

The Minor Festival: The Name of Jesus



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 1, 2012



DIVINE SERVICE I
Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love
Christian Worship #76

STAND

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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

Kyrie

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord have mer - cy on us. A - men.

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: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray. Eternal Son of God, on this day you were called Jesus, a name that proclaims you to be the Savior of all people. Give us strength in the new year to live each day to the honor of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Numbers 6:22-27

The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron and his sons, This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ‘The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be

gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.’ So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:9-13

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my dear friends, as you have

always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 2:10,11

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 2:21

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

NICENE CREED

C: 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.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

At the Name of Jesus
Christian Worship #344

SERMON

Luke 2:21
Trust in the One Named Jesus

STAND

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

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

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BE SEATED

OFFERING *Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

7:45 AM

We'll Call Him Jesus

By Karen Dean

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—THE NAME OF JESUS

M: God of mercy, you live in everlasting glory, and your name is eternal. We give thanks that you have revealed to us the name of your only Son, Jesus, our Savior, the name above every name, the only name by which we are saved, the name in which we have been baptized, and at whose name every knee will bow. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We give thanks for all the blessings of the past year. You have helped us in the past, and there is no end to your mercy. In these difficult times, protect your church from the assaults of the evil one. Keep all pastors from false teaching, and keep your flock from indifference and shame. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Bless the nations of the earth with leaders who are wise and just, with public servants who are compassionate and patient, and with citizens who are honorable and respectful. Bless all the lawful actions taken by our country. Do not let us grow weary of doing good. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Bless the resources of the earth and the labor of all workers. Bless our children. Grant that they may grow in virtue and faithfulness until the end. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Have mercy on those who are lonely, tired, anxious, or despairing; on those without home, employment, or family, those who have lost hope and those whose holiday joy has become sorrow for any reason. Remember us in our dark times, and teach us all not to worry about the future. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Merciful Lord, forgive us for the sins of the past year. As we look to a new year, we confess to you that we are anxious and uncertain, for we do not know what will come to us. Yet, Lord, we know that you will be with us according to your mercy. Bless the endeavors of our congregation this year and help us to grow in your wisdom. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: You are our God; our times are in your hands. Give strength to the weary and new strength to those who wait, especially to us as we wait for the return of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up 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:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

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. A - - - men.

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BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices "Member Communion." If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS church, we invite you to the Lord's Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to one of the pastors after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC 7:45 AM **My Jesus, I Love Thee**
By Adoniram J. Gordon

10:00 AM **Beautiful Savior**
Sung by the Dyjak Family

STAND

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your

word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for
 ev-'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Father, Let Me Dedicate
Christian Worship #75

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Arranged by Bill Irwin

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

- Preacher**Pastor Ron Koehler
- Worship Leader**Pastor Colin Rieke, *Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail* (10:00 AM)
- Communion Assistants** Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Pastor Mark Hallemeier (10:00 AM)
- Accompanists**.....Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
 Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech**Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)



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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

Welcome to Grace!

Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 7 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Ordering Altar Flowers



If you would like to help beautify the Sunday worship services by signing up to order flowers, the flower binder is in the front entryway under the glass sign board. Information about ordering is located on the front cover.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Ruth 4:13-17
Ephesians 3:2-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Ruth 4:13-17
The Gift of a Son

Christian Funeral

Gerhard "Jerry" Wachsmann was called to his heavenly home Wednesday, December 28. There will be a funeral at Grace this Tuesday, January 3 at 11:00 AM with a visitation from 10:00-11:00 AM prior to the service. A light meal will follow the funeral.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by the Kramms. Please join us in the courtyard.

Women of Grace Epiphany Dinner Out—January 6

The Women of Grace will be having an Epiphany Dinner Out at the Claim Jumper (3761 E. Broadway) this Friday, January 6 at 6:00 PM. This will be a fun night of food and women's fellowship. We intend to invite the new women from Grace-Vail as well. **Please RSVP to Lois Thornton (323-8772) or Sue Sargent (647-3049) TODAY if you plan to attend.**

Canvassing Blitzes

In preparation for our second service at Grace-Vail we will be canvassing the next two Saturdays (January 7 & 14). This is a great way to share information about our second site and also a way to share the love of Christ. We will be meeting at Cottonwood Elementary School (9950 E. Rees Loop) at **1:00 PM this Saturday, January 7.**

This Week's Schedule (1/1/12 - 1/8/12)

Today

- Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
- Adult Bible Classes:
 - *The Life of Christ: The Temptation of Jesus* (F. Hall) 9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship

Wednesday

- NO** Midweek Bible Classes
- Grace Extension Meeting 9:00a

Thursday

- Women's Bible Class: *Prayer* 9:00a
- Worship Choir 6:30p

Friday

- Girl Pioneers/Sunbeams TCM Sleep-Over** 5:00p-9:00a
- Boy Pioneers/Buckaroos Garage Camping**... 6:00p-9:00a
- WOG Epiphany Dinner Out at the Claim Jumper** 6:00p

Saturday

- Vail Canvassing Blitz in Rita Ranch**..... 7:00p

Sunday

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School 8:45a
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- Church Council Installation** 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship and Presentation by Thrivent 11:15a

Thrivent members take note!

Our representatives from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will be with us at Grace next Sunday, January 8 to explain the Thrivent Choice program, which allows you to choose where monies given to you by Thrivent ought to go. A large amount of money has gone undesignated by Grace members, so please plan to attend this brief presentation in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:00 AM service. Thrivent will also be hosting the fellowship hour that day.

New 2012 Envelope System

Instead of receiving a box of envelopes for 2012, each household will have their envelopes mailed to their home each month. You should have received your January 2012 envelopes in the last few days. More information about this can be found in your Stewardship Packet, which can be picked up in the church courtyard today. There is one for every confirmed member of Grace. If you are not a member of Grace and would like to receive offering envelopes please contact Cora in the church office at 623-6633.

Church Council Installation

The 2012 Grace Church Council members were elected in our Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, December 20 and will be installed next Sunday, January 8 in the 10:00 AM service. *President:* Bryan Guenther, *Vice President:* Ben Boschee, *Member Ministry Elder:* Jason Watson, *Outreach Elder:* Jeff Weinstein, *Spiritual Needs Elder:* Mark Christianson, *Education Elder:* DJ Miller, *Recording Secretary:* Dallas Johnson, *Trustee:* Dave Breikreitz, *Financial Secretary:* Doug Lemke, *Treasurer:* Chris Stuhr.

Christian Fellowship Group White Elephant Bingo Party

Christian Fellowship Group will meet on Saturday, January 14, at noon in the Fellowship hall for a Pot Luck White Elephant Bingo party. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to pass and a cleverly wrapped or disguised "White Elephant." We are always looking for new members. Come, give us a try! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

Women's Bible Class

The Thursday Women's Bible class on Prayer will resume this Thursday, January 5 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. If you've ever wondered HOW to pray, WHY to pray, WHAT prayer is (and is not!), this is the class for you. Your prayer life is very important to God. Come hear him tell you why.

Wednesday Midweek Bible Class

Pastor Clemons' Wednesday midweek Bible classes will resume Wednesday, January 11 at 10:00 AM and 6:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Start out the New Year right, with Scrip!

Are you planning to spend some of that \$\$\$ you received for Christmas? Before you hit the stores, hit the **Scrip** table in the courtyard! You can spend your gift money and support Christian Education at the same time! Visit Vic & Lois Thornton (after early service and after Bible Class) or Debbie Koehler (after late service) at the Scrip table in the courtyard to make your purchases! Questions about Scrip? We're happy to help!

Engaging Christians In Outreach Ministry

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Kingdom Workers' annual Spiritual Renewal Event scheduled for Saturday, January 28, 2012, at Paradise Valley Lutheran Church, in Phoenix. Continental breakfast will be served starting at 7:45 AM with the meeting to start at approximately 9:00 AM. Kingdom Workers board members have heard each presentation, and each one is excellent! Each presentation is directly related to our command to "go and make disciples." The lead presenter, Pastor Hintz, is the Director of our Commission on Evangelism. The other two couples speaking, the Kimerleys and the Felgenhauers have been actively involved in home and world mission projects. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, you may contact Johneth Myrmo (624-3626) or Cora in the church office (623-6633). You may join the prayer chain and participate in prayers for others by contacting Johneth Myrmo.

Mission Festival

Sunday, January 22 is Mission Festival at Grace. Rev. Gary Lupe, an Apache Pastor from Whiteriver, AZ, will be our guest preacher and will present a special Bible Class on his work. We will continue our Mission Festival celebration after the 10:00 AM service with a potluck. Members are asked to bring a main dish and a side or dessert.

Creation Sunday

WELS musician Chris Driesbach will join us on Sunday, January 29 for a special service on Creation. In the Adult Bible Class that morning, Chris will tell us about his experiences as a member of our WELS church in New Orleans which was destroyed by hurricane Katrina. He will also share the story of how he became a Christian. Please plan to join us.

The Lifeliners will also be serving their annual Chupala Lunch that day after the 10:00 AM worship service.

"Chrismons" Christ-Monograms

Chrismons are symbols that proclaim Jesus' name and his works of salvation for us. Here are explanations for the Chrismons you see on our Christmas trees.



THE ANCHOR CROSS represents our certain hope of salvation anchored in Christ.



THE BUDDED CROSS with its trefoil ends emphasizes the Trinity.



THE CELTIC CROSS has a circle in the middle symbolizing eternity. Because it has ancient ties to Christians in Ireland, Iona and Scotland, it is also called the Irish or Iona Cross.



THE CROSS WITH ORB symbolizes the world united under Christ, as the Lord cares for heaven and earth.



THE GREEK CROSS has four arms of equal length. Early Greek artists used this cross.



IHS is the acrostic of the first three letters of Jesus' name in Greek (**Ἰησους**). Various meanings have been attached to each letter. The horizontal line that forms the cross is the sign for an abbreviation.



THE IOTA CROSS is the first letter of "Jesus" in Greek (**Ι**=IOTA) combined with the first letter of "Christ" in Greek (**Χ**=CHI).



THE JERUSALEM CROSS (also known as the CRUSADER'S CROSS) represents the city of peace. The 5 crosses represent the 5 wounds of our Lord. The 4 smaller crosses are also said to represent the spread of the gospel to the 4 corners of the earth.



THE MALTESE CROSS is comprised of 4 arms shaped like spear-heads. Each points to the center, with the broad end having 2 points. The 8 points in all represent the beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-10). This is the emblem of John the Baptist. The cross was the emblem of the Knights of St. John, who were driven from Rhodes to the island of Malta by the Turks. Malta is the island where St. Paul was shipwrecked.



THE ROMAN CROSS consists of the Latin Cross and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, the alpha (**Α**) and omega (**Ω**) symbolizing Jesus as the Eternal One: the 'First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.' Though he died on the cross, he reigns in glory forever.



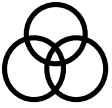
THE STAR (NATAL) CROSS reminds us of the star that marked our Savior's birth.



THE TAU CROSS, shaped like the Greek letter **Τ** (tau), depicts the type of cross Moses is believed to have raised in the desert with the serpent on it. It is also the traditional sign that Israelites made with lamb's blood on their doorposts in Egypt on the night of Passover. Therefore this is the cross of penitence and prophecy.



CHALICE AND WAFER represent the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



THREE INTERLACING CIRCLES represent the three distinct persons of the Holy Trinity, yet just one God.



THE DESCENDING DOVE symbolizes the Holy Spirit, remembering the baptism of Jesus when he descended in the form of a dove.



THE TABLET OF STONE is a symbol of the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai.



THE BUTTERFLY brings to mind our Lord's resurrection from the dead and reminds us that all believers in Christ will also rise to eternal life. The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, the alpha (Α) and omega (Ω) are sometimes added to signify the eternal life enjoyed by those who die in the Lord.



THE CROSS CROWN is a symbol of the Kingship of our Lord, reminding us that he is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. It also reminds us of the crown of life given to believers for their lives of faith.



THE CHI-RHO is a monogram consisting of the first two Greek letters of 'Christ', Χ and Ρ.



THE FISH is the most ancient symbol of Christ. Christians drew the image of the fish to identify each other in times of persecution. The Greek word for fish is ΙΧΘΥΣ (ichthus). The acrostic represents this meaning: **I=Jesus X=Christ Θ=God's Υ=Son Σ=Savior.**



THE 5-POINTED STAR/EPIPHANY STAR represents the star of Bethlehem and is shaped roughly like a human being representing Christ's incarnation.



THE 6-POINTED STAR/CREATOR'S STAR/STAR OF DAVID symbolizes creation. Each point refers to a day of God's creating work.



THE TREFOIL AND TRIANGLE is a symbol of the Holy Trinity showing both the unity of the Godhead as well as the diversity of the Persons.

May these Christian symbols enrich your worship and fill your Christmas celebration with even more meaning and joy!

