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## Baptism of Our Lord

January 12, 2025

### **Our mission:**

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,  
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

**Welcome.** We enter the Epiphany season by remembering our Lord's baptism by John at the Jordan River. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and announced as God's beloved Son. This Sunday's lessons also invite us to remember our own baptism and how it connects us to the saving work of Christ on the cross.

**Welcome guests!** We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

**Communion Note:** We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

# **Divine Service, Setting Four**

## **LSB page 203**

**Prelude:** “Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam” – J.G. Walther

### **Words of Welcome**

#### **Invocation, Confession and Absolution** (page 203)

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** 400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning (st 1-3)

#### **Kyrie** (page 204)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord...

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

(The congregation sings this in response to each petition.)

#### **Hymn of Praise** To God on High Be Glory (page 204)

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth.  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.



To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
 O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins away.  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
 In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**Prayer of the Day** (page 205)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: 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.  
 Make all who are baptized in His name  
 faithful to their calling as Your children  
 and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;  
 through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
 who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



**Old Testament Reading:** Isaiah 43:1-7 (see back cover)

**Psalm 29**



<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly | beings,\*  
 ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and  
 strength.

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his  
 name; \*  
 worship the LORD in the splendor  
 of | holiness.

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over  
 the | waters; \*  
 the God of glory thunders, the LORD,  
 over many | waters.

<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is | powerful; \*  
 the voice of the LORD is full  
 of | majesty.

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks  
 the | cedars; \*  
 the LORD breaks the cedars  
 of | Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon to skip | like a  
 calf, \*  
 and Sirion like a young | wild ox.

<sup>7</sup> The voice | of the LORD \*  
 flashes forth | flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> The voice of the LORD shakes  
 the | wilderness; \*  
 the LORD shakes the wilderness | of  
 Kadesh.

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the deer  
 give birth and strips the | forests bare, \*  
 and in his temple all cry, | "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned o- | ver the  
 flood; \*  
 the LORD sits enthroned as king  
 for- | ever.

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to  
 his | people! \*  
 May the LORD bless his people | with  
 peace!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning, \*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**Epistle Reading:** Romans 6:1-11 (see back cover)

**Alleluia and Verse** (page 205)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 3:15-22

Acclamations (spoken): **Glory to you, O Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Apostles' Creed**

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

**Sermon**

**Prayers** After each petition of the prayer P: Lord in your mercy,  
C: **Hear our prayer.**

**Prayer Request List** (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

***For those with health concerns:***

Ellie	Janice Nuneviller	Barbara	Carol Farley
Chris	Zane	Brennan	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Carol Yost Band	Grant and Noah
Ursula	John O'Neil	Sid	Nicholas Wilhelm
Kay Compton	Claire	Rose	Lolly Hoagland
Cambria	Robert Bauer	John Tarlo	Steve Hauptman
Mariah Martinez	Judy Nanni	Joe	Janis

***For those with cancer:***

Rosalie Reinbacher	Lance	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Dick Butterfoss
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jason	Kathy
Barbara	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	Mary Anne
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Lexi Launchbaugh	Linda
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Doris
Jane Fry	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe
Barbara Howard	Dottie	Dave Bond	William
Sonia	Barbara	Henry J.	Logan Mattessich
Linda	Karen Radcliffe	Marci Fehlhafer	Dora
Jean			



***For those with needs around the world:***

Government officials and people of our nation	Prayers for peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Those coping with hurricane/drought/disaster	Prayers for provision and help
Those in need of employment	Provision of jobs
Wars in Europe and Middle East	Prayers for peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	Prayers for health, safety, and provision

***For those serving in the armed forces:***

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Nate Fiske	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Jesse Sowell	Mike Bahney

***For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:***

For staff and families of the school	For enrollment
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**Birthdays:**

Jim Yost	Jan 12	Jeanne Hoppe	Jan 15
Richard deDufour	Jan 15	Amy Van Hise	Jan 15

**Offering**

**Instrumental Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn:** 894 For the Fruits of His Creation (st 1&3)

For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

**Order of Holy Communion** (page 208)

P: The Lord be with you.	<b>C: And also with you.</b>
P: Lift up your hearts.	<b>C: We lift them to the Lord.</b>
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<b>C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.</b>

P: It is truly good right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven...**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

C: **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**



### Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

### Nunc Dimittis

C: **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

### Post-Communion Collect p. 212

P: Let us pray...

C: **Amen**

### Benedicamus and Benediction (page 212)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and...

C: **Amen**

### Closing Hymn: 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

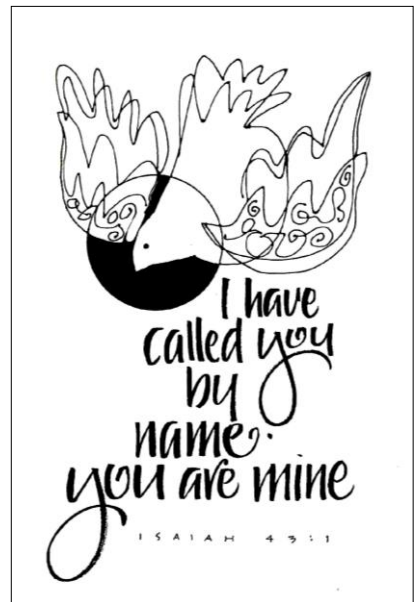
### Announcements

### Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude: "Jesu Christe wahres licht" - W. Zachau





## Announcements – Week of January 12, 2025

Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week

**\*MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00\***

### Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

**Welcome!** Serving in worship today are: Joe Scheblein (Communion Assistant), Allison Fog (Reader), Liam McAllister (Acolyte), Scott Garrow (Usher), Mark McAllister (Usher and Live-streaming), Shirley Yost and Jeanne Hoppe (Communion/coffee set-up and clean-up)

**Today's service will be live streamed** on You Tube at the following link:

[https://youtube.com/live/AuVxy3Di\\_uU](https://youtube.com/live/AuVxy3Di_uU) If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

**Bible Study on Gospel of Luke.** This Sunday at 8:15am we continue a 12-week study of selections from Luke's Gospel. **Our study lesson for this Sunday will be Luke 3:15-22, "The Baptism of Jesus"**. John the Baptist helped introduce Jesus as the Messiah by calling all people to repent and offering a baptism that identified them as repentant sinners. But why did Jesus want this same baptism for himself? What purpose did it serve? And what connection does it have to our Christian baptism? Come and learn with us!

**After-Service Sermon Discussion today!** Join us after service in the fellowship hall for a lively discussion!

**Zoom Study of Colossians: Wednesday evenings at 7:30.** Next Wednesday evening (Jan 15) at 7:30pm, we will continue our study of Colossians. **Our focus will be on Colossians 1:15-29.** Paul describes all the things that make Jesus superior to everything in Creation, including the angels. We learn about Christ's ministry of reconciling lost sinners to the Heavenly Father. We'll also discuss what it means to have "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col 1:27). Join us!

### Weekly Schedule:

MONDAY (1/13)	5:30pm Planning Council Meeting
TUESDAY (1/14)	6:00am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
WEDNESDAY (1/15)	7:30pm Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (1/16)	9:45/11:15am Nursery School Chapels
FRIDAY (1/17)	Noon NOAH Seniors Secret Santa Party
SUNDAY (1/19)	8:15 Sunday School/Bible Study; 9:30 Worship; 11:00 Voters Meeting

**January Voters Meeting.** St. Peter will hold its annual Voters meeting on **Sunday, January 19th** after the worship service. We invite and encourage all to attend! It's an important time to review the past year, discuss future plans for 2025, elect new leadership and approve a budget for implementing our goals. We'll give thanks for God's guidance and ask His blessing on all future endeavors. To God be the glory!

## *Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry*

**Midwinter Lecture Series coming soon: Luther's Teaching on Vocation.** On **Sunday, February 2nd at 3:00pm** we will welcome retired Airforce chaplain and current pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset, Rev. Greg Jans, as our guest lecturer. Pastor Jans will speak on the topic of Martin Luther's doctrine of vocation (or "calling from God"). This important biblical teaching had a great impact during the Reformation on how Christians saw their daily work inside and outside the home, and at church. Pastor Jans will share insights from his own vocation as a chaplain, pastor, and current campus chaplain at Rutgers University. He will also help us gain a better understanding and appreciation for how God works through us in our own vocations. The event will open with Evening Vespers and conclude with refreshments following the lecture. All are welcome, free of charge. This event is sponsored by Partners in Mission.

**NOAH Potluck Secret Santa Party**, coming Fri. Jan 17th, noon to 2! Sign up now on the bulletin board to attend this potluck luncheon. Bring something tasty to share, along with an unwanted, new, slightly used or special gift to exchange with others. We ask that the gift be under \$20 and it be wrapped, but without any identifying names or tags. If you have any questions contact Jim or Shirley Yost.

**Prayer Chain.** The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

**The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry** is a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort, and also to share the joy of those celebrating a marriage or the birth of a child. Blessings are prayed into the items for the recipients. We have blessed many hospital patients, veterans, hospice patients, babies, and others with these comforting gifts. These items are meant to be given away unconditionally and are NOT to be sold. If you would like to join us in the making of these special items, please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

## *Service and Other*

**St. Peter YouTube Channel.** You can help increase St. Peter's online visibility by liking and subscribing to our YouTube channel. This is the platform we use to live-stream and record our worship services as well as Wednesday Zoom bible studies. You can find it linked to our church website or by going to YouTube and searching "Saint Peter Lutheran Church". Thanks!

**Opportunity to give toward Helene Disaster Relief through NJ District.** The NJ District continues to match dollar for dollar any individual/family gift given through the District up to \$250. A designation has been set up on the District website ([njdistrict.org](http://njdistrict.org)) where people can give online. Once you are on the website scroll down and click on the "Give Now" button. Scroll down and click on the Hurricane Helene Disaster relief icon.

**Flowers.** If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

**Flowers are placed on the altar this week in honor of Jim Yost's birthday.**



**Lambertville Food Pantry.** Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **January’s collection is Paper Products** – paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue, etc

**Faithfulness Report:** Attendance 1/5: 54/3 online

Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 9817

Mortgage debt relief: \$ 25

**Website and Facebook.** Come online to check us out! Our website is at [www.stpeternj.org](http://www.stpeternj.org), and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612> .

**Other Important web links:**

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

NJ District LCMS [njdistrict.org](http://njdistrict.org)

LCMS World Relief and Human Care [lcms.org/ca/worldrelief](http://lcms.org/ca/worldrelief)

The “Lutheran Hour” Broadcast [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)



**TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Distribution Hymn, LSB 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ**

This recent hymn, written in 1970 by a 16-year-old young woman, comes from Ethiopia, and is “representative of a new style of hymns from the 1960s and early 1970s.” At that time, a Swedish missionary to Ethiopia, Aurelia Keefer, said that the only hymns in use there were those that had been brought by previous Swedish missionaries. The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, a Lutheran body, was planning on publishing a new hymnal and put out a call for new hymns that could be included. 16-year-old Almaz Belihu submitted this one, and the rest, as they say, is history! She actually submitted it, unsurprisingly, in the form of a tape recording, as most Ethiopian music is primarily oral rather than written out. It is representative of authentic African style, using a pentatonic scale and open harmonies.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 540-546

***Memory Verse Challenge: Isaiah 43:1b***

*“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”*

The  
Baptism  
of  
Our  
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## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

### Old Testament Reading:

#### Isaiah 43:1–7

- <sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are  
mine.  
<sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I  
will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall  
not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you  
shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not  
consume you.  
<sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your  
Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Cush and Seba in exchange for  
you.  
<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my eyes,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give men in return for you,  
peoples in exchange for your life.  
<sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from  
the east,  
and from the west I will gather  
you.  
<sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, Give up,  
and to the south, Do not with  
hold;  
bring my sons from afar  
and my daughters from the end of  
the earth,  
<sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made.”

#### Epistle: Romans 6:1–11

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

#### Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15–22

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”