

Grace Lutheran Church

Welcomes You!



Join Us for
WORSHIP

By Grace you have been saved!
“We have decided to follow Jesus and
There’s no turning back!

Grace Lutheran Church

Pastor Jim Helgren

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS – (ELW p. 94)

Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the [†]Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen. Assembly sits.

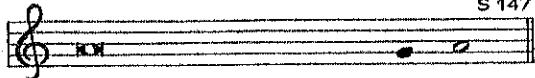
GREETING – (ELW p. 147)

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 - (ELW p. 147)

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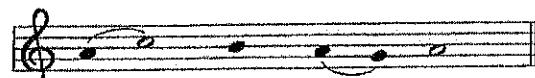
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



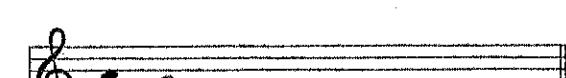
Lord, have mer - cy.



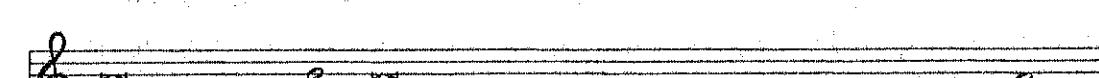
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



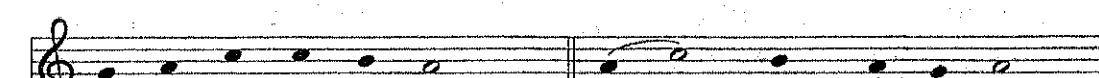
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

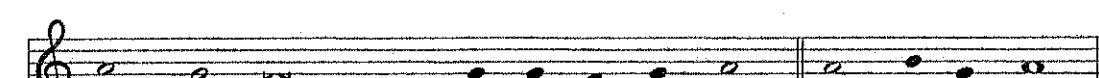


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE - (ELW p. 148)

Assisting minister

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



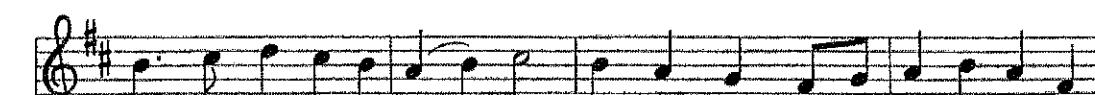
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY - Please see handout.

FIRST READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

PSALM - Please see handout and read responsively

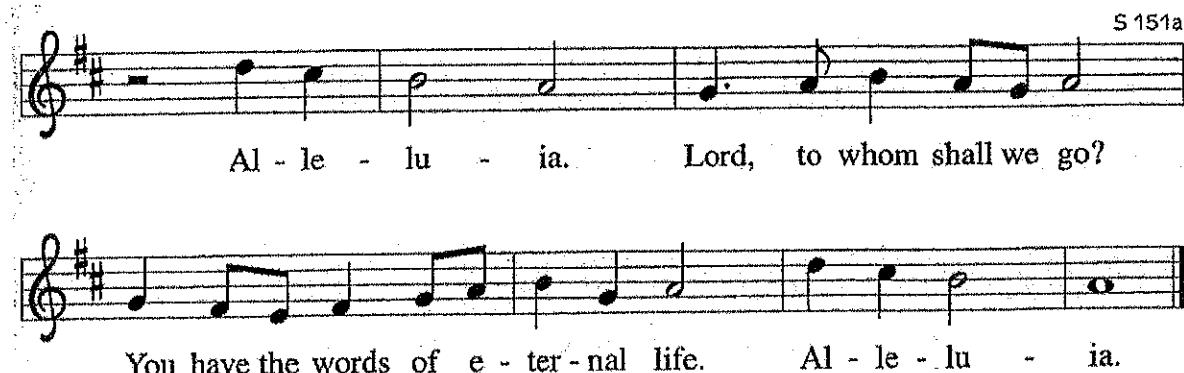
SECOND READING – Please see handout.

Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

A: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW p. 151) *Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*



S 151a

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The holy gospel according to

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Please see handout.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

APOSTLES CREED – (ELW p. 105)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN - ELW #884 - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – (ELW p. 152)

Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

A: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER – (ELW p. 154) – *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.

BLESSING – (ELW p. 155)

Response after the blessing:

A: Amen.

DISMISSAL – (ELW p. 155)

Response after the blessing:

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

SENDING SONG

POSTLUDE

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

Baptism of Our Lord

Gathering Song – ELW # 302 “As with Gladness Men of Old”

Hymn of the Day – ELW # 456 “Baptized in Water”

Sending Song – ELW # 551 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth
to Serve”

**Today we have the Baptism of Our Lord and the
service will have the following changes.**

Confession and Forgiveness will be replaced by THANKSGIVING FOR
BAPTISM – ELW p. 97

Continue on Page 4 of the service

The Apostles Creed will be replaced by PROFESSION OF FAITH – ELW
p. 235 and AFFIRMATION BY THE ASSEMBLY – ELW p. 237

Followed by the Offering Page 7 of the service

We pray always for . . .

*Louis Bentzinger, Pastor Steve Billington, Gerry Brezenski, Linda Daniels,
Julie Effken, Elaine Hauberg, Char Helgren, Diane Roesener, Joan Wellensiek &
Will Yank*

We also remember in our prayers . . .

Winfrida, Juliana, Hassan & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring in Tanzania

Grace Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 18th, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 18, 2026, following worship services. Worship time will be changed to 10:00 a.m. for Joint Worship with Hope Lutheran.

*The Annual Reports are ready to be picked up – Please bring it back
next Sunday for the Annual Meeting.*

Announcements

TODAY 1/11/26 Baptism of Our Lord

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following Worship

MONDAY 1/12/26

Bible Study – 2:00 p.m.

TUESDAY 1/13/26

Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day

WEDNESDAY 1/14/26

Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY 1/17/26

ELCW NSWO Winter Retreat @ St Paul, Grand Island

NEXT SUNDAY 1/18/26 Second Sunday after Epiphany

JOINT Worship with Communion – 10:00 a.m. NOTE TIME CHANGE

Annual Meeting to follow Worship

Meal to follow in the Church Basement

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

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

The ELCW Yearbooks and Offering envelopes are on the table in the back of the church. Please stop by and pick yours up.



Today's Readings

Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026

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

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 out 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:

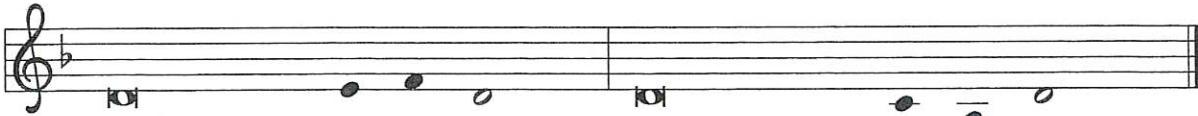
⁶I am the LORD; I have called you in
righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and
kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the
people,
a light to the nations,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the
dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in
darkness.

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.

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm



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

²Ascribe 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.

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

Psalm 29; tone 8

continued

⁵The voice of the **LORD**
breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
the **LORD**
breaks the ¹ cedars 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**
¹ 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.
¹¹**O 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 people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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 God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."