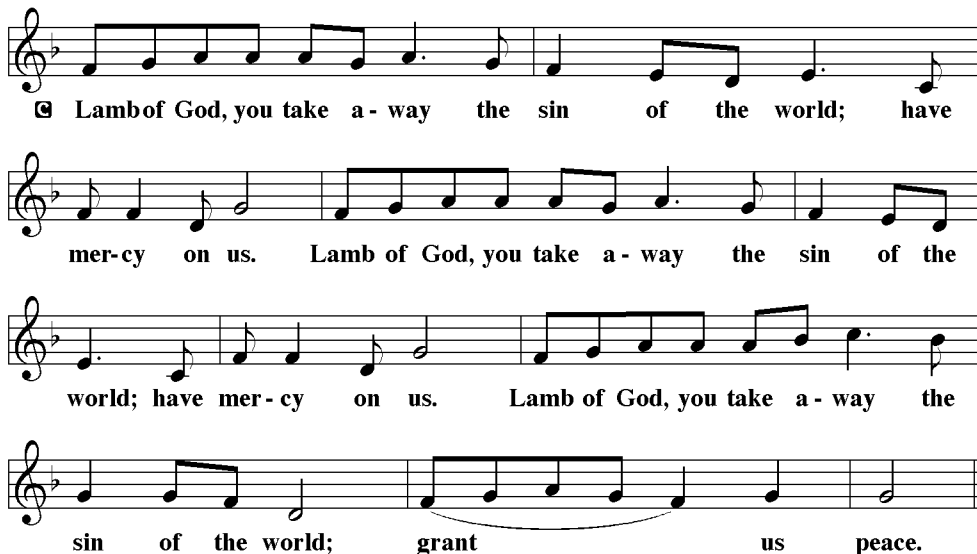
**P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



♩ 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.*

*We receive communion at the head of the center aisle, receiving the consecrated bread  
and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the bread into the wine (intinction).*

*Those choosing individual cups will find non-alcoholic wine in the center of the tray.*

*Those with a gluten allergy may ask the pastor for a gluten-free host.*

## MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

HYMN: Baptized in Living Waters

Carl F. Schalk



All 1. Bap - tized in liv - ing wa - ters, On  
Choir 2. With liv - ing bread Christ feeds us, A  
All 3. A - noint - ed with one Spir - it, Con -  
Choir 4. With heal - ing touch we reach out To  
All 5. Through word and prayer and wor - ship, Through





Christ we firm - ly stand, Are made one liv - ing  
ban - quet is pre - pared; To pas - tures green he  
firmed with oil of joy, The Church pro - claims the  
those in pain and grief, As liv - ing signs em -  
deed and sac - ra - ment, We are the liv - ing



bod - y In ev - 'ry time and land, In  
leads us, To rich and boun - teous fare; To  
gos - pel Of sin and death de - stroyed; With  
brac - ing All those who seek re - lief. And,  
wit - ness, And to the world are sent. As



dy - ing and in ris - ing, We join the end - less  
one cup of sal - va - tion, Re - fresh - ing as the  
wis - dom's un - der - stand - ing, With know - ing judg - ment  
rec - on - ciled with oth - ers, We rec - on - cile with  
God's own ho - ly peo - ple, On Christ we firm - ly



song With saints through - out the a - ges, All  
dew, In - scribed up - on our hearts as The  
right, With rev - 'rence, cour - age, won - der, The  
Christ, Re - turn - ing through the pow'r of His  
stand, Em - pow'ed by one same Spir - it In



heav - en's ho - ly throng.  
cov - e - nant a - new.  
gifts of heav - 'nly light.  
cross and sac - ri - fice.  
ev - 'ry time and land.



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv - er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899  
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

*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** Let us pray.

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.

*During the hymn we are sprinkled with water as a remembrance of our baptism. The sign of the cross may be made.*

**SENDING HYMN:** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

*(green)* **LBW #90**



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su - preme;  
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint-ing soul;  
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
 and at Ca - na wed-ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885

Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Michael D. Costello

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

Irmgard Swanson, assisting minister

Al Swanson, deacon

Karen Rohde, Mary Margaret Bartley, lectors

Lukas Cohen, Evelyn Walsh, crucifer/bible bearer

Jessica Bullock, Julie Modrich, gift bearers

Catherine Amato, Marilyn Moehlenkamp, preparing the altar

John Sanger, Susan Weber, ushers

Susan Bogner, Julie Modrich, greeters

Eunice Eifert, Liz Hanson, livestream audio/video

Grace Parish Choir

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# LET US PRAY. . .

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 Collene Berghaus (*daughter-in-law of Len and Judy Berghaus*)  
 Karen Berglund (*friend of Carol Stanger*)  
 Emmet Bindon (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)  
 Jim Brandt (*friend of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)  
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 Tim Chow (*friend of Paul Eichwedel*)  
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 Patti and Neal Enslin (*friends of Marilyn Heppner*)  
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 Greta Ford (*granddaughter of Bruce and Jackie Modahl*)  
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 Mike Guss (*friend of Lance and Stephanie Wilkening*)  
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 Harry Heppner (*brother of Ken Heppner*)  
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 Esther Martz (*friend of Susie Calhoun*)  
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 Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)  
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 Russ Tellio (*friend of Susan and David Franzone*)  
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 Nancy & Dick Woodka (*friends of Susan & David Franzone*)  
 Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)  
 Don and Arleeta Yeske (*friends of Eunice Spurgat*)

## Benevolence ministries

Appalachia Service Project

## For those who mourn

**Virginia Rohlfing** (*aunt of Greg Rohlfing and wife of Grace School alum John Rohlfing*)

## Those serving in the armed services

Jacob Benson (*great-nephew of Eunice Spurgat*)

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

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Kront*)

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*)

John Kibler (*son of April Kibler*)

Joshua Nelson (*son-in-law of Ted and Maja Anton*)

Miles Powell (*grandson of Bob and Bonnie Shaner*)

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 who are homebound

Jayne Chilton

Tim Sandvoss

Christopher Davis

Kathleen Wrobel

Joan Koerber

## 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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

TODAY, JANUARY 8

Library Open (self-service, coffee) ..... 9:45 a.m.– 11:30 p.m.  
**Worship – Holy Communion**..... 10:00 a.m.  
Epiphany Brunch following service in Fellowship Hall  
No Adult Ed, Sunday School, Confirmation or Teen Talk

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Finance Committee (Virtual) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Stephen Ministry (Virtual)..... 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Retired Leaders (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Property Committee (Church Library)..... 7:00 p.m.  
Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room)... 7:00 p.m.  
Boy Scout Troop (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commons) ..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

**School Chapel – Holy Communion** ..... 8:25 a.m.  
Cornerstones (Church Library) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Church Directory Team (Church Library) ..... 1:00 p.m.  
Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Grace Notes Mailing Crew (Church Library)..... 9:00 a.m.  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Bell Room)..... 6:30 p.m.  
Worship Committee (1902 Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.  
Board of Discipleship (Conference Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

St. Matthew Passion Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 9:00 a.m.

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