

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Baptism of our Lord  
January 10, 2020  
Service of Holy Communion**

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**PRELUDE****GATHERING****THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: we give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection, your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God now and forever.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*“Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”*

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1. **Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame,  
as urgent as a flame.**
2. **God called you, “My beloved Son;” you are God’s servant true,  
sent to proclaim the reign of heav’n, God’s holy will to do,  
God’s holy will to do.**
3. **Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call,  
to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all,  
to give your life for all.**
4. **Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord: your cross on us be signed,  
that likewise in God’s service we may perfect freedom find,  
may perfect freedom find.**

**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.**

**EPIPHANY LITANY**

Arise, shine inheritors of God's light,  
bearers of Christ's light to our darkened world,

**The light of God has come into our world,  
and nations will come to its brightness,**

Arise, shine, privileged ones who live in the light of Christ.

Bow before God not in shame but in awe.

**All is visible in Christ's eternal light,  
for in us God's light never goes out.**

Arise, shine, in Christ, God's light has been revealed to us.

It reaches across time and space.

**We have come to see. We have come to follow.**

Arise, shine. In Christ, God's light has been revealed to all people.

God's glory has been unveiled in all the earth.

**May we go and tell. May we go and share God's light with our needy world.**

Come and see:

**the light of God has come into our world to proclaim God's justice and  
love. It has overcome the darkness and brought new life.**

Come and follow:

**Christ our king has redeemed our world.**

**He draws us into a loving family from every tribe and family and culture.**

Go and tell.

**The Spirit has equipped us for service:**

**to love our neighbors and**

**to bring God's salvation to the ends of the earth.**

Come and see, come and follow, go and tell.

**In God's Son the nations of the earth will put their hope**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the  
waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we  
may follow after your Son, 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****Genesis 1:1-5**

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 29**

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 19:1-7**

*While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When*

*Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"Baptized and Set Free"*

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1. **We are people created, chosen by God.**  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
2. **We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.**  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
3. **We are nourished by water, all living things,**  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.
4. **Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.**  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends: let us give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for our unity in the body of Christ.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we give you thanks for making us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in this community of faith. Uphold us, your servants, in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

I ask you to reject sin, profess your 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**

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.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

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

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MEAL

### 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.**

## 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.**

## SHARING OF COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN

*"Beautiful Savior"*

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1. **Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**
2. **Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

**TABLE BLESSING***At the conclusion: Amen***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***At the conclusion: Amen***SENDING****BENEDICTION***At the conclusion: Amen.***SENDING SONG***"Shine, Jesus Shine"*

#671

1. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!  
Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me:
2. Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!  
As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory,  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Go and tell.  
Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**