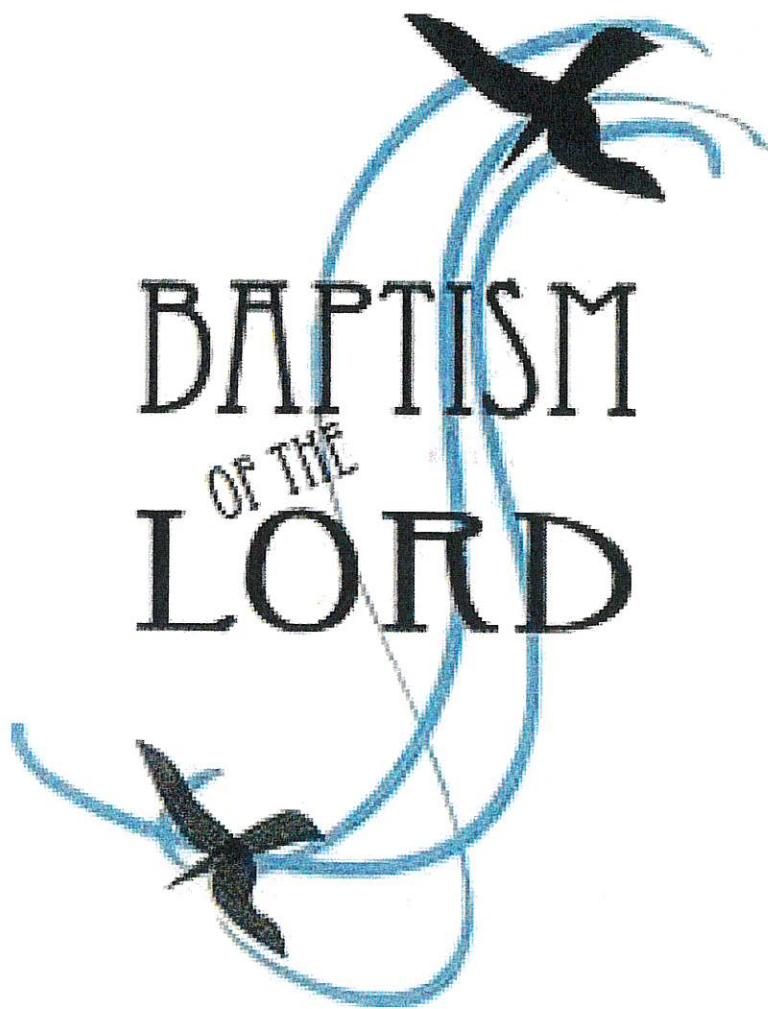


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!*



*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 8, 2023

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We pray always for . . .

Grace Bentzinger, Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,

Eric Fass, Kathy Helgren & Haleigh Werner

Tucker Drake

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Anna, Vanessa, Diana & Meshack, orphans we are sponsoring

in Tanzania.



Today's Readings

Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 2023

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading

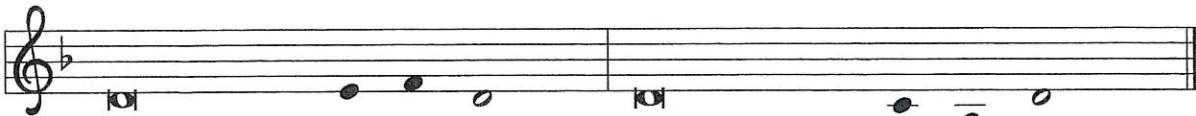
Isaiah 42:1-9

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.
²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not
quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the
earth;
and the coastlands wait for his
teaching.
⁵Thus 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:
⁶I 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,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Psalm

Psalm 29; tone 8



Ascribe to the ¹LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD
glo- ¹ry and strength.
²**Ascribe to the LORD**
the glory ¹ due God's name;
worship the LORD
in the beau- ¹ty 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.

continued

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!”
¹⁰**The 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 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We

are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus

had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

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Today 1/8/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Monday 1/9/23

Bible Study – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday 1/10/23

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day

Wednesday 1/11/23

Kids for Christ – 4:00 P.M.
Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 1/14/23

NSWO Winter Retreat @ St. Paul's, Grand Island – 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday 1/15/23

Joint Worship w/Communion – 10:00 a.m. NOTE TIME!

No Sunday School
Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting to follow worship
Meal to follow in the basement

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

NEXT SUNDAY
Grace Lutheran Church Annual Meeting &
Meal to follow in the Church Basement

Council will furnish shredded pork, buns, condiments and drinks.

Grace Lutheran members are asked to bring pot luck donations of a salad or dessert.

We look forward to this time of fellowship with you.

We are again hosting Tanzanian orphan Scholarships. The cost for each child this year will be \$450 and includes tuition and board. Last year we raised \$1,800.00 - enough to host 4 children. Donations towards this project should be designated on your offering and then one check will be sent to Sheridan Lutheran in Lincoln. These donations can be given until the end of January. Sheridan will be sending us information in January.

The offering Envelopes have been delayed at the warehouse – due to lack of employees, they will be coming.

If you do not wish to receive a box of envelopes, please let Joyce Roesener or Diane Wilken know.