

News and Notes of Interest

Please use our new Narthex to enter and exit the Sanctuary! 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 from 9:30am-10:15am! We are currently studying the New Testament book of Hebrews in our Adult study.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and WEDNESDAY FAMILY NIGHT RESUME: May the Lord richly bless all parents, youth, children, teachers and volunteers! We Welcome Pastor Jack Kirk & wife Jo to our Wednesday Midweek Family Nights.

Divine Service Schedule Change: Starting Sunday, February 3, 2019 Divine Service will begin at 9:00 A.M. followed by coffee and dessert time at 10:15 A.M. Bible Study will follow beginning at 10:30 A.M. Elders

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: 1/13 Ethan Wolfe, Allison Haller, Janie Hinrichs 1/14 Becky Hesterman 1/19 Gary Ockinga

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES: 1/13 Malachi Mackay, Kevin Hart 1/15 Don Nissen 1/19 Gary Ockinga

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: 1/15 Willard & Carol Garlock

HIGER THINGS DEVOTIONS & PORTALS OF PRAYER available in the Narthex January 6-February 9, 2018. Please check in this weeks bulletin for Bulletin Study Notes for the Christian Layperson.

INSTALLATION OF NEW LEADERS on Sunday, January 27th 8:00am & 10:30am Services. Thanks!

MEN'S STEAK NIGHT: A reminder that there will be no Men's Steak Night for the month of January.

VOLUNTEERS:

Peace Lutheran Church is looking for volunteers to serve as a Chairperson and Members for the Stewardship Committee. If you have a desire to serve on this board, please contact Roger Buck 308-390-3484 or personemlz@charter.net.

USHERS: sign-up sheet on the Narthex, (table) please prayerfully consider serving. Dale Bauman

CARD SHOWER: Carol Metzger 80 Years Young! Carol will be celebrating her 80th Birthday on January 15th and her Family has requested a card shower from her friends at Peace Lutheran Church! God's Blessings, James & Sharon Metzger & Family Carol Metzger PO Box 433 Lake Park Iowa 51347

LIFEQUOTE "If God places such high value on life—all life (John 3:16)—how can we possibly be less concerned? We do love others because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). We speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves (Proverbs 31:8) because when we had no voice, no standing, no defense, Jesus stepped in on our behalf. There is no way we can be less loving." *Christian Life Resources - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

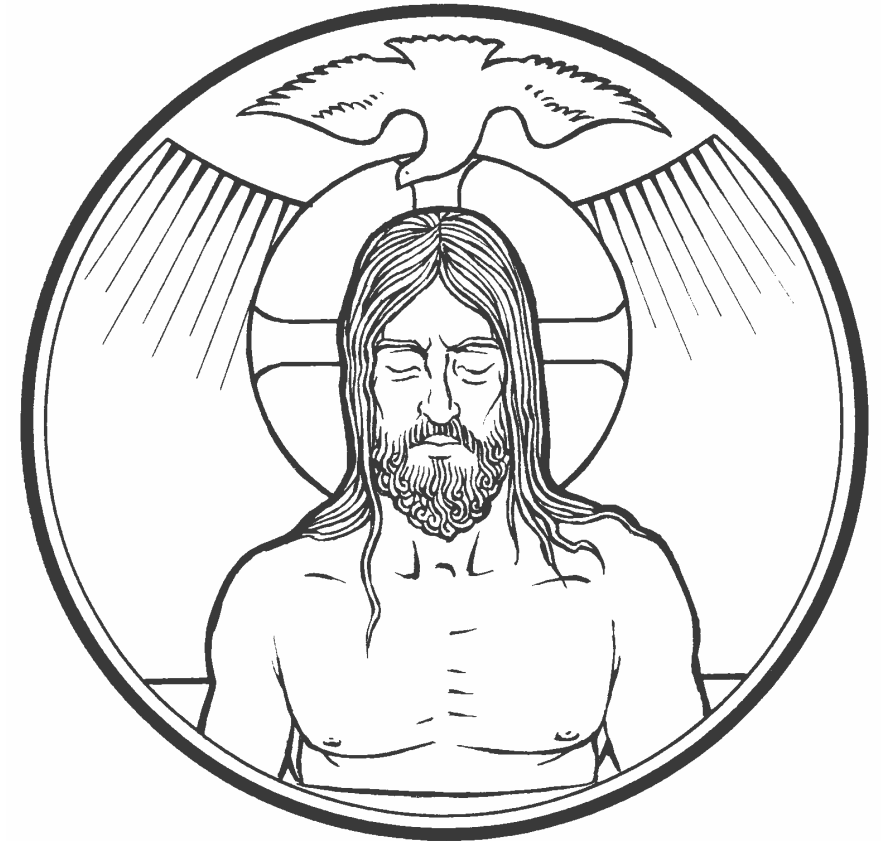
EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL. This week's teachings include: The Confession of Peter, Mortification, The Wedding at Cana, Daily Bread and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

LCMS (Baptism of Our Lord)

Matt. 3:15 - "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.'" Fulfilling all righteousness is not a task we are up to. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism - our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 13th
8:00am & 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 an Elder.

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. If you are a fellow LCMS member, please let an Elder know beforehand!

All Guests should visit with any of our Elders before coming to the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper. If you do not have opportunity to visit with an Elder prior to the service check with our Head Elder, Roger Buck, during the week, see bottom of page for contact information.

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

New Members + Marilyn Anthony + William & Elaine Beezley **Expecting** + Kayla Reutzell
Hospice, Surgery, or Hospitalization + Patt Lentfer + Peggy Saddler + Hudson Quandt
 (Infant) + Rodney Rose + Deb Johnson + Al Kress **Hospice** + Cathy Richards **Health Issues** + Kobyn Morgan (Infant) + LaVona Henkel + Dale Bauman + Carol Krause + Walt Irmer + Tammy Alber + Lindsay Brettman + Margret Herbert + Jean Thom + Randy Russell **Cancer** + Merna Urwin + Kent Cohagan + Angel Adz + Kathy Sneed + Barbara Classan + Andy Jacques + Ed Elshof + Marilyn Houston **Military** + Gary Thompson + Ross Peters

In His Service

Presiding Minister: Rev. Jack Kirk, CDR & Chaplain, U.S. Navy, Retired
 Organist: Dr. Phil Hesterman Cantor: Mr. David Witt A/V: Tim Yurk
 Altar Guild: January: Mary Wolzen, Bertha Alvidrez Feb. Ethel S., Ruth Albers
 Ushers: 8:00am Craig W., Ron F. 10:30am Glen K., Walt I.,
 Elders: 01/13 Dale G. 308-641-6658 01/20 Don N. 402-460-6430
 Bus Drivers: 01/13 Harold H. 402-984-9666 01/20 Kevin H. 402-984-2904

For emergencies during the Vacancy please contact Head Elder, Roger Buck at 308-390-3484 or email at personemlz@charter.net.

Gifts of Time and Treasure

<u>Last Week's Attendance</u>	111
<u>Last Week's Offering</u>	\$ 4,021.25
<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 2,250.28

OTD II Capital Campaign *Remaining Loan Balance as of 11/30/18* \$ 188,923

For more Financial Information see monthly newsletter

A complete accounting of all financials are provided at each Quarterly Voters' Meeting.

Questions? Contact our Bookkeeper, Mrs. Jan Hinze jan@balancedbooksllc.com

The Lord's Week

Sunday, January 13th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Sunday School & Bible Study
	10:30am	Divine Service
Monday, January 14th	9:30am	Sewing for Orphan Grain Train
	4:00pm	L.W.M.L. Executive Board
	7:00pm	Right to Life Board
Tuesday, January 15th	9:30am	Bible Study
Wednesday, January 16th	5:30pm	Meal 6:00p Classes, Choir
	7:00pm	Worship 7:30p High School Youth
Friday, January 18th	1p-6pm	Reserved-Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall Basement
Saturday, January 19th	1p-6pm	Reserved-same Lambrecht Family
Sunday, January 20th	8:00am	Divine Service
	9:30am	Annual Voters' Meeting
	10:30am	Divine Service

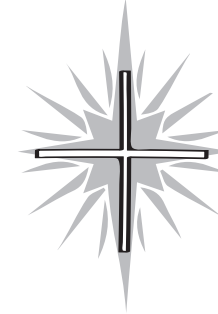
Church Office hours are 9:00am to 12:00 noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. The office may be closed on occasion due to holidays and errands. Our Secretary is Mrs. Jeri Dush, Church Office 402-462-9023 or peace.lutheran.hastings@gmail.com

In His Baptism, Jesus Takes His Place with Sinners

Our Lord Jesus is baptized "to fulfill all righteousness" (Matt. 3:13-17). He partakes of a baptism for sinners in order that He might be our substitute and bear the judgment we deserve. In the water, Jesus trades places with us. Our sin becomes His sin. His righteousness becomes our righteousness. Our glory, therefore, is in "Christ Jesus, who became to us . . . righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor. 1:26-31). Jesus is the "chosen" One sent from the Father to release us from the prison house of sin and death (Is. 42:1-7). Baptized into Christ, we also become the chosen ones, beloved of the Father. We cross the Jordan with Jesus (Joshua 3) through death into the promised land of new life with God.



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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*



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*)

The Baptism of Our Lord

13 January 2019 Anno Domini

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



*Behold the Lord, the rul- / er, has come, **
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I have found David, my | servant;*
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*I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- / ever;**
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He shall cry to me, “You are my | Father,*
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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;*
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VERSE (Ps. 143:10)

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

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-7

¹Behold 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 aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. 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 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, ⁷to 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

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