

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? He Turns Slaves into Sons



CHRISTMAS 2
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WELCOME...

- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
- *Check our website at www.graceglendale.org for more information.*
- *Please reserve **the BACK PEWS** for parents with **SMALL CHILDREN**.*
- *Ask an usher to receive a **RECEIVER** if you are in need of hearing assistance.*

OPENING HYMN: #122 – Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

**Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle;
Sing the ending of the fray.
Now above the cross, the trophy,
Sound the loud triumphant lay.
Tell how Christ, the world's Redeemer,
As a victim won the day.**

**Tell how, when at length the fullness
Of th' appointed time was come,
He, the Word, was born of woman,
Left for us his Father's home,
Blazed the path of true obedience,
Shone as light amidst the gloom.**

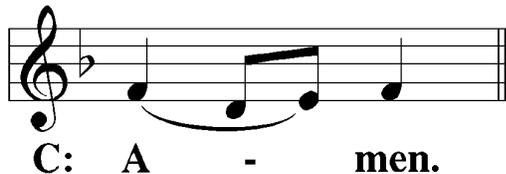
**Thus, with thirty years accomplished,
He went forth from Nazareth,
Destined, dedicated, willing,
Did his work and met his death;
Like a lamb he humbly yielded
On the cross his dying breath.**

Faithful cross, true sign of triumph,
Be for all the noblest tree;
None in foliage, none in blossom,
None in fruit your equal be,
Symbol of the world's redemption,
For your burden makes us free.

Unto God be praise and glory;
To the Father and the Son,
To th' eternal Spirit honor
Now and evermore be done --
Praise and glory in the highest
While the timeless ages run.

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M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS: p. 15

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD HAVE MERCY: p. 15



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE: Glory Be to God p. 16

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, thank you for sending your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his redeeming work you made us your dear children and heirs of eternal life. Send your Spirit into our hearts so that we may again rejoice in what a wonderful blessing this is for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

FIRST LESSON: God promises eternal love to the children of Abraham. Genesis 17:1-7 ¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant

between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.”

³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

ADULT CHOIR: (10:30) Celtic Noel
(Eileen Bales, flute & Michael Wilde, violin)

SECOND LESSON: Jesus came to make us children and heirs of

God. Galatians 4:4-7 ⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.

⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

VERSE OF THE DAY: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

(Please rise for the Gospel in honor of the words of Jesus.)



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON: We sing the praises of Him who has kept his

promise. Luke 1:68-79 ⁶⁸“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David

⁷⁰(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—⁷²to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, ⁷⁷to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven ⁷⁹to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED: p. 18-19

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world
to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY: #34 – Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

**Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**

**Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto thee! Draw me unto thee!**

**Now through his Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death o'er us had reigned Through sin and vanity;
He for us obtained Eternal joy on high.
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!**

**Oh, where shall joy be found?
Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all his saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!**

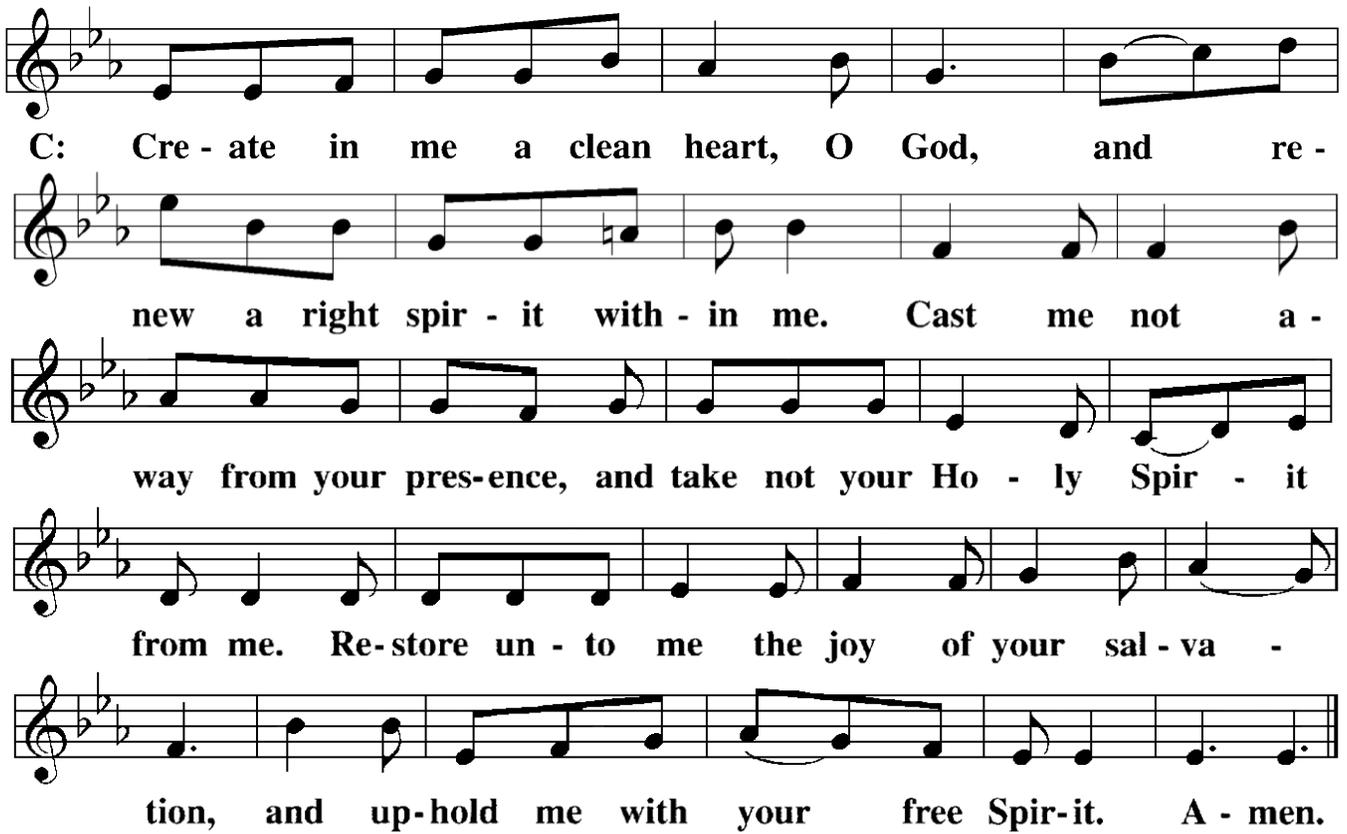
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SERMON: Galatians 4:4-7

ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS GOSPEL ALL YEAR LONG

1. God's Son has made us God's sons.
2. God's Spirit lives and works in us too.

CREATE IN ME: p. 20



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

Offerings of Love to Our Lord

*Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time.
 Please remember to mark if you are communing.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER:..... p. 20

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: p. 21

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: p. 22



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:..... p. 23

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

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD:..... p. 23

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

In **Holy Communion** we receive the assurance of forgiveness through the body and blood of our Savior. By sharing in this Sacrament, we also express our complete agreement with one another according to the teachings of the Bible. If you have not joined our fellowship (**Wisconsin Synod**), please permit us to tell you about our Lutheran Christian faith before you partake of this Holy Supper so that you can judge for yourself whether there is complete agreement between us.

For **COMMUNION**, please come at the direction of the ushers.
Please receive the **wafer in the palm** of your hand.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#46 – Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We

**Your little ones, dear Lord, are we
And come your lowly bed to see;
Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind
That we the way to you may find.**

**With songs we hasten you to greet
And humbly fall before your feet.
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night
That gave you birth, our souls' delight.**

**Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord,
And to us all your grace accord;
True faith and love to us impart
That we may hold you in our heart,**

**Until at last we, too, proclaim,
With all your saints, your glorious name,
In paradise our songs renew
And praise you as the angels do.**

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#41 – Let All Together Praise Our God

**Let all together praise our God Before his highest throne;
Today he opens heav'n again And gives us his own Son,
And gives us his own Son.**

**He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small, And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall, Lies in a humble stall.**

He veils in flesh his pow'r divine
A servant's form to take;
In want and lowliness must die
Who heav'n and earth did make,
Who heav'n and earth did make.

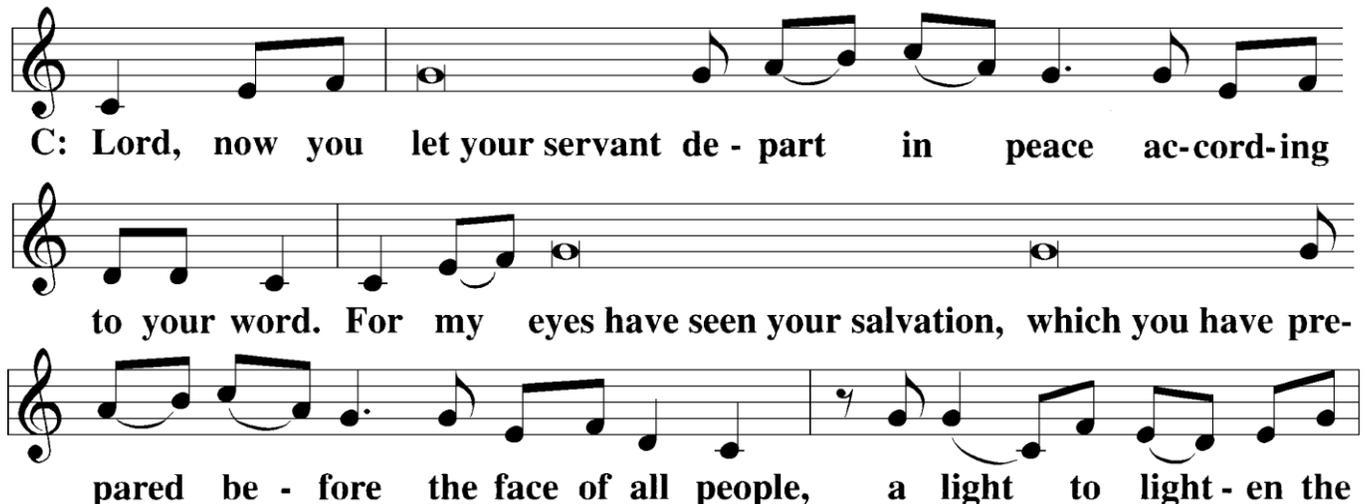
A wondrous change which he does make:
He takes our flesh and blood,
And he conceals for sinners' sake
His majesty as God,
His majesty as God.

He serves that I a lord may be –
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need?
To help me in my need?

For us he opens wide the door
Of paradise today.
The angel guards the gate no more;
To God our thanks we pay,
To God our thanks we pay.

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SONG OF SIMEON: p. 24

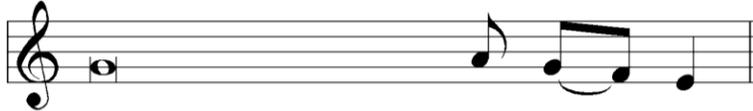


C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

PRAYER p. 24



C: A - men.

BENEDICTION..... p. 25



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN: #275 – Blest Be the God of Israel

**Blest be the God of Israel, Who comes to set us free;
He visits and redeems us; He grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
Of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill his promise
And bring his people peace.**

**He from the house of David
A child of grace has giv'n;
A Savior comes among us
To raise us up to heav'n.
Before him goes his herald,
Forerunner in the way,
The prophet of salvation,
The harbinger of day.**

**On prisoners of darkness
The sun begins to rise,
The dawning of forgiveness
Upon the sinner's eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims
Along the paths of peace.
Oh, bless our God and Savior
With songs that never cease!**

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 83; 10:30 AM – 137
Christmas Eve attendance: 5:00 PM – 226; 7:00 PM – 160
Christmas Day attendance: 197
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Chris Paul & Jon Floerke
10:30 AM: Dean Rovey & Sam Jacobson
Organist: Jeff Wegner

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

SUN - **COMMUNION** Worship, 8 & 10:30 AM; Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM
MON - No School; Church & School Offices closed
TUE - School resumes, 8:00 AM; Ladies Aid, 7:00 PM
WED - ABC @ IHOP, 8:30 AM; Public School Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM
THU - EPIPHANY; Elders Meeting, 3:00 PM
FRI - *Death & Beyond* Bible Class, 10:00 AM; School Early Release, 11:30 AM

HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Carolyn Meyer
Alexandra Janosek (Home)
Adrienne Siffring (Home)
Michael Lorenz (Home)
Maggie Stevenson (Home)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. *Forward in Christ* and January Bible-reading & activity calendars are in the Narthex and south entrance to the church.
2. Thank you to the crew that cleaned the church last week. The cleaning crew for January 8th will be captained by Mike & Eileen Bales with Jay & Pauletta Bartley; Sonja Binggeli; Mark & Quisha Breiling; Cadence & Christian Ryan; and Dane & Alyssa Weed.



2022 SCRIPTURAL CALENDARS are available for purchase in the fellowship hall after the first service this morning. Greeting cards can be purchased singly and by the box. The calendars are \$8.00 each.



WHAT ABOUT THE NEW HYMNAL? This year we will begin our transition to a new hymnal, *Christian Worship 2021*. To begin that transition an introduction will be held on January 16th and 23rd in the church in place of the Bible Class. If you own your own *Hymnal* and *Psalter*, this is a Sunday to bring them along. If you do not own your own, we encourage you to order them for home use at <https://online.nph.net/church-supplies/categories/hymnals-songbooks/christian-worship-suite>. There will also be hymnals and psalters in the pew racks.



2022 ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP SHEETS...You may sign up to donate altar bouquets for 2022 in the Altar Flower binder in the narthex. Altar bouquets cost \$35 each. Enclose payment in a pink envelope (make checks payable to Grace Ladies Aid) and drop in the collection plate or give it to the Ladies Aid Treasurer, Rebekah Frear.



ALA TO HOST GALA ON MARCH 26, 2022...Arizona Lutheran Academy is hosting its 11th Annual Gala on March 26, 2022. The goal is to support ALA students by raising funds for campus improvements. You are invited! Visit ALAcoyotes.org/gala to learn more.



MEN'S CONFERENCE IN PHOENIX...The 1st Annual Arizona/California *Men of His Word Conference* will be held on Saturday, **January 22, 2022, in Phoenix**. The theme is "More Than Conquerors." A keynote speaker kicks off the conference, and you'll be able to choose from eight different breakout sessions. The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually. For more information or to buy tickets, please visit <https://www.MenofHisWord.org/2022-phoenix.html>. See the Grace December Newsletter for more details and the registration form.



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FINANCIAL UPDATE: Need amounts are based on a goal of **\$873,142.00** by **6/30/2022**.

Week ending 12/26/2021: YTD 7/1/2021 through 12/26/2021:

Weekly Need:	30,000.00	YTD Need:	436,000.00
Weekly Actual:	17,254.57*	YTD Actual:	445,121.98
Weekly +/-:	-12,745.43	YTD +/-:	+9,121.98

**Includes Children's Service, Candlelight, and Christmas Day services.*

WINTER 2022 BIBLE CLASSES...Four new Bible studies begin and the continuation of the study *Timely Topics, Timeless Truths* resumes in January. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. Sign up for as many classes as will fit your schedule!

- **Amazingly Yours – A Study of the Gospel of Luke – Sunday, January 30, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall:** This is a "lectionary gap" study of the Gospel of Luke – meaning we hope to look deeply at

those Lukan sections that are not read in our Sunday worship services this church year. The Holy Spirit used Luke to write this Gospel (as well as Volume 2: The Book of Acts) as an orderly account of God's good news to us. Rest assured: Jesus is amazingly Yours. Pastor Jacobson will lead this class. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

- ***Baptism – Sunday, January 30, 9:30 AM, Room 1:*** This is a study of the Biblical teaching of baptism with practical application for today. The study includes the following: What is it? The Baptismal service. How Baptism is celebrated? What does Baptism do? Baptism's Ongoing Blessings. Whom should we baptize? Pastor Clark will lead this class.
- ***Timely Topics, Timeless Truths – Tuesday, January 11, 2:00 PM, Fellowship Hall:*** A study that will equip you with biblical truths for engaging in challenging issues with your family, friends, and coworkers. Such topics as Social Media, Spiritual but not Religious, Living Together, Use of Psychoactive Medications. Pastor Clark will continue this study starting the 2nd week in January.
- ***Jesus on Christian Living: A Study of the Sermon on the Mount – Wednesday, January 12, 7:00 PM, Fellowship Hall:*** In a postmodern world in which everyone has an opinion on how to live a good life and we are expected to accept everyone's choices and decisions as valid, where do we draw the line? How does God want us to act, behave, and live in this world? Where best to turn for answers than our Savior Jesus and his own words! Pastor Jacobson is the instructor. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.
- ***Death and Beyond – Friday, January 7, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall:*** The death of a Christian is precious for a number of reasons. First, it means another soul has been safely ushered to the heavenly home. It also provides a special opportunity to share the gospel with the living. As we comfort the grieving, we share with them Christ's victory over death. What better way to prepare them for their own death? Pastor Siegler will lead this class. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.