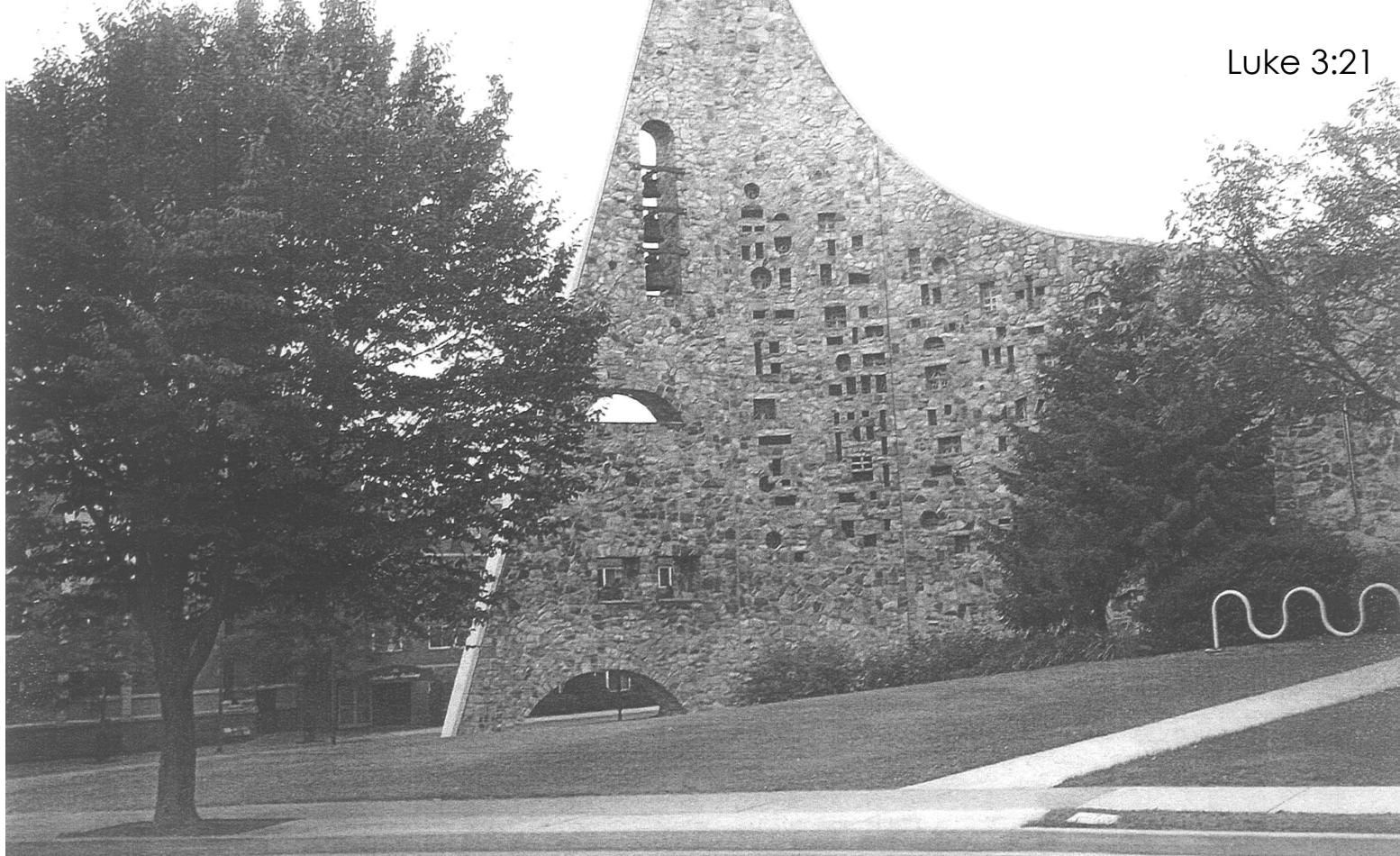


Welcome to **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A congregation of the ELCA

"When Jesus had been baptized, the heaven was opened."

Luke 3:21



SUNDAY, January 13, 2019
Baptism of Our Lord

205 S. Garner St., State College, PA 16801

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email: churchoffice@glcpa.org

web address: www.glcpa.org

9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship service

Today's Hymns

#ELW 456

#ELW 305

#ELW 445

Distribution

#ELW 396

#ELW 443



Our Mission Statement: "Grace Lutheran Church is energized by the Holy Spirit and nurtured through God's Word and Sacrament to **gather, feed, and send** people in the name of Jesus Christ."

ABOUT TODAY'S THEME...The Baptism of Our Lord cannot help but recall our own baptismal blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as daughters and sons, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of the beloved Son of God in bread and wine. **ABOUT THE LESSONS...****The First Lesson:** Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them. **The Second Lesson:** Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands. **The Gospel Lesson:** The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

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MILESTONE MINISTRY AT GRACE

At Grace we celebrate milestones. Milestones are designed to connect significant occasions in people's lives with their ongoing journey of faith. A Milestone Moment brings family, friends, and congregations together to mark a special time in their lives and acknowledge and affirm God's presence in their midst. It is a tool to connect home and church in the child and family's faith life. In addition to naming (the occasion), blessing (the person) and gifting (the gift), we send along an "At Home" sheet to reinforce the milestone with caring conversation.

↑= Please stand as you are able

↓=Please be seated

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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church - State College, Pennsylvania

PRELUDE *Beach Spring*.....Wold

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM, CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

↑ P: We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

C: Amen.

↓ P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Kneel/Sit

P: Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord. Amen.**

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life, forgiveness, grace, and love in Jesus Christ. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

GATHERING HYMN *Baptized in Water*.....ELW # 456

↑ P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

(ELW p. 120)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, 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 u - ni - ty 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

(ELW p. 122)

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and
strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

2 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the
hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and
might be to God and the Lamb for ever. Amen.

Final refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FEED

*God speaks to us in scripture reading,
and feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 only)

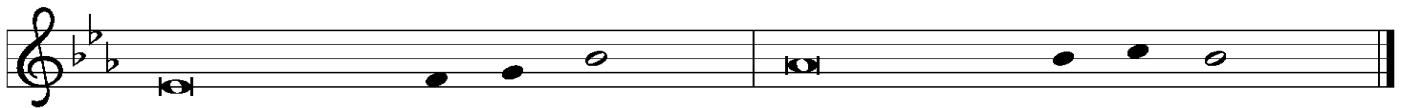
We welcome everyone to worship and encourage children of all ages to participate fully in our service. Qualified nursery care is available as needed. The nursery is located in room 204.



FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 43:1-7 (pew Bible p. 585)

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

PSALM 29—Please sing responsively from selected verses.



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- L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;
 worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- C: **The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;**
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.
- L: The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.
- C: **The LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.
- L: The voice | of the LORD
 bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- C: **O LORD, give strength | to your people;**
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

SECOND LESSON.....Acts 8:14-17 (pew Bible p. 892)

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(ELW p. 124)

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It features a series of eighth notes and quarter notes. The second staff continues the melody with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It includes eighth notes, quarter notes, and a sixteenth-note cluster. Below the notation, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," are written twice, corresponding to the musical phrases.

HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (pew Bible p. 834)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** (spoken)

↓ SERMON.....Pastor Schul

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY *When Jesus Came to Jordan*.....ELW # 305

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Response after each petition:

L: Lord, in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

WE SHARE THE LORD'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

↓ OFFERTORY

(9:00) "How Lovely are the messengers".....Mendelssohn

(10:30)

Of the Father's Love Begotten.....*13th Century Plainsong, Arr. Paul Wohlgemuth*
Adult Choir

↑ OFFERTORY SONG.....(ELW #184)

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing,
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with
the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the
prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a fore-
taste of the feast to come.

P: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish
your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that
all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus
Christ, your only Son our Lord.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(ELW p. 129)

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response 'The Lord be with you'. The notation consists of two staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics 'P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.' are written below the notes.

P: The Lord be with you. C: And al - so with you.

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response 'Lift up your hearts'. The notation consists of two staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics 'P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.' are written below the notes.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God'. The notation consists of two staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics 'P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' are written below the notes.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving response 'It is right to give our thanks and praise'. The notation consists of two staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The second staff begins with a quarter note followed by a dotted half note. The lyrics 'C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.' are written below the notes.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: (ELW p. 130)

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a G clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might," with a melodic line featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff continues with the same clef and key signature. The lyrics are: "heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the", with a melodic line featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The third staff begins with a G clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "high - est.. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -", with a melodic line featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The fourth staff begins with a G clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est.. Ho - san - na in the high - est.", with a melodic line featuring eighth and sixteenth notes.

P: Everlasting God, the whole universe sings a new song of praise: the rivers clap their hands, the hills ring out for joy. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us voices ready to cry out for justice and proclaim resurrection joy wherever your Spirit leads us.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: God of salvation and resurrection, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and grace. And to you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be praise and honor, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

C: 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.

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, the meal is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

All who are baptized are invited to join the congregation in receiving the Savior's Body and Blood. Children not yet receiving Communion are invited forward for a blessing. Rice wafers and grape juice are available for those who have sensitivities to wheat or alcohol. An acolyte has a special tray with these alternative communion elements.

C: (ELW p.135a)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

COMMUNION HYMNS:

ELW #396-- *Spirit of Gentleness*
ELW #443 -- *Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

C:

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'-ry-one what God has done. Let
ev'-ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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P: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SEND

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters.....ELW # 445

A: Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude King's Lynn.....Fruhauf



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Grace Lutheran

Announcements for the Week of Sunday, January 13, 2019

A FRIENDLY GREETING TO ALL...who have joined us today to worship and praise our Lord & Savior. May this time of worship bless us to be a blessing to others. If you are a guest this morning please complete the beige contact card in the pew pocket where you are seated and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

ACOLYTES NEEDED...We are looking to expand our roster of acolytes for all services. The commitment is typically one service per month and we work around your family schedule. It is also a great way to involve youth in the worship service. Please contact Stephanie Fozard at steph@fozards.com if interested.

GARDEN OF READIN'S next meeting is on Tuesday, January 15 at 10:30 am in the Stinson Library and 6:00 pm in Fireside. The book selection is *My Jesus Year: A Rabbi's Son Wanders the Bible Belt on Search of His Own Faith* by Benjamin Cohen. The meeting will be facilitated by Cindy Keith.

LECTORS...The January & February sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thanks to those who have served as lectors in the past. Veterans and new readers of all ages are also encouraged to sign up!

HELP WANTED.....Meals on Wheels is looking for a Meal Coordinator. Responsible for activities that support the successful preparation, packaging, and delivery of daily meals. Work activities include: the organization and cleanliness of kitchen and other work areas, daily meal counts, cold meals preparation, meal supplies inventory, operation of Meal Lines, dishwashing, and assistance to the Cook. Although the position is part-time, it has the potential to become full-time. We operate Monday through Friday. Please email resume to scmealsonwheels@gmail.com.

SPONSORSHIP SIGN-UP CHARTS...for radio broadcasts, altar flowers, and bulletins are now in the Narthex. Costs are the same as last year - \$165 for one sponsor or two people can share \$82.50 each for broadcast, \$75 for altar flowers and still \$25 for bulletins and can be dedicated to honor or memorialize someone or to the Glory of God. Explanation sheets and reminder envelopes are also with the charts. Thank you very much for your support.

BLESSING YOUR HOME...is a traditional practice at Epiphany. You can find a simple house blessing rite on pink paper at the Welcome Center.

2019 is the year for you to SING WITH THE ADULT CHOIR! If you like to sing, read music fairly well and are high school aged or older, NOW is the time for you to join the talented, fun loving folks in the adult choir! Rehearsals are Wed. nights from 7:30-9:00pm in the sanctuary, and 10:00am Sun. mornings in the choir room. Although a semester commitment to the ensemble is preferred, if you can make the Wed. night and Sun. morning rehearsal, we'd love to have you join us, even if it's only for a week or two.

Please contact Jayne Glocke at jpg9@psu.edu if you're interested or have any questions. It would be GREAT to have you with us...give it a try!

MEN'S BOOK CLUB....Next meeting is Feb. 12 @ 7:00 pm in the Library. The title of the book is Prime of Life' by P. D. Bekendam.



On Baptism of Our Lord Sunday today

We give thanks for all baptized but particularly for those who were baptized at Grace in 2018:

Brecken Bush, Adalyn Davidson, Brooke Dunkle, Miles Harlor, Nora Hoffer,
Ferris Shurgalla, Kyla Willits-Kelly, and Anastasia Woytowich

Worship Assistants for Sunday, January 13, 2019

	8:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lectors	Julie Miller	Angie Hardyk	Terry Roof
Greeters	Pam Soule	Greg Ferro Mark & Karen Mrsa	Helen & Dick Brenneman
Acolytes		Ethan Hardyk Spencer Hardyk	Lincoln Hockenberry Emilio Schul
Deacons	Nancy Reinert	Mardi McDonough Nick Downs	Beth Shafranko Brian Bills
Worship Assistant	Carla Rossi	Ken Shafranko	Ken Shafranko
Cantor		Angie Hardyk	Jayne Glocke
Ushers		Carl Bankert Sally Keiser Bankert Ken Fogelman Don Coine Greg Kewitt	Karl Hosterman Brabdon Hosterman Chris Hollobaugh Mike Schmidt Bill Ammerman
Radio Ministry; Sound			Lester Griel Jr.
Coffee Hour Hosts 10:00-10:30 a.m.			Ellen Campbell Lynn Rogers
Welcoming Center Hosts		Anne Rohrbach	Sharyn Everhart
			

The *altar flowers* are sponsored by Paul & Kathryn Mackes
 Dedicated in Honor of Paul's birthday

This morning's *bulletin* is sponsored by The Kim Family
 Dedicated in honor of our daughters Juliana & Briana

Today's *radio broadcast* on WRSC - 1390 AM is sponsored anonymously
 Dedicated to the Glory of God

PRAYER CONCERNS for January 13, 2019

All Military & Nat'l Guard and those serving in war-torn Countries	Ruth Kistler Larry Kuhns Phil Lucas	Jack Sylves and family and grandparents Tom and Marj Eakin Marcile Tressler
Susan Antle	Danielle McHenry	Lisa Thomas, Sally & Carl's friend
Celeste Barnes & family of Ed Jenkins	Jo Anne Miller	Karen Tupman, Cousin of Phyllis Favorite
Scott Cocolin	Maryann Newcomb Chuck Noel	
Marion & Winnie Deppen	Robert Schlegel	
Sherri Ebeling & family daughter of Elaine Ebeling	Margie Prothro sister of Ed Jenkins	Members in the hospital Grace Burris
Vicki Garvin	Kyle Steffens college roommate	
Lenore Horner	of Laurel Sanders	
Dick Houtz	Ken Shultz	
Bill Kraftchak friend of Weigands	William D. Snape Sr. brother of Phyllis Favorite	



Weekly Prayer Letter of Encouragement

"Don't pray when you feel like it. Have an appointment with the Lord and keep it. A person is powerful on their knees." ~ Corrie ten Boom

We at Grace strive to be a people of prayer. Each week in our bulletin we list Grace members or people connected to our Grace family who are in need of our prayers. Each week, one person is selected to receive a special letter of encouragement. Please sign the letter in the Upper Commons or Narthex and pray for that person this week.

This week the Prayer Letter will be sent to Gertrude Mentzer.

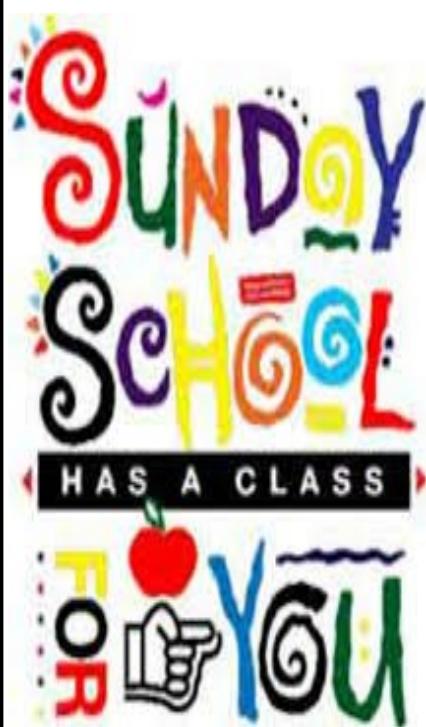


Prayer is a powerful gift and tool God gives to us. Please pray for the request each day of the week during your daily prayer time. Just think how powerful it would be if all our members prayed for the same thing each day.

Pray this week in gratitude for baptism and the gift of God's love that it represents for all humankind.

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE NOW VIA OUR WEBSITE – In response to member requests and societal preferences, we now have online giving options on our website. This is envisioned as a place for members, guests and visitors to make donations for bucket collections (such as for Out of the Cold, which you can do now) or extra donations to our General Fund (for programs and outreach) or our Building Fund to pay off the wonderful additions to our property and facilities. Visit www.glcpa.org and look for the GIVE button on the upper right-hand side at the top. Set up an account with Tithe.ly (our provider, serving more than 6,000 churches worldwide with secure online gift processing), enter your credit card information (**Visa, MasterCard, American Express, JCB, Discover, or Diners Club**), and you're ready to go!

SUNDAY SCHOOL, FOR ALL AGES,



If you are new to Sunday School and would like more information, please contact Cindy Fritz or Peter Horn for more information
faithformation@glcpa.org.

Room assignments are as follows:

Ages 3 & 4: Room #201

Kindergarten: Room #200

Grades 1 & 2: Room #103

Grades 3, 4, & 5: Room #105

Middle School: Youth Room in the Miller Center

High School: Meet in the Narthex and walk to Starbucks

We are still looking for teachers to help with Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 3, 4, & 5. Please contact Cindy or Peter if you are available to help.

Adult Forum

Sundays 9-10 AM in Fireside Room

Dialogues On: “The Refugee Crisis” Text, scripture, video and discussion are central to this study

January 20: Where is God calling me now? Whether you grew up in the church or found your way later on, wherever life has taken you thus far, whether your faith has been more like a clear crystal pool or a mud puddle, God has been working in your life. Where has God been in your past experiences, and where would God have you go next? In this one day session, we will reflect together to discern how God has been working in and through us in many experiences and stories that make up our lives.

Four-week series starting January 27: Jonah: Called, pushed, pursued by God

The book of Jonah paints a picture of a God who pushes God's people to go beyond religious and ethnic boundaries to share the love and mercy of God with all of God's desire to save all people. What can we learn from Jonah for our lives today? Come and learn!



Super Wednesday, January 16, 2019

**Minestrone Soup,
Pork BBQ Sandwich,
Relish tray, & Dessert**

SUPER WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

- 11:00 am—**Adult Bible Study**, led by Pastor Schul called “We are the church.” This study is based on Bishop Eaton’s teachings.
- 5:00-5:30 pm—**Angel Choir** (ages 3-5), Room 203
- 5:00-5:45 pm—**Sing ‘n Ring Choir** (K-grade 5)
Choir room next to Harkins Hall; Kindergartners can choose either choir
- 5:30-6:15 pm—**Super Wednesday Supper**, Miller Center
- 6:15-7:15 pm—**Adult Bible Study**, led by Pastor Schul called “We are the church.” This study is based on Bishop Eaton’s teachings.
- 6:15-7:15 pm—**Reformers**, Miller Center
- 6:15-7:15 pm—**Kid’s Club**, Miller Center
- 7:30-9:00 pm —**Adult Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

**Grace Lutheran Preschool and Kindergarten will be holding an OPEN HOUSE
for the 2019-2020 school year.**

Please join us!

**Thursday, January 24, 2019; drop in between 4-5:30pm
Serving children ages 2 years & 7 months (by September 3, 2019)
and ages 3 years through Kindergarten (by August 31, 2019)
...helping your child to develop a love of learning in a safe, nurturing,
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The theme for this year's Lenten Devotional is Favorite Hymns, Vol. 2. Please contribute by writing a devotional and submitting it to mpeiffer57@gmail.com by February 20. For questions or more information call Michelle at 321-5402.

Sunday morning sponsorships

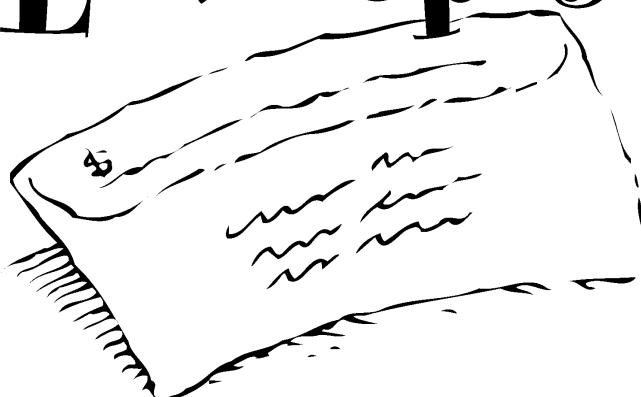
Thank you to all who have signed up to sponsor the altar flowers, bulletins or radio broadcast. To help you and the church office keep track of your payment for the sponsorships, please take an envelope located in the niche at the sign up sheets to remind you of the date you selected and the amount due Grace Lutheran by your sponsorship date. A new procedure was implemented effective July 1, 2018 that if payment has not been received by the church office by the sponsorship date, a friendly reminder will be sent the following week to the person(s) who signed up to be a sponsor. If you feel you have received the friendly reminder in error, please by all means contact the church office (238-2478; churchoffice@glcpa.org) so we can straighten out the matter.

Thank you

A Card-Raiser for our new Guatemalan Family

We have some new neighbors! A Guatemalan family is in Centre County legally as they go through the process of seeking asylum. Centre County Refugee Welcome Committee, of which we at Grace are members, has been asked to help this family by providing them with gift cards to local grocery stores. To this end a 'card-raiser' is being held in which grocery store gift cards or cash/checks (to buy gift cards) will be accepted. There is a 'card-raiser' table in the upper commons which will be staffed before and after each of the Sunday services in January to receive donations. Checks should be made out to 'Grace Lutheran Church' with "Guatemalan Family" on the memo line. You will find more information in the upper commons at the 'card-raiser' table and on the Social Ministry and Outreach bulletin board to the left of the men's room. Thank you! "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Offering Envelopes



2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2019 envelopes are on the tables in the nar-

thex. Prayerfully ponder your priorities for the coming year, and use your offering envelopes to help direct them. When picking up your 2019 envelopes, please confirm that the envelope number on the top label of the box matches the number in the little window on the front left side of the box. If they do not match, please let the office know immediately and please do not use those envelopes.



This week at Grace

Sunday, Jan. 13

8:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.....Sunday School for All Ages
9:00 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.....Crossfire Youth Choir Rehearsal, Rm 203
10:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion & Baptismal Anniversary Milestone, Sanctuary
11:45 a.m.....College Student Lunch, Harkins Hall
12:00 p.m.....Confirmation Instruction, Miller Center
4:00 p.m.....Psalm 151 Rehearsal, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.....Casual Worship with Holy Communion, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.....Youth Group, Miller Center
6:30 p.m.....LSC dinner, Fireside

Monday, Jan. 14

9:15 am.....55+ers Steering Committee meeting, Library

Tuesday, Jan. 15

10:30 a.m.....Garden of Readin', Library
6:00 p.m.....Garden of Readin', Fireside

Wednesday, Jan. 16

11:00 a.m.Super Wednesday Bible Study, Fireside
5:00 p.m.Angel Choir, Rm 203
5:00 p.m.Sing & Ring, Choir Room
5:00 p.m.Super Wednesday Meal, Miller Center
6:15 p.m.Super Wednesday Bible Study, Fireside
6:15 p.m.ReFormers, Miller Center
6:15 p.m.Kids Club, Miller Center
7:30 p.m.Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, Jan. 17

Bulletin Announcements due at 9 AM

7:00 a.m.....Women's Breakfast Prayer Group, Waffle Shop North

Friday, Jan. 18

No scheduled church activities

Saturday, Jan. 19

No scheduled church activities