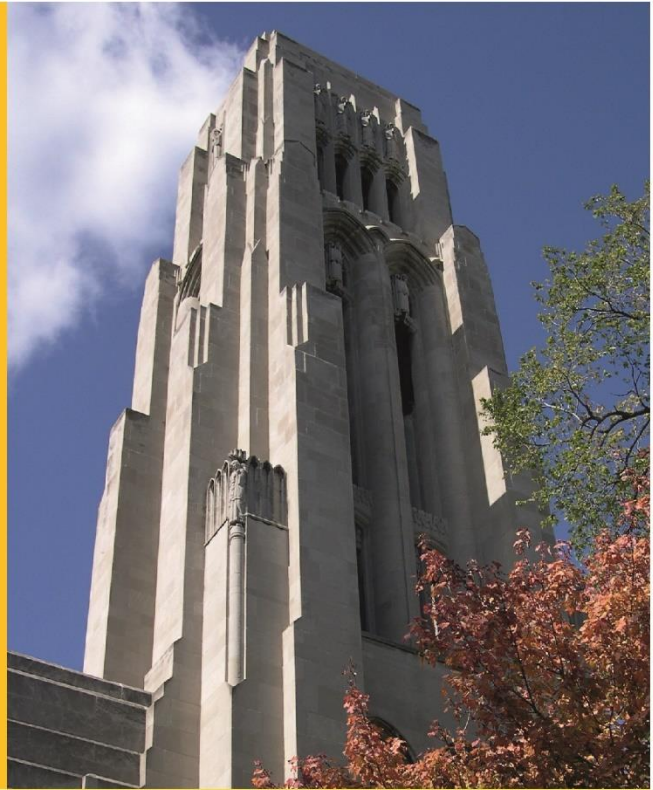




Welcome to

## Grace Lutheran Church and School

Bring in, build up, and send  
out disciples for Jesus Christ.



## Visitors

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

Read more about worship on the  
inside cover of this worship folder.

Fill out the form on the back cover  
to tell us more about you.

## Worship at Grace

The service is printed in this worship folder.

Hymns are ordinarily in the  
green *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW)  
and blue *With One Voice* (WOV) hymnals.

Information is printed on the next page  
about additional resources for worship.

## Learn More

Today's insert contains announcements  
about ministries of Grace Church and School.

Learn more about Grace by visiting us  
online at [www.graceriverforest.org](http://www.graceriverforest.org).

## The Holy Communion

The Baptism of Our Lord  
January 12, 2025

10:00 a.m.

## Welcome to Grace

Welcome 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.

## Children's Resources

Activity bags, worship bulletins, and booster seats are available in the narthex and from the ushers.

## Nursery Care

The nursery is open and staffed 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.

## Holy Communion

The crucified and risen Christ is present in the bread and wine of Communion, 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.

## Assistance in Worship

For those who find it difficult to stand during any part of the service, please feel free to remain seated. 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.

## Electronic Devices

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

## 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**

As Jesus breaks back through the surface of the Jordan, one wonders if Isaiah's words enter his mind: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." These words were first spoken not to a people underwater, but to a people displaced. Exiled, how could they not be afraid? How could they not imagine that God had forgotten them? But God is not one to forget a promise. God is the Holy One, the Lord, the Savior. God is the One who knows the people by name. Now comes Christ into this world, bearing the the divine favor upon his brow as the divine One in our midst. God is pleased with Jesus before Jesus does anything. By the time Jesus is done, fulfilling his Father's will along the way, we too will have been swept up into God's good pleasure. We are being gathered in from our exile, redeemed by the God who's grace knows no bounds.



## ✠ GATHERING ✠

**PRELUDE:** Allegro (from Concerto No. 4, Op. 8, RV 297 "Winter")

Antonio Vivaldi

*We stand.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just  
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us  
and, for his sake, God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN: O, Love, How Deep

(green) **LBW #88**

1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,  
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore,  
 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
 be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,  
 of high - er or of low - er place,  
 his ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;  
 for us his dai - ly works he wrought,  
 that God, the Son of God, should take  
 but wore the robe of hu - man frame,  
 for us words temp - ta - tion sharp he knew;  
 by and signs and ac - tions thus  
 our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
 and to this world him - self he came.  
 for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
 still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

**All** 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
 for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
 he bore the shameful cross and death;  
 for us he gave his dying breath.

**Choir** 6 For us he rose from death again;  
 for us he went on high to reign;  
 for us he sent his Spirit here  
 to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

**All** 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
 for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
 the Trinity whom we adore  
 forever and forevermore.

Text: attr. Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1820–1885, alt.  
 Music: DEO GRACIAS, English, 15th cent.

## 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

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fath-er, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath-er, 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 Fath - er: re -'.

Glo - ry to God in the high-est and  
peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly  
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ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the high-est and  
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 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 Fath - er. A - - - men. Glo - ry to  
 God in the high-est and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## 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.



## PSALM 29

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

Michael D. Costello

- 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

John Ferguson

**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 St. 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:** Redemption Song

Pastor David R. Lyle

Luke 3:15–17, 21–22; Isaiah 43:1–7

*We stand.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 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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## NICENE CREED

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

☒ **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,  
**G** **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.  
**G** **Amen.**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### PEACE OF CHRIST

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**G** **And also with you.**

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

*We sit.*

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY:** Quartet No. 15 in D minor, K. 421      Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
III. Menuetto

*We stand as the gifts are presented.*

**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,  
**G** **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.

☐ 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.

☐ **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

### 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: Shall We Gather at the River

(blue) WOV #690



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;

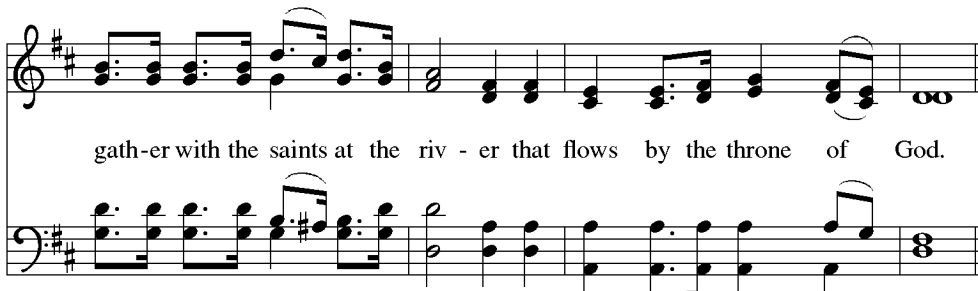


with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.  
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

*Refrain*



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.

*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.

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life;  
and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **✠ SENDING ✠**

### **BENEDICTION**

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

**C Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN: Go, My Children with My Blessing

(blue) **WOV #721**



- All** 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
**Choir** 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
**All** 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
**All** 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh

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## DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**G** Thanks be to God.

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

Johann Sebastian Bach

## **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

The Rev. Troy E. Medlin, presiding minister

The Rev. David R. Lyle, preaching minister

The Rev. Karl Reko, assisting minister

Amy Claud, deacon

The Rev. Michael D. Costello, cantor

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Kontras Quartet

Eleanor Bartsch, violin

Sherri Zhang, violin

Ben Weber, viola

Jean Hatmaker, cello

Laura Merwin, Deborah Maxwell, lectors

Anders Lyle, Mikey Starrick, crucifer/Book bearer

Al Swanson, Lois Harb, gift bearers

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Isabella Staples (*The Netherlands*)

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Christopher Davis

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Tim Sandvoss

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### Those who need encouragement

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

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**TODAY, JANUARY 12**

**Worship – Holy Communion**..... 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Brunch (Fellowship Hall)..... 11:15 a.m.

Health Cabinet (8th Grade Classroom)..... 11:30 a.m.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14**

Faith Forum (Church Library)..... 10:00 a.m.

Elementary Education Committee (1902 Room)..... 7:00 p.m.

Property Committee (Conference Room)..... 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15**

**School Chapel Service**..... 8:25 a.m.

Cornerstones Bible Study (Church Library) ..... 10:00 a.m.

**Worship – Morning Prayer** (Church Library) ..... 11:30 a.m.

Cornerstones Lunch (Fellowship Hall)..... 12:00 p.m.

Parish Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**

Grief Share (Church Library)..... 10:00 a.m.

Moms of Littles (Youth Center)..... 6:30 p.m.

Yoga (Fellowship Hall)..... 6:30 p.m.

Justice and Peace Committee (Conf. Room)..... 7:30 p.m.

Women’s Choir Rehearsal (Music Room) ..... 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 17**

Religion in Literature (Offsite) ..... 7:30 p.m.

**David R. Lyle**, Senior Pastor  
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