# **Grace Lutheran Church**

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Prelude & Welcome

Hymn 456 "Baptized in Water"

Sacrament of Baptism

Song (insert) "Christ Beside Me"

Scripture (insert)

Message

Hymn 742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Offering

Prayer, Lord's Prayer & Benediction

Hymn 785 "When Peace like a River"

### Postlude

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## Verse for the Week

The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

~ Psalm 121:8

### **Prayer Requests:**

Pat Timmerman Ron Johnson Curtis Bah Jamie Englund Gary Quinn Tom Dingwall Clem Roers

# Thank You Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Morical Family Acolyte: Mason Borgstrom Reader: Steffen Morical

Coffee/Fellowship: Tom and BreAnn Anderson

Musician: Annette Helder Song Leader: Tom Helder

**<u>Baptized today</u>**: Wrenlee Blake Swiontek, daughter of Ryan and Stephanie Swiontek. Wrenlee's Godparents are Ryan Myhr and Katie Swiontek.

**From last Sunday:** JCPenney and "Mr. Sears" – a lesson on contentment and gratitude. Contentment is not having everything but finding joy in what you have and thanking God for your "enough"!

**Thank You! Last week's Noisy Offering** raised \$ for Dragonfly Mental Wellness Foundation.

**Today and next Sunday will be "Honey Sundays".** We're taking orders for honey produced by Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch on the table by the office. Honey is \$10 per bottle with all proceeds going to the Ranch. Honey will be mailed to you in December.

**Confirmands** are required to complete two Worship Notes a month.

November 2 is All Saints Sunday.

Kids, wear your costumes to worship next Sunday!

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after another. (Walter Elliott)

## **Dates and Happenings:**

## Monday, October 20

4-7 pm Piano Lessons7 pm Bible Study - Faith

## **Tuesday, October 21**

10:30 am Pastor at Evansville Care Campus1:30 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living

## Wednesday, October 22

5:45 pm Confirmation (Gr. 5-7) 6:45 pm Confirmation (Gr. 8-9)

# Thursday, October 23

9 am Quilting

9:30 am Pastor at Prayer and Share - Faith 1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living

4-7 pm Piano Lessons

## Sunday, October 26 – Reformation Sunday

9 am Worship – Confirmation 10<sup>th</sup> Graders

11 am Worship - Faith

#### The Proclamation of Faith

I ask you to proclaim your faith in Jesus, reject sin and confess the faith of the Church – the faith in which we Baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises? If so, please say, "I do!"

#### I do!

We proclaim our faith,

I believe in God, the Father Almighty Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen

### **Christ Beside Me**

Tune: "Moring Has Broken"

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me – King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me – never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me – shield in the strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising – Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me, Christ be on all tongues telling of me; Christ be the vision in eyes that see me, in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me – King of my heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me – never to part.

## Prayer for Illumination

Ever-present God, circle around our comings and goings. Make us bold with persistence; calm with patience. Amen

### Psalm 121 Eyes Wide Open

I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the maker of Heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip – He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day; nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

#### **Amen**

## Luke 18:1-8 She's Bothering Me!

Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

#### He said:

"In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought.

And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary'.

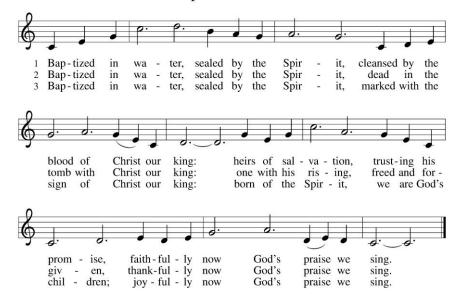
For some time the judge refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"

And Jesus said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off?

I tell you, God will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

#### **Amen**

## Baptized in Water



Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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#### What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?





Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear— Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rowsshare? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! all be-cause we do not car - ry Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

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## When Peace, like a River It Is Well with My Soul



- 1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
- 3 He
- lives—oh, the bliss of this glo ri-ous thought; my 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul. help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul. bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



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