

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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The Baptism Of Our Lord

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As We Gather Today we recall an 'old' event in history, the Baptism of Our Lord. God's Word teaches us that it is also a 'current' event producing a new creation and new life for each person who is baptized into Jesus Christ. In the beginning God was pleased with His new creation---light (*Genesis 1:4*); at Jesus' Baptism the Father was pleased with Jesus, His Son (*Mark 1:11*); and at our Baptism into Christ, we are pleasing to God and therefore are able to "walk in newness of life" (*Romans 6:4*).

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

Welcome Children- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“To Jordan's River Came Our Lord”



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, The Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— The Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood And John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - d'rous sound Came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, The God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— To stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, The Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: “This is My Son,” was



Light from Light, The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
Fa - ther's will And all His righ - teous - ness ful - fill.
heav'n - ly dove, De - scend - ed on Him from a - bove.
His de - cree, “The one I love, who pleas - es Me.”

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute; This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, Proclaimed Redeemer,
Lord supreme.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: When God spoke creation into existence, He saw that it was very good. But humanity, from Adam and Eve to every successive generation, has rebelled against God. When our Lord was baptized, the Father was well-pleased with Him, and in our Baptism we were joined to His death and resurrection. As baptized children, in God's view, we are new creations! Let us therefore confess our own sinful rebellion and call on our gracious heavenly Father for pardon and peace.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Lord God,

People: we confess that we have not been faithful creatures; we have rebelled in our thinking, we have spoken in anger, and we have acted without regard to Your will or reign. In Your mercy You have graciously joined us to the Body of Christ, and for His sake, forgive us our sins. By Your Holy Spirit, turn our hearts to love You and our neighbors with all that we are and have.

Pastor: "The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (*Romans 6:10-11*) By your baptismal faith in Jesus Christ, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Gloria in Excelsis”



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
 Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River
 You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with
 the Holy Spirit.

People: Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their
 calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of
 everlasting life;

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
 with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENTGenesis 1:1-5
 (God calls a good creation into being.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLERomans 6:1-11
 (Christ's baptism gives us new life.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

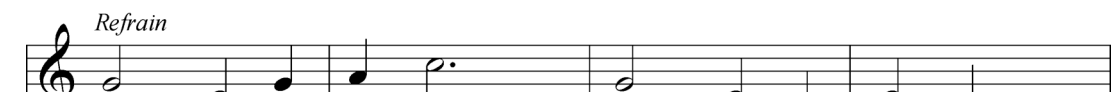
“Jesus Loves Me”



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav - en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak, but He is strong.
 He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.



Refrain
 Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:4-11*
(Jesus is baptized.)

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

(After the Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**



HYMN OF THE DAY

"To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to
 7 All that the mor - tal eye be - holds Is wa - ter



Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
 word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
 us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove
 as we pour it. Be - fore the eye of faith un - folds



Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -
 The pow'r of Je - sus' mer - it. For here it sees the



now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,
 crim - son flood To all our ills bring heal - ing;



And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find
 The won - ders of His pre - cious blood The love of God



op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
 a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.
 re - veal - ing, As - sur - ing His own par - don.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Elizabeth Quitmeyer, 1911-88, alt.
 Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter
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MESSAGE

“Jesus’ Baptism: Wear It Well”

Mark 1:4-11

Pastor Mike Schultze

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Nicene Creed)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of

God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,

begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new

a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way

from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;

and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, whose love daily attends us and who blesses us in countless ways. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may worthily receive the bread and wine, that is the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of the full salvation He has won for us. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. Unite all who gather at Your table here with those who now feast at Your eternal table in the courts of heaven. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever as we join the angels and archangels and the whole host of heaven, singing:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
 People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

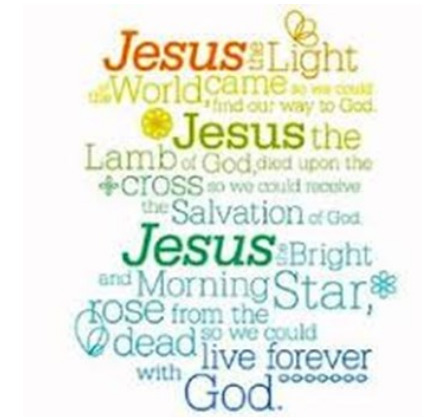
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please be seated)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n - ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when
 own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
 from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
 Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
 In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
 Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him
 ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
 es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
 with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
 here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



“From East to West”



1 From east to west, from shore to shore Let ev - 'ry
 2 Be - hold, the world's cre - a - tor wears The form and
 3 For this how won - drous - ly He wrought! A maid - en,
 4 And while the an - gels in the sky Sang praise a -
 5 All glo - ry for this bless - ed morn To God the



heart a - wake and sing The ho - ly child whom
 fash - ion of a slave; Our ver - y flesh our
 in her low - ly place, Be - came, in ways be -
 bove the si - lent field, To shep - herds poor the
 Fa - ther ev - er be; All praise to You, O



Mar - y bore, The Christ, the ev - er - last - ing king.
 mak - er shares, His fall - en crea - tures all to save.
 yond all thought, The cho - sen ves - sel of His grace.
 Lord Most High, The one great Shep - herd, was re - vealed.
 Vir - gin - born, And Ho - ly Ghost e - ter - nal - ly.

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“O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, grant us grace That we our Lord and Sav - ior
 2 Help us that we Thy sav - ing Word In faith - ful hearts may trea - sure;
 3 And when our earth - ly race is run, Death's bit - ter hour im - pend - ing,



In faith and fer - vent love em - brace And tru - ly serve Him ev - er.
 Let e'er that Bread of Life af - ford New grace in rich - est mea - sure.
 Then may Thy work in us be - gun Con - tin - ue till life's end - ing,



The hour of death can - not bring loss When we are shel - tered
 O make us die to ev - 'ry sin, Each day cre - ate new
 Un - til we glad - ly may com - mend Our souls in - to our



by the cross That can - celed our trans - gres - sions.
 life with - in, That fruits of faith may flour - ish.
 Sav - ior's hand, The crown of life ob - tain - ing.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: **for His steadfast love endures forever.** *Psalm 118:1*

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that in this sacrament You have refreshed us in our journey through this earthly wilderness. Strengthen our faith that we may be blameless at the second Advent of our Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The blessing of God Almighty— the Father who promised, the Son who came to save, and the Spirit who sends us out in love— bless you now and always.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

CLOSING HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to Thy low - ly bed,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the nar - row way;
5 In the heav'n-ly coun - try bright Need they no cre - at - ed light;



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
There to bend the knee be - fore Thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
And when earth-ly things are past, Bring our ran-somed souls at last
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down;



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led by Thee.
So may we with will - ing feet Ev - er seek Thy mer - cy seat.
Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glo - ry hide.
There for - ev - er may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.
Tune: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance: 12/31/23: 10am– 100

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by the members of Peace.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE January 7, 2024

- Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service
- 10:20 am Sunday School /Adult Bible Study
- 11:00 am Traditional Communion Service
- 1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- Monday: Office closed
- Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
- Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Class
- 6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group (PH)
- Thursday: 10:00 am Lighthouse Bible Study
- 5:45 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Friday: ++++++
- Saturday: ++++++

Note: Kindly refrain from bringing food or beverages (other than water) into Worship.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, January 7, 2024

- | | 9am | 11am |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Elder: | Dave Schmidt | Dave Hutter |
| Greeter: | Luci Pommers | |
| Reader: | Bill Young | Linda Young |
| Acolyte: | Marshall Denninger | Lucas Williamson |
| Ushers: | Gary Taylor
Karen Taylor
Bill Young | Mike McCracken
Tom La Jeunesse
Rick Poore |
| Altar Care: | Linda Young | |
| Cookie & Coffee Service: | J. Morici, C. Stuart & S. McCracken, | |
| Organist: | Karen Foote | |

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY January 14, 2024

- | | 9am | 11am |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Elder: | Dave Schmidt | Dave Hutter |
| Greeter: | Cindy Klittich | |
| Reader: | Linda Young | Brian Nomi |
| Acolyte: | Michelle Ullerick | Samuel Williamson |
| Ushers: | Blaine Wanke
Henry Andermann
Todd Harter | Dave Schmidt
Jim DeVries
Roy Poehler |
| Altar Care: | Linda Young | |
| Cookie & Coffee Service: | J. Morici, C. Stuart & S. McCracken, | |
| Organist: | Karen Foote | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 7, 2024

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS– Is held, in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of “Recovering the Joy of Theology” watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

TUESDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY –will resume at 10am on January 9th with a study of Acts. Contact Leila Langston for more info at 714-875-6340.

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY will resume January 11th, 10 AM via Zoom. Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke for more info @ 805-490-8212.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request, please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: footstepps@verizon.net.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex outside the Cry Room. There are two signups available for each Sunday, so please sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Each arrangement is \$40.00, and the donation can be placed in an envelope in the offering plate. If you do write a check, please note Please note on the check or on the envelope that the donation is designated for “Flowers”. Following the last service, you may take your arrangement home or if you do not wish to take the flowers home, they will be donated to one of our shut-ins.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Our donations for the food pantry taken to the Episcopal Church for distribution have declined in recent months. Just a reminder that there is food insecurity here in Camarillo and your donations help our neighbors. Please put your items in the box in the narthex. The Food Pantry values our partnership, which in turn is appreciated by the recipients of your generosity! Board of Social Concerns at 805-236-4820.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailbox in the narthex ready for you to pick up.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Altar Committee needs your help now. The new signup sheet for 2024 is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex outside of the Cry Room. Please choose a favorite month to volunteer to help with this important work. You can sign up with your spouse, with a friend, or you can do it alone. If you have never done this job and are interested in learning or if you need a refresher on what the job entails, there are mentors to help you. Questions? Call Linda Young

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PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp’s niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Vicki Hutter, Karen ohnson, Susan Klein, Carol Marker, Pat Massey, Ryan Scott Morrison, Norma Regalia, Sarah Stepp (granddaughter of Al & Cindy Fox), Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women, and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.

NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE:

9:00 AM Traditional Service
10:15 AM Adult Bible study
and Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional Service

