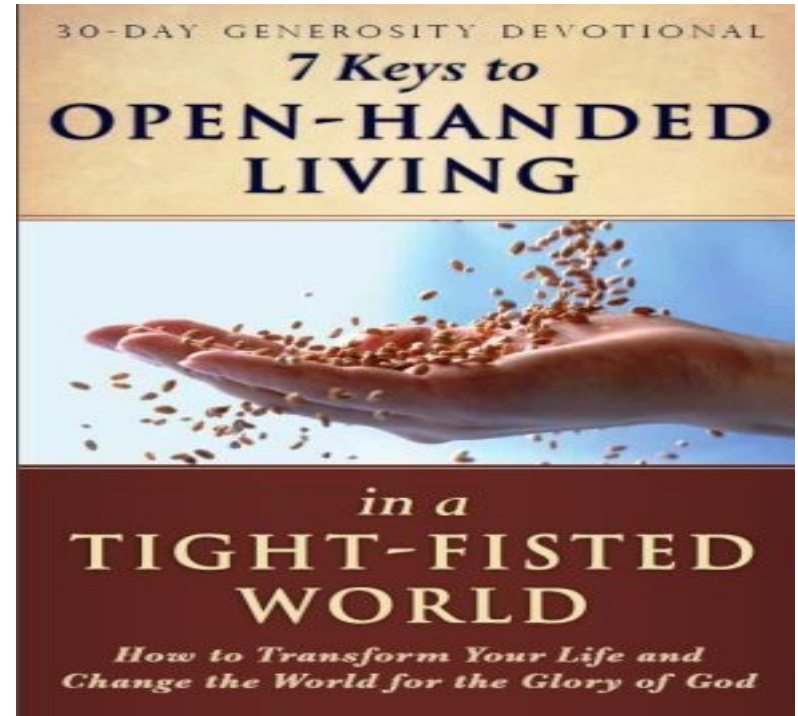


Grace Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

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Sunday Worship 9:00am



January 10th, 2021 1st Sunday after Epiphany

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Today's Praise
1st Sunday after the Epiphany
“Open-Handed Living” “First Things First”
January 10, 2021

As We Gather

As we gather for worship, we recall Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John. Throughout His ministry, Jesus does the will of His Father in redeeming sinners from their slavery to sin and death. He gave Himself first to His Father, and then to us. May our eyes always be drawn to Jesus as our Redeemer and Savior.

Lighting of the Candles, Bells
Welcome by Pastor and People

Opening Song: “As the Deer”

1. As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee. You alone are my strength my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.
2. You're my friend and You are my brother even though you are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. You alone are my strength my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.
3. I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye. You alone are my strength my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.

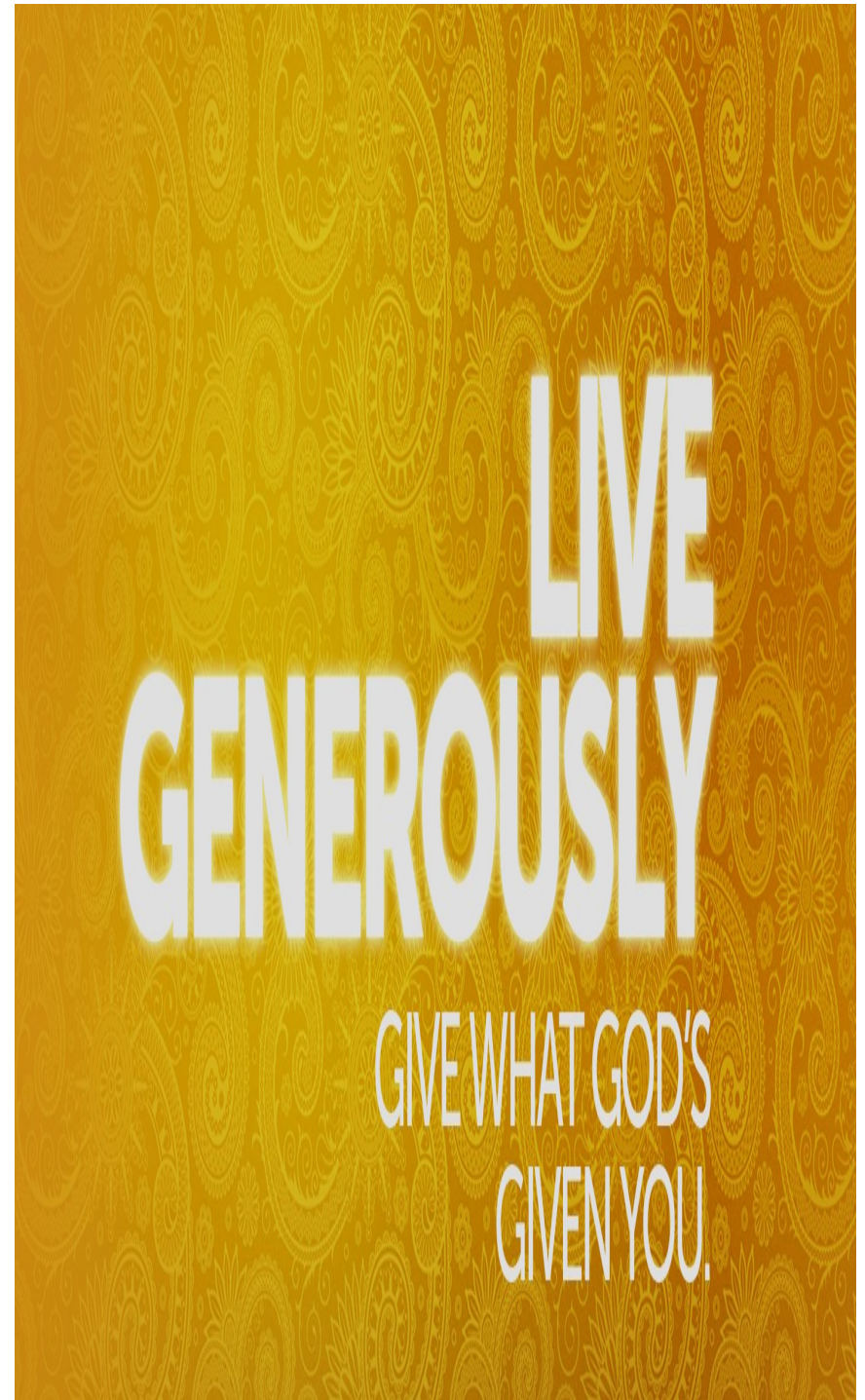
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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Confession & Absolution

Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess that I have sinned against You. I have done that which You forbid, and I have failed to do that which You command. Once again I long to hear Your Word of grace. Forgive me, I pray, for the sake of the





atoning work of Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Savior. Cleanse me of my sin; take away my guilt; and by the Holy Spirit, set me free to serve You on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Amen

In the place of and by the command of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Your guilt is removed. Be at peace. Live as God's dear children, and serve Him by serving others. In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen

Song of Praise "Lord, I Lift Your Name On High"

1. Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

Refrain:

You came from heaven to earth to show the way. From the earth to the cross my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift Your name on high.

2. Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

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+ Service of the Word +

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day,

and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will

NEW SERIES

This week, we will begin a new preaching/teaching series entitled "7 Keys to Open-Handed Living in a Tight-Fisted World." This 30-day devotional booklet and preaching/teaching series looks at how generosity can transform not only your own life, but also the lives of those around you. And all to the glory of God. Join us this week to see how God can use us to transform the world! Both the worship service and the Bible Study will be live-streamed on Facebook. Pastor Geitz

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS We are going to encourage you to support local business in the coming weeks. This week we ask that you help support Hardware Hank.

SAVE THE DATE February 14th we are having a bring a friend to church Sunday. After the service there will be a pancake brunch to follow.

LWML MITES on the 3rd Sunday of every month, LWML will be collecting Mites. These donations support missions worldwide.

PRAYERS Please pray for Helen Kenowith

♦Those Serving Next Week January 17, 2021♦

Elders: Tony Heisterkamp

Ushers: Doug Carter and Gene Petersen

Reader: Tony Heisterkamp

Music: Ruth Alexander

Trustee: Darrell Kleihauer

Acolyte: Evan Brennan & Connor Brennan

◆News & Notes for January 10, 2021◆

◆Those Serving Us This Week◆

Elders: Tony Heisterkamp
Ushers: Doug Carter and Gene Petersen
Reader: Tony Heisterkamp
Music: Jennifer Heisterkamp
Trustee: Andy Jahn
Acolyte: Jacob Beller and Isaac Beller

Visitors! If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give during the offerings. But you are welcome to support our ministry here any time. Our offerings are used to support several missionaries, provide a comfortable facility for members and visitors alike to worship in, support the work of our District and Synod, and provides for our Pastor and other employees. We just desire that you give to God out of what He has blessed you with. Pastor

DON'T HAVE CASH TODAY? You can give using the Tithe.ly app with either iOS or Android phones. Download the free Tithe.ly app and use it to give once or to give a recurring gift. You may mail in or drop off your offering as well!

CHRISTIAN NEEDS is collecting the following items—
Pudding, Jello, Juice, Hamburger Helper, Cereal & Jelly

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS did you know you can choose to have your Thrivent Choice dollars directed to support Grace Lutheran's Ministry? Feel free to contact our representative, Joni Kellen at 712-541-5074. Your support is appreciated.

ALTAR GUILD is looking for a person to help for the months of September-October. They are also looking for a Co-Chair or a Chair person for funeral committee, if interested contact Lola Fitch at 546-7292

baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.¹⁰ And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

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

Song of the Day: #781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And
gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first fruits give!

3 Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the Shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.

4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe, To tend the
lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.

5 The captive to release, To God the lost to bring, To teach the
way of life and peace, It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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Sermon

“Open-Handed Living” “First Things First” 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Installation of Officers

Prayers for the People of God

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

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father ✠ ,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Amen

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Song “Shine, Jesus, Shine!”

“Shine, Jesus, Shine!”

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness
shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the
truth You now bring us, Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze
Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the
nations with grace and mercy; Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let
there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence, From the shadows into

Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness, Shine on me,
shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze
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and let there be light.

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display
Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirror'd
here may our lives tell Your story, Shine on me, shine on me.

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✠This Week at Grace Lutheran✠

Sun, Jan 10:	Worship at 9:00am Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am Special Voters meeting 10:15am Trustees Meeting 11:15am Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm
Mon, Jan 11:	Bible Study at 9:30 am
Wed, Jan 13:	Confirmation & Grace Kids at 6:00pm- 8:00pm
Sun, Jan 17:	Worship at 9:00am Education Hour for All Ages at 10:15am Sudanese Worship at 1:00pm