

Baptism of Our Lord



St Peter's Lutheran Church
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Service of the Word

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

✝ **Gathering** ✝

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, gathers us in worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

You are invited to have a bowl of water and a lighted candle nearby. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**


You are invited to dip your fingers into your bowl of water and make the sign of the cross on yourself or on each other.

**Opening
Hymn**
#304
ELW


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 - beyed 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.

Text: F Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.
Music: LOBT GOTT IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561
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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



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

**Gloria
In
Excelsis**



☐ **G**lory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



☐ **L**ord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



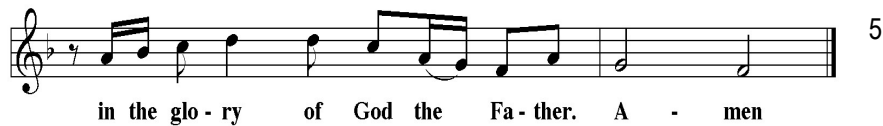
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



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**

✚ Word ✚

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

First Reading — *Genesis 1:1-5*

A reading from Genesis

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the 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. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

Psalm 29

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

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory ¹ due his name;
worship the LORD in the beau-¹ ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of ¹ glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the ¹ mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow-¹ erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a ¹ voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the ¹ cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce-¹ dars of Lebanon;

⁶**he makes Lebanon skip ¹ like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a ¹ 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 wilder-¹ness of Kadesh.

⁸**The voice of the LORD makes the¹ oak trees writhe
and strips the¹ forests bare.**

⁹And in the temple¹ of the LORD all are¹ crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a-¹bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as¹ king forevermore.**

¹¹The LORD shall give strength¹ to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the bless-¹ing of peace.

Second Reading — Acts 19:1-7

A reading from Acts

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He 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." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul 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." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When 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.

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

Gospel Acclamation [sung to the tune of Hark! The Herald Angels Sing]

The cantor will sing first, then the cantor and congregation sing together. The cantor will sing the verse, and the congregation repeats the Alleluia.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Allelu!

Alleluia. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son,¹ the Beloved,*
with whom I¹ am well pleased." *Alleluia.* (Matt. 3:17)

Holy Gospel — Mark 1:4-11

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he

ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you 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**
#647
Blue

When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
Music: KING'S LYNN, English folk tune
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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: As we celebrate Jesus Christ the Son embodied in human flesh and blood, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious and merciful God, inspire wisdom and a spirit of proclamation in your church. Uplift leaders to share the truth of your word in community, especially Elizabeth, James, and Geoffrey our bishops, and all pastors and deacons. Encourage all Christians to live into the promises of baptism. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Renew your creation and restore the rivers in which your children are baptized. Summon the stewards and caretakers of the land to cherish your good works. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Be present in every country and community. Raise up leaders committed to equity and healing for those most in need. Grant them discernment and compassion as they lead in love. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Protect and cherish the most vulnerable among us. Accompany those separated from family or hurting from broken relationships. Shelter our unhoused neighbors and any experiencing poverty. Protect those incarcerated in prisons and detention centers. Care for the sick and suffering, especially those we name now.... *(pause)*... God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Encourage our congregations, especially those facing challenges that make the future uncertain. Guide us in accompanying, learning from, and serving our neighbors, following the example of Jesus. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Help us to entrust all who have died into your care. Give hope to those who grieve even as we rest in your eternal promise of resurrection. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Trusting the Holy Spirit to intercede for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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.

Support God's Mission

Offering *Please consider making your thank offering to God ...*

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Canticle of Thanksgiving

#82

Green

As with Gladness Men of Old

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;
 5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.
 there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Let us pray.

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

#673
 ELW

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.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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.

Postlude

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Helen Louise Everhart



July 30, 1927 — December 22, 2023

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to everlasting life, ***Helen Louise Everhart*** will be commended to the Lord at a tribute service on January 5, 11:00 am, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. *Helen* was the wife of the late Martin L. Everhart, Jr. She was the daughter of the late Sara M. Porter Hall & George A. Miller; the mother of Wendy Voorheis & Jolie Brown; the grandmother of Justin & Kyle Voorheis, Kristy Kochenhour, Derek, and the late Stacey Jo Brown; the great grandmother of Aidan, Madden & Addison Kochenhour & Andrew Brown.

EPIPHANY WORSHIP

Sundays, JANUARY 7 thru FEBRUARY 11

[No 8:45 AM service at St. Peter's]

8:00 AM — Early Service **At St. Paul's Lutheran Church,**
25 W. Springettsbury Ave., York

10:30 AM — **At Christ Lutheran, Manchester**

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- * **Ash Wednesday Service, FEBRUARY 14, 3:30 PM** — at St. Peter's
 - * * **Sunday, FEBRUARY 18** — Worship will resume at St. Peter's Lutheran

Troop 57 Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, JANUARY 27, 3:00-7:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Manchester
Tickets are \$10 [adults} \$5 [children]

DECEMBER 31, 2023

OFFERING

General \$ 1,157.00 HVAC \$ 55.00 Christmas \$ 170.00

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!

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- ◆ 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
- ◆ We are partners with Christ Lutheran Church, Manchester, PA

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This Week CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday
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