

Grace Lutheran Church

239 E North St
Hastings MI 49058



Website: www.grace-hastings.org

Facebook: Grace Lutheran Church-ELCA Hastings, MI
Worship Committee e-mail: gracelutheranworshipcommittee@gmail.com

Phone: (269) 945-9414
(269) 945-2645

Pastor Ken Scheck II
Ms. Cindy Olson, Minister of Music
January 13, 2019
First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of Our Lord

Sharing Affirmations

As you prepare to worship today, take a moment to notice those gathering around you. There may be people you have known for many years, others you've known only a short time. and maybe some you have never met before. The assembly you see has been gathered together by the Holy Spirit on this day to share with one another the grace of God made known in Jesus Christ. These voices will share the word of God in readings, prayer, and song. These hands will give and receive signs of peace and bread and wine at the table.

In today's gospel we find another group of people gathering. John the Baptist has drawn them into the wilderness offering baptism with water. Amidst this assembly, Jesus Christ appears. He is baptized among them and receives divine affirmation: "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22). From this assembly, Jesus goes forth to begin a ministry that will be marked by sharing with others the affirmation he received. The poor, the unloved, and the brokenhearted—they too are God's children, God's beloved, with whom God is well pleased.

Today, this affirmation is given to you and those around you to be rehearsed in this baptismal community. As worship ends, you, too, will be sent to share it with others. Throughout the coming week, in homes and workplaces, through service and prayer, during encounters with friends and strangers, the voices and hands of this assembly will continue the liturgy begun here out in the communities to which it disperses. In doing so, it will witness to one who is more powerful than any one of us: Jesus Christ. His love is present through the various gifts and callings we ourselves received in the waters of baptism. Thanks be to God!

From sundaysandseasons.com.

Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

BEFORE WORSHIP

Please fill out our Participation Card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday. This card helps the ministry of both the Congregational Care and Community Outreach Committees. Sometimes there are additional questions on the back of the card, so don't forget to check both sides of the card.

Baptism of Our Lord

January 13, 2019

The season of Epiphany begins January 6th (the 12th day after Christmas) and marks the revelation of the baby Jesus as the Son of God. The Epiphany season, therefore, celebrates the spread of the Good News from its source in the Jewish community to all nations on earth. The color is green, for growth, as Scripture texts explore the mission of the church in the world.

Holy Silence is observed as we enter to worship.

Pre- Service Music

Welcome/Worship Instructions

Arise in body or spirit

Gathering Hymn

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ELW 305 (red book)

Greeting

- ☐ The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

Prayer of the Day

☐ Sovereign 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. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

☐ A reading from **Isaiah:**

¹But 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. ²When 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. ³For 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. ⁴Because 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. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I 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— ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

☐ Lord God, your word is a lamp to our feet,

☑ **a light to our path.**



Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty 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 pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.** ☑

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars 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 wilder- | ness 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 a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. ☑

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

A A reading from Acts:

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L Lord God, your word is a lamp to our feet,

C a light to our path.

Arise in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:



thou my best thought both by day and by night,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

☞ The Holy Gospel, according to **Luke**.

☛ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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."

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and 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.**

Sit

Children's Time

All children [including infants] and youth who desire to come forward for the children's sermon are welcomed and encouraged to do so. Parents/caregivers are welcome to accompany their child during the children's message. There may be a time of dance and celebration that is offered.

Message

Silence for reflection

Arise in body or spirit

Song of the Day

Christ, When for us You were Baptized

ELW 304

Kneel or sit as able.

Prayers

A United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. Empower and guide the faith of our bishops and congregations and all the servants of your church, including *Bishops Elizabeth and Craig, Assistants Chrysanne, David and Roseanne; our synod companion churches, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Alpena, St Andrew & Matthias Anglican Church of Hastings; Minister of Music Cindy and Pastor Ken.*

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A For the earth. Sustain oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands. Watch over dormant plants and hibernating animals as they rest in your care. Renew your creation and protect all creatures from harm.

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A For the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Protect the lives of those who serve in the military: *Zack Green (Mikolajczyk), Parker Stancil (Freedlunds), Cody and Myrina Crawford (Clements), Alexis and Dylan Kelmer, Austin and Aaron Endsley (Burdicks) and Kayla and Lance Champaco (Pohls).*

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A For those in need. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the sick *especially Brady, Matt Dunnigan, Bonnie Ehredt, Karl Golnek, family of Doug Gonzalez, Nikki Haddix, Delmer Hansen, Larry Hansen, Mary Jane Hayner, the Klein family, family of Tim Lowe, Betty Lydy, Gary Lydy, Kim Ogden, family of Jessica Palmer, family of Brian Ploeg, Doris Reil, Kailie Triick, and George Ulrich Jr. Comfort the Pastor Scheck's family with the passing of Laura's mother.*

A Radiant God,

G **let your light shine upon us.**

A For this assembly. Bless the newly baptized. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A** Radiant God,
- C** **let your light shine upon us.**

A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Hold us safe in your arms of mercy and bring us with them into your promise of life eternal.

- A** Radiant God,
- C** **let your light shine upon us.**

- P** Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Offering of Gifts and Music

Everyone at worship is encouraged to fill out a Participation card and place it in the offering plate every Sunday morning

Arise in body or spirit

Offering Song

God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -
 a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we
 gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the
 feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Offering Prayer

- A** Let us pray . . . God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever.
- C** **You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

Arise in body or spirit

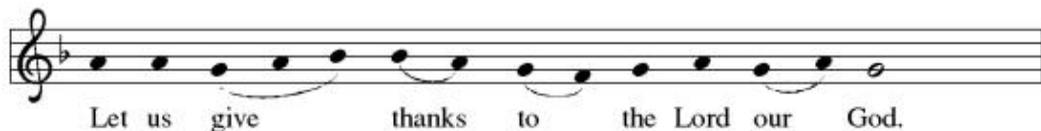
Sharing the Peace of God

☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☑ **And also with you.**

(We share the peace of Christ with one another.)

Great Thanksgiving



☐ 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:



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Eucharistic Prayer

☐ Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

☑ **Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.**

☐ Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh. 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

☐ With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

☑ **We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. Let your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people.

☑ **Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. Come, Holy Spirit.**

☐ All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☑ **Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

Amen.

Invitation to Communion

☐ We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Sit

Communion at Grace

All who are present are invited to receive Holy Communion. This sacrament is a gift to all who come with open hands and open hearts to the presence of Jesus.

☩ **Bread** is served by the Pastor. **Wine** is served from a *common cup* by the Assisting Minister.

☩ If you need gluten free bread, please let the Pastor know when you come forward.

☩ If you prefer wine from the *pouring chalice* in an **individual cup**, take an empty cup from the tray and have it filled by the Worship Assistant. Return the individual chalice/cup to the basket provided.

☩ **Grape Juice** is provided in the pre-filled cups in the center of the serving tray.

☩ A **Verbal Blessing** may be given by the Pastor, if you do not wish to commune.

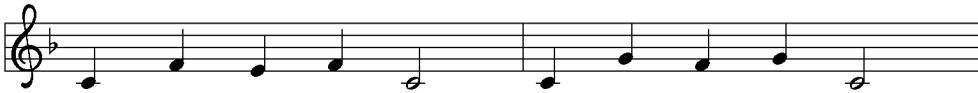
☩ If you wish **communion brought to you** in the pew, please notify the usher.



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Blessed Assurance
Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup
One Bread, One Body

WOV 699 (blue book)
WOV 706
WOV 710

Sending of Communion

A Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *homebound*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

- A** O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
- C** **You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day—that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever. Amen.**

Congregational Mission Minutes

Blessing

- P** The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
- C** **Amen.**

All children and youth, as well as the young at heart and playful spirits, are invited to come forward to make music and dance during the Sending Hymn. Please choose one instrument to play or one scarf to use for waving and dancing.

Sending Song

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

Dismissal

- A** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Week at a Glance

Sunday, January 13

Worship Services at 8 am and 10:45 am

Monday, January 14

Noisy Offering

Wednesday, January 16

Outreach 4:30 pm

Council 6 pm

Today's Worship Leaders

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Randy Teegardin	Vickey Argo
Cantor	Mark Anton	Vickey Argo
Lector	Carol Vos	Joe Longcor
Communion Server	Brenda Teegardin	Diane Neeb
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lance Ogden
Usher	John Burdick / Kay Marsh	Doug & Diane Neeb
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Jack & Carol Vos	<i>Volunteer</i>
Children's Church	~	Shayna Gibbons
Table Guild	Vickey Argo	
Bread Maker	Laura Scheck	

Next Sunday's Worship Leaders, January 20, 2019

	8:00 am	10:45 am
Assisting Minister	Chris Bush	Mark Anton
Cantor	Pastor Ken	Kate Watson
Lector	John Burdick	Jeanette Markwart
Communion Server	Jana Bishop	Sandy Mosteller
Acolyte/Crucifer	Mark Anton	Lexi Watson
Usher	Mark & Jana Bishop	Ed & Luke Domke
Greeter/Coffee Hr.	Mark & Jana Bishop	Deb Wilke
Children's Church	~	Tom, Emma & Hope Peck
Table Guild	Vickey Argo	
Bread Maker	Laura Scheck	

Stewardship Information

Worshippers last week: 83 Weekly Giving: \$5,304.00 Budget Amount: \$4,576.53

Adult Forum will meet today at 9:30 and will study Humility in the Kingdom. Next we will find out what is possible with God.

Noisy Offering will be collected today to benefit Barry County Cares.

Youth Group Mtg today at 6 pm.

Outreach Committee Mtg at 4:30 pm Monday, January 14th.

Council Mtg. this Wednesday, January 16th at 6 pm.

Handbell Outing on Thursday, January 24th at a local Senior Center.

Go into the New Year Ringing! A bell choir workshop will be held all day on Saturday, January 26th in the fellowship hall.

Mutual Ministry is here for you. If there is a ministry concern, please contact Brenda Teegardin. Brenda is our member of the Mutual Ministry Committee that is highlighted this week and can be reached by a phone call or a text message at 269.945.2651. Each week there will be a featured different member to contact.

Email Prayer Chain: The Congregational Care Committee is starting an email prayer chain beginning in January. Participants would be notified by email and would commit to praying for those in need as requests are received. If interested in being a part of this prayer chain, please contact Jane Secor at secorje@gmail.com.

HVAC is being replaced at a cost of \$8,600.00. If you can find it in your heart to make a contribution toward this cost, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mission Endowment Fund: As you may be aware, Grace Lutheran Church has a Mission Endowment Fund (MEF) and a MEF Committee. The purpose of the MEF is to provide for mission work beyond the operational budget of our church. The Committee is tasked with discerning where to distribute up to 90% of the earnings of the MEF. Your suggestions are welcomed for directing where these funds may be best used. Please place your suggestion along with your name in Margaret Wood's mailbox and it will be reviewed by the MEF Committee when it meets. You may wonder how does the MEF grow. One way the MEF grows is that 10% of the annual earnings are reinvested and become part of the principal. The other way the MEF grows is through receiving bequests, trusts and gifts of cash or assets designated to it. If you have not done so already, please consider when preparing your will or estate plan to give to the MEF.