

OUR LIFE TOGETHER...WEEK OF JAN 12-19, 2025



SUN 1/12: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

8:45am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary/Online
11:15am Confirmation Class Conference Room

MON 1/13:

9:00am Quilters Multipurpose Room

WED 1/15:

10:00am Bible Study Fellowship Hall/Zoom
7:00pm Board of Elders Conference Room

SAT 1/18:

8:00am Men of Grace Fellowship Hall
9:00am Women of Grace Conference Room

SUN 1/19:

8:45am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service with Communion Sanctuary/Online

Online access: [Facebook.com/glcva](https://www.facebook.com/glcva) or [glcvirginia.org/video-recordings](https://www.glcvirginia.org/video-recordings)



Altar Flowers are given today by Patrice Martinez
in celebration of her retirement.



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WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE!

If you are with us for the first time, please stop by our **Welcome Center** located in the Hallway to pick up a gift!

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BULLETINS are available. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

A CHILDREN'S QUIET ROOM where parents can follow the service is available. Please ask an usher for more information.

BUDDY BAGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN are located in the Narthex. The bright, colorful bags are hanging off the staircases for your child to choose one. Each bag has a stuffed animal, coloring book, crayons and stickers. Please return the bag after the service

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES are available for use in the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you would like one.

YOUTUBE AND FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING Our Sunday Services are streamed on both Facebook and YouTube. Please continue to worship on Facebook, or view at [youtube.com/@glcvirginia](https://www.youtube.com/@glcvirginia). Wednesday Bible Study will only be streamed on Facebook. Video recordings are available after the services on www.glcvirginia.org, under Worship Services-Video Recordings or follow the YouTube channel.

CONGREGATIONAL STUDY BEGINS NEXT WEEK:

Today we're beginning a special congregational study together, **Luke's Epiphany**. You're welcome to join the Grace family over the next several weeks, as we focus on St. Luke's view and portrayal of Jesus. In our congregational study (January 12—March 2), titled **Luke's Epiphany**, we'll utilize Sunday sermons, Wednesday/Sunday classes, and Tuesday/Thursday home studies to dive in to the early chapters of Luke's Gospel. We'll look at every single verse from the very beginning of Luke through his story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. As we read, discuss, and study together in our **Luke's Epiphany** congregational study, perhaps we'll discover ways to help our friends and neighbors to come to an epiphany of their own regarding Jesus Christ.

Materials for the Tuesday/Thursday home studies will be available on Grace's website for each week of the congregational study, beginning tomorrow. These studies will take about fifteen minutes, and can be done by an individual, or with a family member or friend.

This week

Adult Sunday School Class	Luke 2:41-52	Jesus in Temple
Sermon	Luke 3:16-22	Baptism
Tuesday Home Study	Luke 3:23-38	Genealogy
Wednesday Adult Class	Luke 2:21	Circumcision
	Luke 3:1-15	John Prepares
	Luke 4:1-13	Temptation
Thursday Home Study	Luke 4:14-15	Begins Ministry

A full schedule of the **Luke's Epiphany** congregational study is available on Grace's website. Please note that several portions of chapters 1 and 2 were covered in December, and summaries of those sections are available on the website.

DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING CLASS: Ever had interest in helping out with disaster response? Interested in learning about how Lutherans organize and mobilize when disasters strike? Want to know more about recent hurricane response in our Southeastern District? Wondering whether you could actually assist? Members and friends of Grace are welcome to participate in a *Basic LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) Training Class* on **Saturday, January 25**. Participants will be introduced to the LCMS Disaster Response program, and learn the basic nature of disasters and how Christians can support neighbors in need as the hands and feet of Jesus. Other class topics include response and deployment protocol in times of disasters, a ministry of presence, and safety practices. Check out the details and register at glcvirginia.org. Contact Pastor Puls with questions. Please note that a Chainsaw Training Class will be held at Grace on Saturday, March 29; but the Basic LERT Training Class will be a pre-requisite.



All Men you are invited! Rescheduled due to weather
The Men of Grace are getting together for food, fellowship, and Bible study this coming Saturday. Breakfast is served at 8 o'clock. The Bible study runs from 8:30 to 9:30. Enter through the exterior Fellowship Hall door, west side of the building. Contact Paul Willemann willemannpaul@gmail.com, if you have a question.

GRACE COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Send your prayer request to prayerchain@glcvirginia.org, the church office grace@glcvirginia.org or your Elder. You may also make a notation on the blue attendance cards. Prayers will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise noted. This week we pray for:

SYMPATHY— family & friends of:

Randy Haack
Gloria Farr
Eric Lord (Weiss)
Mercedes Ostolaza (Reinat)

PRAISE & THANKSGIVING

Birth of Jace Carter Moser

OTHER

Our Renovation Process
Students returning to college
Those affected by California wildfires

BOARD OF SOCIAL MINISTRY

HILDA BARG FAMILY SHELTER: Keep your Christmas spirit going thru the new year by signing up to provide meals for the shelter. Grace will be serving four days beginning on Wednesday, Jan 22 thru Saturday, Jan 25, 2025. Look for the sign up poster in the narthex. Any questions concerning this outreach ministry? Contact Darlene Roth at darlenemroth9@gmail.com or Ruth Killian at rjkillian@yahoo.com.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JANUARY ADULT CLASSES

SUNDAY 9:45-10:45 AM

January 12 Luke's Epiphany: Luke 2:41-52 (Pastor Puls)
January 19 Luke's Epiphany: Luke 4:16-30 (Pastor Yun)
January 26 Luke's Epiphany: Luke 5:17-26(Pastor Puls)

WEDNESDAY (10:00-11:00AM)

January 15 Luke's Epiphany: Luke 2:21; 3:1-15; 4:1-13 (Pastor Puls)
January 22 Luke's Epiphany: Luke 2:41-52 (Pastor Puls)
January 29 Luke's Epiphany: Luke 6:1-11 (Pastor Puls)



VERSE OF THE MONTH: "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom." Luke 2:41-42