

Baptism of Our Lord



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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the [☩] Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison: **C: Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison: **C: Lord, have mercy.**

**Hymn
of
Praise**

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Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - obeyed the
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your

children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading — *Isaiah 42:1-9*

A reading from Isaiah

¹Here 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. ²He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. ⁵Thus 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: ⁶I 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, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

P: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glo- ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the beau- ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**he makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸The voice of the LORD makes the ¹ oak trees writhe
and strips the ¹ forests bare.

⁹And in the temple ¹ of the LORD all are ¹ crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned a- ¹ bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as ¹ king forevermore.

¹¹The LORD shall give strength ¹ to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the bless- ¹ ing of peace.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading – Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

P: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation #173 ELW

The cantor will sing first, then the congregation will repeat. The cantor will sing the proper verse and all repeat the alleluia. after the verse.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, | the Beloved, *
with whom I | am well pleased. *Alleluia.* [Matthew 3:17]

Gospel — Matthew 3:13-17**P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.**The Message***The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**Hymn
Of the
Day**
#400
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God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Nicene Creed

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

P: Almighty God, speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Reveal the water of life as we remember Jesus' baptism and our own. Make us wise and careful stewards of the water you provide and bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue among nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. Protect those in military service, peacemakers, and change the hearts of our enemies. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis.. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Look with mercy upon all who are sick or injured in body, mind, and spirit. Surround them with your healing presence and bring wholeness and life to all who suffer, especially those we name before you now... Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Accompany the newly baptized, those recently ordained, and anyone beginning a new ministry. Inspire synod leaders and congregation councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remind us daily that your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. Accept our thanks for those who have died in Christ. Unite us with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection. God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace, Like Jesus with his disciples, pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

Thanksgiving We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Let us pray.

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: We give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**C: 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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

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. **C: Amen.**

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Closing

Hymn

#90

Green

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sed limbs and faint-ing soul;
 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,

an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - them be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885
 Music: SALZBURG; Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.

Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Community Meal — Sunday, JANUARY 8, 11:00—12:00 PM



Jeanette Tracey
June 19, 1931 — December 28, 2022

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, **Jeanette Tracey** was commended to the Lord on January 5, 2023 at Church of the Open Door, E. Market St. The burial followed at Prospect Hill Cemetery. Jeanette was the wife of Donald E. Tracey; the daughter of the late Wilbur & Dorothy Everhart; the mother of Kathy Kline,

Linda Wilcox, Sandy Buckel, Susan Becker; the grandmother of eight grandchildren; the great grandmother of ten and the sister of William Everhart.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice & Community Care, 235 St. Charles Way, Suite 250, York PA 17402.

A Tribute Gift to the HVAC Fund was given to the glory of God

In memory of W. Frank Martin, brother of Joanne V. Martin, who was a HVAC engineer.



MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Dale & Nedra Boyer—Tom Brusan—Evelin Burgos
Janice Cromer—Rich Davis—Bishop Elizabeth Eaton—Bill Everhart—
Don Gise—Eric Gise—Shelva Gise—Sue Guerrini & family—Bruce
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George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—Chris Thatcher—
James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret
Wiley—Dave Yates—the family & friends of Jeanette Tracey.

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Donna Arnold—Norma Buck—Bill Everhart—Don Everhart—Helen Everhart—Doris
Hoffacker—Ken & Joyce Innerst—Gloria & Phil Knobloch—Carla & Mike Lehr—
Jean Leiphart—Joanne V. Martin—Marguerite Ness—Betty Roach—Lois Smith—
Lois Snyder—Joyce Topper—Bob Zeigler

December 31, 2022

OFFERING

General \$ 2,666.00

HVAC Project \$ 3,297.66

- Total donations as of December 31, 2022 for the HVAC Project is \$ 25,140.21.

God's Has a Mission!

As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching and teaching of the Word of God to all people.
We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving, in worship, fellowship, and witness to Jesus Christ!

We belong to:

- ◆ The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
 - ◆ The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America—
Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.
 - ◆ The Lower Susquehanna Synod—Bishop James Dunlop.
 - ◆ The York Conference—The Rev. Stanley Reep, Dean
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 - ◆ We are partners with the Iyunga Parish in Tanzania, Pastor Jimmy Mwakomile, and the Konde Diocese, Bishop Edward Mwaikali
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**This Week
CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday
Office Closed