

# Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is January 16, 2024

This past Sunday was:

**The Baptism of our Lord**

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday was an amazing look at baptism. While it was unfortunate that the bitter cold and wind kept many safely in their homes, we hope whether you did join us in person or followed on YouTube that you were able to hear the amazing words of God in Romans 6. A reminder of our being dead to sin and live to God in Christ Jesus via the gift of baptism.

Next Sunday, January 21 is:

**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**

While the church year moves on to the 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany we take this 3rd Sunday in January every year to give thanks for life. Human life in every shape and form is valuable to God and a gift from God. We are fearfully and wonderfully made, praise the Lord!

*The special readings are:*

[Genesis 9:1-15](#)

[Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

*The Hymn of the Day is:*

“Just As I Am” (LSB #570)

## Grace Events This Week

We have a couple of members facing surgery this week and others in need of prayers for recovery. While it is a quiet week in terms of events taking place use this time to lift up one another in prayer!

Tue 1/16 - (7pm) Church Council

Wed 1/17 - (7pm) Adult Information Class

Thu 1/18 - (9:30am) Lutheranism 101 Study

## Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

# Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

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January 32, 2024

**Psalm: Psalm 8**

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:1-15**

Genesis 9 gives us the first look at the post-flood world and God's words to Noah and his family as to life in this new world. God reiterates to them and to all humanity the basic mission: "be fruitful and multiply." As we will also hear in Ephesians 2, God has created us to do good things, to "be fruitful." We are filled with the gifts of God in this body and life and the gifts are given to be used. We also hear in Genesis 9 of the amazing **covenant** relationship we have with God. This is a reminder that God is the one who first makes promises in this relationship. God is the one who first promises to be active and to be faithful. He will keep His covenant promises. What a gift it is for us to be so loved by God and to live in such a relationship in which we receive richly from Him.

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10**

Ephesians 2:8-9 is a favorite verse for many Lutheran Christians as Paul's words remind us of the great and saving gift of justification. We are indeed "by grace, saved through faith." This week we will also give proper attention to verse 10. "We are His workmanship." This reminds us that our very existence, our individual existence, is an intention act of God and an ongoing work of God. Not only do we look at God as our Good Shepherd, let us also look to Him as the Great Craftsman who continues to work us and use us to His glory. We are "created in Christ for good works..."

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20**

In last week's Gospel of Mark 1:4-11 we heard of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry with His baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. This week's Gospel continues the story. We hear of Jesus calling His first disciples with Simon Peter and Andrew, as well as the brothers James and John. In their calling Jesus lays out the basic mission of all the apostles "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." For all the different ways we might complicate the teaching of this Christian faith, in these words Jesus gives us a very clear way to get started: "follow me."