

Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!



By Grace you have been saved!

*"We have decided to follow Jesus and
There's no turning back!"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021

Pastor Jim Helgren

Prelude & Announcements

Opening Hymn "Baptized in Water"

The Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Prayer of the Day

See Insert

The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

See Insert

Psalm 29

See Insert

Second Lesson: Acts 19:1-7

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P:The Gospel of the Lord"

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Apostles' Creed

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

Sincere and heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to the family & friends of **Eldon Dieckgrafe**. Eldon passed away on January 4th at the age of 97 years. Funeral services were held at Grace Lutheran Church on January 7th.

Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office. You may email the church office grace68329@gmail.com NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church) 402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)

Weekly Budget	\$2,038.00
Received Last Week	\$1,060.00

Today 1/10/2021

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Monday 1/11/2021

Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 1/12/2021

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – All Day

Church Council – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 1/13/2021

Confirmation Class – 6:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 1/17/2021

Worship with communion – 10:00 a.m. **NOTE TIME CHANGE**

GRACE LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING following worship

We are trying Sunday School – Grab N Go style. There is a basket at the back of the church with individual packets of Sunday School materials for you to take home.

We have included a blue piece of paper in your bulletin to place on the pew when you leave.

This way we know which specific pew to clean/disinfect since we have untapped the pews for seating. So please leave the blue page on the pew where you sat.

ANNUAL MEETING

The 2021 Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Next Sunday**, January 17th.
Note that the time for worship has been

changed to 10:00 a.m.

It will be a joint worship service with Hope. Please pick up your Annual Report & remember to bring your Annual Report back to the meeting next week.

*Offering envelopes and ELCW Yearbooks are ready to be picked up.
They are in the back of the church.*

Thank you to everyone who brought Poinsettias to share with us. Please be sure to stop by and pick yours up if you would like to enjoy it at your home.

2021 NSWO Virtual Winter Retreat

THE THEREFORE
encourage
ONE ANOTHER AND
build
EACH OTHER UP
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11



January 23, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Encourage, Build, and Celebrate

Join us for morning of Bible Study, updates from your Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization, special guest speakers, and more all from the comfort of your local location.



2021 Virtual Winter Retreat

Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Join Zoom Meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Welcome – Gwen Edwards
- 9:15 a.m. Opening Devotions – Teresa Christensen
- 9:25 a.m. Bible Study – Nebraska Bishop Brian Maas
- 9:55 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. Sermon Doodling – Diane Harpster
Certified Spiritual Director
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:35 a.m. NSWO President Update – Sandy Terry
- 10:45 a.m. NSWO Treasurer Update – Gwen Edwards
- 10:55 a.m. NSWO Event Update – Carol Stark
- 11:05 a.m. Break
- 11:10 a.m. Special Guest
- 11:40 p.m. Norwegian Covid – St. Paul Church Ladies
- 12:00 p.m. Closing Devotions – Elysia McGill
- 12:10 p.m. The End



Today's Readings

Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2021

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

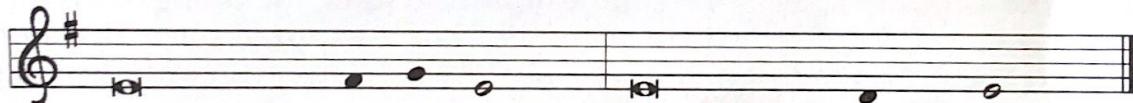
Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm

Psalm 29; tone 8



Ascribe to the ¹ LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD
 glo- ¹ ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD**
 the glory ¹ due God's name;
 worship the LORD
 in the beau- ¹ ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD
 is upon the waters;
 the God of ¹ glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon
 the ¹ mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD**
 is a pow- ¹ erful voice;
 the voice of the LORD
 is a ¹ voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD
 breaks the ¹ cedar trees;

the LORD
 breaks the ce- ¹ dars of Lebanon;
⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon**
 skip ¹ like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon
 like a ¹ young wild ox.

⁷The voice ¹ of the LORD
 bursts forth in ¹ lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD**
 shakes the wilderness;
 the LORD
 shakes the wilder- ¹ ness
 of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD
 makes the oak trees writhe
 and strips the ¹ forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD
 all are ¹ crying, “Glory!”

continued

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned
a-¹ bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned
as king for-¹ evermore.**

**¹¹O LORD, give strength
¹ to your people;
give them, O LORD,
the bless-¹ ings of peace.**

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said,

“John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied —⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop

down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”