

**UNCOVERED:**  
**What eyes see differs**  
**from what God decrees**

**EPIPHANY 1**

**The Baptism of our Lord**

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- *May the Word of God bring you comfort in Christ alone.*
  - *Check our website at [www.graceglendale.org](http://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.*
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**OPENING HYMN: #15 – Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**

**Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;  
"Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness;  
You are children of the day."**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long-expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiv'n,**

**That, when next he comes with glory  
And the world is wrapped in fear,  
He may shield us with his mercy  
And with words of love draw near.**

**Honor, glory, might, dominion  
To the Father and the Son  
With the everlasting Spirit  
While eternal ages run!**

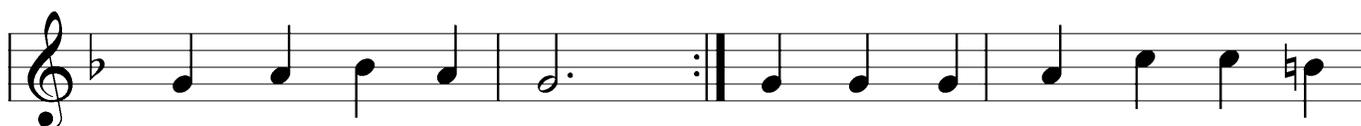
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M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,  
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to  
saints, your cho - sen host,



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

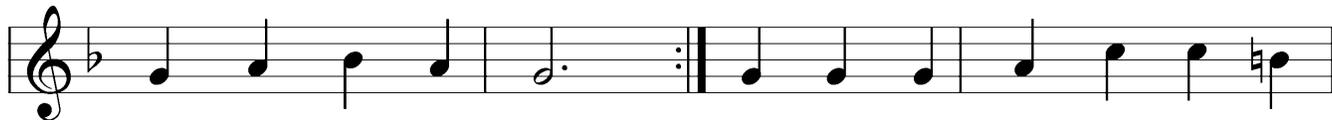
C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**  
(John 3:5-6)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified**  
**in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our**  
**God.** (1 Corinthians 6:11)



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -  
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of



forth your child and heir. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
all your sor - rows share.



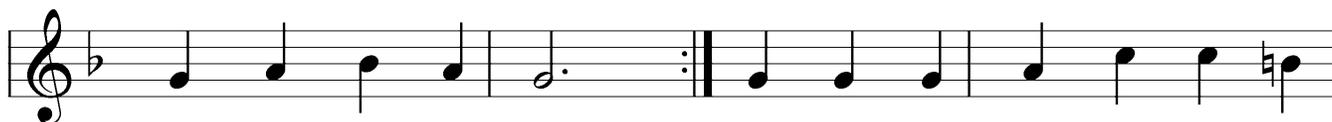
me When threat 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**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.**



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise  
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure. Have mer - cy when I come de -  
deeds be - come im - pure.



filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (*Ephesians 5:25-27*)

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: Amen.**



All that I am and love most dear - ly—Re - ceive it  
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me. Let noth - ing that I am or  
your own child to be!



own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

M: Let us pray:

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us, who are baptized into Christ, faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C: A - men.**

**FIRST LESSON: The Lord doesn't judge the outward appearance, he judges the heart. 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." <sup>2</sup>But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." <sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" <sup>5</sup>Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." <sup>9</sup>Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup>So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." <sup>12</sup>So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." <sup>13</sup>So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

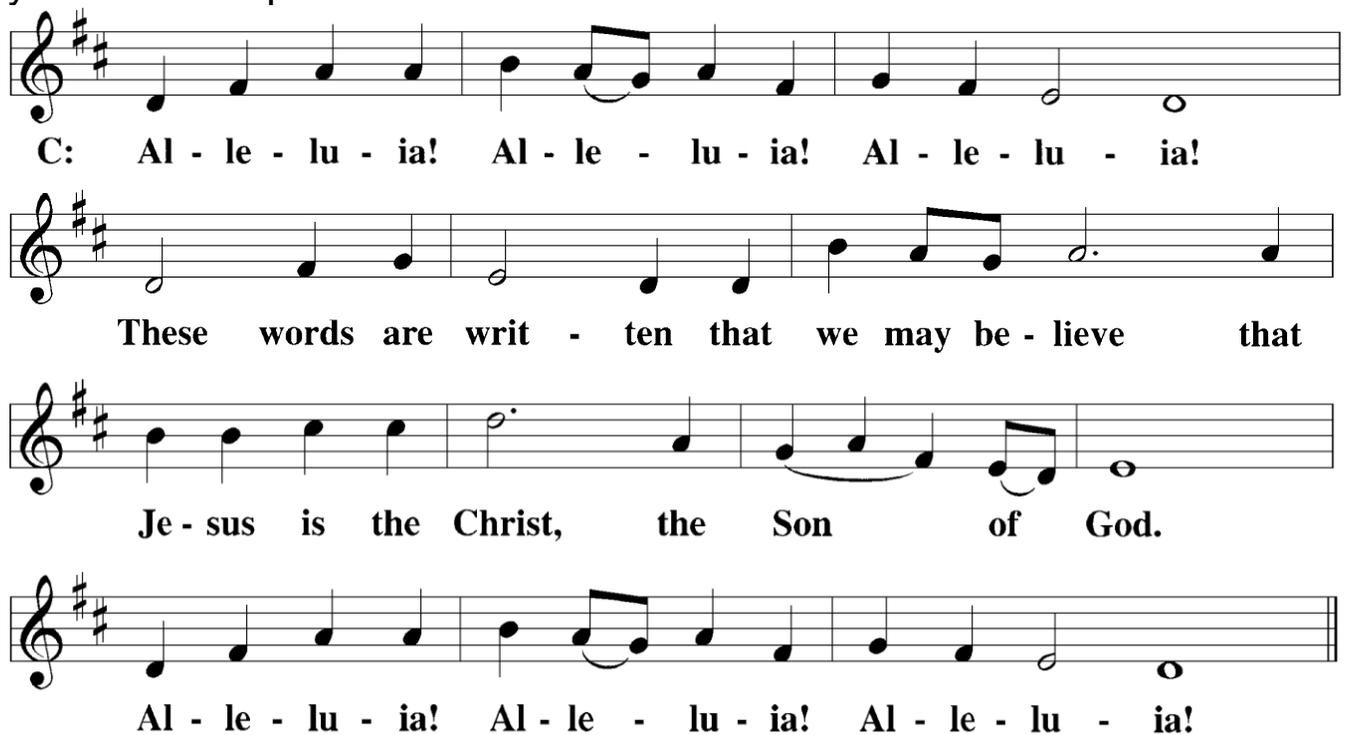
**ADULT CHOIR:** (8:00).....Carol of the Star

**JUNIOR CHOIR:** (10:30)When Jesus Comes to Jordan's Stream

**SECOND LESSON: The Lord decrees that water changes and**

**saves us.** Titus 3:4-7 <sup>4</sup>But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup>so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

**VERSE OF THE DAY:** Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.



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

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

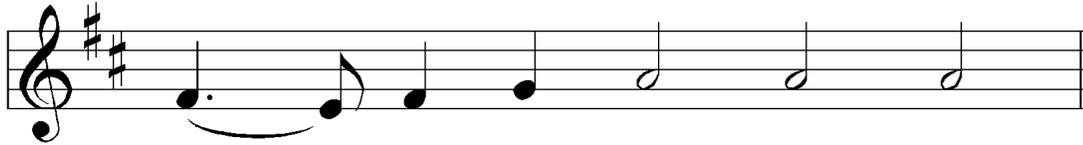
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*(Please rise in honor of the words of Jesus.)*

**GOSPEL LESSON: The Lord announces what people cannot see.**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 <sup>15</sup>The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn

up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”...<sup>21</sup>When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**HYMN: #89 – To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord**

**To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.**

**The Savior came to be baptized --  
The Son of God in flesh disguised --  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all his promises fulfill.**

**As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on him from above.**

**Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is my Son," was his decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases me."**

**The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.**

**Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

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**SERMON:** ..... Titus 3:4-7

***WHAT A LITTLE BIT OF GOD'S LOVE CAN DO...***

1. \_\_\_\_\_ us.
2. Make us \_\_\_\_\_.

**APOSTLES' CREED:** ..... p. 41

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

**OFFERINGS OF LOVE TO OUR LORD**

*Please fill out the "Welcome to Grace" register in your pew at this time!*

**JUNIOR HANDBELLS:** (10:30)..... Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & LORD'S PRAYER:** ..... p. 43

**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.**

**HYMN: #301 – We Praise You, Lord  
We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ,  
Who died and rose again;  
He lives to break the pow'r of sin  
And over death to reign.**

**We praise you, Lord, for Jesus Christ;  
He loves this child we bring.  
He frees, forgives, and heals us all;  
He lives and reigns as King.**

**We praise you, Lord, that now this child  
Is grafted to the vine,  
Is made a member of your house,  
And bears the cross as sign.**

**We praise you that this child now shares  
The freedom Christ can give,  
Has died to sin with Christ, and now  
With Christ is raised to live.**

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## **PRAYER**



## **BENEDICTION**



**CLOSING HYMN: #739 – Baptismal Waters Cover Me**

**Baptismal waters cover me  
As I approach on bended knee;  
My Father’s mercy here I plead,  
For grievous sins of thought and deed.**

**I look to Christ upon the tree,  
His body broken there for me;  
I lay before him all my sin,  
My darkest secrets from within.**

**Lord, may your wounded hand impart  
Your healing to my broken heart;  
Your love alone can form in me  
A heart that serves you joyfully.**

**From your own mouth comes forth a word;  
Your Shepherd speaks, but you are heard;  
Through him your hand now stretches out,  
Forgiving sin, destroying doubt.**

**Baptismal waters cover me;  
Christ’s wounded hand has set me free.  
Held in my Father’s strong embrace,  
With joy I praise him for his grace.**

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Worship attendance: 8:00 AM – 105; 10:30 AM – 154  
Communion attendance: 8:00 AM – 77; 10:30 AM – 122  
New Year’s Eve attendance: 6:00 PM – 106

NYE Communion attendance: 6:00 PM – 108  
Sunday School attendance: Adults – ?; Teens – ?; Children – ?  
Tue. *Timely Topics, Timeless Truths* Class: no class; Wed. *Sermon on the Mount* Class: no class; Fri. *Death and Beyond* Class: ?  
Senior ushers – 8:00 AM: Bruce Rademacher  
10:30 AM: John Sullivan & Ian Walker  
Pianist: Stacey Hill

### **HOSPITALIZED OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:**

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

### **THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

SUN - **Worship, 8:00 & 10:30 AM**

Bible Class & Sunday School, 9:30 AM

MON - Men's Chorus & Grace Ringers, 6:15 PM; Choir, 7 PM

TUE - *Timely Topics, Timeless Truths* Bible class, 2:00 PM; All Meeting Night

WED - Public School Confirmation, 6:30 PM; *Sermon on the Mount* Bible Class, 7 PM

THU - Staff Meeting, 10 AM

FRI - *Death and Beyond* Bible Class, 10:00 AM

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**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!



**ALA TO HOST GALA ON MARCH 26, 2022...**Arizona Lutheran Academy is hosting its 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://ALAcoyotes.org/gala) to learn more.

