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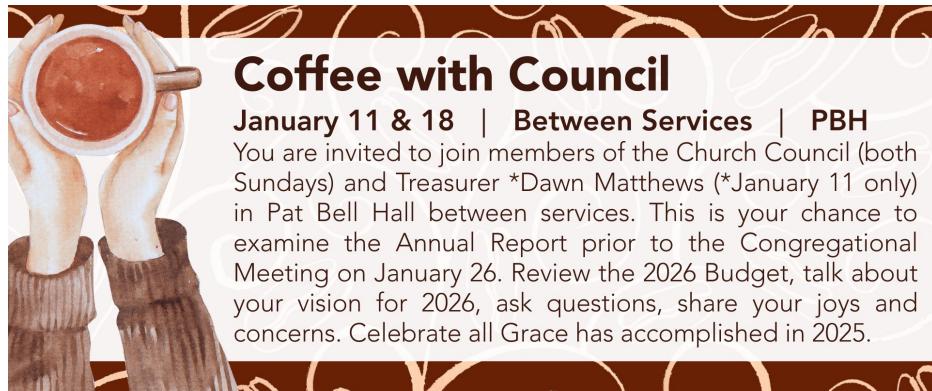
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## Coffee with Council

January 11 & 18 | Between Services | PBH

You are invited to join members of the Church Council (both Sundays) and Treasurer \*Dawn Matthews (\*January 11 only) in Pat Bell Hall between services. This is your chance to examine the Annual Report prior to the Congregational Meeting on January 26. Review the 2026 Budget, talk about your vision for 2026, ask questions, share your joys and concerns. Celebrate all Grace has accomplished in 2025.

## Looking Ahead

- **January 11** Q&A with our Treasurer
- **January 18** Coffee with Council
- **January 15** ImpactLife Blood Drive
- **January 25** **Joint Worship 9:30am**
- **January 25** **Annual Meeting 10:30am**
- **January 30** Kids Winter Party
- **January 30** Dinner Service - Hope at the Brick House
- **February 7** The Illusion of Perfectionism Retreat
- **February 18** Ash Wednesday
- **February 25** Lenten Worship
- **February 26** Lutheran Day on the Hill

## ImpactLife Blood Drive

Changing The World Together

Thursday, Jan 15 | 2-6pm



Every day, patients who need blood are in crisis and you can help by volunteering to donate. To book an appointment visit [bloodcenter.org](https://bloodcenter.org) or contact Mark Jepson at [majepson55@netscape.net](mailto:majepson55@netscape.net). ALSO, did you know that you can earn SWAG by donating with ImpactLife? Go to the blood center website and click on "View and Shop our Rewards Store" to see what's available.

## Joint Worship & Annual Meeting | January 25

**Joint Worship 9:30am**

**Annual Meeting 10:30am**

Please plan to join us at our annual meeting! Annual reports were distributed via email on Friday, and there are a few printed copies available in the narthex and at the meeting.



## THE ILLUSION OF PERFECTIONISM

### A Journey Toward Wholeness

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, February 7 | 9am-Noon**

The Grace Spiritual Growth Mission is excited to host our Winter retreat with speaker Pastor Melinda Pupillo, Campus Chaplain and Director of Spiritual Development at Augustana College

## Dinner Service

### Hope at the Brick House



We will serve dinner at Hope at the Brick House on Friday, January 30. Watch for the sign-up board in the Narthex to see how you can help. We'll serve breakfast-for-dinner so we will need three breakfast casseroles that serve twelve, along with a fruit or vegetable, a dessert, a half-gallon of milk, and a couple of servers. Any questions contact Karen Jewel at 563-323-0322 or [kcjewel21@gmail.com](mailto:kcjewel21@gmail.com).

## 2025 Giving Statements

2025 Giving Statements will be available to pick up at church Sunday, Jan 18, thru Sunday, Jan 25. Any leftover will be mailed out on Monday, Jan 26. Questions about your statement can be directed to Dawn at [treasurer@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto:treasurer@gracewelcomesyou.org).

## Pick Up Poinsettias

Our sanctuary was so beautiful - Thank you to all who donated poinsettias! They are now ready to pick up in narthex with bags for easy transport.

## Sunday, January 11

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream  
9:30am Budget Q&A with Dawn  
10:30am Contemporary Worship

## Monday, January 12

10:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm Centering Prayer

## Tuesday, January 13

9:00am Quilters  
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH  
1:30pm Social Ministry Mtg  
2:30pm Outreach & Welcome Mtg  
6:00pm CYF Meeting  
7:00pm Worship & Music Mtg

## Wednesday, January 14

9:00am Quilters  
12:00pm Men's Lunch Group  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, January 15

11:00am Paul Bible Study - PBH  
2:00pm Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

## Friday, January 16

9:30am PEO (Private Event) - PBH

## Saturday, January 17

8:30am Page Turners  
1:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal

## Sunday, January 18

8:30am Traditional Worship & Livestream  
9:30am Coffee with Council  
10:30am Contemporary Worship

## Monday, January 19

10:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm Centering Prayer  
6:00pm Sweet Arts Club - Kitchen

## Tuesday, January 20

9:00am Naomi Circle - Narthex  
10:00am Pastor's Text Study - PBH

## Puzzle Exchange

Greetings all! These first few months of the year can be a bit dreary. To help pass the time, we invite you to participate in a puzzle exchange! You can bring your puzzles starting Sunday, January 11 thru February 8, and placing them on a table outside the Sanctuary for others to pick up and take home.



## Story of Paul Bible Study

**Classes resume Thursday, January 15, 11am** Discover how Paul went from someone who persecuted Christians to being a significant early church leader. Anyone can join at anytime. Pastor Stephanie can answer any questions. **Please read chapter 10 before class on Thursday.**

## Service Day Quilters

**Next Meeting Dates: January 13 & 14 | 9am-Noon**

Anyone can join to help at church or at home. Questions? Gloria Lange 563-271-1542 langejg1@msn.com or Kathy Miller kathyk1679@aol.com 563-676-0914.

## Page Turners Book Group

**Next Meeting: January 17** We meet at 8:30am the third Saturday each month at different locations for breakfast, book discussion, and great fellowship (reading the book is not required).

**January Book:** *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben

**Location:** Tony's Pizza (2297 Falcon Ave, Bettendorf) **Host:** Janice Gibbs 563-332-6791

## Naomi Circle

**Next Meeting: January 20, 9:00am** Naomi Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month Sept-May for refreshments, fellowship, devotions, and bible study. All are welcome to join us! Questions? Joyce Marinaccio 563-343-3404 or gsgopher50@gmail.com.

## Grief Support Group

**Next Meeting: January 21** Grief Support Group meets the first and third Wednesdays month 5:30pm in Pat Bell Hall. Anyone is welcome at anytime, and please be assured our conversations are kept in confidence. Questions? Cindy Lee 563-370-5386.

## Centering Prayer

**Mondays 4:30pm via Zoom** In the Christian tradition, Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God - an the opening of mind and heart. Cheryl Kritsch 563-343-0135 facilitates the group which meets via Zoom every Monday (except holidays) at 4:30pm (link emailed in the Weekly Update).

## Men's Lunch Group

The Men's Lunch Group meets at noon every Wednesday at church. Bring a lunch from home or pick something up from a restaurant. Contact Dennis Boehme boehmed@aol.com or 563-320-2661 to be added to the email list.

## Thrivent Choice Dollars & Action Teams

Thrivent members can direct their choice dollars to Grace! By directing Choice Dollars, eligible clients with membership can recommend where some of Thrivent's charitable outreach funds go. For more information talk to your Thrivent representative or go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice). ALSO, Did you know

Thrivent members can request funds (up to twice a year) for church events and projects through **Thrivent Action Teams?** Pastor Kirsten can walk you through applying for a \$250 grant. It's super easy!

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## Milk Ministry

In 2025 we donated 1032 gallons of milk to Café on Vine! A HUGE thank you to Jim Bayles for purchasing and delivering the milk to the Café each week ~ your time and effort are generous and greatly appreciated. Please consider donating to this important ministry - just put milk ministry on your check memo line or donate online at [bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline](http://bit.ly/GraceGivingOnline).

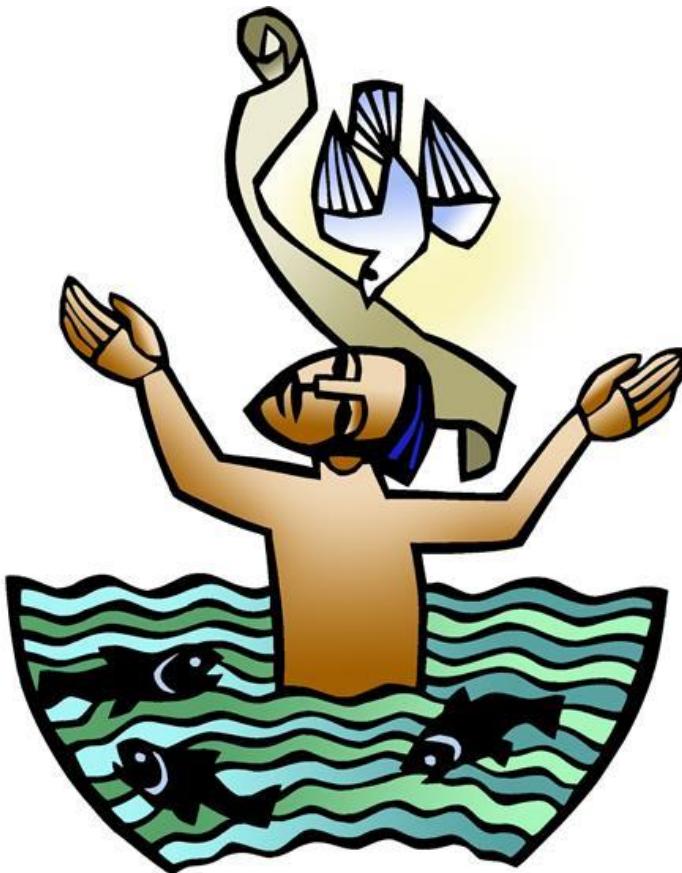
Following Jesus' teachings, Grace seeks to educate, lead, and partner with all people through discipleship to worship, service, and faith celebration.

# Baptism of our Lord

January 11, 2026 8:30am

Grace Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

Pastor Stephanie Wood † Pastor Kirsten Lee



**Welcome! We are so happy you have joined us!**

Please complete an attendance card - located in the pews or at the usher's table.

\*Please stand as you are able. **Congregational response in bold.**

# Prelude

*Fugue in C* ..... George Frideric Handel

## Announcements

### Call to Worship

**Heart & Voice Choir** *The Voice of the Lord*

### Remembrance of Baptism\*

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.*)

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\*

*Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God* ..... ELW 458

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,  
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.  
Baptized and made your own, now we come before you,  
and we adore you.

2 Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven  
 brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.  
 Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior,  
 with grace and favor.

3 Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;  
 you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation.  
 Baptize with joy and pow'r; give, O Dove descending,  
 life never ending.

4 Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
 one Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit.  
 Here now renew your church through this symbol given;  
 grant peace from heaven.

Text: H. Francis Yardley, 1911-1990; Frank J. Whiteley, b. 1914, alt.

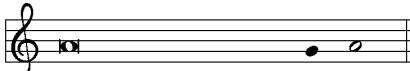
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## Greeting\*

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

## Kyrie\*

*In Peace, Let Us Pray to the Lord.....* ELW p. 147



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



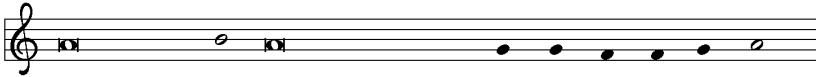
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise\*

*This is the Feast* ..... ELW p. 149

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day\*

Let us pray. O God our Father, **at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Heart & Voice Choir Anthem

Praise Psalm ..... Eugene Butler

O praise, O praise, O praise the name of God our maker.  
O praise, O praise, O praise the name of God!  
O sing, O sing, O sing to the Lord, the God of Jacob.  
O praise, O praise, O praise the name of God!

Know that the Lord is great and is above all gods.  
He it is who makes the clouds rise at the ends of the earth.  
Who makes the lightning for the rain?  
And brings forth the wind from his storehouses?

O praise, O praise, O praise the name of God our maker.  
O praise, O praise, O praise the name of God!  
O sing, O sing, O sing to the Lord, the God of Jacob.  
O praise, O praise, O praise the name of God!

## Children's Message

### Scripture Reading | Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.  
**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;**  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

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

The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

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!"**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.

**O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.**

## Gospel Acclamation\*

Alleluia ..... ELW p. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel\* | Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water,

suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day\*

*Baptized and Set Free* ..... ELW 453

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 2 We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
- 3 We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956; Text © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.

### Prayers of the People\*

Guided by the star, together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation. Lead us, O God: **lead us by your light.**

God of light, into your hands we place all for whom we pray, trusting in your radiant mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **Peace\*** *(Please be seated after sharing the peace.)*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **Call to Offering** *(The offering plates will be passed along the pews.)*

When we open our hearts in generous giving, we give space for God's love and joy to grow in us for the good of others. May our hearts be stretched wide by this motion of the Holy One, as we joyfully bring our gifts.

## **Offering Hymn**

*We Are an Offering* ..... ELW 692

- 1      We lift our voices, We lift our hands  
          We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.
- 2      Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands  
          Lord, use our lives, they are yours: We are an offering
- 3      All that we have All that we are  
          All that we hope to be We give to you, we give to you.
- 4      We lift our voices We lift our hands  
          We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering, We are an offering.

Text & Music: Dwight Liles, b. 1957

## **Offertory Prayer**

Let us pray. God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **The Great Thanksgiving\***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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\***

**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.**

## **Communion Hymn**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1)..... ELW 815

1      I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Everyone is welcome to the table. As you are able, please come forward to receive communion at the front of the church. If you prefer juice for communion, it will be clear, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.*

## **Prayer After Communion\***

Let us pray. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Blessing\*

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise  
☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn\*

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ..... ELW 310

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,  
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;  
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;  
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;  
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;  
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:  
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;  
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;  
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,  
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

## Sending\*

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Fuga* ..... Josef Seeger



**Junior Bible Study | Jesus is Baptized** Junior Bible Study is offered for children after the children's sermon during worship at both services. We will return from our time together before communion begins. Once again, we will use The Story as our guide for our learning. We will learn the familiar Bible Stories through these books, felt board, games, and crafts. We hope your children can join us!

**Interested in Joining Grace?** Please contact the church office [office@gracewelcomesyou.org](mailto: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.

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## Serving in Worship

<b>Preaching &amp; Presiding</b>	Pastor Stephanie Wood
<b>Director of Outreach &amp; Youth Minister</b>	Pastor Kirsten Lee
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joel Lorentzen
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Joel Lorentzen, Hollie Swain, Deb Kirby, Mike Kirby
<b>Communion Bread</b>	Sally Meier
<b>Acolyte</b>	NEEDED
<b>Crucifer</b>	NEEDED
<b>Greeters</b>	Sue & Mark Janssen
<b>Ushers</b>	Mike & Deb Kirby
<b>Jr Bible Study</b>	Pastor Kirsten, Denise Eads
<b>Sound System</b>	Chuck Lehman
<b>Prayers</b>	Sally Meier
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Jewel
<b>Heart &amp; Voice Choir Director</b>	Sally Meier
<b>Organist</b>	Susan Senn
<b>Pianist</b>	Kathi Parrish
<b>Worship Tech &amp; Praise Band Leader</b>	Vey Rodriguez
<b>Coffee/Cookies/Snacks</b>	Cindy Lee, Ann Lorentzen

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