

Baptism of Our Lord

Service of Holy Communion

January 11, 2026

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m.
**-the congregation is invited to stand*

WELCOME TO GRACE

A warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us during this season after Epiphany. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a guest card which is found in the pews. Following the service, please introduce yourself to the pastor.

INTRODUCTION

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

God gathers us in unity.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Peace Like a River

Traditional Folk Melody

Cora Chesky – piano

The assembly stands as able.

***PRESENTATION**

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

***PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

***AFFIRMATION**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

The assembly makes affirmation:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

Amen.

***GATHERING HYMN**

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW#423

***GREETING**

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

And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

DISMISSAL FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ 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.

² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
 or make it heard in the street;

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

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

⁵ 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:

⁶ 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,
 ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

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

⁹ 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.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory
 thunders;
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**⁴ The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips
the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰ **The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands as able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

SERMON

The assembly may stand as able.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

ELW#304

Vs 1, 2, 4

*THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Leader prays for the church/world and all in need.

Each prayer concludes:

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

*THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

During this flu season and the ongoing pandemic, we remind you that it is appropriate to greet each other and pass the peace verbally rather than have hand contact, which helps to transmit the flu virus. We likewise remind you to use the hand sanitizers that are available in each pew, upon arrival and throughout the service as needed.

OFFERING

We respond to the grace given us by sharing our gifts with others through the offering. Today's offering supports the ongoing ministry of Grace church.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come
Grace Chancel Choir

Allen Pote

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

MEAL

*SETTING THE TABLE

By Your Hand You Feed Your People ELW#469, Vs. 1



1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

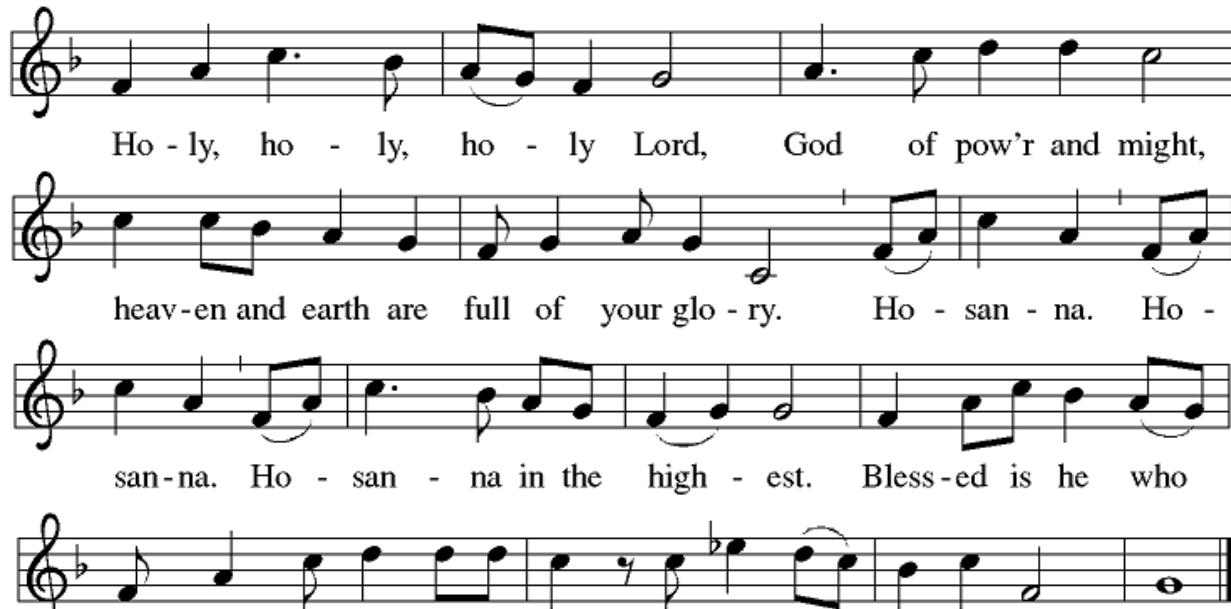
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ;

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*SANCTUS

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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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

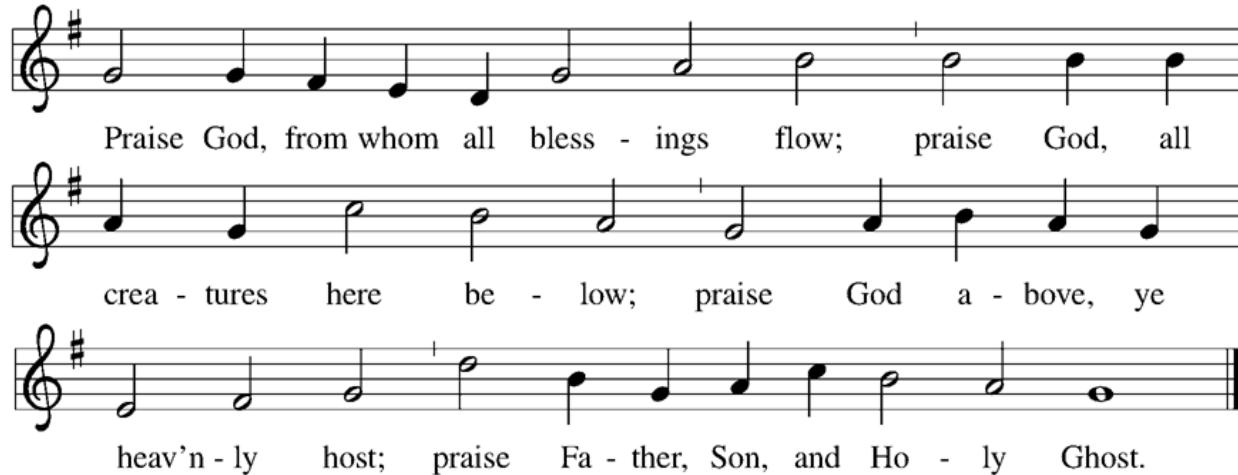
***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

ELW#885



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*INVITATION

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly is seated.

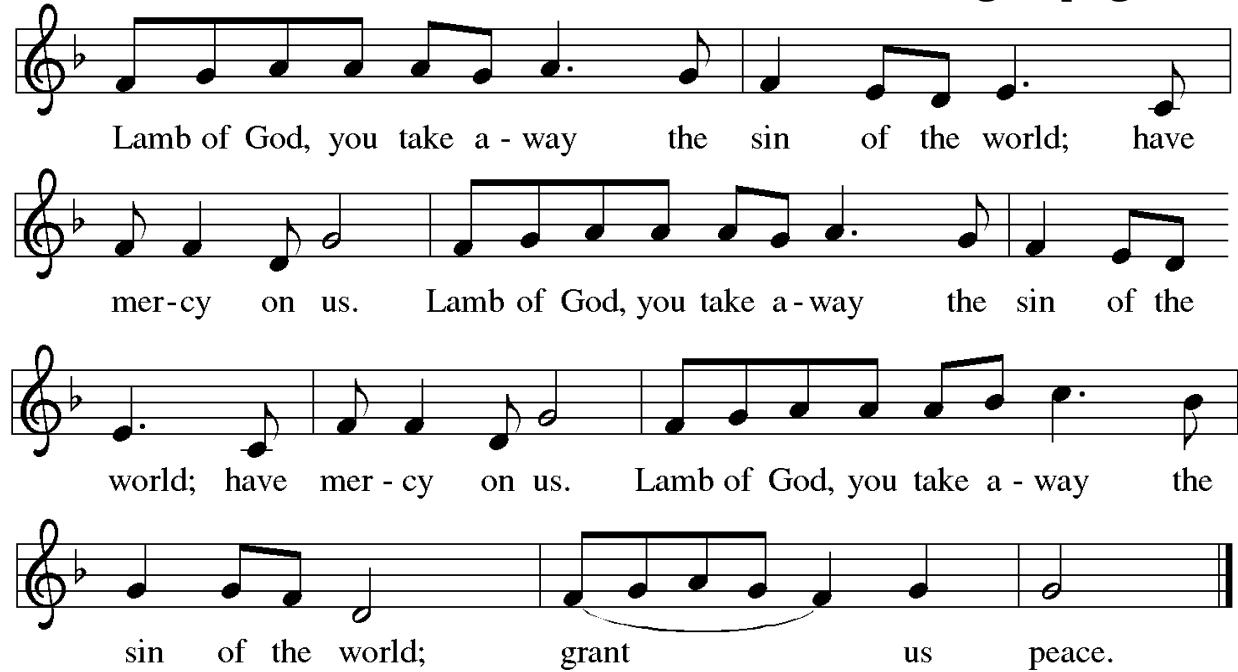
Those communing in their seats and at home are led through each element.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Please join in singing:

AGNUS DEI

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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; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world **SENDING**

*BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

Spirit of Gentleness

ELW#396

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Chad Butz
Assisting Minister.....	Krista Snavely
Acolyte	Kaiden Pautz
Lector.....	Patty Rohde
Communion Assistants	Patty Rohde, Marti Bert
Sound	Tom Pautz
Director of Music.....	Kristopher Hartman
Organist.....	Emily Hartman
Technology Operator	Chris Jury

This Week at Grace: January 10-16, 2026

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

The Bulletins & Mailings are given to the Glory of God.

We hold in prayer especially this week....

Judy Michael, Julia, Vicki Whitcomb, Carson Osswald, Larry Hoffman, Carolyn Houck, Cheryl A., Elaine & Ed Klemmer, Wendell Mortenson, Howard Lauver, Halie Osswald, Barry Fenicle, Beverly Earhart, Amy Vogel, Alice M., Dean Jury and the friends & family of Phil Schrier.

We hold in prayer the recently departed....

Phil Schrier

ELCA Good Gift Ornaments

Please return all ornaments (or if you wish to keep the ornament, please include a list of what ornament you selected) along with payment by **Sunday, January 11, 2026.**
Please make checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Children's Church

Children's Church will be held on Sunday, January 11, 2026, during the morning worship service from 10am – 10:20am. The intention is to provide an appropriate age message that children will love and be able to apply in their daily lives.

Grace Book Club

Join the Grace Book Club on January 14 at 7pm via Zoom as they discuss "The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot" by Marianne Cronin. Contact Melinda Bechtel at mcbbechtel@gmail.com for login information.

Community Meal

Join us on Wednesday, January 14 at 5:30pm in the Social Hall for the first Community Meal of 2026. The menu is Taco Salad, Mexican Rice, and Assorted Desserts.

Pastor Chad's Lenten Devotional

For Pastor Chad's Lenten Devotional this year, he will be reading: *Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations*. It is a Catholic lenten meditation devotional, so there will be some things that us Lutherans don't agree with. But on the whole, I believe it will help center us in Christ and remind us to put our faith in Jesus, and not in ourselves. According to Ascension Press, "*You will read through the entirety of the Gospel of Mark, reflecting on your identity as God's beloved child, and you'll respond through prayer and practical action.*" If you would like to follow along with Pastor Chad this coming Lent, let the office know that you would like a copy. Copies are \$15 each and should be requested by February 8. Books will be available before Ash Wednesday, February 18th. *Make Checks payable to Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.*

Check out the new Merchandise Store for Grace

Looking for some Grace swag? Check out our new merchandise store at <https://www.bonfire.com/store/grace-camp-hill-merch/> or use the QR code. You can find hats, clothing (with Grace's purpose on the back) and water bottles. What a great way to support Grace and start a conversation.



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GRACE LUTHERAN MERCHANDISE

Special Benevolence Offering

The Special Benevolence for **January** is **Grace Giving Pantry**. To contribute, please list your dollar amount next to *Special Offering Ministry* on the contribution envelopes or use the online giving page on the website page at <https://www.gracecamphill.org/give> or use the QR Code. If you prefer to donate items, they are especially in need of size 5 & 6 diapers.



Give Now

Winter Weather Policy

During the work week, Monday thru Friday, Grace follows the closings of the West Shore School District. If the school is closed, the office and all activities that day are closed and cancelled. Weekend worship cancellation are determined by the Pastor and Council President. Cancellations will be posted on CBS 21 and ABC 27, as well as Grace's Facebook page and website.

Pastoral Assistance or At Home Communion

If you need pastoral assistance or to request At Home Communion, please contact Pastor Chad (717-737-0439x10 or pastorchad@gracecamphill.org). If you need a pastoral emergency outside of normal working hours you can contact Pastor Chad on his mobile phone at 610-297-2514. A pastoral emergency would be a death, or life-threatening circumstances.

Welcome to Our Church Cards

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to complete one of the "Welcome to Our Church" cards found in both narthexes, the library and the pews. We'd love to hear from you.

Good News from Grace articles are due by **12noon on the 15th of the month** for the next month's newsletter. **This Week at Grace** information is due by **12noon on Tuesdays**. Email to ddeppen@gracecamphill.org

Calendar

1/10/26	4:30pm 5:00pm	Wine & Cheese in Library Sabbath Service of Holy Communion in Barkley Chapel
1/11/26	9:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:30am 11:00am	Coffee Hour w/Worship & Music Ministry (<i>After worship from 10:30 – 11:00am, too</i>) Service of Holy Communion in Sanctuary Children's Church Junior Youth Group (JYG) Confirmation Class at Trinity Lemoyne
1/12/26	7:00pm 7:00pm	Scout Troop 54 & Cub Scout Pack 54 Meeting Grace Book Club via Zoom
1/13/26	9:30am 1:00pm	Quilting Ministry in Quilt Room Bible Study in Small Conference Room
1/14/26	3:00pm 5:30pm	Grace Giving Pantry Community Meal in Social Hall
1/15/26	6:00pm 7:00pm	Bells of Grace in Balcony Chancel Choir in Choir Room

Shall We Gather at the River



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.



Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

vs 1, 2, 4



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 steadfast 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.



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

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Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness



call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,



stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - - row, you break an - cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - - ons you called to each thing;
and when they were blind - - ed with i - - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain



“A - - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings.”
then you spoke through your proph - - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley

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Our Story

Matthew 25:35-40: *For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’*³⁷*Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”*

The purpose of Grace Lutheran Church is to make a difference by serving others through God’s love and our faith

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