

EXTRA Grace Notes

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



January 9, 2022

No In-Person Worship This Sunday; Join Us on Facebook

Grace will be going back to all virtual worship this Sunday broadcasting live on Facebook at 9:30 a.m. Executive Council made this decision out of an abundance of caution after Rev. Barker tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday.

The worship service video will also be posted on our website later that morning.

Men's Group will reschedule their meeting as well, and men can expect to hear from Greg Foster about a new time to meet.

The Kenosha County Health Department thinks it is unlikely anyone would have gotten infected on Sunday at Grace. They are recommending that everyone self-monitor for symptoms and get tested

if any symptoms arise. They encourage continued mask wearing and social distancing for everyone who was in worship on Sunday.



Rev. Barker will be working from home through Sunday. At this point we anticipate Rev. Barker will be back in the office on Tuesday and that we will have in person worship on Sunday, January 16. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Rev.

Barker on his cell at 626.864.6404.

Grace Welcome Center food pantry and breakfasts remain open at this time.

Gathering Liturgy for Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.

VERSE (ELW #211)

You have put on Christ; in him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia.

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GATHERING SONG: "All Are Welcome" (ELW #641) vv. 1 & 2

1: *Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,*

*a place where saints and
children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and
visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:*

Refrain: *All are welcome, all are
welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2: *Let us build a house where
prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to
seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as
witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of*

Jesus: Refrain

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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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p.
140)

*This is the feast of victory for our
God.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who
was slain,
whose blood set us free to be
people of God.*

*This is the feast of victory for our
God.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Power, riches, wisdom and
strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory
are his.*

*This is the feast of victory for our
God.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all
creation:*

*Blessing, honor, glory, and
might
be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our
God.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*For the Lamb who was slain has
begun his reign.*

Alleluia.

*This is the feast of victory for our
God.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C **Amen.**

Baptism of Our Lord Readings

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.
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.
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.
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.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring
from the east,
and from the west I will
gather you;
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—
everyone who is called by my
name,

whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Psalms 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O 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.**
³ The 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.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

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

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

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

**9th The 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!"**

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

**11th O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

Acts 8:14–17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the

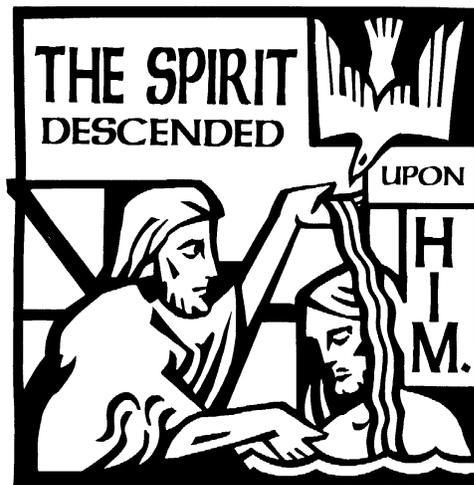
word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW #172)

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!*

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, 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. 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." ...

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 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."

Creed, Prayers, and Communion Liturgy

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Let All Things Now Living"
(ELW #881)

1: *Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.*

2: *God rules all the forces,
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;*

*the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:*

"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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CREED

P Let us proclaim our faith:

C **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.

VERSE: "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 OF INTERCESSION

P The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need especially:

- Mary Andrews (Welcome Center volunteer from St. Anthony's)
- Dawn Bench (Welcome Center volunteer)
- Doug Becker (Marlene Binner's son)
- Pat Bernacchi
- 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)
- Gregory Foster
- Steve Gapko
- Shirleen Gulick
- Aggie Hartnell (Bert Felland's mother)
- Christine Hill
- Sydney Houston
- Jacqueline & David Kramer
- David Kristopeit (Nancy's brother-in-law)
- Ruth & Dean O'Hanlon
- Carolyn Reynold's children Eddie, Santino, and Lytosh
- Martha, Joel, and Jeanette Sanchez
- Cynthia Schwartz (Norma's daughter)
- Marcia Swanson
- Joyce Swift
- Linda Wadham
- Florence and Jacqueline Walker (Carolyn's sisters)
- Dottie Watts
- Kristi Weiss (Rollie's daughter).

God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace (*especially...*). Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

MEAL

OFFERING: *Doxology* (ELW #884)

*1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C Amen.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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. 207)

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven 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,
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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son,

Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG “Shall We Gather at the River”
(ELW #423) vv. 1 & 2

1: *Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?*

Refrain: *Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

2: *On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.* Refrain.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God!**

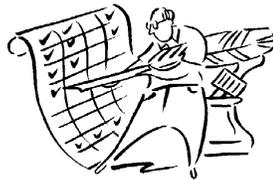
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Grace Receipts: December 31, 2021 – January 2, 2022

General offering	\$ 1,435.00
Initial/envelope offering	\$ 6.00
New Year	\$ 6.00
For pastor's salary/benefits package	\$ 165.00
From non-members:	
for Grace Welcome Center	\$ 200.00
non-designated.....	\$ 120.00
Amistad Cristiana building use.....	\$ 800.00
Sunday NA building use.....	\$ 40.87
For parking lot use	\$ 40.00
<u>Minus banking fees</u>	<u>\$ (25.77)</u>
Total	\$ 2,782.10
Grace weekly budget in 2021: \$ 3,224.20	

Notes: You can contribute by mail, or electronically through the “Donations” link at GraceKenosha.com.

2021 giving statements will be sent to our members and regular contributors this week. If you have any questions, please email graceoffice@wi.rr.com or phone 262-654-9143.



Early last year, the finance committee asked to have members' donations listed separately from non-members' donations, which is why some contributors may see some offerings posted as “Current” or designated funds, and others as “ZZ

Friends.” This change was made strictly for our accounting purposes, and bears no significance to how the monies are used.

Infant Moses Ministry Hopes to Reopen Next Week

Out of an abundance of caution, Infant Moses diaper ministry was closed this past Thursday, January 6. There have been no cases of COVID exposure to Infant Moses volunteers to date, so we hope to be able to reopen this coming Thursday, January 13.

Please check the Grace Lutheran Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/graceelcakenosha>, for any updates.

We sincerely apologize for the difficulty this has caused.

Annual Meeting Reports Due

Grace congregation's annual meeting is planned in February. Council members and ministries are asked to submit their annual reports to the church office by January 25.

St. Paul's to Host COVID Testing Clinic

St. Paul's/Spirit Alive! Lutheran Churches, 8760 37th Avenue, will be the site for a COVID-19 testing clinic on Friday, January 28 from noon until 4:00 p.m.

To register, go to <https://vaccinate.wi.gov/en-us> and click on “Register now to

schedule a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.” Enter your information and answer the screening questions. No insurance information is needed. Agree to the attestations, change the date range to include January 28, and search in the ZIP code 53142.

Then select one of the available time slots, and show up for your appointment.

The clinic will have all approved vaccine types (Pfizer, Pfizer for kids, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson). They are also providing booster shots to those who need them.

Virtual, urgent or emergency care? Know where to go

If you need immediate medical treatment, contact your primary care provider first. They may be able to see you the same day in the office or with a video visit. Or, they can direct you to the care you need to be seen quickly in the setting most appropriate for you.

► Virtual visits

Get virtual care 24/7 from home – or from anywhere – with an e-visit or Quick Care Video Visit. You also can schedule video visits with your own provider. To get started, you'll log in to your LiveWell with Advocate Aurora Health account online or in the app. Learn more at aah.org/virtualvisit



Quick Care Video Visits

We're here for your family 24/7. Get the help you need from one of our providers and get back to being you.

Use Quick Care Video Visits for:

- Allergies
- Cold or flu
- COVID-19
- Rashes
- Sinus infections
- Sore throat



Video visits with your provider

You can schedule video visits with your primary care provider or your child's pediatrician for many of the conditions typically seen in the office.



E-visits

E-visits are available 24/7. Just fill out a few questions about what's bothering you or your child and get a diagnosis sent to you.

Use e-visits for:

- Back pain
- Urinary tract infection (UTI)
- Vaginal discharge/irritation



► Immediate & urgent care

Get in-person care when you need it – day and night.

Find immediate care in Illinois at advocatehealth.com/immediate-care

Find urgent care in Wisconsin at aurora.org/urgent

Use urgent & immediate care for:

- Allergies
- Animal and bug bites
- Bladder infections
- Cold and flu
- COVID-19
- Cuts and scrapes
- Ear pain
- Eye infection
- Fever
- Headache
- Rash
- Sore throat
- Sprains and strains
- Stomach pain



► Emergency care

We offer 24/7 care when you're experiencing a critical or life-threatening situation. If you think you're experiencing an emergency, dial 911.

Use emergency care for:

- Broken bones
- Chest pain
- Convulsions or seizures
- Difficulty breathing
- Dizziness
- Loss of consciousness
- Severe burns
- Severe injuries/pain
- Suspected poisoning/overdose



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Wisconsin Council of Churches Urges Congregations to Return to Physically Distant Ministry

Friends in Christ:

We learned this past Tuesday that the Wisconsin Council of Churches will be issuing revised guidance in the coming days, strongly recommending that churches statewide temporarily return to remote operations as COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations soar due to the highly-transmissible Omicron variant in Wisconsin.

While the WCC operates in an advisory capacity and does not have authority to require closures, the ecumenical group's recommendations are weighed heavily by many faith-

based organizations. After consulting its medical advisers, the Council recommends that churches not gather in person for the next four to six weeks. The Council invites churches to shift



their ministries to fully remote, or work with a small video streaming team in the church building, until a smaller proportion of the population is sick and less-burdened hospitals allow for people to be treated in a timely manner. Churches wishing to pledge such

a shift can do so at bit.ly/omicroncaution or on the Council's website. For more information on the Council's COVID work, visit its website at wchurches.org.

I realize that these are hard conversations to have and challenging decisions to make, as we are all weary and hoping for this pandemic to end. I am hopeful that this current wave will be short-lived, and I encourage all our leaders to make the best decisions they can to promote the health and well-being of all.

In Christ,
Bishop Paul Erickson

See Grace Lutheran Church's announcement on page 1.