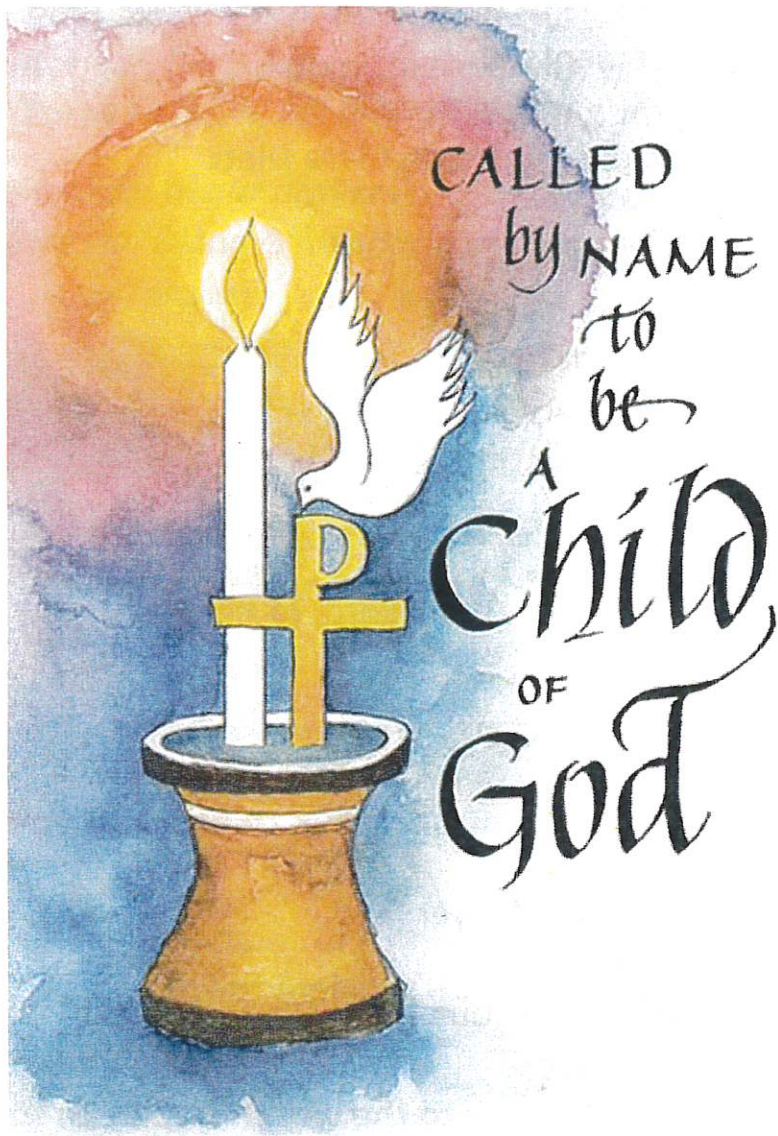


*Grace Lutheran Church
Welcomes you to
The Great Thanksgiving*



*Everyone is Welcome!
Taste and See that the Lord is Good,
Let us rejoice together!*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 19, 2023

Pastor Jim Helgren

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We carry the "light" out into the world! Depart to serve!

This morning we welcome *Addison Clara Dietz* into the Kingdom of God and our Church family through the Rite of Baptism. Addison Clara, daughter of Russ & Kate Dietz. She was born 1/25/23. Her sponsors are Anne & Ryan Herman and Ronald & Therese Dietz.



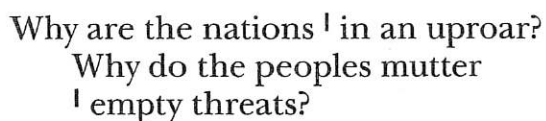
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O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Exodus 24:12-18

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 2; tone 1



**²Why do the kings of the earth
rise up in revolt,
and the princes ¹plot together,
against the LORD and
against the ¹LORD's anointed?**

3“Let us break their ¹ yoke,” they say;
“let us cast off
their ¹ bonds from us.”

**⁴God whose throne is in heav-¹ en
is laughing;
the LORD holds them¹ in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God ¹ speaks to them,
and in rage fills ¹ them with terror.

**“As for me, I have anoint-¹ed my king
upon Zion, my¹ holy mountain.”**

7 Let me announce
the decree ¹ of the LORD,
who said to me, "You are my son;
this day have I be- ¹ gotten you.

⁸Ask of me, and I will give you
the nations for ¹ your inheritance
and the ends of the earth
for ¹ your possession.

continued

⁹You shall crush them with an ¹ iron rod
and shatter them
like a ¹ piece of pottery.”

¹⁰And now, you ¹ kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers ¹ of the earth.

¹¹Submit to the ¹ LORD with fear,
and with trembling ¹ bow in worship;

¹²lest the LORD be angry,
and you perish
in a sudden ¹ blaze of wrath.
Happy are all
who take ref- ¹ uge in God!

or Psalm 99 [not printed]

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice

said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

We pray always for . . .

*Grace Bentzinger, Bill Bohling, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels,
Eric Fass, Kathy Helgren, Eugene Rosenthal & Haleigh Werner*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

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

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's
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402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613 (cell)***

Today 2/19/23

Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Baptism of Addison Clara Dietz

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday 2/21/23

Tower Echoes Deadline

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day

Wednesday 2/22/23

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

No Confirmation

Ash Wednesday Worship

@ Grace Lutheran Church – 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday 2/26/23

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

*Please join us for fellowship in the basement
following worship 😊*

*The ELCW Yearbooks and offering envelopes are available to
pick up at the back of the church.*

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Ash Wednesday worship is February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at
Grace Lutheran Church. Ashes will be distributed as well as the
receiving of communion. This is the beginning of Lent and our
journey toward the cross with Jesus.

Midweek Lenten Worship at Hope Lutheran are
March 1, March 15 and March 29.

Midweek Lenten Worship at Grace Lutheran are
March 8 and March 22.

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75th Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date! The 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee
met and selected Sunday, June 23, 2024 to commemorate
Immanuel Lutheran and St. Paul Lutheran churches merging to
form Grace Lutheran Church. Bishop Johnson and Pastor
Helgren will preside over the 10:00 a.m. service. Watch the
Tower Echoes for more information.