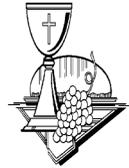




**Jan 7-8, 2018 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany / Baptism of our Lord**

To our friends, welcome. To the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting. To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church & citizenship in His eternal kingdom.

We receive the Lord's Supper today - a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicine, of course, the right person must use it at the right time and for the right purpose, or it does more harm than good. We ask our visitors to speak to pastor before joining us at the table. We join together in **"Service of Word and Sacrament," beginning on page 26.**



***We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.***

**Today's Hymns: #80, #299, #310, #321 (stanzas 1 & 4)**

**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. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Acts 16:25-34**

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

<sup>31</sup> They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. <sup>34</sup> The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

**Psalm 2 (page 65)**

**Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way - <sup>3</sup> "a voice of one calling in the wilderness 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**Today's Message: (based on Mark 1:1-11)**

***"Look Who Made it to Jesus' Baptism!!"***

*Thank you to our weekend pianists: Sunday - Amibeth Olderman & Monday - Darci Matzke.*

**This week - God willing.....**

**TODAY:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am

Adult Bible Class 9:20am & 6:30pm "Prophecies of the Book of Zechariah"

Pastor's message broadcast on WCUB 9:00am

**Mon:** Pastor Circuit Meeting@ Our Savior, TR 10:00am

Worship 6:30pm

**Tue:** OWLS Meeting at First German starts at Noon - *see back of bulletin for more info*

Catechism 5:30pm

JLOG Staff Meeting 6:00pm

**Wed:** Pastor preaches @ Bethany 8:00am & Harborview 10:30am

Bible Class 1:30 & 6:30pm - "Study of John's Epistles"

**Thu:** Grace Circle Meeting 2:00pm

Early Childhood Board Meeting 5:30pm

Council Meeting 6:00pm

**Fri:** "Lancer for a Day" @ MLHS

**Sat:** Christmas Cleanup (taking down decorations) 9:00am

**Sun:** Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am

Adult Bible Class at 9:20am & 6:30pm - "Prophecies of the Book of Zechariah"

**Mon:** Worship 6:30pm

**January Forward in Christ magazines are available on the Information table.**

**The next OWLS meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9 at First German Church. A Chili lunch will be served starting at NOON, followed by speaker Bob Ziegelbauer who will talk about items dealing with Manitowoc County.**

**Installation of our 2018 Coordinating Council today:**

- President, David Kappelman
- Finance, Michael Bubloz
- Outreach, Darrell Schramm
- Property, Scott Stubbe
- Education, Troy Stubbe
- Worship, Andy Colborn
- Member Care, Greg Kolar

We also thank Jim Smith for completing his 3 year term as our Member Care Elder.

**What goes up, must come down! Can you help next week Saturday, Jan 13 at 9:00am with taking down our Christmas decorations?** If so, please contact Donna Langman at 684-4062 or call the church office. Thank you!

**2018 Men of His Word Conference:** The 9th annual Men of His Word Conference will be held at the Best Western Waterfront Convention Center in Oshkosh on **Saturday, Feb 24, 2018**. Please go online at [www.menofhisword.org](http://www.menofhisword.org) to register and to get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. There are also handouts on the round display table with more information including descriptions of the 19 breakout sessions being offered - you pick 3 to attend.

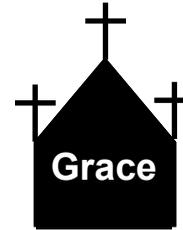
**Epiphany Bible Studies:**

- **Sundays at 9:20am & 6:30pm:** A study of the prophecies of Zechariah. With 14 chapters, Zechariah is hardly a minor prophet! He looks ahead 500 years to the time of Christ and onward to the end of the age. If you like the prophecies of Revelation, you will also like those in this book.
- **Wednesdays at 1:30 & 6:30pm:** A study of John's epistles, and the epistle of Jude. John was the 'disciple Jesus loved' - who not only walked with Jesus during his earthly ministry, but also lived to a ripe old age and watched the Lord build his Church. John writes fatherly advice to us, emphasizing God's vital gifts of love and truth and how our lives are built on both

**REMINDERS:**

- **'Grace Lutheran Church Manitowoc' has a Facebook Page!** Just go to our page and click the "LIKE" button to get notifications of posts for updates on events, bible studies and other things going on here at Grace.
- **Grace Website:** [www.gracelutheran-church.com](http://www.gracelutheran-church.com) – check out our website for links on the top of the page to view our monthly calendar and newsletter. There are also links to our weekly bulletins on the lower right side. A great way to keep up with things here at Grace if you are out of town for the weekend!

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> Attendance: 8:00am - #49, 10:45am - #104, NY Eve 6:30pm - #36= Total - #199



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