

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Baptism of our Lord
January 9, 2022
Service of Holy Communion**

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

We gather around this font in the name of the Father and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the fire of rebirth.

You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel.

You breathe life into our dry bones.

Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us, so that the world would know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and breathe new life into all the baptized.

Forgive our sins and renew our faith.

Help us to live as your forgiven people, extending your mercy to all.

By your Spirit, adopt us all as your children, through our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

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1. **Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
2. **Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
3. **Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

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.

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 43:1-7

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. 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. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 only)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Lloyd Larson

PSALM 29 (8:00)

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 8:14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. 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

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

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1. **When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.**

2. He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.
3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM: Knox Jaycob Emerick (8:00)

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance, so we are bold to pray
for the church, the world and all that God has made.

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

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our
prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

#678

1. **God, whose giving know no ending, from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**
2. **Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**
3. **Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you,

**O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide
us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ
our light. 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.

SHARING 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.

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

#800

1. Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.
2. I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant, no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness of my soul away.
3. Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
4. Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
My heart an altar, and your love the flame.

"Spirit of Gentleness"

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Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1. You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
Then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
2. You swept through the dessert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through you people on the rush of the wind.
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.
4. You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

TABLE BLESSING*At the conclusion: Amen***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***At the conclusion: Amen***SENDING****BENEDICTION***At the conclusion: Amen.***SENDING 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.

DISMISSAL

Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE