

# Baptism of Our Lord

You are my Son, the Beloved;  
with you I am well pleased

LUKE 3:22



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Service of the Word

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Welcoming all to know and love Jesus.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**GATHERING SONG** *Baptized and Set Free*

**ELW 453**

**GREETING**

**KYRIE**

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**CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7**

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 29**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

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

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

## **SECOND READING: Acts 8:14-17**

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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## **GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in

bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *You Are Mine*

**ELW 581**

## **PRESENTATION**

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth. Sustain oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands. Watch over dormant plants and hibernating animals as they rest in your care. Renew your creation and protect all creatures from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have no home. Shelter those who cannot afford a home, and those who have been driven from their homes by violence, persecution, or war. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need of healing. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the sick. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and those we name before you in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Hold us safe in your arms of mercy and bring us with them into your promise of life eternal. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING** *As with Gladness Men of Old* v.1,3 **ELW 302**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING SONG** *We Are Called*

**ELW 720**

**DISMISSAL**

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**IN NEED OF PRAYER** Dennis Rocker, Mary Forys, Janice Convis, Guy MacIntosh, Sue Kasemeyer, Paul & Ruth Reyelts, Delores Cook, Vi Dunn, Will Tanner, Clyde Moore, Louis Eisen, Loretta Lukasak, Elizabeth MacDonald, Sharon Ann Wheeler, Adeline Harsch, Pat Greenwood, Patricia Jones, Marc Dease, Stacey Yax, Ruth Morris, Bernie Nummer, Carole Stiefvater, Ed Myers, Jeremy Bryan, James Mitchell, Marlene Hand, Kenneth Eisen, Connie Felstow, Linda Leist, George Eisen. (Please call or email the office at [stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stpeterelca@sbcglobal.net) to update information.)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome those who are visiting with us. Please take time to sign the registration book or the guest register in the lobby and introduce yourself to Pastor Ken. We hope that you will find our worship edifying and our congregation warm and receptive. We are glad that you are here.

DVD copies of the 9:30 a.m. worship service can be produced for those who are shut-in or others who would like a copy. Let us know in advance if there is a service that you would like recorded.

On January 16, we will start a seven-week study of *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News about Living a Generous Life*, by Mark Allan Powell. This book is a good place to start our yearlong reflection on stewardship. Please sign up on the bulletin board near Pastor Ken's office if you are interested. There is also a signup sheet if you would like to study this book but cannot make the Wednesday morning study. Cost of the book is \$9.

At Risk Training will be offered on Sunday after the 9:30 am service. Anyone who works with our youth and has not been trained should attend.

There will be a Fellowship/Outreach meeting after worship on Sunday.

On Saturday, January 19 from 10am-12 pm, join us to learn some safety basics. First Aid, CPR, AED, blood loss and emergency preparedness will be taught by Michigan State Police and a former Detroit paramedic. This is a free training session! To register, call the office or Katy Emerich, 810-824-0495. We would encourage church volunteers to attend, especially those who help during services (usher, etc.).

On Sunday, January 20th anyone in grades 6-12 is invited to Tim Horton's after worship. Please bring money to buy your own drink and lunch if you would like.

Much to Pastor Ken's dismay (and yes, Pastor Ken is going) the high school students and adults in the congregation have been invited to attend a worship service at U of M campus ministry. We are going on Sunday, January 20. We are also taking a meal of lasagna to join in fellowship after worship. If you are interested in going, making a tray of lasagna, donating a salad, or garlic bread, please see Pastor Joyce for details.

On Wednesday, January 23 from 6:30-7:45 anyone in grades 6-12 is invited to take a break from studying and spend some relaxing time in fellowship. There will be a dessert of some sort and time to breathe in the midst of the busyness at school.

Sunday, January 27 following worship we will have a family game day. We are asking that each family bring a crock pot of soup to share and at least one of their favorite card or board game. It is national chocolate cake day so Pastor Joyce will make chocolate cake to share. Please sign up on the bulletin board located in the hallway.

Middle school youth are invited to Junior High Charge, March 22-24, 2019, at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. Registration is open. Students 6-8 grade are invited to attend. If you are interested in going please see Pastor Joyce for more information.

C. J. Clark is the executive director at Living Water Ministries. Living Water Ministries puts out programs such as camp, the Great Lakes Gathering (for high school students), and Charge (for middle school students). He will be in worship on February 3 and then available to meet with youth and parents after worship to answer any questions about any of the Living Water Ministries events.

Thank you to those who gave us cards and gifts during the Christmas season. We are especially thankful for the generous financial gift from the congregation. We are blessed to be a part of St. Peter's.  
 Pastor Ken and Pastor Joyce

Thank you to the many individuals who organized, planned and participated in the various activities, special events, and worship services at St. Peter's during the Christmas season. It is a blessing to see so many people giving of their time and abilities.  
 Pastor Ken

**SERVING TODAY:** Greeter: Robin Bell; Ushers: Jon Jones & Scott Bell; Acolyte: Courtney Green; Scripture Reader: Lauren Maier; Projectionist: Ann Eisen

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Katy & Alan Emerich

**ATTENDANCE:** Saturday, 15; Sunday 68

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Prayer 9:30 am Bible Study 10 am Confirmation 6:30 pm	VBS Planning meeting 6 pm Choir 7 pm	Pastors' day off	First Aid & Safety training 10 am Worship, Communion 5 pm	Sunday School, Worship, Communion 9:30 am Worship committee 10:30 am Youth to Tim Hortons' 10:30 am High School to U of M