

Grace Lutheran Church

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Prelude & Welcome

Confession & Absolution

From Psalm 79 we read, **“Help us, God our Savior, for the glory of Your Name; deliver us and forgive our sins for Your Name’s sake”**.

We confess our sin to God, ask His mercy and commit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus:

**God,
I confess I am captive to sin and cannot free myself.**

I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed; by what I have done and left undone.

**I have not loved You with my whole heart;
I have not loved my neighbors as myself.**

I have marred Your image created within me and not lived with contentment or gratitude. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, Crucified and Risen, have mercy on me.

**Forgive what I have been,
correct what I am,
direct what I will be;**

so I will delight in Your Word and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your saving Name.

In the Name of Jesus, I ask forgiveness for myself and my neighbors. Amen

Hymn 456 “Baptized in Water”

WORD with the Children

Scripture (insert)

Message

Hymn 732 “Borning Cry”

Offering “Gesu Bambino” Layla & Lilly Mohagen; Betty Butcher

Apostles’ Creed

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

Prayer, Lord’s Prayer & Benediction

Hymn 793 “Be Thou My Vision”

Postlude

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Verse for the Week

Be kind and compassionate to one another.

~ Ephesians 4:32

Prayer Requests:

Brian Timmerman	Diane Alstead	Steve Bock
Bob & Pat Anderson	Arle Ellingson	Dallas Triebenbach
Tom Dingwall	Larry Russell	Erica Triebenbach
Dawn Fuhs	Brad Lund	Bob Hefti
Vicki Carlson	Family of Hadley Nelson	

Thank You Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Lund Family
Acolyte: Lane Hokanson
Reader: Paige Schaffran
Coffee/Fellowship: Clem & Kristi Roers
Musician: Annette Helder
Song Leader: Tom Helder

From Last Sunday: Not 3, nor kings – star-gazers they are; arriving two years later. The Magi’s journey to Bethlehem shines God’s plan to welcome everyone into His presence – everyone!

Our Annual Meeting is immediately after worship, Sunday, January 26. Annual Reports are in mailboxes and on the table outside the sanctuary.

Noisy Offering will be taken on January 26 this month. We’ll have a speaker from Sanford Health Foundation who’ll share information about their work at Sanford Children’s Hospital.

Next Sunday, January 19, **Nolan Gasser** (son of Grace members Chelsea and Tom Gasser) will speak about a **mission trip** he and other Bethel students are taking to serve needs in **Belize**. February’s Noisy Offering will support Nolan’s work through this mission trip.

Don’t forget that there is a great assortment of **handmade greeting cards** in the Fellowship Hall for ALL occasions. Cost is \$3 with proceeds supporting Grace Youth.

Snow removal sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office. Please sign up to help with a few weeks throughout the winter as you’re able. Your help is greatly appreciated to keep our maintenance budget lower! Thank You!

Dates and Happenings:

Today

4-7 pm Visitation for Hadley Nelson

Monday, January 13

10 am Visitation/Celebration of Life for Hadley Nelson

4 pm Piano Lessons

7 pm Bible Study - Faith

Tuesday, January 14

9:30 am Bible Study - Grace

1 pm Pastor at Evansville Assisted Living

Wednesday, January 15

6 pm Confirmation - Gr. 5 & 6

7 pm Confirmation - Gr. 7 & 8

Thursday, January 16

9 am Quilting

9:30 am Pastor at Prayer and Share - Faith

1 pm Pastor at Brandon Assisted Living

Sunday, January 19

9 am Worship

10 am Sunday School

11 am Worship - Faith

6:30 pm Parish Council - Faith

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional