



# GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE FAMILY ALTAR – *God's Word at Home*

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany: January 26, 2025 through February 1, 2025

## Daily Readings for the Week:

Sunday	Psalm 18:46-50	Zechariah 2:1-3:10	Rom. 15:1-13
Monday	Psalm 1	Zechariah 4:1-5:11	Rom. 15:14-33
Tuesday	Psalm 12	Zechariah 6:1-7:14	Rom. 16:17-27
Wednesday	Psalm 107:1-9	Zechariah 8:1-23	2 Tim. 1:1-18
Thursday	Psalm 33:18-22	Zechariah 9:1-17	2 Tim. 2:1-26
Friday	Psalm 135:1-14	Zech. 10:1-11:3	2 Tim. 3:1-17
Saturday	Psalm 28	Zech. 11:4-7	2 Tim. 4:1-18

## Catechism Reading for the Week:

### *The Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

*What is Baptism?* Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

*Which is that Word of God?* Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

## Bible Verse for the Week:

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27).

## Collect for the Week:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Remember in Your Prayers:

**those who are sick:** Kathie Musson, Connie Gremel, Paul Hodgkinson, Susan Pfund, Carmella D'Addezio, Deanna Reinbold, Carson Warren, Gary Hecht, Mark Rudey, Maria Bertoia, Dennis, Jameson Doud, Zachary Finta, Courtney, Doris Ann Brief, Amy, Levi Walworth, Renee Hecht, Sue Reed, Leslie Reinbold

**those recovering:** Melissa Averill, Lenora Steinley, Laura Starkey, Gordon Bigham

**those who are shut in:** Jean Adams, John & Ruth Ann Kaijala, Marge Montgomery, Don Carpenter, Patricia Starkey

## Hymn of the Week:

From God the Father, Virgin-Born LSB 401

1 From God the Father, virgin-born  
To us the only Son came down;  
By death the font to consecrate,  
The faithful to regenerate.

4 Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;  
The gloom of darkness chase away;  
Your work of healing, Lord, begin,  
And take away the stain of sin.

2 Beginning from His home on high,  
In human flesh He came to die;  
Creation by His death restored,  
And shed new joys of life abroad.

5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain  
And, we believe, shall come again;  
Be with us on the battlefield,  
From ev'ry harm Your people shield.

3 Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring  
The gift of healing on Your wing;  
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense  
The clearness of Your light dispense.

6 To You, O Lord, all glory be  
For this Your blest epiphany;  
To God, whom all His hosts adore,  
And Holy Spirit evermore.