

Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 15-16, 2022

Grace Lutheran Church † Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood

Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!

Masks are required at all gatherings.

Please complete an attendance card for worship. Cards are available in the pews.

Prelude

8:30am *All the People that on Earth do Dwell*.....(arr. Lani Smith)

5:30pm & 10:30am *Here in Your Presence; Here I Am to Worship*

Announcements

Call to Worship

8:30am Heart & Voice *Lord of Light*

Lord of light, come with might. Show us the sight of your glory.

In the night of sin and fright, dawn on your righteous people.

May your bright light over us shine.

Thanksgiving for Baptism (Pastor)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation. **Amen.** (*Silence is kept for reflection.*)

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace. (*Psalm 29:3, 11*)

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, holy and gracious God, for you created the waters of the earth: wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers. You led your people through the sea and called them to life in covenant with you. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism. Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world in all its need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

8:30am *Gather Us In*.....ELW 532
5:30pm & 10:30am *All Creatures of Our God and King*.....Projected

Prayer of the Day (Assisting Minister)

A: Lord God,

C: source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people.
Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem

8:30am *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*..... (Gilbert M. Martin)

Children’s Sermon

Whirl Story Bible “Jesus Goes to a Wedding” page 350

First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5 (Assisting Minister)

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 2:1-11 (Pastor)

P: The Gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So, they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

8:30am *I Love to Tell the Story*..... ELW 661

5:30pm & 10:30am *Great Are You Lord* Projected

Rite of Holy Baptism (Pastor)

10:30am

Camilas Carter, Jimmy Carter Jr., Ariel Carter, Isaiah Carter, Makayla Campbell

Presentation

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Brittany: I present Camilas Carter, Jimmy Carter, Jr., Ariel Layliana Carter, Isaiah Lavar Carter, and Makayla Amor Campbell to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Pastor: Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Makayla Amor, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Makayla: I do.

Pastor: Parents, as you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help them grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Pastor: Brittany, do you promise to nurture them in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsor: I do.

Pastor: Brittany, as you bring Makayla to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities. Encourage her to live among God's faithful people, continue to discover and study God's promises in the bible and nurture her in faith and prayer so that she may continue to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Camilas, Jimmy, Ariel, Isaiah, and Makayla and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

All: **We do.**

Profession of Faith

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

All: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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, and 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 the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Baptism

Pastor: Camilas, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Jimmy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Ariel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Makayla, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain them with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Camilas, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Jimmy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Ariel, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Isaiah, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Makayla, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon these parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Welcome

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

Peace (Assisting Minister)

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

A: I invite you to wave to your neighbor next to you, to send a message, a card, make a phone call, post to Facebook, and share the peace of Christ with your friends, family, and Grace family.

(Pause for members to share the peace and for reflection.)

Now let us give thanks for the gifts God has given us, the gifts we have mailed in and given online, the gifts we bring before God as an offering.

Offertory Prayer (Assisting Minister)

A: Blessed are You, O God, Sovereign of the universe.

C: 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. Amen.

(Offering plates are at the back of the sanctuary. You may leave your offering now or after the service.)

Prayers of the People (Assisting Minister)

A: 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. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Like the prophet Isaiah, we cannot keep silent. We rejoice. You have dressed us in the garments of salvation. You have showered us with blessings: food, shelter, clothing, and comfort. Hear us, O God....**Your mercy is great.**

The apostle Paul reminds us of the unique gifts God has given us. May we use them in his service by volunteering as greeters, assistant ministers, or ushers; by serving on Altar Guild, singing in the choir, writing Lenten devotions; by selling fair trade coffee, quilting, or donating blood. Let us do the work of the church joyfully and with a light heart. Hear us, O God....**Your mercy is great.**

As medical experts continue to struggle with global health issues, let us give thanks to everyone working to keep us well: doctors, nurses, support staff, physical therapists, pharmacists, nutritionists, and researchers. Grant them the wisdom to heal. Hear us, O God....**Your mercy is great.**

As Congress begins a new legislative session, encourage our nation's leaders to protect those least able to protect themselves: children, those wounded in war, the handicapped, the chronically ill, and the poor. Guide the course of government. Hear us, O God....**Your mercy is great.**

Lord, hear these prayers and add to them these names, concerns, and joys we voice now....

(Give the congregation several seconds to voice a name, concern, or joy)

Hear us, O God....**Your mercy is great.**

A: 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. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Pastor)

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 God thanks and praise.**

P: 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.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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

All are welcome to the table. Please come forward as directed by the ushers, and you will receive communion at stations in the front of the church. Please indicate if you would prefer grape juice for communion. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Blessing (Pastor)

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. Amen.

Closing Hymn

8:30am *On Our Way Rejoicing*..... ELW 537
5:30pm & 10:30am *Blessed Be Your Name*..... Projected

Sending (Pastor)

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Variants on "St. Anne" (arr. Richard Williamson)

Interested in Joining Grace? New Member Welcoming Service on January 23!

Please contact the church office office@gracewelcomesyou.org, for information about joining Grace Lutheran Church. All are welcome and we would be overjoyed to have you engaged in the worship, ministries, and congregational life at Grace. **Please let Pastor Stephanie know if you are interested in joining as a new member on January 23.**

You Can Watch Us Online and Follow us on Facebook!

Go to our YouTube channel - Grace Lutheran Church Davenport - to watch the 8:30 service each week. A link is available by email on Sunday morning, and an order of service is included with the email and posted on our website. Also, follow us on Facebook for inspirational messages, photos, links, and information about events.

Worship Conversations Continued, January 17 at 1pm and 7pm

You are invited to Worship Conversations Continued on January 17, at either 1pm or 7pm at Grace. We are very interested in our members' ideas and input on how we move forward with our worship services to meet our changing needs and interests. We set a goal of interviewing a minimum of 15 members from each service to get your opinions and ideas of what is important to you during worship. We've heard your feedback and thank you for sharing! We'd like to continue the conversation that began in the interviews and invite you to help identify some of the themes that we can learn from. Then on another night we will begin talking about what might this mean for worship at Grace as we adjust to the changes in the ways we worship.

Adult Education 2.0

Sunday, January 16 The Partnering in Ministry Task Force will share what they learned and where we are headed after meeting with St. Mark. Adult Ed meets in Pat Bell Hall following the 8:30am worship.

Annual Meeting January 30

Join us for Annual Meeting on January 30, following a joint service at 9:30am. We will be meeting in person. If needed, Zoom will be an option. We will have more information available as we get closer to the date. *Annual Reports will be distributed via an email link and printed copies are available in the narthex.*

Grief Support Group

We meet the first and third Wednesdays 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Our next meeting is January 19. Please be assured that our conversations will be kept in confidence. Questions? Contact Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

Junior Bible Study is Back and Worship Boxes are Now Available!

Join us for Session 2 of Junior Bible Study begins Today, January 16th at the 8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services. Also, Worship Boxes for families with young children are available in the Narthex. These boxes are loaded with interactive materials for the children to use during different parts of our Worship service. Our worship bulletin will be filled with little notations that help children and their families follow along as we worship together. If you can help with Junior Bible Study, please contact Chrissy Hartman at 563-320-0603 or by email at candm61877@aol.com.

ImpactLife Blood Drive

Grace's next in-house blood drive is Thursday, January 20, from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. Nine Grace members (including three neighbors of Grace) donated blood during the month of November. That brings the year's total to 88. ImpactLife wants our congregation to know there are 39 members eligible to give blood during December. **Appointments are required – contact Mark Jepson at 563-508-9091 to schedule.**

Serving in Worship

Acolyte: 8:30am Janice Gibbs
Crucifer: 8:30am Dennis Boehme
Assisting Minister: 8:30am Ken Krumwiede
10:30am Bill McCullough
Greeters: 8:30am Chuck Lehman, Kathy Higgins
10:30am Kathy Finkler
Ushers: 5:30pm Scott Jewel
8:30am Mark Jepson, Kathy Miller
10:30am Peg McCullough
Sound Sys: All Russ Finkler
Communion Assistants: 8:30am Ken Krumwiede, Gloria Lange
Jane Rock, Nancy Boehme
10:30am Bill McCullough, Russ Finkler

Prayer Writer: Paul Lewellan
Altar Guild: Gloria Lange
Tech Assistant: Andrew Savely

Musicians:
Sally Meier *Adult Choir*
Dan Haugen *Contemporary Choir*
Susan Senn *Organist*
Kathy Parrish *Accompanist*

Jr. Bible Study
8:30am Becky Wiese, Melinda Miller
10:30am Janice Gibbs,

