

January 29th, 2012

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany



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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

In our readings today: As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up “a *Prophet*” like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. “*To Him you shall listen,*” because the Word of the Lord is “*in His mouth*” (Deut 18:15–18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks “*a new teaching with authority*” (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters “*the synagogue*” of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out “*even the unclean spirits*” (Mark 1:21–27). By His Word of the Cross He removes the accusations of the law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, “*from whom are all things and for whom we exist.*” Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, “*through whom are all things and through whom we exist*” (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor 8:9–12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

Requests, please give written requests to be included during our “Prayers of the Church” to an usher or an elder before worship service.

Hearing, Ask an usher for one of the wireless hearing assistance units.

Attendance Registration cards are located in the Hymnal racks of each pew. We ask all members and our guests to complete one and pass it to the center aisles. An usher will collect them after the offering is taken to the altar. The cards are important as they enable our secretary to track members’ attendance as well as guests interested in joining our church. Thank you for your help.

A Prayer Before Worship

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME

See This Wonder in the Making

LSB 593



1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -
2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the
3 Far more ten - der than a moth - er, Far more
4 Here we bring a child of na - ture; Home we



self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, "Be-
car - ing than a fa - ther, God, in - to Your arms we
take a new-born crea - ture, Now God's pre - cious son or



keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!"
place *him/her/them*, With Your love and peace em - brace *him/her/them*.
daugh - ter, Born a - gain by Word and wa - ter.

Invocation (*God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.*)

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the I Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.



The Baptism of Benjamin Carl Appel

Parents: Pastor Timothy & Kristin Appel

Sponsors: Melissa Appel
John Zilm
Megan Harper

**Baptismal Address
Sign of the Cross
Enrollment of Sponsors**

Stand

Holy Gospel for Baptism

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Lord's Prayer: *(We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.)*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Renunciation

P Do you renounce the devil?

C **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you renounce all his works?

C **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C **Yes, I renounce them.**

Creed: *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

Profession of Faith

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

The Baptism

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

- P** **Benjamin Carl Appel**, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Blessing of the Newly Baptized Presentation of the Baptismal Candle Welcome to the Family of God

- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Prayers for the Newly Baptized

The Peace

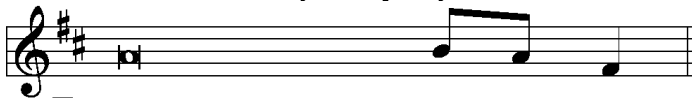
- P** Peace ✠ be with you.
- C** **Amen.**

Baptismal party returns to their pew

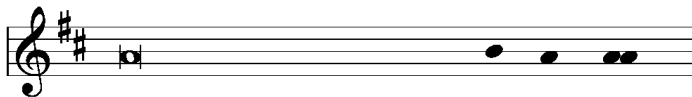
Opening Versicles



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

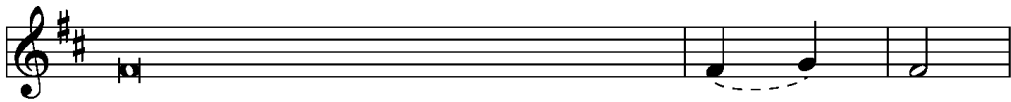
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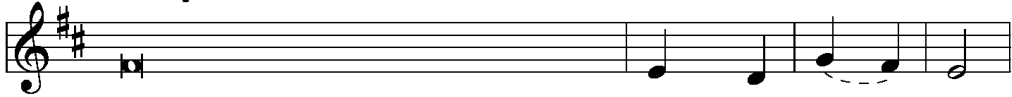
L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



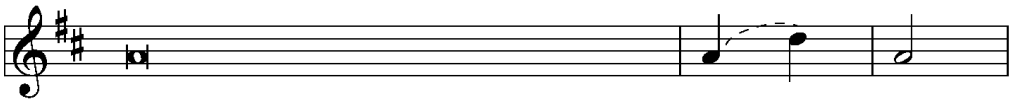
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.



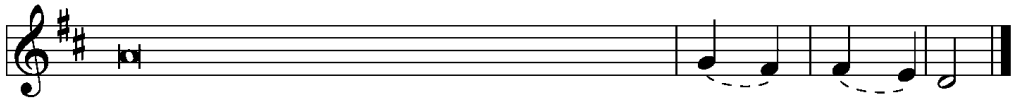
C 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)

LSB 221



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Scripture Readings: (*Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.*)

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

P The Old Testament Reading is from Deuteronomy, the eighteenth chapter.

¹⁵“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

P The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, the eighth chapter.

¹Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching.

²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴“What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day: *(This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God’s Word set to music.)*

"Away from Us!" the Demon Cried *LSB 541*

Tune LSB 348

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| 1 “Away from us!” the demon cried
When Christ, the Lord, drew near.
“Our dark, disordered world is lost
When You, the Light, appear!” | 4 Drive out the doubt that cripples faith;
Expel our pride and greed
That we, from pow’rs that threaten us,
May, by Your grace, be freed. |
| 2 But Jesus spoke with God’s own pow’r;
“Come forth!” was His command;
For evil cannot bear the Light
Nor sin the Truth withstand. | 5 Then help us, Lord, to greet each day
With hearts and wills made new
And, when You call us forth to serve,
To rise and follow You. |
| 3 O risen Christ, God’s living Word,
To us, we pray, draw near.
Come, speak the truth that cleanses sin
With love that conquers fear. | |

Sermon “A Real Savior over Real Enemies”

Mark 1:23-25

(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God’s Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

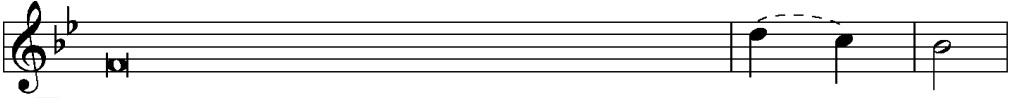
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Canticle

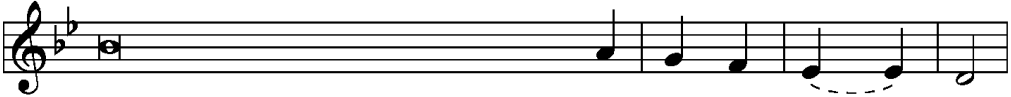
Offertory: (The congregation responds to God's forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.) LSB 192

Te Deum

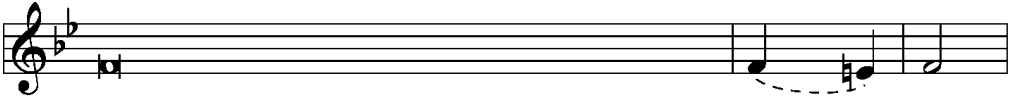
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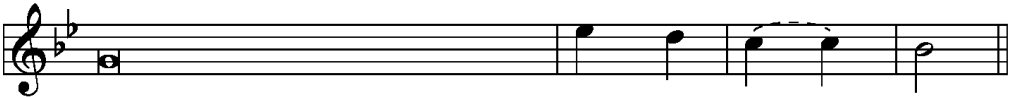
- C** 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise— You.



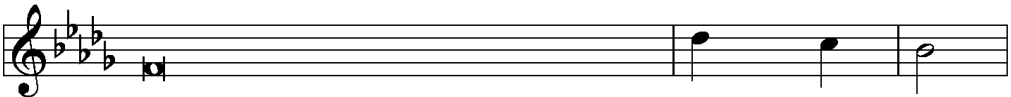
- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



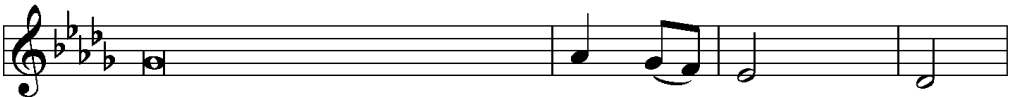
- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise— You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O— Christ;



- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph - ets praise— You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com - fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.



- 5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



- 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Sharing of the Peace

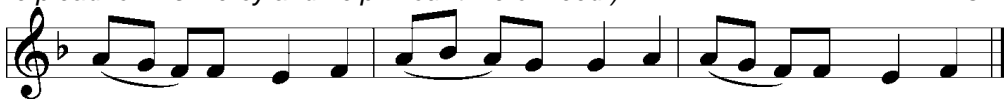
Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Sit

Offering: *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

Stand

Kyrie: (Shortened form of the Greek “Kyrie eleison,” meaning “Lord, have mercy.” In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.) LSB 186



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

Collects



P The Lord be with you.



C And with your spir - it.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church: (The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)

P let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

Close of the Prayers

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 228



L Let us bless the Lord.

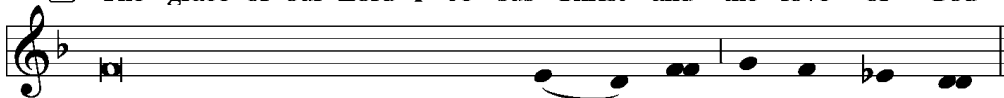


C Thanks be to God.

Benediction: *(Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).)*



P The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



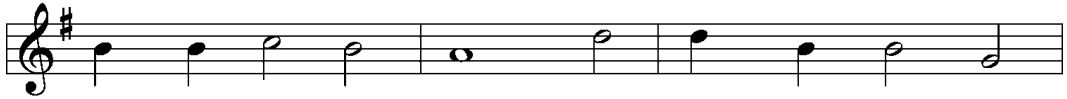
C A - men.

Sit





1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He
 5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the
 God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.
 faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;
 The Lamb of God was slain.
 His soul was once an offering made
 For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

Silent Prayer After Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
 DISMISSAL
 POSTLUDE**



Reception for baptism of Benjamin Carl Appel in Parish Hall following Service



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's Altar flowers were provided by Pastor & Kristin Appel in celebration of the baptism of their son- Benjamin Carl Appel.

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The Mission of Grace Lutheran Church is to joyfully and enthusiastically Model and share the gospel with the lost.

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Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service

**Jan. Elders: Jim Duty
James Landon**

**Organist(s): June Parker
Esther Wolff (Sub)**

**Feb. Elders: M. W. Kasper
Frank Nevins**

**Jan. Altar Guild: Nelda Rohde
Wendy Rohde**

**Feb. Altar Guild: Milly Cheak
Marilyn Burns**

Readers:

Jan. 29 John Stelling
Feb. 5 Allan Riddle
Feb. 12 Dana Bunte
Feb. 19 Jim Duty
Feb. 26 Mike Wallace

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Acolytes:

Kaylee Claiborne & Brody Bennight
Ashlyn Zimmerhanel & Jocelyn Kadlecsek
Chad Catron & Ashley Nitsche
Bailey Bennight & Cody Spencer
Rose Caldwell & Colin Kasper
Nicholas Nitsche & Brody Bennight
Reece Kasper & Kaleb Barho



ST. MICHAEL'S/Winchester

Worship Service – 9:00am
10:30am – Music by Oak Wilt Boys
12 noon – Potluck Meal and Fellowship
(Bring your favorite dish to share at the potluck meal)



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church & School Invites you to their 50th anniversary celebration **TODAY, January 29, 2012** with Special Worship at 9:00am. Celebration to continue at the La Grange VFW Hall at the Fayette County Fairgrounds with fellowship and music, an anniversary program at 11:30am and a banquet at noon. No charge, free will offering accepted at the door. For res. Call 979-968-3938.

VISIT WITH PASTOR

If you need to contact Pastor Appel, his home phone is: 512-237-9664, his email address is: timothyappel@gmail.com, or contact the Office at 512-237-2108. Pastor Appel is normally in the office between 9:00am and 12:00 noon, Mon thru Thurs. He will be available in the afternoons as well, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits. If unable to reach Pastor, please contact your Elder (Elders list on bulletin board outside of Office).

SERMONS ONLINE

Grace Lutheran Church now has the ability to record the worship services through our audio system. Each week's sermon is now being placed online; go to www.glcs.org and follow the link on the front page to listen to Pastor Appel's sermons. This is a great resource if you miss a service, want to hear a sermon again, or help witness to a friend. If you would like a CD copy of the sermon or the entire service for yourself or to give to someone else, please let the church office know.

NEWSLETTER/BULLETINS



Also online: we now have the newsletter as well as our bulletin in PDF format for your viewing. Go to www.glcs.org and click on "Newsletter/bulletins" and then click on the PDF file to access.

DARE TO READ LIKE A LUTHERAN

Concordia Publishing House is providing us with a wonderful opportunity to save some money on some great books about what we believe as Lutherans. A poster has been placed in the narthex for more information. If you would like to purchase any of these books (*Lutheran Book of Prayer*, *Luther's Small Catechism*, *Reading the Psalms with Luther*, *Lutheran Service Book*, *The Lutheran Difference*, *Law and Gospel*, *Treasury of Daily Prayer*, *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*, *The Lutheran Study Bible*), please sign up under the poster in the narthex. You can give your payment to the church office by Sunday, March 11, and we will submit one order together as a congregation. If you would like more information on any of the books before you purchase them, please see Pastor Appel. Don't miss this great opportunity to get these books while they are on sale and at the same time learn more about what we believe, teach, and confess!

GLLC CHAPEL INVITATION

Pastor Appel leads chapel for the children at the Learning Center every **Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM**. Even though the time is geared toward teaching the children about what Jesus has done for them, everyone is invited. Please join us for this short chapel service as you are able. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the children at GLLC that they are an important part of our community. Young and old—we are all children of God!



Lutheran Witness subscriptions have increased to \$12.00 a year. Please make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran Church

LARGE PRINT LUTHERAN WITNESS IS NOW

AVAILABLE, please let the Office know if you need this size.

JOHN 3:16 CARDS

The Board of Evangelism would like to announce that John 3:16 cards are available through the church office. These cards were introduced to us during our Equipping to Share conference. They are a great way to share the good news of salvation through Jesus with a friend by placing their name into the Gospel message given in John 3:16. The other side of the card has Grace's contact information as well as Bible study and worship times. If you would like some of these cards as a way to share the Gospel with others in your life, please contact the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School lesson for this week focuses on the story of "Jesus and the Little Children." In our sin, we are like small children: helpless, dependent, and needy. So Jesus came to bestow His love and eternal gifts upon us. *Parents could discuss, "How did Jesus show His compassion on these little children? How does Jesus shower His compassion on us?"*

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST



If you are missed in our prayer list, or if there are changes (addition, deletions or corrections) to our prayer list, please let us know. **On the first of the month we will be updating names**, so if you wish to add names, or continue to leave names on the list, please call the church office (237-2108) or write a note on the back of the attendance card.

In the Nursing Home:

Charlene Franke (sister of Ann Schroeder), **Dorothy** Heptner, **Teresa** Slusher, **Dora** Wehmeyer, **Bertha** McGinnis, **Thelma** Bunte

Long Term Health Concerns

Lawrence Goertz (Nancy Young's uncle), **Reggie** Cheak, **Alex** Metzler

Battling Cancer:

Donna Kadlecek, **Melissa** Wellman (friend of the Langer's), **Nikki** Rivera(4 yrs. old) & **Luke** Rivera (2nd grader)-friends of Kim Kunz, **Chris** Gould, **Shirley** Wilhelm (friend of Rose Pietsch), **Keith** Whatley (friend of Jim Sanders), **Mary** Knippa (Charles Knippa's mother), **Sharon** Reyna (Brenda Sander's friend), **Bob** Larson (Alvie's son-in-law), **Barbara** Geller

(friend of the Langer's), **Patt** Langer, **Joe** Navarro (friend of Allan Riddle), **Patricia** Landon (James Landon's mother), **Pete** Luna (3rd grader with brain tumor), **Lula** Jones, **Jewel** Stark (friend of GLC) and **Tommy** Prochaska.

Recent Health Concerns:

Deanna Niesner, **Garrette** Hoffman, **Antone & Marie** Delesandre (Rod Langer's cousins), **Holly** Supak (daughter of Smithville's Chief of Police), **Bill** Herbrick (Nancy Fritsche's brother) **Thomas** Kinsey (in-law of Dorothy Heptner), **Ken** Long, (Barbara Pauley's brother), **Eugene** Randle, **Leland** Prove, **Harvey** Franke (Ann Schroeder's cousin), **Joyce** Aplin (Brenda Sander's Sister), **Bobbie** Aplin (Brenda Sander's Mother), **Kenny** Wood (Sandy Kadlecek's father), **Richard** Bennatt (friend of the Langer's), **Easton** Earp (friend of Juanita Bertsch), **Charley** Rae Furr (friend of Donna Zimmerhanzel), **Evelyn** Tinberg (Alvie's sister-in-law), **Bernice** Behrend, , **Floyd** Meeks, **Alton** Voight (father of Carolyn Riddle), **Martha** Razor, **Will** Gordon (Robin Nitsche's brother), **Joe** Reyna (husband of one of our GLLC teachers), **Christopher** Harms (friend of the Metzlers), **Sandra** St.John (co-worker of Chrissy Becker), **Bill** Moberg (friend of M.W. Kasper).

In the Military:

James Staton (grandson of Ed & Marilyn Randle), **Dusty** Organ & **Daniel** McIntyre (friends of James Staton), **Steven** Guedry (friend of Millie Fritz), **Ryan** Teague, **Richard** Gamboa, **David** Bienek, **Beck** Williams Helmcamp (George Helmcamp's grandson).

Other Prayer Requests:

Judy Murphy (friend of Rose Pietsch), **Nicholas** Harwell, **Mark & Margie** Peres, **The Wolff** family and the **Smithville Volunteer Fire Dept.**

In Mourning:

Family of **James Dieringer** (Kristen Smiley's grandfather)

AT GRACE THIS WEEK

<u>Sun. Jan. 29</u>	<u>Mon. Jan. 30</u>	<u>Tues. Jan. 31</u>	<u>Wed. Feb. 1</u>
8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship BAPTISM OF BENJAMIN CARL APPEL			10a GLLC Chapel Regular Mid Week (see schedule below)
<u>Thurs. Feb. 2</u>	<u>Fri. Feb. 3</u>	<u>Sat. Feb. 4</u>	<u>Sun. Feb. 5</u>
	Pastor Away-Family Day		8:45a Bible Class 10a Worship/Communion

MIDWEEK MEALS

We are in need of **volunteers** to cook for midweek meals again during 2012. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board next to the office in the Narthex. Individuals, families, and groups are encouraged to sign-up to provide a simple meal for the children and adults who gather

each week to learn more about Jesus through Bible study. Thank you to everyone who provides this labor of love!

***MID WEEK SCHEDULE**

5:45p Mid Week Meal

6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages

7:30 – 8:30p Jr. High & High School Youth

Sunday Worship (1/22) 173 Sunday School (1/22) 53

FINANCIALS – as of January 22nd, 2012

	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Jan. 29
General	6,302.50	8,116.00	3,450.00	2,582.50	
Sun School	39.00	34.50	33.00	30.00	
Lutheran Witness	48.00	36.00	24.00	12.00	
GLLC donation	335.00	300.00	50.00	50.00	
Poinsettias	20.00	8.00			
New Van	515.00	100.00		35.00	
Organ	10.00	25.00			
Bldg. Maint	45.00			30.00	
Memorial	27,000.00			*20.00	
Edna Randle Mem.		20.00			
Footprints		38.00			
Fire Victims		130.50			
TOTAL	36,964.50	8,808.00	3,557.00	2,759.50	

*In memory of Connie Bridges



Greetings Grace members! We are starting a new year. And what better way to do so than to start greeting our own folks and visitors at the door. Yes, I know. It has been done before but died. What a shame. Research indicates that initially the top two components that seem to bring people back for a second visit is 1) the effectiveness of the

pastor, 2) the friendliness of the people. Research also indicates that when members greet members it makes for a closer church; breaking the ice, putting names with faces, etc. Do you know every one by name in our church? I don't. So join with me and sign up to be a greeter. It is an easy way to serve and only takes about 20-30 minutes Sunday morning. The more we get the less you will get to do it; unless you just want to hog it! We will probably have a meeting before we get started. See me, **Jim Sanders**, or sign up in the Narthex. Now, don't make me come after you!

IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE TO FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Every so often, we at Grace Lutheran Church have the opportunity to provide the service of providing meals to one of our fellow members who has recently come home from the hospital or has another situation that makes it difficult for them to prepare every meal. While it may seem like a simple or trivial thing to do, such service is truly God-pleasing because He himself has

given it for us to do. In the 5th Commandment, we learn God has given us the holy task to "help and support [our neighbors] in every physical need." Jesus Christ has freed us from our self-centered sinfulness to live in such service, not because any good works save us, but because the love that Christ has showed us simply overflows into such good works. That's what we see in Matthew 25:31-40. Those whom the Lord has made righteous by faith, his sheep, are surprised when he tells them that they served him in so many ways. Jesus says to them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." Service to others is simply what Christ's sheep do. Because they have already been made holy by his death and resurrection, they serve others, in such simple ways as feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, and visiting the sick. Though these tasks look simple and often go unnoticed by the world around us, they do not go unnoticed by our Lord Jesus Christ. Though it may seem that there are more "holy" things that you could do, nothing is more holy than what God has given. That's why Martin Luther says in his Large Catechism, "Know, however, that these works, commanded by God's Word, are the true, holy, and divine works in which he rejoices with all the angels." Please consider helping with this important and worthwhile service to your fellow members of the Body of Christ here at Grace. If you are interested in doing so, please talk to **Mary Ann Duty**, our hospitality coordinator, or let the church office know so that you can be contacted when such a need arises.

FIRE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

Gift cards in the amount of \$250.00 are still available. Please let anyone you know who needs assistance that they can come into the Office and fill out an application. Applications will be taken until the end of January 2012.



The congregation is invited to the LWML Annual Valentine Party, **Thursday, February 2nd, at 6 PM, Parish Hall.** It will be a Potluck meal. Our Love Offering will go to the Smithville Veterans Memorial and Splash Park. The Memorial and Splash Park is something Smithville families requested to preserve the memories of their

love ones. Everyone is invited to help with this Love Offering. LWML truly appreciate your generosity as you consider donating to this project.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Feb. 5th. 2012

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Divine Service Setting 3

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 9:16-27

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39