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*"Peace Lutheran Church ... Our mission as a caring family is to reach out to all, share Christ's love, and teach God's Word."*

*Our Vision: Encouraging Our Members to Live 1-to-1 Lives  
Our Focus for 2020: Discipleship in a New Decade*

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## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021

### AS WE GATHER

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

### RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**OPENING HYMN** "You Are Beloved in the Lord"  
You are beloved in the Lord (sung to the tune "Dundee")  
And in His name baptized;  
You have, according to His Word,  
Been taught and catechized.

Renounce the devil's works and ways;  
His promises are lies.  
He tempts God's people all their days  
To faithless compromise.

God goes behind you as a shield  
Protecting you from harm;  
To Him each deadly foe must yield  
Before His mighty arm.

God goes beside you as a friend  
To strengthen you when faint;  
On Him you always can depend  
To hear your soul's complaint.

God goes before you and He leads  
And guides you day by day.  
God knows your hurts and deepest needs;  
He hears you when you pray.

Dear child of God, your cares commit  
To God, the Lord of all;  
He will sustain and not permit  
His righteous ones to fall.

To God the Father glory be;  
Sing glory to the Son,  
Who with the Spirit endlessly  
Reigns ever Three in One.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4*

**P** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
**C** And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

**P** And God said, "Let there be light."  
**C** The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

**P** The voice of the Lord is powerful.  
**C** The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

**P** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.  
**C** The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

**P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## † WORD †

### KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

[Sts. 1–2] **LSB 394**

- 1** Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
- 2** Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

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## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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 in 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** A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT

*(God creates the heavens and the earth.)*

*Genesis 1:1–5*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*(We are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection.)*

*Romans 6:1–11*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*(Jesus is baptized by John.)*

*Mark 1:4–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

*The Gospel is read.)*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## CREED *Apostles' Creed*

**C** 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## SERMON HYMN "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" *LSB 405*

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is My Son," was His decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases 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.**

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## SERMON

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be  
acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*  
– Psalm 19:14

## OFFERINGS

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## OFFERING HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" [Sts. 1, 5] **LSB 783**

1 **Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

5 **Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

**P** Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

**C** **reveal Your grace to us.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth s 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.**

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24–26*



**C** **A-men, a-men, a - men.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” **LSB 590**

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.**
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me  
To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.**
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.**

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✠ in the name of Jesus ✠

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