

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Baptism of Our Lord

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*The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.*

### DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

#### PRELUDE

*Organist*

#### OPENING HYMN

*"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" LSB 596*

- 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



Matthew 3:16, NRSV

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.

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!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their  
Baptism.*

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

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart  
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching  
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us  
forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my  
sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You  
and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal  
punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and  
sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your  
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,  
innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved  
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a  
poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a  
called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the  
grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the  
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your  
sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of  
the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

**INTROIT** *Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*  
P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**C I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me,  
“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

**P** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**C You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

**P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**C Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,**

**P** for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

### GLORIA PATRI

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**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



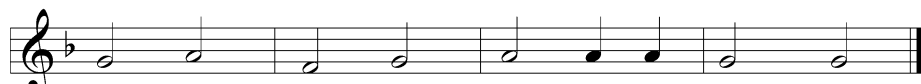
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

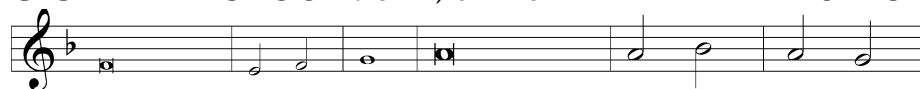


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

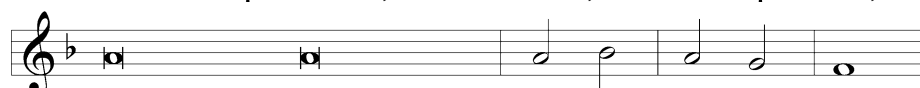
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**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



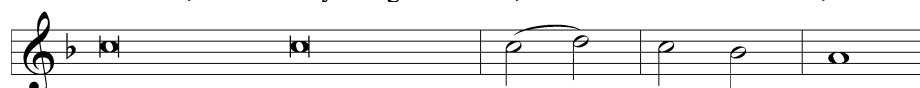
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



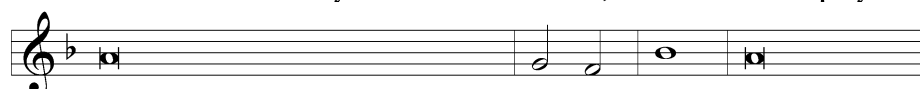
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



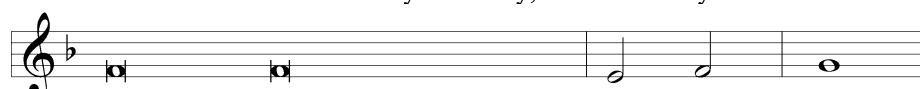
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



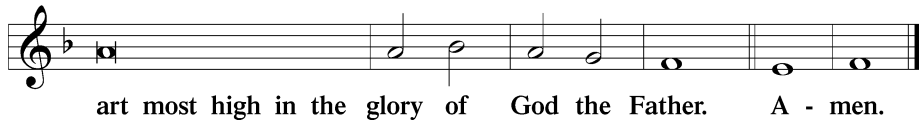
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

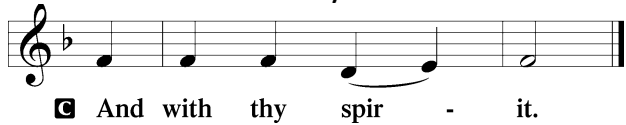


**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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P The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



P Let us pray.

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.



*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 42:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>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.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>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:  
<sup>6</sup>"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,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**

*Psalms 29*

P Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
C **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

P The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**C The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

P The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**C He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

P The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

**C The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

P The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

**C The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

P May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

## EPISTLE

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so

that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA

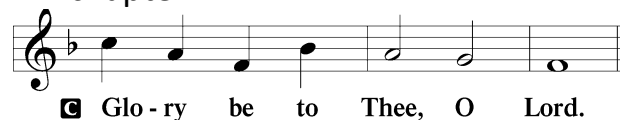
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## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 3:13–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>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; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from

heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### NICENE CREED

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**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down  
from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin  
Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the  
Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both

**the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of  
sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" LSB 405*

- 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 righteousness 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** Rev. Khai Lee  
 "What a Great Exchange!" **Matthew 3:13-17**

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
 keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY** *Psalms 51:10-12* LSB 192

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-  
 new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-  
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

*LSB 196*

**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.**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 201*

P The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24-26*

*LSB 202*

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



**CLOSING HYMN** *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” LSB 398*

- 1 Hail to the Lord’s anointed,  
Great David’s greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;

And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.

- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.
- 5 O’er ev’ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.

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**CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organist*

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