

# Grace Lutheran Church

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Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

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**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING SONG** - ELW #423 – “Shall We Gather at the River”

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM** - ELW p. 97 *Please stand in body or spirit.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

**GREETING** - p. 138

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

A: And also with you.

**KYRIE** - p. 138

**HYMN OF PRAISE** - p. 140

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** - Please see insert. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** – Isaiah 43:1-7 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

**PSALM** – 29 Please see insert and read responsively

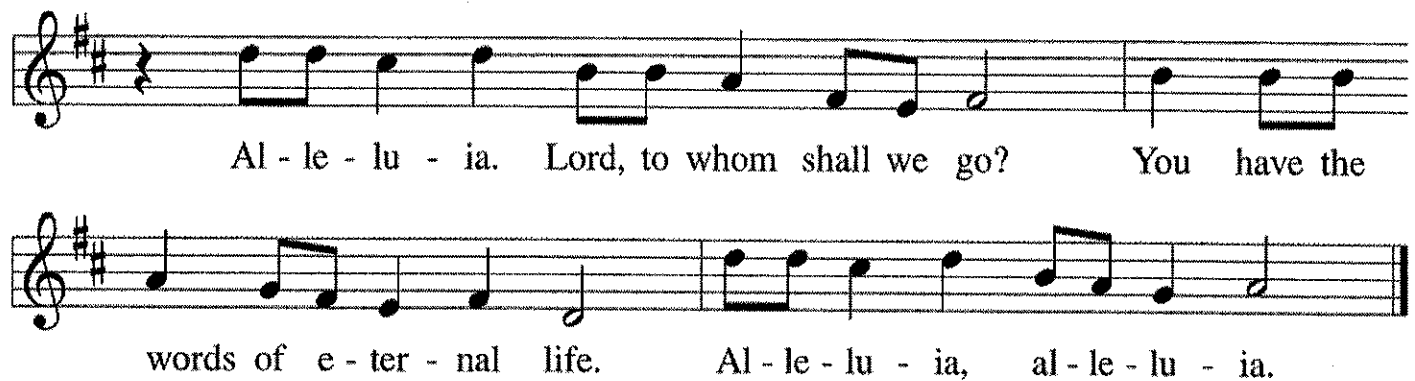
**SECOND READING** – Acts 8:14-17 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - p. 142**

*Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*



**P:** The holy gospel according to ....

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Please see insert.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**A:** **Praise to you, O Christ.** *The assembly sits.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - ELW #304 – “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** - p. 235

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - p.143 Response after each portion of the prayer:

**P:** Lord, in your mercy,

**A:** **hear our prayer.**

**PEACE** - p. 143 *Please stand in body or spirit*

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A:** **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** - “Cultivating Love through Peace” hymn - ELW #785 –  
“When Peace like a River” – verses 1 & 2

**GREAT THANKSGIVING -**

p. 144

**LORD'S PRAYER - p. 145**

*Please stand in body or spirit for the 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.**

**LAMB OF GOD - p. 146**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING - p. 113**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

**BLESSING - p. 114 - Response after the blessing:**

**A: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL - p. 115 - Response after the dismissal:**

**A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.***

**SENDING SONG - ELW #543 – "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"**

**POSTLUDE**

## *Announcements*

**SUNDAY 1/12/25** *Baptism of Our Lord*  
Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.  
Coffee & Fellowship Following  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

**MONDAY 1/13/25**  
Bible Study – 2:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY 1/14/25**  
Piecemakers Blanket Making All Day

**WEDNESDAY 1/15/25**  
Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.  
Church Council – 7:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY 1/18/25**  
ELCW NSW Winter Retreat  
St. Paul, Grand Island – 8:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY 1/19/25** *Second Sunday after Epiphany*  
Joint Worship w/Communion – 10:00 a.m. **NOTE TIME!**  
Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting to follow worship  
Lunch/Potluck will be provided with the Congregation  
to bring side dishes, and the Council will provide the meat.

### 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 their first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

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

*Pastor Steve Billington, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren, Becky Knake,  
Axl Walters, Joan Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner*

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

*Winfrida, Juliet, Vanesa & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania*

*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](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

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

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

### **Grace Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 19, 2025**

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its Annual  
Congregational Meeting on  
Sunday, January 19, 2025, following worship  
services. Worship will be a joint service with  
Hope Lutheran and the time changed to 10:00 a.m.  
Lunch/potluck will be provided with the  
Congregation to bring side dishes –  
Council to provide meat.



# Today's Readings

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## 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.

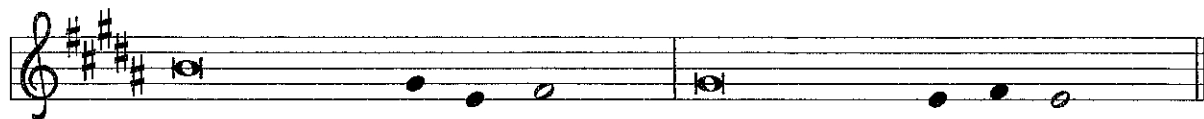
<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from  
the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them  
up,"  
and to the south, "Do not  
withhold;

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*

*Psalm, 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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