



## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Church Service:** Sunday, 9 am  
**Bible Class:** Sunday, 10:15 am

### Service Information

**Date:** Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Sunday of the Church Year:** First Sunday after the Epiphany—The Baptism of Our Lord

**Order of Worship:** Service of the Word, pg. 38 (red hymnal)

**Hymns:** 90                      89                      709 vv. 1-3

**Psalm of the Day:** 2

**Sermon Text:** Acts 16:25-34

**Sermon Theme:** What Epiphany Is All About

1. Desperate souls who need a Savior
2. Opportunistic Christians who share the Savior

### Season of Epiphany

The shortness of the Christmas season transitions into Epiphany (a word that means appearance, manifestation, revelation), which meditates on the divine nature of Christ as was shown in his life and teaching. *Who* Jesus is forms the foundation for our understanding of *what* he has done, which is emphasized in Lent & Easter.

Liturgical Color: (Epiphany Sunday, The Baptism of our Lord, Transfiguration Sunday) White—the color of the godhead and eternity; the color of the robe of the glorified Christ and of the angels and saints in heaven; the color of perfection, joy, purity.

(Rest of the season) Green—the color of life and nourishment; the basic color of nature.

### General Information

**Welcome to our guests!** Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. Please join us again soon!

**Restrooms** are located on the first left down the hallway.

**Nursery** If your child becomes restless, that's okay... We're glad they're here and Jesus is pleased when you bring them to hear His Word! Perhaps a moment or two with you is all that is necessary. Our nursery is located at the back of the church and is speaker equipped with a view of the sanctuary.

**Activity Bags** Does your little child, age 5 and under, need something to keep their attention during the service? On a tree stand in the nursery are several activity bags. Please feel free to make use of them during the service.

**Special Envelopes** for the maintenance and cleaning funds are available at the back table by the guestbook.

**Interested in Learning More?** Check out our church website! Under the 'About Us' tab, there is a quick link to a page entitled "What We Believe." If you wish to go more in-depth, go to "What We Offer" and click on "Bible Information Class," which will take you to our online Faith Builders Class. Or speak with Pastor Ody if you have any questions.

### **Last Week's Statistics:**

Attendance: 46    Offerings to the General Fund: \$3,118.00

Weekly Requirement: \$2,092.38 YTD surplus/shortage: +\$1,025.62  
 Special Gift: \$20 to the maintenance fund in memory of Bonnie Stratton.  
 We praise God for moving the hearts of His people to support the spread of His Gospel.

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD<sup>1</sup>**

### **Bells & Welcome**

### **Hymn 90: The People that in Darkness Sat**

1. The people that in darkness sat A glorious light have seen;  
 The light has shone on them who long  
 In shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
2. To us a child of hope is born, To us a son is giv'n,  
 And on his shoulders ever rests  
 All pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
3. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Everlasting Lord,  
 The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
 The God by all adored, The God by all adored.
4. His righteous government and pow'r  
 Shall over all extend;  
 On judgment and on justice based,  
 His reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
5. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
 And make us yours alone,  
 For you are with the Father and  
 The Spirit ever one, The Spirit ever one.

*STAND*

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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<sup>1</sup> This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

## Confession & Absolution<sup>2</sup>

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

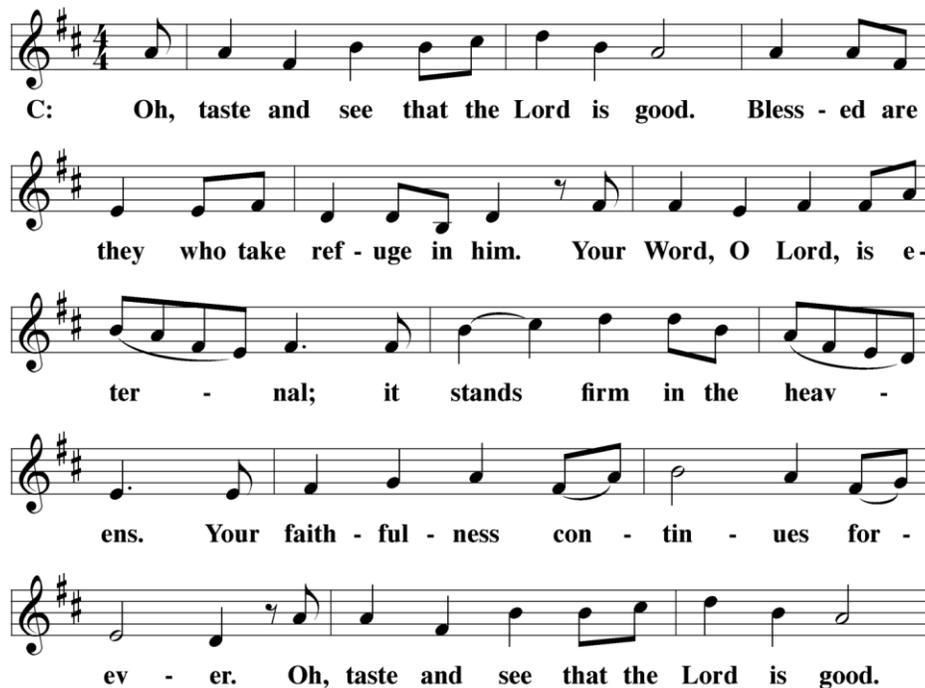
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Oh, Taste and See**



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

<sup>2</sup> Scripture tells us that our sins separate us from God—not just from his presence, but even from him listening to our prayers and praise (Psalm 5:4; Isaiah 59:2). It is through Christ and his forgiveness that we have access to the throne of God (I Timothy 2:5; Ephesians 3:12). Therefore, we begin our worship by coming to God to confess our sins and receiving his absolution—that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners (John 20:21-23).



### Prayer of the Day<sup>3</sup>

M: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*



BE SEATED

## ✠ The Word ✠

**First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-6** *In one of Isaiah's servant songs, the Servant of the Lord describes his calling and his work: "to restore the tribes of Jacob" and to be "a light for the Gentiles."*

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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." <sup>4</sup>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." <sup>5</sup>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—<sup>6</sup>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."

<sup>3</sup> The Prayer of the Day begins with the Salutation. This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service. The prayer often focuses on the context of the Gospel or Second Lesson, aiding in the unity of thought throughout the service.

## Psalm of the Day

### Psalm 2

*Refrain*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-

lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*

Why do the nations conspire\*  
and the peoples plot in vain?

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

#### *Refrain*

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;\*  
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,\*  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

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

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

#### *Refrain*

**Second Lesson: Acts 16:25-34** *The jailer at Philippi poses a crucial question: "What must I do to be saved?" Paul and Silas point not to deeds but to faith, and they then baptize the jailer and his whole family.*

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>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. <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." <sup>32</sup>Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. <sup>33</sup>At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup>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.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

STAND<sup>4</sup>

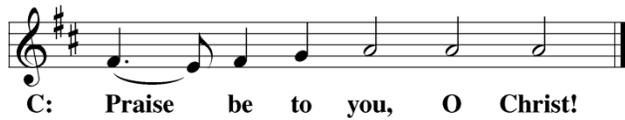
**Gospel: Mark 1:4-11** *Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. The Father gave his Son his full testimony in a voice thundering from heaven.*

And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open

<sup>4</sup> The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words and Christ, our King.

and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



### **Hymn 89: To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

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.

### **SERMON**

**Sermon Text:** Acts 16:25-34

**Sermon Theme:** What Epiphany Is All About

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*STAND*

## Apostles' Creed<sup>5</sup>

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING

### Prayer of the Church<sup>6</sup>

*Another prayer may be used.*

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

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<sup>5</sup> Public Confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Apostles' Creed as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

<sup>6</sup> Prayers and petitions are made on behalf of the Church.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: 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.

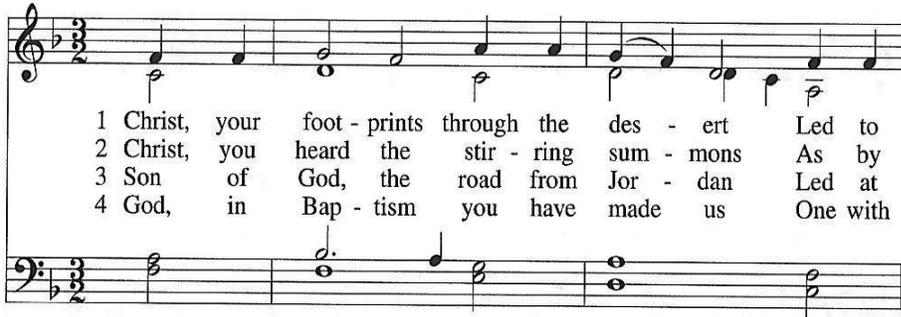


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**Hymn 709: Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert vv. 1-3**  
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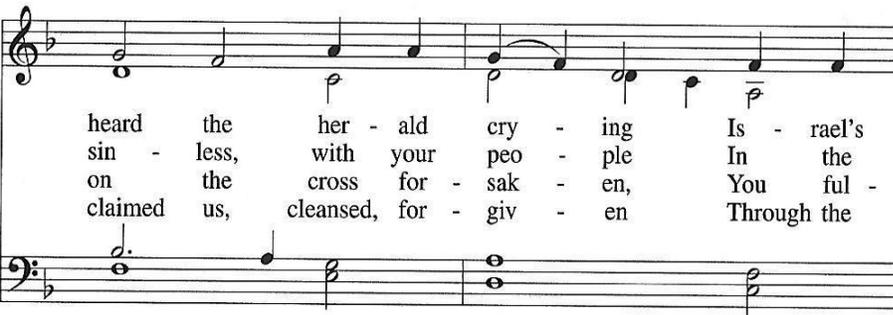
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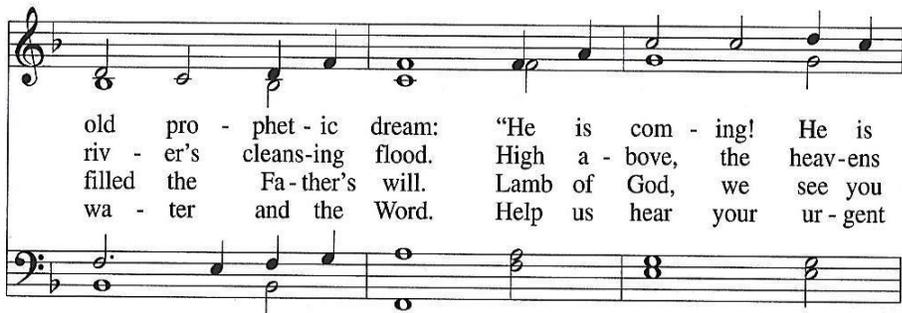
1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert Led to  
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons As by  
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan Led at  
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us One with



Jor - dan's flow - ing stream. There you  
 Jor - dan's bank you stood; Bathed, though  
 last to Cal - v'ry's hill. There up -  
 Christ, our ris - en Lord; Freed us,



heard the her - ald cry - ing Is - rael's  
 sin - less, with your peo - ple In the  
 on the cross for - sak - en, You ful -  
 claimed us, cleansed, for - giv - en Through the



old pro - phet - ic dream: "He is com - ing! He is  
 riv - er's cleans-ing flood. High a - bove, the heav-ens  
 filled the Fa - ther's will. Lamb of God, we see you  
 wa - ter and the Word. Help us hear your ur - gent

com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with  
o - pened; Came the Spir - it as a  
dy - ing, Sin - less, yet for sin - ners  
sum - mons, Call - ing us to serve you

flame! Sin - ners, plunge be - neath the  
dove; Spoke a voice be - yond all  
slain. But where death rose up to  
now. Send us forth, your sons and

wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"  
hear - ing: "See my Son, the one I love!"  
tri - umph, You be - gan your glo - rious reign!  
daugh - ters, With the cross up - on our brow.

*This hymn not only underscores the significance of our Lord's baptism in his work of salvation but also demonstrates the intimate connection between his baptism and our own.*

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### Announcements

**Thank You** to Pastor David Haag for serving as our guest pastor today. Pastor Haag serves as religion and Spanish instructor at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. May God bless Pastor Haag's message today and his ministry at WLA.

**Church Council** meets this Tuesday evening at 7 pm.

**Voters' Meeting** The annual voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> after church.