

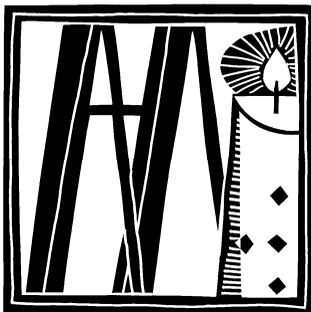


GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Holy Communion
The Name of Jesus
January 1, 2016
10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Welcome In the name of Christ welcome to all who gather to receive God's holy Word and the sacrament of the altar. We are glad you have joined us for worship. As a community of faith, worship and service are central to our life. Should you have no church home, you are invited to consider Grace as your church home, to grow in faith and be nurtured with the living Word.

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

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 and large print bulletins are available in the back of the church and from the ushers.

Cell Phones and Pagers Please silence all cell phones and pagers. Thank you.

Holy Communion 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 is host.

✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: Fantasia on Greensleeves

Ralph Vaughan Williams

We stand.

ENTRANCE HYMN: At the Name of Jesus

(green) LBW #179



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
 2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
 Choir 3 Hum-bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
 4 Bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
 all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 through all ranks of crea - tures to the cen - tral height,



'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
 to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray,
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed;
 filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.

Choir 5 In your hearts enthrone him;
 there let him subdue
 all that is not holy,
 all that is not true.
 Crown him as your captain
 in temptation's hour;
 let his will enfold you
 in its light and pow'r.

6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 shall return again
 in his Father's glory,
 with his angel train;
 for all wreaths of empire
 meet upon his brow,
 and our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

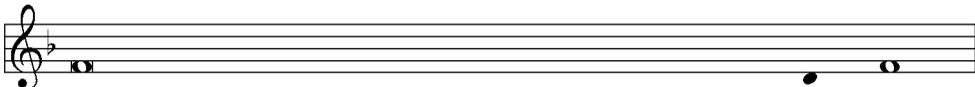
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

KYRIE



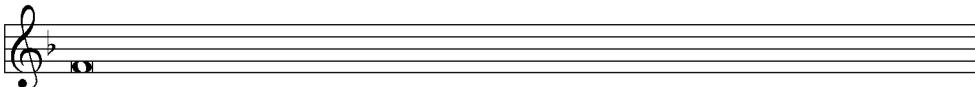
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



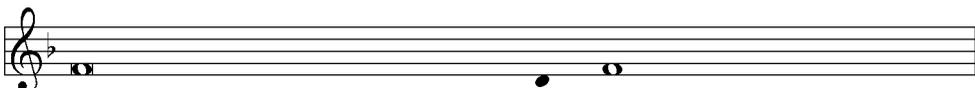
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



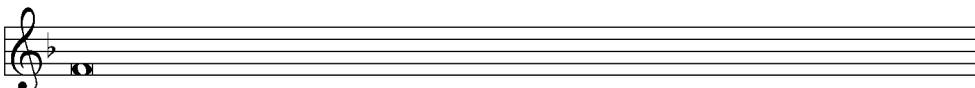
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



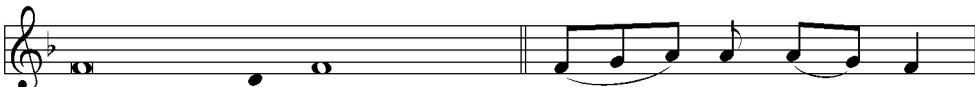
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. Ⓒ A - men

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 Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you gave your Son the name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: Numbers 6:22–27

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. ²⁷So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

L O | Lord our Lord,*

how exalted is your name in | all the earth!

C Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children*

your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.

L You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,*
to quell the enemy and | the avenger.

C When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,*
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

L what is man that you should be mind- | ful of him,*
the son of man that you should | seek him out?

C You have made him but little lower | than the angels;*
you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;

L you give him mastery over the works | of your hands;*
you put all things un- | der his feet:

C all | sheep and oxen,*
even the wild beasts | of the field,

L the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,*
and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.

C O | Lord our Lord,*
how exalted is your name in | all the earth!

SECOND READING: Galatians 4:4–7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL VERSE: Philippians 2:10

Richard Hillert

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:15–21

℣ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

CANTATA: Fallt mit Danken, fallt mit Loben, BWV 248.4

Johann Sebastian Bach

(Fall down with thanks, fall down with praises)

A translation of the cantata text is printed on page 25 of the Christmas Oratorio booklet.

Please return the booklet so that it may be used throughout the Christmas season.

SERMON

Pastor David R. Lyle

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus, the Very Thought of You

(green) **LBW #316**

Stanza two is sung by the choir in a setting by Franklin Ashdown.

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;

but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876



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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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: Das alte Jahr vergangen ist, BWV 614

J. S. Bach

We stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Confitebor tibi, Domine (Psalms 111:1a; 119:17, 25b) Orlando di Lasso

Confitebor tibi, Domine, in toto corde meo.

I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart,

Retribue servo tuo, ut vivam et custodiam sermones tuos.

O do well unto your servant, that I may live, and keep your word:

Vivifica me secundum verbum tuum, Domine.

Quicken me according to your word, O Lord.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

☞ Let us pray. Merciful Father,

☛ 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.



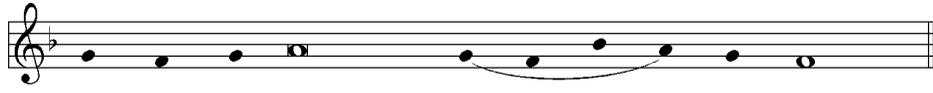
GREAT THANKSGIVING



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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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** To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



- 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.**

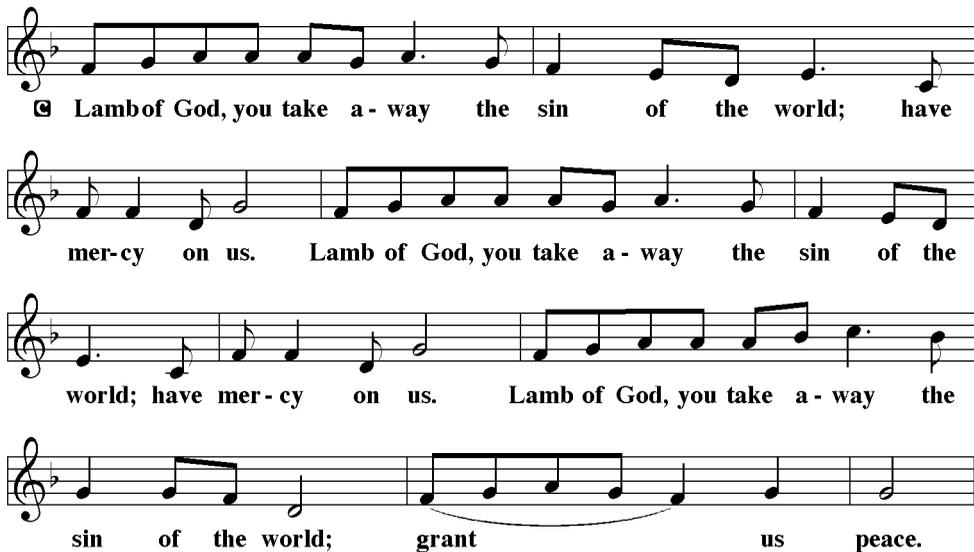
- P** The gifts of God for the people of God.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



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 host and then drinking directly from the chalice or dipping the host into the wine (intinction).

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

MUSIC FOR THE COMMUNION

ANTHEM: My Song In the Night

arr. Paul Christiansen

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,
My comfort by day and my song in the night.

O why should I wander, an alien from thee,
Or cry in the desert thy face to see,
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight,
O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night.

My song in the night, my song in the night.
O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,
Come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight,
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight.

Anonymous



HYMN: What Child Is This?

(green) LBW #40



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



HYMN: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(green) LBW #55



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: medieval Latin carol; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent

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.

SENDING HYMN: Go, My Children, With My Blessing

(blue) WOV #721

Stanza two is sung by the choir in a setting by Carl Schalk.



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
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 HYDY NOS, Welsh

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: Carol-prelude on “Greensleeves”

M. Searle Wright

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Susan Krout, soprano

Jillian Krickl, soprano

Hoss Brock, tenor

Matthew Dean, tenor

Ed Frazier Davis, baritone

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT GRACE

The Second Sunday of Christmas, January 3

8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

4:00 p.m. Bach Cantata Vespers, with Christmas Oratorio, Part V

The Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion with Christmas Oratorio, Part VI

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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