

Peace Lutheran Church

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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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As We Gather: In biblical times water was a symbol of chaos, and also a means of salvation. The psalmist records, “The voice of the Lord is over the waters.” When our Lord was baptized, the Jordan’s waters held, as it were, the washed-away sins of all those who had come to John for Baptism. In pure innocence, though, Jesus was taking on Himself the sin-filled waters en route to bearing all sin on the cross. It is good for us to remember the waters of our own Baptism, in which we are united to Him in His death and in His resurrection, as the Apostle Paul confirms. In fact, each day, by remembering our Baptism, our sin is drowned dead and we arise in newness of life.

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

A special welcome to those with young children. If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.



Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp’s niece), Brandee Brand, Terry Breckinridge, Brian Derozer, Mike Elbert, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Paul Schedler, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung 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 and Henry Andermann.

Pray for comfort and peace for Vera Alamillo and her family in the loss of her son, our brother in Christ, Jeff Magill. A service will be held on 1/14/23 @ 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY January 8, 2023

9:00 am

11:00 am

Elder: Bob Hutchison

Dave Hutter

Greeters: Ken Anderson

Readers: Bob Hutchison

Stacy Hunter

Acolyte: Shane Muller

Ushers: Scott Klittich

Steve Rusch

Mike Elbert

Altar Care: Nancy Fitch/Sonja Manzer Rachael Ylizaliturri/Jane Morici

Organist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK JANUARY 15, 2023

9:00 am

11:00 am

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Greeters: Carol Yung

Readers: Dave Schmidt

Tom Waddell

Acolyte: Lucas Williamson

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Roy Poehler

Jim DeVries

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RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“O Blessed Spring”



1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign Em - brace us
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, Un - cer - tain
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, When limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, We breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, Be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: Here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, Sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, Then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; Still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: That Word and wa - ter thus re -



be A branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, The boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move With gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing And trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

People: **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. Romans 6:3-4**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We must confess that none of us “walks in newness of life” each day; however, since our Lord took our sins on Himself, our sins have been washed away in the water of Baptism. The promises the Father made to Him are ours. He said, “I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you” (*Isaiah 42:6*). Let us therefore confess our sins, confident that Christ’s righteousness will be graciously credited to us.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: **although, as Isaiah prophesied, our Lord would not break a bruised reed or quench a faintly burning wick, but would faithfully bring forth justice (*Isaiah 42:3*) – we confess that we have walked in the ways of this world. We have sought power and prestige for ourselves, but have neglected those less fortunate than ourselves; we have rejoiced in our freedom, but have forgotten those in prison; we have basked in Your gracious forgiveness, but have failed to extend it to the people we meet. Forgive us, renew us, and assure us again that through the water of Baptism Jesus’ righteousness is now our own.**

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Pastor Mike and Lori Schultze in celebration of their anniversary.

Attendance on 1/1/23: 10:00 am– Total: **81**

THIS WEEK AT PEACE January 8, 2023

- Today: 9:00 am Traditional Service
- 9:20 am Sunday School
- 10:20 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeeshouse)
- 11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)
- 1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
- 4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- Monday: Office Closed
- Tuesday: 11:00 am Ladies Bible Study
- Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther’s Attic Volunteers
- 6:30 pm A.C.A. Women’s Support Group
- Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
- 5:45 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir rehearsal
- Friday: ++++++

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

“Beautiful Savior”



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Pastor: In the water of His Baptism our Lord “fulfilled all righteousness.” The Father’s approval, “with Him I am well pleased,” is spoken over all who have been baptized in His name. God proclaimed through Isaiah, “Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare” (*Isaiah 42:9*). Therefore by your faith in Jesus your Savior, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

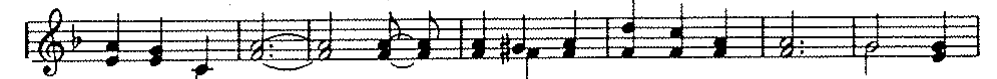
People: Amen. May the Lord give strength to His people!
May the Lord bless His people with peace! *Psalms 29:11*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

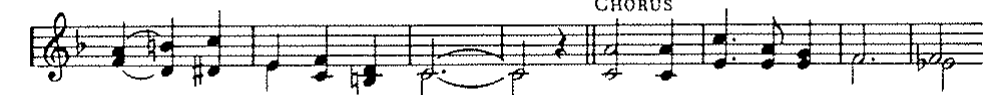


1. O soul, are you wea - ry and trou - bled? No light in the
2. Thru death in - to life ev - er - last - ing He passed, and we
3. His word shall not fail you- He prom - ised; Be - lieve Him, and



dark - ness you see? There's light for a look at the Sav - ior, And
fol - low Him there; O - ver us sin no more hath do - min - ion- For
all will be well: Then go to a world that is dy - ing, His

CHORUS



life more a - bun - dant and free!
more than con - q'rors we are! Turn your eyes up - on Je - sus,
per - fect sal - va - tion to tell!



Look full in His won - der - ful face, _____ And the things of
won - der - ful face,



earth will grow strange - ly dim In the light of His glo - ry and grace.

PSALM 29

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God
of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**People: The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

Pastor: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**People: He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

Pastor: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**People: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

Pastor: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry,
“Glory!”

**People: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

Pastor: May the LORD give strength to his people!
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Father in heaven, when Your Son was baptized in the
Jordan River, He was fulfilling all righteousness in our
place as part of His sacrificial life on our behalf.
Grant that we may ever treasure the gift that by Holy
Baptism our sins are washed away, we receive our Lord’s
innocence, and are enabled to live before You in
confidence and joy each day of our lives; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

+THE WORD OF GOD+

CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

All: 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.

OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 42:1–9

(The Lord speaks about His Servant and addresses Him.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 6:1–11

(Our Baptism unites us both to Christ's death and also to His resurrection.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Baptismal Waters Cover Me”



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
 2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
 3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing
 4 From Your own mouth comes forth a word; Your shep - herd
 5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
 bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
 to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can
 speaks, but You are heard; Through him Your hand now
 hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
 all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
 form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.
 stretch - es out, For - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.
 strong em - brace, With joy I praise Him for His grace.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:13–17

(John the Baptist prepares the way)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)



HYMN OF THE DAY

“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.”

5. The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall
To save the world and free us all.

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

MESSAGE

“The Righteous Cousins and Their Greatest Hit”

Matthew 3:13-17.

Deacon Bob Hutchison