



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 10, 2021



Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

TODAY'S THEME

The Baptism of Our Lord

During the Epiphany season we want to get to know Jesus. This Sunday we get to know him by baptism, both his and ours. Take note! Jesus' glory is evident only to a chosen few; the glory of our life with Christ is by faith, not by sight

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Public Worship

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
(during Advent and Lent)
Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
(see our Facebook page)

Serving Today:

Preacher - Pr. Jack Kelly
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A/V Technician- Steve Willett

Our Worship

ORDER OF SERVICE

Baptism Gathering Rite—*Christian Worship Supplement*, pg. 8
Service of the Word—*Christian Worship*, pg. 38

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

♪ **Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.
Your Spirit now shall live within.**

(Christian Worship #294 - "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy")

P: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

(John 3:5,6)

P: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.

(Psalm 51:5)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

(1 Corinthians 6:11)

♪ **My loving Father, there you took me
To be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
The fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.**

P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**♪ My faithful God, you fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
Oh, cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.**

P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**♪ All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely,
And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but yours alone.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

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. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs 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 Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 49:1-6

God will put His Spirit on the Christ.

¹ Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver.

³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

⁴ But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD'S hand, and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the LORD says— he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—

⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

P: Great are the works of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Great are the works of the Lord.

C: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

P: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

C: The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

P: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill."

C: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 16:25-34

A family in Philippi is baptized.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everybody's chains came loose.

²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be

saved—you and your household.”

³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole family.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 1:11b (*Read Together*)

Alleluia! You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

The baptism of Jesus.

⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁶ John wore clothing made of camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey.

⁷ And this was his message: “After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“To Jordan's River Came Our Lord”

Christian Worship #89

- 1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.**
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father’s will
And all his promises fulfill.**
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,
Descended on him from above.**
- 4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound
Came God’s own voice with words profound:
“This is my Son,” was his decree,
“The one I love, who pleases me.”**
- 5 The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight
Anointed Christ in glorious sight
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall
To save the world and free us all.**
- 6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

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Sermon

Text: Mark 1:4-11

Jesus Wants to Be Like Me

- 1. Taking responsibility for sin**
- 2. Enjoying the benefits of baptism**

We Respond to God's Word

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING (taken at the door)

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"
Christian Worship Supplement #736, v. 1-4

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts he gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!**
- 2 You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied him.**
- 3 But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.**
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
Our shame is fully covered
With all that he once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of his own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.**

*This hymn calls to mind the gifts of Holy Baptism—new life, forgiveness,
and the divine inspiration to offer our lives in service to God and others.*
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CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized"
Christian Worship Supplement #736, v. 5,6

- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.**
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!**

January 10-17, 2021

Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship (with Communion)
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	12:00 p.m.	Church Council
	7:00 p.m.	Youth For Christ
Wed	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Fri	6:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook

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