

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Baptism of Our Lord
January 8, 2023
Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. *-silence-*

Holy One, source of renewal,

we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"

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1. **Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding speak and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.**
2. **Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.**
3. **Jesus, come! in new creation, heav'n brought near in pow'r divine;
give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples come, our first and greatest Sign!**
4. **Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

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Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family:
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the Feast"

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**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

1. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**
2. **Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen
This is the feast of vict'ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. O God our Father,
**at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him
with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to
be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will

not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM (10:30)

"O Come to Set Us Free"

arr. Mary McDonald

PSALM 29 (5:30 & 8)

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

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendor.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

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

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

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

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

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

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

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the

prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Ann Marshall

HYMN OF THE DAY

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

#451

1. **We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**
2. **In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**
3. **Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
in a song that has no ending. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR THE ASSEMBLY (5:30 & 8:00)

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM & AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (10:30)

Introduction

Charge to Parents (10:30)

Prayer

Renunciations and Creed

I ask you to reject sin, affirm your baptismal faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Baptism of Hank Charles Hemenway (10:30)

Invocation and Chrismation (10:30)

Welcome to the Newly Baptized (10:30)

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God, and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Affirmation by the Assembly

People of God, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism, to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Closing Prayer

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church the world, and all in need.

Petitions end: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"

#531

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
the feast is ready to begin.
2. Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
the feast is ready to begin.
3. The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.
Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
the feast is ready to begin.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(spoken)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**COMMUNION HYMNS***"Lamb of God"*

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,
Lamb of God.**

"Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

#445

1. **Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**
2. **We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.**
3. **Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!**

"Now the Silence"

#460

1. **Now the silence now the peace now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling now the plea now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing how the pow'r now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body now the blood now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding now the songs now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the spirit's visitation now the Son's epiphany
Now the Father's blessing now now now.**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"**(sing three times) #473*

1. **Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.**

TABLE BLESSING*At the conclusion: Amen***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***At the conclusion: Amen*

SENDING**BENEDICTION***At the conclusion: Amen.***SENDING SONG***"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

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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 flesh made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy God-head manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
3. Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
4. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE