

# Baptism of Our Lord

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

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" 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.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God.

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

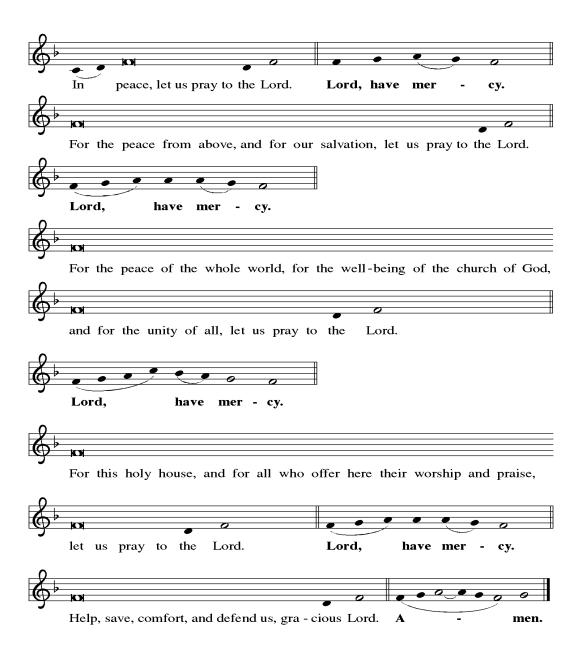
### **Musical Presentation**

## **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**



# On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Heavenly Father,

With joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your sons and daughters, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all faithful children, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

# Word

## Psalm: Psalm 51:6-17

<sup>6</sup>You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

<sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

<sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup>For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

### **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel: Luke 3:1-22

The holy gospel according to Luke:

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" <sup>13</sup>He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>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>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added to them all by shutting up John in prison. <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."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Message

The Jones 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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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**

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:** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

## <u>Postlude</u>

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## Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt. Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

# Thanks to Our Worship Assistants Today



**Assisting Minister:** Kathy Bump

**Offering Steward:** Pat Brady

Altar Flowers: Beth Ann Doerring

Council Person of the Week:

**Children's Sermon:** The Jones Family



The Chancel Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Beth Ann Doerring's father's, Lane Doerring's, 85th birthday and 60th anniversary of being an ELCA Pastor.



# Next Sunday's Schedule and Lessons

January 17, 2021 Second Sunday of Epiphany Service of the Word via YouTube 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Paul Pingel, Preaching & Presiding

Sermon of Nazareth Luke 4:14-30 Psalm 146

# Announcements



We are Blessed At Grace! Many thanks to so many that have contributed to we are Blessed At Grace! Many thanks to so many that have contributed the Advent and Christmas Celebrations and Observances at Grace:

- Advent Wreath Assemblers
- Christmas Decorators in the Worship Space
- Christmas Eve Outdoor Worship Platform (which will be used for other outdoor events!) Workers
- Take Down Crews for all of the above
- Musicians and Soloists for Christmas Eve and Advent Wednesday Services
- As well as all of our regular planners for Altar Guild, Flowers, Property, Technology

So many gifts and talents shared! THANK YOU for being a blessing in and through Grace!

**Offering** 

**Envelopes** Offering Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Church Office Monday— Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Friday 8:30 to noon. If you would like to have them mailed to you, please contact the church office.



**Holy Communion to be celebrated January 24th:** A letter/email was sent to gou this week with a form. Please return the completed form to the church office by January 15 so that we can ensure you receive your Communion chalices. It is necessary to use the Holy Communion chalices with bread and wine that are being supplied so we share in the same meal together. Please do not supply your own Communion elements.

Bible Class at Grace! - The Letters of Paul - The Body of Christ -This Four Week Class via Zoom, which will begin Thursday, January 21st, focuses on the incredible image the apostle Paul gives us. You are a part of Christ's Body in this world, a key means that God is

known in the world - through you and me! Let's learn together what that means for us here at Grace. We will have two opportunities for study - Thursday Mornings at 11am, and Evenings at 7pm. Call the Church Office or Pastor Paul if you'd like to take part, so we have the necessary materials for you when the class begins.

> 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 Continued

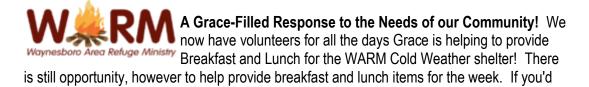


Winter is a Great Time for Fellowship and Growth in Faith! And the Viirginia Synod is offering an online Power in the Spirit event from Sunday, January 31st to Thursday February 4th in the evening! Check out the information via this link: <a href="https://www.vasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PITSonline2021flyer.pdf">https://www.vasynod.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/PITSonline2021flyer.pdf</a> And notice it's

Free (with an opportunity to give to the ELCA Good Gifts program, which helps people get on their feet around the world!)! Come and be a part of this learning and fellowship opportunity.



**New Trees Need Water -** We need three of 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 Officer or Pastor Paul know if you are interested.



like to help, contact Jerry or Gwen Kite (540) 910-0508.

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 <a href="twelve">twelve</a> 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.



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 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 George Toop, Friend of the Schwiesows

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving for Congregation Members Throughout the Year

Ron Knicely **Pastor Paul Pingel** Karla Rankin **Phyllis Kite** 

#### The Needs of the World

The Church Our Nation, President-Elect Biden and The Student Care Center at Grace Our unity in Christ with Churches Vice-President Elect Harris, Senator Warner and in our Community Representative Cline **Our Neighbors** 

#### 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

Our neighbors in the Berkeley Glenn area



# Life of Grace Church January 10-17, 2021

Day of the Week	Date	Time	Meeting
TODAY— 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
Monday	01/11	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	01/12	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	01/13	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		7:00 p.m.	White Fragility Book Study via Zoom
Thursday	01/14	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
		5:30 p.m.	Discussion with Christ Tabernacle via Zoom
Friday	01/15	7:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m.	Childcare in Fellowship Hall
Sunday		10:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Epiphany Service of the Word via YouTube
	01/17		Pastor Paul Pingel, Presiding and Preaching
		10:50 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship via Zoom

## Monday

Isaiah 40:12-24 Ephesians 1:1-14 Mark 1:1-13

#### Tuesday

Isaiah 40:25-31 Ephesians 1:15-23 Mark 1:14-28

#### Wednesday

Isaiah 41:1-16 Ephesians 2:1-10 Mark 1:29-45



#### Thursday

Isaiah 41:17-29 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 2:1-12

#### **Friday**

Isaiah 42:(1-9) 10-17 Ephesians 3:1-13 Mark 2:13-22

#### Saturday

Isaiah (42:18-25) 43:1-13 Ephesians 3:14-21 Mark 2:23—3:6



#### Members of Grace

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