

Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

Baptism in Christ carefully balances the terror of death and the exhilaration of resurrection. Sin is dismantled, disarmed, and destroyed. The sinner, engrafted now to Christ, becomes a new creation, baptized and resurrected like Jesus, alive to God and claimed by Him forever. The realm of death cannot possess the life of a believer. John boldly engages in this ministry of proclamation and divine action. Even Jesus submits to Baptism, receiving the declaration of His Father, "You are My beloved Son."

Contact Information – To request prayer or to set up an appointment, contact the church office at 853-3217 or stpeterhilbert@gmail.com. In case of emergency, please contact one of the elders or Pastor Peterson.

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

Hymns: 728, 593, 644

Serving in our worship...

Preacher: Pastor Mark Peterson

Audio/Visual: Dan Bergelin, Dan Koffarnus

Altar Guild: Dan & Cindy Koffarnus

Our Response to His Love

	(1/5)	(12/31)	(12/29)	(12/24+25)	(12/22)	(12/15)
Attendance:	46	24	46	109 + 55	46	45
Offerings:	\$2100	\$315	\$1244	\$4843	\$1623	\$1724

This Week at St. Peter

January 12-19, 2025

Sunday, 1/12

Fellowship

Tuesday, 1/14

1:00 p.m.

W.I.M. Meeting & Bible Study

6:30 p.m.

Bible Study

Sunday, 1/19

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

(Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11)

8:30 a.m.

Divine Service

Sunday School

Introit

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

C my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

P I will tell of the decree:

C 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,

C and the ends of the earth your possession.

P You shall break them with a rod of iron

C and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

C be warned, O rulers of the earth.

P Serve the LORD with fear,

C and rejoice with trembling,

P for his wrath is quickly kindled.

C Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**All: 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.**

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

C my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Installation of Officers of the Congregation of St. Peter – **Chairman** – Wally Jentsch; **Board of Elders** – Dan Koffarnus, Dan Bergelin, Dean Bergelin, Dale Mueller; **Board of Trustees** – Dan Schroeder, Kurt Kamps, Dave Schwalenberg, Mark Menge, Dave Franz; **Treasurer** – Doug Koffarnus; **Secretary** – Maria Schroeder.

Fellowship – Join us in the fellowship hall today after the service for refreshments. If you are interested in helping provide some of the treats in the months to come, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

Voters Meeting after the service on Sunday, January 26th.

Hymn Fest and Prayer Service at St. Luke on Sunday, January 26th beginning at 3:00 p.m.

W.I.M. Meeting and Bible Study Tuesday, January 14th at 1:00 p.m. One of our planning items for 2025 will be the potential revision of our funeral dinners. If you have ideas or concerns, please join us for this discussion. Our funeral chairladies will be making plans after the meeting to consider the input that is received. We will also discuss hosting a joint soup luncheon with St. Luke with proceeds going to VBS. Be sure to bring your Bible and your latest Quarterly for our Bible study.

Gifts from the Heart – Souper Bowl Sunday – We are gathering items for the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Chilton. This is one of our favorite mission projects every year as the need after the holidays is great! These donations add up quickly and benefit so many. We love it when that box is overflowing onto the floor!! It means that so many are willing to share the blessings each of us has received from our loving God.

Luke 3:21 – “Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying ...” We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn’t need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. 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.

Old Testament *Isaiah 43:1-7*

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Epistle *Romans 6:1-11*

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel *Luke 3:15-22*

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”