

**February 9, 2025**

**Welcome**

**The Hymn of Invocation**

**566 By Grace I'm Saved**

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| <p>1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;<br/>My soul, believe and doubt it not.<br/>Why stagger at this word of promise?<br/>Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?<br/>No! Then this word must true remain:<br/>By grace you too will life obtain.</p> | <p>3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,<br/>Came down to earth to bear our sin.<br/>Was it because of your own merit<br/>That Jesus died your soul to win?<br/>No, it was grace, and grace alone,<br/>That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.</p>           |
| <p>2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;<br/>Our works and conduct have no worth.<br/>God in His love sent our Redeemer,<br/>Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;<br/>His death did for our sins atone,<br/>And we are saved by grace alone.</p>             | <p>4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;<br/>As long as God is true, it stands.<br/>What saints have penned by inspiration,<br/>What in His Word our God commands,<br/>Our faith in what our God has done<br/>Depends on grace—grace through His Son.</p> |

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This is the day the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God with a pure heart for "if we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not with us.  
**But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**

**Kyrie**.....*sung to: Amazing Grace*  
Have mercy on your people, Lord. Have mercy, Christ, our King;  
Renew us by your mercy, Lord; Accept the prayers we bring.

*(Silence for prayers of confession.)*

Let us then confess all our sins to God our Father.  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore announce the full forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise** .....*sung to: Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Glory to God on high, and to the earth God's peace!  
With thanks God's name we glorify; let gladsome praise increase!  
With angel hosts we sing your holy name to bless,  
Almighty Father, heav'nly King, enthroned in holiness.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray: Merciful Father, through Holy Baptism You called us to be Your own. Grant that all who are baptized may fully experience the blessings of our baptism as we live as your beloved children using the power of the Holy Spirit given to us; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Old Testament

### Genesis 15:1-18 (excerpts)

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

But Abram said, "O Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless.... You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars--if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

He also said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to take possession of it."

But Abram said, "O Sovereign Lord, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?"

So the Lord said to him, "Bring me a heifer, a goat and a ram, each three years old, along with a dove and a young pigeon."

Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other.... As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the Lord said to him, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. You, however, will go to your fathers in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here...."

When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land...."

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle

### Titus 3:4-7

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia Verse**.....*sung to: Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

**Alleluia! Oh, praise the Lord! Forever be God's name adored!**

**Alleluia! God's saving Word Throughout the earth in faith be heard!**

## The Gospel

**John 3:1-6**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

"How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Object Lesson

### The Hymn of the Day

#### 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

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| 1 | Baptized into Your name most holy,<br>O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,<br>I claim a place, though weak and lowly,<br>Among Your saints, Your chosen host.<br>Buried with Christ and dead to sin,<br>Your Spirit now shall live within. | 3 | My faithful God, You fail me never;<br>Your promise surely will endure.<br>O cast me not away forever<br>If words and deeds become impure.<br>Have mercy when I come defiled;<br>Forgive, lift up, restore Your child. |
| 2 | My loving Father, here You take me<br>To be henceforth Your child and heir.<br>My faithful Savior, here You make me<br>The fruit of all Your sorrows share.<br>O Holy Spirit, comfort me<br>When threat'ning clouds around I see.    | 4 | All that I am and love most dearly—<br>Receive it all, O Lord, from me.<br>Let me confess my faith sincerely;<br>Help me Your faithful child to be!<br>Let nothing that I am or own<br>Serve any will but Yours alone. |

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## Sermon

### The Apostles' Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come 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.**

**The Prayers** *[If you need information to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus  
**And for all people according to their needs.**

*(After each portion of the prayer)*

Lord in Your mercy.  
**Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Our offerings help to support:**

HOPE – Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement

**Offertory** .....*sung to: We Give You But Your Own*

We give you but your own In any gift we bring;  
All that we have is yours alone, A trust from you, our king.  
May we your bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, Lord, as you bless us, To you our first-fruits give.

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Always and everywhere praise and thanksgiving are due to you, holy Lord, God of power and might! Today we are chiefly bound to praise you for the promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ; sin is forgiven, death is defeated, life is restored both now and forevermore, therefore the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven join in their unending hymn:

**The Sanctus** .....*sung to: Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Day and night we join to praise Your love and majesty.  
You alone are holy, worthy and righteous.  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Through Jesus Christ, your beloved we give you thanks, heavenly Father for the love with which you loved the world, for the salvation you prepared for us through Jesus Christ, for the Holy Spirit sent into our hearts and into our midst, that we may receive and share our living Lord with living faith.  
**Amen.**

**Jesus' Directions for Communion**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**The Agnus Dei** .....*sung to: My Faith Looks up to Thee*

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away—  
Our faith increase, Have mercy on us all,  
Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

## Distribution of Communion

*[If your body does not tolerate alcohol,  
the back row of the individual cups are grape juice.]*

## The Distribution Hymns

### 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

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| 1 All Christians who have been baptized,<br>Who know the God of heaven,<br>And in whose daily life is prized<br>The name of Christ once given:<br>Consider now what God has done,<br>The gifts He gives to ev'ryone<br>Baptized into Christ Jesus!                | 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—<br>Our shame is fully covered<br>With all that He once sacrificed<br>And freely for us suffered.<br>For here the flood of His own blood<br>Now makes us holy, right, and good<br>Before our heav'nly Father.          |
| 2 You were before your day of birth,<br>Indeed, from your conception,<br>Condemned and lost with all the earth,<br>None good, without exception.<br>For like your parents' flesh and blood,<br>Turned inward from the highest good,<br>You constantly denied Him. | 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift<br>And give God thanks forever!<br>It gives the power to uplift<br>In all that you endeavor.<br>When nothing else revives your soul,<br>Your Baptism stands and makes you whole<br>And then in death completes you. |
| 3 But all of that was washed away—<br>Immersed and drowned forever.<br>The water of your Baptism day<br>Restored again whatever<br>Old Adam and his sin destroyed<br>And all our sinful selves employed<br>According to our nature.                               | 6 So use it well! You are made new—<br>In Christ a new creation!<br>As faithful Christians, live and do<br>Within your own vocation,<br>Until that day when you possess<br>His glorious robe of righteousness<br>Bestowed on you forever!                |

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### 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

*(sung to: #420 Christ the Life of All the Living)*

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| 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:<br>I am baptized into Christ!<br>He, because I could not pay it,<br>Gave my full redemption price.<br>Do I need earth's treasures many?<br>I have one worth more than any<br>That brought me salvation free<br>Lasting to eternity! | 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:<br>I am baptized into Christ!<br>I have comfort even stronger:<br>Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.<br>Should a guilty conscience seize me<br>Since my Baptism did release me<br>In a dear forgiving flood,<br>Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood? |
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3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

**Amen.**

**Post-Communion Canticle**.....*sung to: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing, for His promised faithfulness!**  
**All who seek the Lord, rejoicing, tell His love, His name confess.**  
**Praise the Father, Son and Spirit, Living God, who sets us free**  
**By His mercy to inherit life and joy eternally!**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction**

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.

**Amen.**

### **The Final Hymn**

#### **575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

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## Server Schedule

	2/9	2/16	2/23
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Herold	Dan	Erik
Reader	Nanette	Pat	Wanda
PowerPoint	Shirley	Wanda	Amy
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Preston	Amy	Benjamin
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Mike	Greg	Edwin
Reader	Karen	Rosemary	Kathy
PowerPoint	Erik	Vicki	Cole
Audio/Visuals	Vicki/Edwin	Mike/Preston	Mike/Conor
Counters	Adria/Michelle	John Di/Wayne	John Da/James
	Both	Both	Both
Altar Guild	Monika/Inge	Nancy D	Ron/Barb
Altar Flowers	Prossers	Biancos	Bruce Family

Altar flowers are donated by Greg and Diana Prosser in celebration of another birthday for Greg.

## Birthdays this Week

02/09 Ed Wagner  
02/09 Linda Grein  
02/10 Greg Prosser  
02/13 Tony Burton  
02/14 John Kiser  
02/14 Deb Pair  
02/15 Royce Boehrs  
02/15 Patti Anne Sorenson

## Anniversaries this Week

None on record