



# WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF LILY LAKE, IL

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## ***First Sunday of Epiphany/ Baptism of Jesus***

**INTRODUCTION** – *Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Mark's gospel makes clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.*

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY FROM HOME.**

*We gather in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.*

*Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.*

*We hope all people find it easy to follow along.*

*Announcements or more information about Grace are televised or found on our website*

*Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time.*

*May it calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.*

**GOD GATHERS US**  
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*Announcements are found on our website*

**PRELUDE**

He Shall Feed His Flock

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*We invite you to read/respond to the texts, pray the prayers, using this as a meditation guide all week long.*

**Call to Worship**

(inspired by Mark 1:4-11,)

P O God of many names and continuing Creativity,

**ALL We come to the water.**

P Seeking you to worship and honor you.

**ALL We come to you from many places, with many burdens.**

P You go through water and fire before us, with us.

**ALL We trust your words, "Do not be afraid."**

P You call us by name and claim us.

**ALL We acknowledge the power in that naming and claiming.**

P You declare us worthy and empower us.

**ALL We soak in your grace and power, your redeeming Word still speaking to us, Still claiming us.**

P Your light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

**ALL Let us worship the one whose redeeming Word still speaks to us, still claims us. Amen.**

**OPENING SONG**

**"Thy Strong Word"**

**ELW 511, vs 1-2,5**

**Verse 5 is on next page**

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Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944  
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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**ALL Amen.**

## SHARING OF PEACE

**P** May the deep, abiding peace of the Lord be with you. **ALL And also with you.**

## GOD'S WORD

### FIRST READING

Genesis 1: 1-5

**Introduction** – *Out of chaos, God's word brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life. God still speaks a holy Word to us.*

At the outset, when God created the universe,  
the earth was lifeless and shapeless;  
a deep ocean of chaos, shrouded in darkness;  
brooded over by the Spirit of God.

Then God called for light, and on God's word, light appeared.  
God saw that light was a good thing,  
and separated it from the darkness.  
God named the light Day, and the darkness Night.  
Evening passed and morning came;  
the first day was done.

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**R** Word of God; Word of Life.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*What is Pastor cooking up today?*  
**“Baptized, We Live!”**



**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to St. Mark.

**Mark 1:4-11**

**ALL** *Alleluia*. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts,\* and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. *Alleluia!*  
(Col. 3:15, 16)

Introduction - *Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer showed up in the wilderness, proclaiming God's word to people. He called them to be baptized, to completely turn their lives around and receive God's forgiveness for their ruinous ways.

<sup>5</sup>Owing up to their toxic ways and wrongdoing, people from Jerusalem and all the rural districts of Judea were flocking out to him for baptism in the Jordan River, promising to reform their ways. <sup>6</sup>Now John was dressed in rough clothes of camel's hair and animal skins, with a leather belt around his waist. He lived off the land eating locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed the core message, "The one who comes after me is more powerful than I am; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I only baptize you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>During those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>The moment he came up from the water, he saw the heavens split open and the Spirit coming down like a diving dove and taking hold of him. <sup>11</sup>It was then that a voice from heaven declared, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P The Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to You O Christ.

**MESSAGE FOR ALL**  
"Words (and Water) Matter"  
Pastor Dawn Roucka

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What difference does it make, in your heart and mind, that Jesus is baptized? What is powerful about this moment in Christ's life?
- From the beginning, God's powerful word brings order to chaos. How might hearing God's word meant for you inform or speak to your situation? To the world's situation?
- How do you think of your baptism? What daily impact does it have on your life? What words do you need to activate your daily baptismal living?
- Our Advent bags contained "Star Words" (words that might guide us throughout the upcoming year). How will your word help you not "keep silent"? How will it shape how you tell God's kingdom story?



1 This is the Spir - it's en - try now: the wa - ter and the word,  
 2 This mir - a - cle of life re - born comes from the Lord of breath;  
 3 Let wa - ter be the sa - cred sign that we must die each day  
 4 Re - new - ing Spir - it, hear our praise for your bap - tis - mal pow'r



the cross of Je - sus on your brow, the seal both felt and heard.  
 the sin - less one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.  
 to rise a - gain by his de - sign as fol - l'wers of his way.  
 that wash - es us through all our days. Come, cleanse a - gain this hour.

Text: Thomas E. Herbranson, b. 1933

Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional

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## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

### **OFFERING IS WELCOMED**

P The wise men brought gifts and laid them at the foot of the manger for God's holy gift to the world. What can we offer in response? Bring all that you are and all that you have. Let us return to God even a portion of what we have been given to serve and change the world. We thank you for offering your support for the work of the whole Church, and that of this faith community to bring hope and new life by God's word. We thank you for all the ways you help us make this community a better place.

**PLEASE CONSIDER IN THIS TIME OF NEED, TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH, IF POSSIBLE, AND SUPPORT OTHERS AS WELL BY BEING AS GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, YOUR TALENTS AND YOUR VARIOUS TREASURES.**

You may mail offerings to Grace at 5N600 N. Hanson Road, St. Charles, IL 60175  
 or send through your bank or online; there is also a DONATE on our website or a plate by the entryway.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. God, our heavenly Father, you welcome us as sons and daughters through baptism in Christ. Receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace and your beloved Son.

**ALL Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.

Please respond accordingly

P hear our prayer,

All Have mercy O Lord of Light.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Traditional)

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.

(Modern)

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

### GOD SENDS US

#### COMISSION & BENEDICTION

P Hear the Words of our Creator God, "You are my beloved creation" empowered to love and make a difference in the world. And Go in faith, bringing healing to the broken and God's joy to those who grieve.

**ALL With God's power, we go to live in faith.**

P Go serving the hungry, and sheltering those who wander.

**ALL With God's power, we go to live in faith.**

P Go, Echoing the Sprit calling for peace and never stopping to speak against injustice.

**ALL With God's power, we go to live in faith.**

P God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace.

**ALL Amen!**

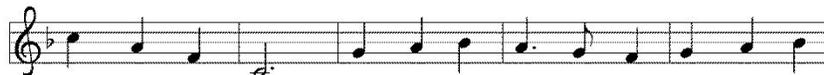
#### CLOSING SONG

#### *"God, Whose Almighty Word"*

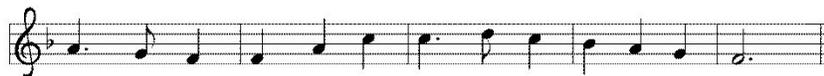
**ELW 673**



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight; hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.  
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

#### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ

**ALL Thanks be to God. Amen.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 10, 2020

ZOOM FELLOWHIP WILL CONTINUE WEEKLY **CV'32'CO** on Sundays following our online worship services. Join our Grace family for sharing news, prayers information and more. Don't miss out! Check your eblast for details.

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It will be on ZOOM at 10 AM.

Plan to be there. Reports will be made available prior to the day of meeting

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'Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Take control of your money with *Financial Peace University*! This nine-lesson class using biblical wisdom and common sense to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt, and make your money work for you! You can sign up for this class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace at **lr wleqo B346363**. Discussion and support group began **Vwguf c{ .Lcpwct { '7.' 4243''dww' { qw'ecp'gculd 'ecvej 'wr 'cpi 'lqlp'vj g'f kwewukqp'vj lu'y ggm**We meet online, so you won't even have to leave home. *INVTE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. Just share this info with them.*

This virtual class provides an opportunity to go through the course with a community of folks who will walk with you as you begin crushing your money goals. Learning and following the 7 Baby Steps, the average household finds \$332 after their first month of budgeting. In the first 90 days, the average household pays off \$5,300 in debt and puts \$2,700 into savings. And that's just in the first three months! Imagine what you can do after that. *Financial Peace University*, a flagship 9 lesson workshop for almost 30 years, helped nearly 6 million people learn the proven plan to pay off debt, save for emergencies, and build wealth. *Financial Peace University* is now part of the Ramsey+ membership. **SIGN UP AT lr wleqo B346363 NOW!**

## REAL NEWS TO USE DURING THESE TIMES

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**THOSE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH**

- \* God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- \* As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- \* Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- \* Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

**FOR THE WORLD**

- For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus – it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- For our nation as it struggles with the angry rhetoric and lies and is dividing itself.

**FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

- \* For God's Spirit to guide Pastor Dawn, Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- \* As we begin a New Year that the world knows God's peace and hope

**FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY** (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- \* Glenn Adams, son of Mark and Renee Adams      \* Lucy Adams
  - \* Adam Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren      \* William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- (If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

**FOR ALL**

- \* The continued support of our members      \* For all members of healthcare around the world
- \* For those serving as first responders and in the military      \* For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

**FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT**

*Starting fresh for the new year. Please let us know who we are (still) praying for.  
Send Pastor or church office an email, leave a phone message or call Pastor directly.*

**FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE**

Donna, upon her husband Joe's death. We grieve with her.

*Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.  
Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.*

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**GRACE'S MISSION IS**

To share God's GRACE with all through our rich traditions of faith, family, and community.

**G**ospel – God's love shared in all we say & do  
**R**espect for all God's people & creation  
**A**ction – response to the Gospel  
**C**ommunity – Loving God, neighbor, & self  
**E**veryone – we are all God's children