

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

January 12, 2025

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Jesus' baptism revealed Him publicly to be the Messiah or Christ. He was anointed by the Holy Spirit and affirmed by the voice of the Father. Jesus' baptism also marks the beginning of His public ministry on earth. Throughout the season of Epiphany we'll be observing how Jesus revealed Himself by His words and His works to be the Christ. As heaven was opened when Jesus was baptized, so also heaven is opened to all of us who are baptized.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

We will sing Psalm 2 today. In this psalm God the Father designates His Son as the Messiah or Christ. Jesus was publicly anointed in this role by the Holy Spirit at His baptism.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Second Lesson	Titus 3:4-7
Gospel Lesson	Luke 3:15-17, 21-23

Sermon

Titus 3:3-7

Baptism – God’s Epiphany of Salvation to You

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Shaun Arndt
Sermon..... Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard Mrs. Sarah Bilitz
Projection Slides Kayla Frank

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FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.”

²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.”

⁴So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, “Certainly this is the LORD's anointed.”

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

⁹Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?”

Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.”

¹²He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, “Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one.”

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 2

SECOND READING

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, ⁵he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

²³Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, as we observe your baptism in the Jordan by John, we also ask your blessing on the youngest members of our congregation who were reborn in Holy Baptism by the power of your Spirit. We thank you for these young believers. Bless their parents to raise them in the knowledge of your salvation and love. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Protect our children and teens from the perils and temptations common to youth. Help them to resist pressure to engage in godless and immoral activity. Guard their souls from the pollution and depravity of the internet. When they become confused, show them the way. When they hurt, bind up their wounds. When they fail, restore them by your grace and keep the cross of Christ before their eyes. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bless our young believers with good friends, competent teachers, faithful ministers, caring parents, supportive homes, and life-enriching experiences. According to your wisdom, spare them from the perils of unexpected tragedy, severe illness, violent crime, broken homes or an untimely death. Give them your Spirit to follow you in faith and to live in obedience to your truth. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Prayers of Intercession

Bless all who are baptized, and one day, bring us all to our heavenly home as you have promised. We ask these things in your name, O Jesus.

Amen.