

EXTRA Grace Notes

Grace Lutheran Church, 2006 60th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin



January 10, 2021

Gathering Liturgy for Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM
(ELW p. 97)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,
+ one God, the fountain of living
water, the rock who gave us
birth, our light and our salvation.

C Amen

P Joined to
Christ in the waters
of baptism, we are
clothed with God's
mercy and
forgiveness.

Let us give
thanks for the gift of
baptism.

We give you
thanks, O God, for in
the beginning your
Spirit moved over
the waters and by
your Word you
created the world,
calling forth life in
which you took delight. Through
the waters of the flood you
delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your
people Israel from slavery into
freedom. At the river your Son
was baptized by John and
anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word
you claim us as daughters and
sons, making us heirs of your
promise and servants of all. We
praise you for the gift of water
that sustains life, and above all

we praise you for the gift of new
life in Jesus Christ. Shower us
with your Spirit, and renew our
lives with your forgiveness, grace,
and love. To you be given honor
and praise through Jesus Christ
our Lord in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, now and
forever.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG
"Christ, When for Us You
Were Baptized" (ELW
304) vv. 1 & 4

*1 Christ, when for us you
were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove,
and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.*

*4 Baptize us with your
Spirit, Lord;*

*your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.*

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GREETING

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

C And also with you.

GLORY TO GOD (ELW p. 148)

P Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on
earth.

C *Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our
prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy
Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have
filled all the earth with the light
of your incarnate Word. By your
grace empower us to reflect your
light in all that we do, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen.



Readings for Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalms 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory
and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the
glory due God’s name;
worship the LORD in
the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon
the waters; the God of glory
thunders;

the LORD is upon the
mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the Lord is a
powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD
is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the
cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the
cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon
skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon
like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning
flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD
shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the
wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the
oak trees writhe and strips the

forests bare.

And in the temple of the
Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned
above the flood;
the LORD sits
enthroned as king
forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your
people;

give them, O LORD, the
blessings of peace.

Acts 19:1–7

While Apollos was in
Corinth, Paul passed
through the interior regions
and came to Ephesus,
where he found some
disciples. He said to them,
“Did you receive the Holy
Spirit when you became
believers?”

They replied, “No, we
have not even heard that
there is a Holy Spirit.”

Then he said, “Into
what then were you
baptized?”

They answered, “Into
John’s baptism.”

Paul said, “John
baptized with the baptism
of repentance, telling the
people to believe in the one
who was to come after him,
that is, in Jesus.”

On hearing this, they were
baptized in the name of the Lord
Jesus. When Paul had laid his
hands on them, the Holy Spirit
came upon them, and they spoke
in tongues and prophesied—
altogether there were about
twelve of them.

Gospel: Mark 1:4–14

John the baptizer appeared in
the wilderness, proclaiming a
baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. And people
from the whole Judean

countryside and all the people of
Jerusalem were going out to him,
and were baptized by him in the
river Jordan, confessing their
sins.

Now John was clothed with
camel’s hair, with a leather belt
around his waist, and he ate
locusts and wild honey. He
proclaimed, “The one who is
more powerful than I is coming
after me; I am not worthy to



stoop down and untie the thong
of his sandals. I have baptized
you with water; but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came
from Nazareth of Galilee and was
baptized by John in the Jordan.
And just as he was coming up out
of the water, he saw the heavens
torn apart and the Spirit
descending like a dove on him.
And a voice came from heaven,
“You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased.”

Pastor Barker's Sermon on Mark 1:4-14

I wish I could say I had all sorts of memories of glory from playing high school basketball—but I was pretty much always a bench warmer. But one memory I do have is half time when we played the biggest high school in our area. We were down 40 points at halftime. Not to make excuses, but they were six inches taller than us at every position, so maybe not very surprising for a basketball outcome.

At half time, our coach takes us into the locker room and before he says anything he is already turning bright red. He starts giving a speech with spit flying out of his mouth that culminated with him telling us that the other team had ripped our hearts out.

As he told us this he reached out and gestured to us what this looked like. I think he could really see our beating bleeding hearts in his hand. And with language not appropriate for church, this was the late '90's, he told us to go out and get our hearts back.

I share this as an introduction because today our text is about our belovedness in our baptism. But, as I studied and prayed about this passage, and watched and read the news, it came to me that so often in our culture we are not treated as beloved and we don't treat others as God's beloved.

In fact, we often see God not as the one claiming us as beloved but see God more like my high school basketball coach with uncontrolled rage and spittle flying.

In our passage for the third time in the last five weeks we have a wild account of John the Baptist. At clergy text study this week, Pastor Paul from St. Mary's described John the

Baptist as the one who eats bugs. His description is apt—this guy is so wild he is out catching and eating bugs to survive.

And of course we are reminded of the wildness of this scene—they are out in the wilderness baptizing in a river with a fairly strong current. Everything about this scene is wild and uncomfortable. And so is the imagery of being in the Jordan River. This imagery



harkens back to God's people crossing the Jordan River with Joshua into the Promised Land and conquering the land God was giving them.

This passage has revolutionary undertones mixed in with a wild natural landscape and a man who eats bugs.

Jesus comes onto the scene and the wildness of this passage continues with God "tearing" the sky apart for the Holy Spirit to descend upon Jesus as a dove and a voice booming out "you are

my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased."

The key to understanding this passage is to remember that we are baptized with the same baptism as Jesus. At our baptism we believe the Holy Spirit descends upon us—we describe this during baptism as being "sealed by the Holy Spirit" as anointing oil is placed on the forehead in a sign of the cross.

God also claims us as beloved at our baptismal moment. And not just beloved but those with whom God is well pleased.

As I shared with Skyler at our children's sermon during Baptism of our Lord Sunday last year, if you only remember five things I've ever said from the pulpit please remember this as one: you are God's beloved child with whom God is well pleased. This passage can stand alone in terms of defining who we are as people.

This identity of being the beloved of God though has felt gravely challenged this week.

On Wednesday we saw an attempted violent coup d'etat that was probably the most serious threat to our country's democratic stability since the Civil War.

I don't blame the people who violently stormed the capitol for what happened. For too long we in this country have failed to believe that one another are the beloved children of God. We see each other as competitors or rivals or potential customers or even enemies. But what we have not done is seen each other as the beloved children of God.

Because we have failed to see one another as the beloved children of God we have been apathetic as more and more Americans have seen the hope ↪

of a better future slip away. As life expectancy has slipped in our country; as parents report they expect that their children will have a life worse than theirs (the first time this has happened in our country), we have failed to care.

If we truly saw one another as the beloved children of God we

could not tolerate our neighbor's life expectancy dropping or the fact that children born today will be worse off than their parents.

So as we celebrate that we are the beloved children of God this week we also must remember our neighbor is also a beloved child of God. Because our neighbor is a beloved child of

God we can no longer tolerate that American life expectancy is dropping or that children born today will have a worse future than their parents. It is time for us to see the world anew and truly see our neighbors as the beloved children of God.

Amen.

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY "Crashing Waters at Creation" (ELW #455) vv. 1 & 4

*1 Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death:*

*4 Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.*

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CREED

☩ 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.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYERS "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (ELW #752)

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,*

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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PRAYERS

☩ Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that guided by the Holy Spirit they proclaim the forgiveness of sins, let us pray.

☩ Have mercy, O God.

☩ For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

☩ Have mercy, O God.

☩ For the nations of the world and their leaders, for laborers busy both day and night, and for peacemakers amid strife, that God inspire all people to use their strength wisely, let us pray.

☩ Have mercy, O God.

☩ For the sick and those who provide medical care, for the imprisoned and those who show them mercy, for the lonely and those who provide companionship, for all who suffer, especially:

- The family and friends of Patricia Beth, sister-in-law of Linda Wadham
- The family and friends of Bill Rose, husband of Shirley LaFayette
- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Jackie Brichacek (Nancy's sister-in-law)
- Jean Boothe (Grace soup kitchen supervisor)
- Hank Buehrens
- Andrew Calvert
- Pat Calvert
- Barb Caputo
- Holly Cummings
- Eric Dangerfield (Carolyn Reynold's boyfriend)
- Alyssa and Aaron Dell
- Connie, mother of Welcome Center volunteer Lynda Eirich

- Gregory Foster
 - Steve Gapko
 - Shirleen Gulick
 - Hatch family (Nancy and Hank's aunt)
 - David Kramer
 - David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
 - Dorothy Keuffer
 - Dean O'Hanlon
 - Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytoshia
 - Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
 - Marcia Swanson
 - Joyce Swift
 - Ruth Underwood (David Underwood's mom)
 - Linda Wadham
 - Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
 - Dottie Watts
 - Kristi Weiss (Rollie's daughter)
- Hear us, O God.

C Have mercy, O God.

P For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, for those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all the beloved of God experience grace and peace, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

Other intercessions may be offered.

P In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their labors, that their witness inspire us in our baptismal vocations, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (ELW #686)

*1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING. SONG "Beautiful Savior" (ELW #838) vv. 1 & 4

*1 Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.*

*4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!*

DIALOGUE & PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of power and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created

all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen

INVITATION TO LORD'S PRAYER

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

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

COMMUNION SONG (ELW p. 154)

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (ELW #671)

Refrain: *Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love
and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be
light!*

1 *Lord, the light of your live is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus,
light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain.*

2 *As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. Refrain.*

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

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Thrivent Actions Team Project Benefits Infant Moses

Jarlene Kriehn's Thrivent Actions Teams project to support Grace Lutheran Church's Infant Moses Diaper Ministry has met its \$300 goal toward the purchase of baby wipes. Thank



you to everyone who has chipped in!
 We believe that contributions can still be made at: <https://tinyurl.com/ya6sg5e9> —or you can always bring baby wipes to the church during office hours (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday) or while the Infant Moses Ministry is

open (2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Thursday).
 You may also donate to Infant Moses by mailing in a check with "Infant Moses" on the memo line, or on the Donations page of www.gracekenosha.com. If donating on line, you can select "Infant Moses Ministry" from the pulldown list on the page.

Grace Receipts December 31, 2020 to January 3, 2021

General offering \$ 4,480.00
 Benevolence..... \$ 18.00
 New Year \$ 12.00
 Initial offering \$ 13.00
 Infant Moses Ministry..... \$ 100.00
 From Thrivent Choice \$ 255.00
 Non-member contributions:
 Non-designated.....\$ 340.00
 For boiler or food pantry..... \$ 25.00
 For roof or boiler..... \$ 325.00
 Amistad Cristiana building use..... \$ 800.00
 Holy Assembly building use.....\$ 1,000.00

Parking lot use \$ 40.00
Minus banking fees.....\$ (6.76)
 Total \$ 7,401.24
 Grace weekly budget: \$2,943.20

Notes: Nominal banking fees are charged on financial transactions made through DonorBox on Grace's web site.

Please remember to mail in your offering checks to Grace if you are not worshipping here in person. You can also contribute electronically through the "Donations" link at GraceKenosha.com.

2021 Estimate of Giving Card for Grace Lutheran Church

In grateful response to God's love and mercy, I/We estimate my/our giving will be:

week
 \$_____ per month Current \$_____ Benevolence \$_____
 year

Signed _____ Date _____/2021

Keep this copy for your records

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Annual Congregational Meeting Slated February 7

It's time for Grace congregation's annual meeting very soon. Your church council has scheduled the meeting on Sunday, February 7 after the worship service.

As we have been doing during the COVID-19 health crisis, this meeting will be conducted on Zoom.

To join the Zoom Meeting on line, click at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6857498173?pwd=aFR0MzFYZFRRpOFdFbVNkOUlMdmF3UT09> . the passcode is: 7WfefC .

Since this web addresses is very complicated, we will post a link on our Facebook page and in the newsletter posts on our website.

You can also phone in at 646-876-9923. You will need to then enter the meeting ID and passcode. The meeting ID is 685 749 8173, and the passcode by phone is 834854. (Note: You can skip the participant ID prompt by pressing the # key.)

Council members are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office by January 26. Copies of the annual report will be available in the church office and posted at www.gracekenosha.com before the meeting.

