

*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

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**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**January 9, 2022**

**Pastor Jim Helgren**

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***We pray always for . . .***

*Robert Armknecht, Bill Bohling, Jodell Bridgmon, Luetta Bruns,  
Linda Daniels, Julie Eden, Eric Fass, Mary Goudie, Jan Rader,  
Joan Staack*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Erick, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania.*



# Today's Readings

Baptism of Our Lord

January 9, 2022

## Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen.**

## 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."

## Psalm

Psalm 29; tone 7



Ascribe to the <sup>1</sup> LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD  
glo- <sup>1</sup> ry and strength.

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

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

<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD  
is a pow- <sup>1</sup> erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD  
is a <sup>1</sup> voice of splendor. *continued*

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD  
breaks the <sup>1</sup> cedar trees;  
the LORD  
breaks the ce- <sup>1</sup> dars of Lebanon;  
<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon  
skip <sup>1</sup> like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon  
like a <sup>1</sup> young wild ox.  
<sup>7</sup>The voice <sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
bursts forth in <sup>1</sup> lightning flashes.  
<sup>8</sup>The voice of the LORD  
<sup>1</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- <sup>1</sup> ness  
of Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD  
makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the <sup>1</sup> forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD  
all are <sup>1</sup> crying, "Glory!"  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD sits enthroned  
a- <sup>1</sup> bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned  
as king for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.  
<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength  
<sup>1</sup> to your people;  
give them, O LORD,  
the bless- <sup>1</sup> ings 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.

## Gospel

## Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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."

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in the south office. You may email the church office  
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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)***

The 2022 Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting is  
scheduled for ***Next Sunday***, January 16<sup>th</sup>,  
following joint worship with Hope  
**Note that the time for worship has been  
changed to 10:00 a.m.**

Please pick up your Annual Report & remember  
to bring your Annual Report back to the meeting.

*The Luther League will be hosting a Soup Luncheon  
following the Annual Meeting.*

*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.

Please be sure to sign up for a couple of Sundays of  
Worship Duty – signup sheet is at the back of the church.

**Today 1/9/22**

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

**Monday 1/10/22**

Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 1/11/22**

Piecemakers – Blanket Making – ALL DAY

**Wednesday 1/12/22**

Confirmation - 4:00 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY 1/16/22**

Worship w/Communion – 10:00 a.m. **NOTE TIME CHANGE**

**No** Sunday School

**Annual Meeting** following Worship

Luther League Soup Luncheon following the meeting

