The Baptism of Our Lord

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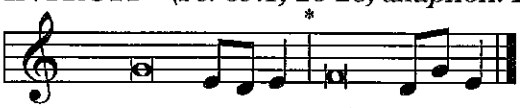
INTROIT *(Ps. 89:1, 26-28; antiphon: Lit. Text, Ps. 89:20)*



*Behold the Lord, the rul- / er, has come, **
and the kingdom and the power and the glory are / in his hand.
I have found David, my | servant;*
with my holy oil I have a- | nointed him.
*I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- / ever; **
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- / ations.
He shall cry to me, "You are my | Father,*
my God, and the Rock of my sal- | vation."
*And I will make him the / firstborn, **
the highest of the kings / of the earth.
My steadfast love I will keep for him for- | ever,*
and my covenant will stand | firm for him.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *(Ps. 72:18-19)*

Blessèd be the LORD, the God of / Israel, *
who alone does / wondrous things.
Blessèd be his glorious name for- / ever; *
may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and / Amen!

VERSE *(Ps. 143:10)*

Alleluia. Teach me to do your will, for your are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground! Alleluia.

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-7

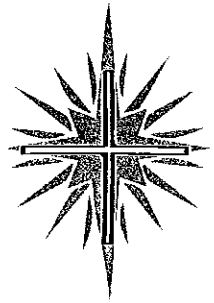
[1]Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. [2]He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; [3]a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. [4]He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. [5]Thus 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 on it and spirit to those who walk in it: [6]"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, [7]to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

Epistle:
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

[26]For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27]But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28]God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29]so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. [30]He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sancti-fication and redemption. [31]Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Holy Gospel:
Matthew 3:13-17

[13]Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. [14]John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" [15]But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. [16]And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; [17]and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."



BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Study Notes for the Christian Layperson

by: Rev. C. Brian Bucklew

Collect of the Day:

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Introit:

Psalm 89:1, 26-28 (antiphon: liturgical text; Psalm 89:20) – *The LORD, the ruler, has come*

Psalm:

Psalm 85 (antiphon: v. 9) – *Salvation is near to those who fear Him*

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-7 – *The Lord's Chosen Servant*

Gradual:

Psalm 72:18-19 – *Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel*

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 – *Christ Jesus became to us wisdom from God*

Verse:

Psalm 143:10 – *Teach me to do your will, for you are my God*

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Matthew 3:13-17 ESV

Author and Date:
Matthew Levi the apostle around AD 50. This is the Baptism of Jesus, who is revealed to be the Son of God, and who prepares the waters of Baptism for us. (Matthew 28:19; Titus 3:5-8).

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him

- This is the same river Jordan that was miraculously parted by the Lord in Joshua 3-4, where the Lord through Elijah and Elisha miraculously divided its waters (2 Kings 2:8, 13-14), and where Naaman the leper was miraculously cleansed of his leprosy (2 Kings 5:14).
- Now people were being baptized here by John, confessing their sins (Mark 1:5). John was proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:3). The forgiveness of sins by God's Word and water is an even greater healing than that of Naaman the leper. Why then is Jesus, the sinless Son of God, coming to be baptized?

14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

- John is confessing that he is unworthy to baptize Jesus, because John is a sinner but Jesus is the sinless Son of God. John knows he is not worthy to even untie the strap Jesus' sandal, much less to baptize him (John 1:27).

15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

- Here is the answer from Jesus' own mouth on why He is baptized: to fulfill all righteousness. "In other words, in order that poor sinners might come to righteousness and be saved, [Jesus says to John you must now baptize me. For I have for the sake of sinners become a sinner and must fulfill that which God imposed upon sinners, in order that they might become righteous through me." (Martin Luther, *House Postils: Epiphany: Third Sermon* — 1534). "For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- St. John Chrysostom says of this verse: "I am come to do away the curse that is appointed for the transgression of the law. I must therefore first fulfill it all, and having delivered you from its condemnation, in this way bring it to an end. It becometh me therefore to fulfill the whole law, by the same rule that it becometh me to do away the curse that is written against you in the law: this being the very purpose of my assuming flesh and coming hither." (*Homily XII, Matt. III.*, 13.)

16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;

- This verse is beautifully explained in the Collect of the Day: "Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit."
- The one who came down from heaven has the heavens opened to Him. He is anointed by the Holy Spirit resting on Him. This is fitting, for He is the Christ (Christ means the "Anointed One"), conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary

17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- The entire Trinity is present and at work in Holy Baptism. The Father is pleased on account of Christ who is with the waters of baptism. The Holy Spirit comes upon the baptized. Jesus is not merely setting an example in being baptized. Jesus is sanctifying the waters of baptism with His very body. He is the Word with the water (Ephesians 5:26). He is the Word made flesh (John 1:14).
- Heaven is opened to the baptized. Jesus' baptism not only shows, but ensures that "baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word." (*Small Catechism*, Baptism)

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary!

NOTE our new email address for the Church Office:
peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

After the early service, join us from 9:15am-9:30am for Coffee & Goodies in the new Fellowship Hall! Stick around for Sunday School and Adult Bible Class! We are currently studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lessons for PreK-8th Grade from 9:30-10:15am in Education Wing.

FAMILY NIGHT Starts back up this Wednesday January 10th! Take a much needed break during the middle of your week and sit at the feet of Jesus. Come join your church family in fellowship, education and worship! Meal at 5:30pm, Classes, Choir at 6:00pm (PreK-8th) and Service at 7:00pm. Sr. Youth meet after Service until 8:30pm.

FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS REGARDING SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE As part of the responsibilities of the Board of Elders, the Divine Service Schedule for Peace Lutheran Church has been reviewed. Roughly three years ago with two pastors on staff the idea was born to have a Saturday night service to give members of Peace Lutheran another opportunity to attend Divine Service if not able to attend on Sunday morning. The attendance goal was 25 but we have only averaged 11. Along with having a Pastor at this service, there is a need for volunteers to help assist with the service. It has been a little bit of a stretch to have ushers, an elder, an acolyte, and a person for music available every Saturday to meet the needs of the Divine Service. The board also reviewed Pastor's schedule for the Peace Lutheran Church and how the Saturday Divine Service fits into that schedule.
Upon reviewing all of this information and time spent in prayer and a lot of discussion, with a heavy heart the Board of Elders have made a decision to suspend the Saturday Night Divine Service for the time being. The idea of a Saturday Night Divine Service will continue to be reviewed periodically and if circumstances change, the Board would be joyful in reinstating the Saturday Night Divine Service. The last Saturday night service is December 16th.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 01/07 Mark Thurin 01/09 Annette Steiner, Elik O'Shea 01/10 Diana Troudt, Kari Wolfe 01/11 Grace Gnagy, Haidyn Russell 01/12 Rev. Marcus Mackay, Joan Primrose 01/13 Ethan Wolfe, Allison Haller, Janie Hinrichs

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 01/07 Jan Callan 01/11 Dan Witt, Mary Wolzen 01/13 Malachi Mackay, Kevin Hart

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: 01/09 Rick & Sonya Latta

HIGHER THINGS DEVOTIONALS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex Jan. 7th-Feb. 13th, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

PEACE LUTHERAN PHOTO DIRECTORIES available in the Fellowship Hall Members are listed by last name. The back cover will have your name on it!

Members who purchased Poinsettias, please take home!

2018 LEADERSHIP PLANNING MEETING - 6:00PM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH - *ALL Council, Board & Committee Members need to be in attendance. Please bring your yearly calendar. Supper will be provided!*

A significant PLEDGE from a member of Peace was recently given towards our Open the Doors II Capital Campaign, which is the remainder of what is owed for our new construction. This pledge of $100,000.00 will be given at the end of this year in the hope that matching funds will be given by other members of Peace!

LIFEQUOTE "Our happiness, therefore, does not depend on a new year or a changed situation, but upon the Lord and our changed relationship, our deepened growth, in Him and in terms of His will for us ... 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you' (Matthew 6:33 KJV)." *R. J. Rushdoony, philosopher, historian, and theologian – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

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LCMS STEWARDSHIP: Baptism of Our Lord

Matthew 3:14 – John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" John is right: what Jesus is doing makes no sense! But this is the upside down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

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January 7th
8:00 & 10:30am

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Welcome to Peace!

We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ! If you have not already done so, we ask that you sign the Guest Book at the entrance to the church. Contact information can be written in the Fellowship Book located in the aisle side of each pew. If you do not have a church home and are interested in becoming a member here at Peace, please contact Pastor Mackay 402-831-1084.

The Lord's Supper is a Gift . . . and as with all our Lord's gifts, we desire to give and receive them as He intends. The Lord's Supper is for our benefit, but it can be received unworthily. *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11:27). Therefore, in faithfulness to our Lord, and in love for you, Peace follows the practice of closed communion.

All Guests must visit with our pastor before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with our Pastor prior to the service, he is more than willing to visit with you during the week.

The Divine Service utilizes beautiful Liturgies and Hymns that the Christian Church has passed down for generations, all the while retelling the story of salvation and enacting the work of Christ among us. This bulletin contains an outline to assist you in locating the various parts of the service within our Hymnal. The inserts have the Scriptures & Propers for the Day, as well as Notes about this particular Sunday or Festival of the church year. May God strengthen you today with His Word and Sacrament!

Prayers of the Church

Families in Mourning + of Shirley Jacobitz + of Winafred Reiners + of Donald Thoesen + of Wilma Debban **Miscarriage** + Erica Siebert **Expecting** + Erin Erb **Hospice Recovering, Surgery, Hospitalization** + Mark Dieken + Bill Novak + Mary Black + Alan Fredricks + Jan Utecht + Karen Harwager + Carey Sramek + LeRoy Thom + Cathy Richards + Susan Patrick + Van Aschenbrenner **Health Issues** + Randy Russell + Olivia + Arlo Irmer + Jace Moore + Thomas Gatz + Carol Krause + Jesse Beran + Janice Callan + Jo Metzger **Cancer** + Sylva Anderson + Andy Jacques + Taylor Cochrane + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston + Margaret Groteluesschen **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Marcus J. Mackay
Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
Acolytes: 01/07 8am Micah Mackay 10:30am Allie Janssen
01/14 8am Merrick Russell 10:30am Hunter Fowler
Altar Guild: Jan. Gwen Ruppert, Mary Wolzen Feb. Ruth A., Ethel S., Mary G.
Ushers: 8am Craig Weseman, Dale Bauman 10:30am Don Nissen
Elders: 01/07 Roger B. 308-390-3484 01/14 Dale G. 308-641-6658
Bus Drivers: 01/07 Gary O. 402-469-9797 01/14 Gary O. 402-469-9797

Gifts of Time and Treasure

Christmas Eve/Day Attendance	56	Weekly Year to Date Attendance	151
Last Week's Offerings		**Year to Date Offerings**	
Current Fund	$ 2,447.50	Current Fund	$ 171,810.41
Property Fund	$ 25.00	Property Fund	$ 4,037.00
* Missions Fund	$ 25.00	* Missions Fund	$ 9,522.50
Memorial Fund	$ 0.00	Memorial Fund	$ 2,340.00
TOTAL	$ 2,497.50	TOTAL	$ 187,709.91
Last Week's Budget		**2017 Budget**	
Current Fund needed	$ 3,508.17	Current Fund (12mo.)	$ 182,425.00
Difference	$ - 1,060.67	Difference	$ - 10,614.59
Property Fund needed	$ 48.07	Property Fund (12 mo.)	$ 2,500.00
Difference	$ - 23.07	Difference	$ + 1,537.00
Open the Doors II Capital Campaign (Building Project)			
Last Week	$ 995.00	Given to Date	$ 152,447.00
		Two Year Goal	$ 390,000.00
		Difference	$ - 237,553.00

* We do not set a budget for "Missions Fund." Whatever is received is given in total to Synod & District, as well as Missionaries and Outreach (decided by the Voters' each year). A laudable goal would be 10% of total yearly Budget!

The Lord's Week

Sunday, January 7th	8:00am Divine Service 9:15am Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30am Divine Service
Monday, January 8th	9:30a Sewing for Orphan Grain Train 6:00p Men's Steak Night
Tuesday, January 9th	9:30a Bible Study 6:00p Leadership Planning Meeting
Wednesday, January 10th	11a Senior Bible Study 11:30a Lunch Village Diner 5:30p Meal 6:00p Classes & Choir 7:00p Worship 7:30p Senior Youth
Sunday, January 14th	8:00a Divine Service 9:15a Sunday School & Bible Study 10:30a Divine Service

Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peacelutheranhastings@gmail.com

DIVINE SERVICE
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The Words of our Lord
Pax Domini & Agnus Dei
Distribution #627 #594 #601
Dismissal & Nunc Dimittis
Thanksgiving & Collect
Salutation & Benedicamus
Benediction
Hymn #405
Announcements
Postlude