



Evangelical Lutheran Church

Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2018

8:00 a.m. Worship



* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

LBW - GREEN BOOK • WOV - BLUE BOOK

God Gathers Us

Prelude	<i>The Beautiful River</i>	Robert Lowry, arr. L. Smith
Words of Welcome/Greeting Our Guests		
*Invocation and Salutation		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God</i>	#191 LBW
*Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness		p.10 WOV
*Sharing the Peace of the Lord		
*Kyrie		p.28
*Hymn of Praise	<i>"Glory to God"</i>	p.29
The Children's Sermon		

(PRAYER CARDS PICKED UP BY USHERS AT THIS TIME)

Holy Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

Holy Scripture: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” So Paul asked, “Then what baptism did you receive?” “John’s baptism,” they replied. Paul said, “John’s baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

***Holy Gospel:** Mark 1:4-11

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Sermon

Wondering Why?

Pastor Daniel M. Powell

***The Apostles’ Creed**

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***The Prayer of the Church**

We Respond to God's Grace
Our Response in Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering

Come To The Water

John Foley, S.J.,
arr. Lynda Hasseler
Sanctuary Choir
Kristi Leeth, soloist

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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*Prayer of Dedication

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God Feeds Us
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

*The Great Thanksgiving

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**'Holy, holy, holy Lord'*

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*The Words of Institution

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*The Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

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Distribution of the Meal and Blessing of the Children

Musical Offering *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* Martin Luther, J. Walther

*Post-Communion Blessing

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*Canticle

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*Post-Communion Prayer

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Grace Council Installation

***Closing Hymn**

How Great Thou Art

#532 LBW

***Benediction**

***Dismissal**

P Gathered by God

C Receiving the Lord

P Sent by the Spirit

C Revealing His Love

The Postlude

Bourrée from "Water Music" Suite

George F. Handel

PRAYERS AND PRAISES

Intercessory Prayers

12/17/17

Zach Spitzer

Dean Settles

Bob and Bonnie Cummings (friends of the McKinnon's)

12/24/17

Tiffany Wright

Jenson and Oaklee Brown (great, great nieces of Barbara Fain)

Steve Archbold

Jack Reynard Jr.

12/31/17

Al Evans

Prayers of Support

For The Fuller Center For Housing

For Celebrating Recovery House

For first responders

For marriages and families in crisis

For all seeking employment

For 2018 Grace council and staff

For those suffering from addiction

For Christian faith-based ministries

For our community, country, and our world

For family and friends living in care facilities

For Bishop John Bradosky, the North American Lutheran Church,

and the Southwest Ohio Mission District of the NALC

Hearing devices are available from the ushers.

THIS WEEK

Sun., Jan. 7 <i>Baptism of Our Lord</i>	8:00 a.m.	Worship (S)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for children and youth
	9:15 a.m.	Outreach Break (CC)
	9:15 a.m.	Triads (CR, L)
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship (FH)
	10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship (S)
Mon., Jan. 8	12:00 p.m.	Culture Crew (P)
	8:00 p.m.	Community group (P)
Mon., Jan. 8	1:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (CR)
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Leadership Team meeting (CR)
Tue., Jan. 9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study (P)
	9:30 a.m.	Faith Guild (P)
	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Staff meeting - office closed
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Guild (CW102)
	6:00 p.m.	Executive meeting (CR)
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts (CW102,105/YW103-104)
	7:00 p.m.	Agape Guild (P)
Wed., Jan. 10	1:30 p.m.	Charity Guild (CW102)
	5:30 p.m.	Grace Notes (S)
	6:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (CW102)
	6:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Dinners (FH)
	6:45 p.m.	7-10 grade youth group (CC)
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Track (N108)
	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir (MR/S)
Thu., Jan. 11	8:00 a.m.	Community ministry (FH)
	10:00 a.m.	Fuschino small group (YW105)
	11:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study (P)
	6:30 p.m.	Men's ministry meeting (P)
Fri., Jan. 12	6:00 p.m.	Grace Council Retreat (café)
	8:00 p.m.	Community group (CR)
Sat., Jan. 13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible study (P)
	8:30 a.m.	<i>Grace Council Retreat at Lynnwood Cabin</i>
Sun., Jan. 14	8:00 a.m.	Worship (S)
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	9:15 a.m.	Triads (CR, L)
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship (FH)
	10:45 a.m.	Worship (S)
	2:30 p.m.	<i>Worship at Springfield Manor</i>
	8:00 p.m.	Community group (P)

C	Café
CC	Community Center
CR	Conference Room
CW	Children's Wing
FH	Fellowship Hall
K	Kitchen
L	Library
MR	Music Room
N	Narthex
P	Parlor
S	Sanctuary
YW	Youth Wing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Email announcements to bulletin@grace-nalc.org by NOON on Tuesdays.)

Today we welcome Denis Koslov as our Adult Sunday School classes meet for an Outreach Break. He represents “Russians Reaching Russians,” a church planting ministry in St. Petersburg. (fellowship hall)

Adult SS for the first quarter of this year will support this ministry. Learn more at www.russiansreachingrussians.com.

Today: Communion Assistant training after the 8:00 service. Conducted by Mike Thompson in our sanctuary.

Today: the worship service at 10:45 is contemporary.

We send out a sincere word of ‘thanks’ to the many people who shared their time and talents to so beautifully decorate our Grace facility for Christmas! It looked great!

Tomorrow (Monday Jan. 8) Grace book group meets at noon at Tea Berries on Leffel Lane. All are welcome.

This Wednesday (Jan. 10) Wednesday Night Dinners begin and run five weeks through February 7th. This week you will not want to miss Karen Brodbeck’s homemade chicken potpie, mixed green salad, dinner rolls, and assorted desserts.

This Thursday (Jan. 11) at 6:30 p.m. Men’s ministry meeting in our parlor.

To support Celebrating Recovery House, we are collecting toilet paper and paper towels in a large box in our narthex, now through the end of the year.

Beginning January 14, we will offer 3 new adult Sunday School classes. For planning purposes, please indicate on Sign-Up Central which class you are most likely to attend:

- Life of Christ, facilitated by Pastor Powell (fellowship hall)
- Financial Peace University, facilitated by Michelle Kouse and Mike and Gaybrielle Ray (parlor). Materials cost is \$100 per household. Scholarships are available. See Pastor Tom for more information.
- Shepherding a Child’s Heart, facilitated by Eric and Kristi Leeth (N108). Workbook is available for a suggested \$10 donation.

2018 Grace Council members are:

Sandra Thompson, president; Craig Witker, vice-president; Scott Brink, secretary; Kristi Leeth, treasurer; Donna Gainer, Josh Hanford, Steven Schumacher, Lance Jones, Gene Rousculp, Mary Beth Stelzer, Jim Rolfes, Nicki Castle, Pastor Daniel M. Powell, and Pastor Tom Brodbeck.



Large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

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How have you served the Lord this week?

As a part of our efforts to provide 10,000 hours of service to area outreach ministries, share how you have served by completing the statement found on Sign-Up Central.

Grace will be serving at the Springfield Soup Kitchen on Mon., Jan. 29 and Mon., Feb. 26. Use Sign-Up Central to indicate your plans to serve, and be sure to indicate if you wish to carpool from the Grace parking lot.

8 a.m. Ushers Needed: We are in need of ushers for the 8 a.m. services. If you are interested in serving on a team, sign up in Sign-Up Central.

Safety Stewards are needed for the 10:15 to noon shift. If you are interested in helping with this ministry please sign up in Sign-Up Central. Questions contact Steve Garrett, 399-2420

Rainbow table needs volunteers for Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 for both shifts (2-5 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.) Please use Sign-Up Central or call Robert Thompson. (937-605-0445).

2018 offering envelopes are available in the narthex to be picked up. If you do not find a set of envelopes with your name, please contact Darla Kalifoot (399-6257 ext. 102). If you use leftover 2017 offering envelopes, please scratch out the offering envelope number as your 2018 envelope number has changed.

The Oromo Congregation: Our Ohio Mission Region, along with The North American Lutheran Church (NALC), is partnering with a central Ohio Ethiopian (Oromo) congregation to help secure their first facility. With over 200 members, this NALC congregation is growing at 20% a year and have outgrown their rented space! Your gift can be one time or a pledge over the coming year. If you make a pledge, please pick up a Pledge Card from Darla Kalifoot in our Grace office. Our council has set our Grace-Goal at \$10,000. This goal can be achieved, or exceeded, by a \$10 contribution from every member of Grace.

Attendance Records Last Sunday - December 31

8:00 a.m. Worship.....	66
Adult Sunday School.....	23
Youth Sunday School.....	5
10:45 am Worship.....	90

Scripture Readings Next week - January 14th *Epiphany 2*

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Mark 1:43-51

SERVING THIS MORNING

Pastor	Daniel M. Powell
Pastor	Tom Brodbeck
Acolytes	Allie Bischoff (8:00) Joshua Maurer (10:45)
Lectors	Sally Andrews (8:00) Jim Leonard (10:45)
Communion Assistants	Sally Andrews, Angie Caudill, Janet Rice (8:00) Cathy Brink, Toyia Knasel, Jenelle Vosskuehler (10:45)
Ushers	*Reed Welsh, Steve & Andy Schumacher, Michelle & Tristan Kouse (8:00) *Mike Stelzer, Amy Noyes, Shawn Nestor, Tom & Noah Veskauf (10:45)
Altar Care	Ginny & Jim Rolfes
Sight & Sound	Jim Leonard (8:00) Chris Mokren (10:45)
Offering Tellers	Bill & Lora Lawson (8:00) Tom & Deb O'Neal (10:45)
Church Preparation	Ron Coss
Welcome Center	Maxine Shroyer (8:00) Maxine Shroyer (10:45)
Safety Stewards	*Steve Garrett, Jim Rolfes (7:30 - 10:00) *Bill Hester, Ron Coss (10:00 - 12:30)
Fellowship Hosts	Janelle and Melaina Vosskuehler and Sheila Rugh
Parking Attendants	Josh Hanford, Harry Zernehel (7:30 - 9:30) Tom Stelzer, Robert Thompson (10:15 - 12:15)
Nursery Attendants	Molly Powell, Ryan Hanford, Carol Drown (7:45) Carol Drown (9:00) Karen Brodbeck, Leah Fraker, Carol Drown (10:30)

*designates team leader

GRACE STAFF

Daniel M. Powell, Senior Pastor
Tom Brodbeck, Associate Pastor
John Andrews, Ministry Assistant for Communications
Barbara Blackburn, Director - Sanctuary, Handbell, and Handchime Choirs
Carol Drown, Nursery Attendant
Bev Kaech, Coordinator of Worship Music & Arts, Principal Organist
Darla Kalifoot, Church Administrator
Janet Rice, Director of Lay Ministry
Matt Rugh, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry
Tom Stelzer, Caretaker
Cindy Witker, Ministry Assistant

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