



Second Sunday of Christmas

Boy in the Temple

***Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
500 South Wayne Avenue
Waynesboro, VA 22980***

January 3, 2021

***"A Community of Servants Sharing in the
Word and Work of Jesus"***

Service of the Word via YouTube

(Based on ELW Setting Three)

Congregational responses are in bold print

*In this time of Coronavirus, the "Order of Worship" that we use has changed. From the earliest years of the Church the order of Worship was to **GATHER**, bringing ourselves and all that we are before God; then to hear the **WORD** of God, letting it enter our lives with the expectation, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, that it will not come away empty, but accomplish succeed in that which God purposes for it. (Isaiah 55:10-11). We are hearing that word from (usually) two readings during this time of Coronavirus; the gospel, and one additional reading, either from the Old Testament, the Psalms, or an epistle reading. Then we hear the Word proclaimed through the Sermon. We confess our faith, we share in Prayers to God for the world we live in and in thanksgiving to God for the promises that we will not be alone in whatever we are going through. And we are thankful for God's Living Word, Jesus, the embodied Word of God, and the ways Jesus is revealed through the Old and New Testament. Then we are **SENT** into this world - perhaps the most important part of worship, even if the shortest - because it is then that we live out our faith proclaimed in Word and Worship.*

*MISSING from these weeks of physically distant worship is the **MEAL** and times to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. As mentioned during our Maundy Thursday worship, we are in a wilderness time, where the promises of God we desire so greatly, to taste and drink and see God's forgiveness of sins and new life in bread and wine, in water, are still ahead of us. And as the apostle Paul wrote so powerfully in I Corinthians 11, we wait to receive the Sacrament together until ALL can receive it, not restricted by distance, and/or accessibility to technology that might allow some in the Body to receive it, and not others. So we pray for that time when we are re-united and able to receive the Meal together, and place our hope in the God who has called us through Water and the Word to bring us together again.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Father, **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God,
who was in the beginning,
who makes a dwelling among us,
who covers us with justice and mercy.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and lovingkindness,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

We have turned away from your invitation to new life.

We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.

**In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,
those we know and those known only to you,
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!

God forgives us all our sins,

not through our own work,

but through ✝ Jesus Christ, made known to all people.

With all who come to the manger,

rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

Amen.

Musical Presentation

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

The musical score consists of ten staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line at the end. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end. The fifth staff has a double bar line at the end. The sixth staff has a double bar line at the end. The seventh staff has a double bar line at the end. The eighth staff has a double bar line at the end. The ninth staff has a double bar line at the end. The tenth staff has a double bar line at the end.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
He has o - pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866
Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.; arr. Robert L. Pearsall, 1795–1856

Prayer of the Day

God of all learning,
When the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from him. Teach us, Lord, as you have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn.
Amen.

Word

Psalm: Psalm 2:7-8

⁷I will tell of the decree of the LORD:
He said to me, "You are my son;
today I have begotten you.
⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

The holy gospel according to Luke:

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

The Bokelman Family

Sermon

Pastor Paul Pingel

Musical Offering

Apostle's Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers end with these or similar words

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ✝ through the Word made flesh.

Amen.

Sending Song: "Love Has Come"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de Noël's composés en langue provençale*, 1856

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today

- Assisting Minister:** Ron Almarode
- Offering Steward:** Pat Brady
- Altar Flowers:** Linda Meyer
- Council Person of the Week:** Linda Meyer
- Children's Sermon:** The Bokelman Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God in memory of parents, Agnes and Robert Meyer



Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

January 10, 2021
Baptism of Our Lord
Service of the Word via YouTube
10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Jesus' Baptism
Luke 3:1-22
Psalm 51:6-17



Altar Flowers for 2021—The flower chart is up for 2021. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday next year, please give Nancy at the Church Office a call and she will be glad to sign you up.

Announcements



Epiphany of our Lord on January 6th - The festival day remembering the arrival of the Wise Men to offer their gifts to the infant Jesus is Epiphany. We will have a service via You Tube and Zoom on that evening, at 7pm. Come and Worship, Come and Worship, Worship Christ the Newborn King!



Volunteers Needed 1/25—1/31! - WARM Cold Weather Shelter in the fellowship hall for a week. Due to COVID, the shelter has been housed at the Day's Inn and will continue there for the foreseeable future. The guests are provided a hot meal each evening, but we have been ask to provide breakfast and lunch each day beginning January 25 thru 31st. There are funds from the Virginia Synod grant to help with the cost of the meals, however Grace needs volunteers to prepare breakfast and lunch and to deliver them to the Day's Inn. If you would be willing to take a day or partner with someone to help, please let Jerry or Gwen Kite know (540-910-0508). Both meals can be delivered in the morning. Breakfast can consist of frozen breakfast biscuits or individual boxes of cereal and milk and fruit. Each guest has access to a microwave to heat their meal. Lunch could be sandwiches or a bowl of chili, mac and cheese, or anything that can be reheated in the microwave. At this time there are 40 guests.



New Trees Need Water - We need three or four volunteers to water our new trees once per week. You could take the first week, for example, and water if there's no rain or snow scheduled (no need to water if it rains or snows, like this past week!). Let the Church Officeor Pastor Paul know if you are interested.



Disciples Kitchen Collection Update—Thank you for the generous response of socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Enough socks were donated that each gift bag for Disciples Kitchen could receive 2 pairs of socks, plus we gave some to the WARM House to be given to the ladies. There were enough toothbrushes to be given to Disciples Kitchen and to the Cold Weather Shelter. There were a number of hats and gloves to be shared with Disciples Kitchen and the WARM



Food Pantries - Thanks, and Continuing Need—Many thanks to those who have donated Peanut Butter, Mac 'n Cheese, Personal Hygiene items, and Dried Rice and Beans to our local food banks. We have made **twelve deliveries** thus far, six to Main Street United Methodist, and six to Calvary United Methodist, Stuarts Draft, with the donations gratefully received in the midst of great need. If you can help, please donate to our box set inside the office door for you to drop off.



Dear Friends in Christ: Since March of this year, we have experienced "church" in a very different way. In the midst of this, you have supported our ministry together at Grace in many ways; with time, with yourselves, and with your resources. And now, at the end of this year, you have gifted me and my family most generously. I am grateful to God for you! 2021 will be a New Year for us in many ways. I am

convinced that our Risen Christ continues to have a Mission for us. May God continue to reveal his purposes in and through us, with Grace, through Grace!

In Christ,
Pr. Paul



Please call the Church Office if you need to add someone to the Prayer List. In an effort to make the prayer list current to the life of Grace congregation and the community and world around us, **names on the Prayer List will remain for four weeks.** If the need is longer term, please notify the church office, and the person in need will be transferred to the "Ongoing Need"

Prayer Request for Members (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

**Caroline Biggers
Eleanor Sampson**

Prayer Request for Relatives/Friends (Remain on List for 4 weeks*)

Loren Dittmer, Brother of Carol Wolf
Sally Massey, Friend of Kathy Johnson
Jeff Morgan, Friend of Amber Bokelman
Donna Rowley, Friend of Kathy Johnson

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Members (Please advise of status changes)

Liz Ann Binns	Fred Brower	Marie Brown
Nancy Fitzgerald	Pete Giesen	Sandra R. Hoy
Bob and Carol Knemoller	Glenn and Flossie Myers	Janet Parmer

Ongoing Need for Prayer for Relatives/Friends (Please advise of status changes)

Janice Collins , Friend of Grace	Nancy Delaney , Dave Delaney's Wife
Lisa Dofflemeyer , Daughter of Linda Tomey	Kyle Getler , Member Relative
Larry Hinebaugh , Friend of Donna Gum	Maxine Pierce , Mother of Cindy Trauscht
Barbara Shifflett and Family	George Toop , Friend of the Schwiesows

Members/Friends Grieving

The Family of Ginger Hood, Sister-in-law of Kathy Johnson
The Family of Billy Limbert, Ex-brother-in-law of Linda Tomey

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Vivian Proctor
Gene McCombs

Andrew Sell
Genevieve Arneson

The Needs of the World

Our Nation, President-Elect Biden and
Vice-President Elect Harris,
Senator Warner and
Representative Cline

**Veterans, and their service to our
nation**

The beginning of Covid-19 vaccine
deliveries

**Families affected by Covid-19 -
death, health, employment**

The Flu Season of this year

**The Rohingya minority, persecuted
in China**

Victims of Earthquakes in Croatia

The Church

The Student Care Center at Grace
**Our unity in Christ with Churches
in our Community**

Our Neighbors

Our neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn area

Monday

Exodus 3:1-15
Hebrews 11:23-31
John 14:6-14

Tuesday

Joshua 1:1-9
Hebrews 11:32—12:2
John 15:1-6

Wednesday

Isaiah 52:7-10
Revelation 21:22-27
Matthew 12:14-21



Thursday

Isaiah 52:3-6
Revelation 2:1-7
John 2:1-11

Friday

Isaiah 59:15b-21
Revelation 2:8-17
John 4:46-54

Saturday

Isaiah 63:1-5
Revelation 2:18-29
John 5:1-15



Life of Grace Church
January 3-10, 2021

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— SUNDAY	01/03	10:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Christmas Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom
Monday	01/04	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	01/05	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		7:00 p.m.	Round Tables via Zoom
Wednesday	01/06	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		7:00 p.m.	White Fragility Book Study via Zoom
Thursday	01/07	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		5:30 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Friday	01/08	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	01/10	10:00 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Service of the Word via YouTube Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom



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