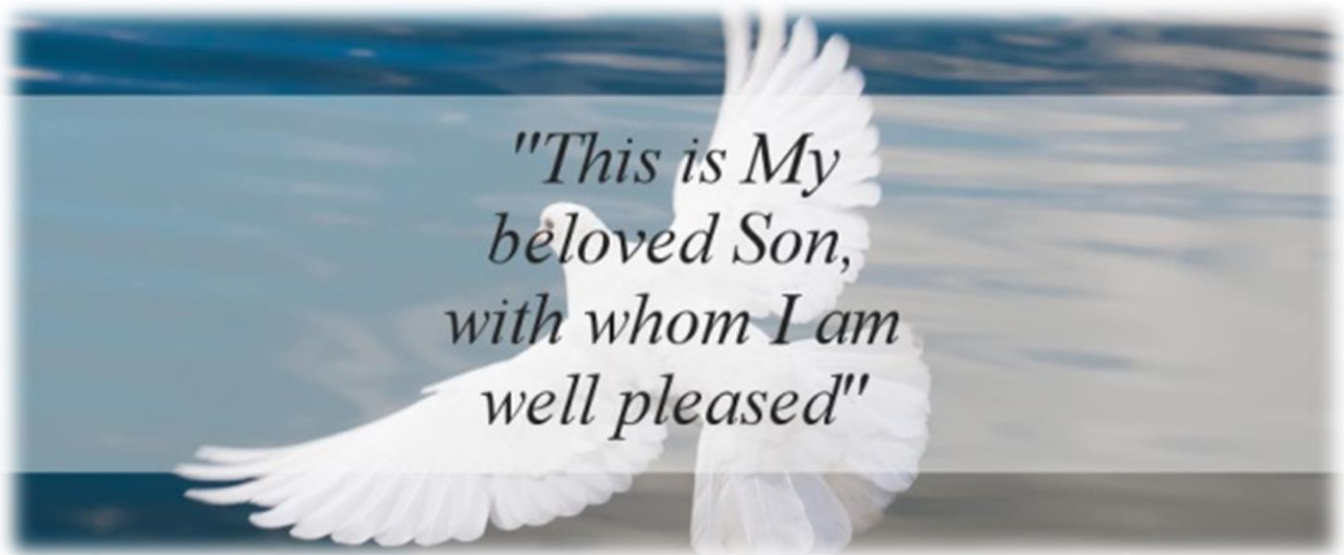


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## **The Baptism of Our Lord**

*Sunday, January 8, 2017*  
*The First Sunday after the Epiphany*

### **Service Notes:**

- The following psalms in the front of the hymnal (page 64f) will aid you in your meditation before receiving the Lord's Supper: Psalms 34, 42-43, 51, 84, 116, 150. Prayers for preparation for worship are on pages 10 and 11 in the hymnal. A form for preparation for Communion is on page 156.

- Please sign the friendship registry in the pews before the service or during the offering. If you have a prayer request or would like Pastor Schaefer to visit or call you, please note your request.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. Our guests are kindly asked to note that it is our practice to first become a member of our communion fellowship before communing with us. Please speak to our pastor about becoming a member of our communion fellowship.

## **THE COMMON SERVICE (page 15)**

**OPENING HYMN:** #16 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

**STAND**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



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

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the

name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your 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, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**BE SEATED**



**THE WORD**

## **FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-7**

- 42** 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.

### **PSALM OF THE DAY:** Psalm 45

The congregation sings Hymn #369 “Beautiful Savior”

### **SECOND LESSON:** Acts 10:34-38

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by the choir)

Alleluia! You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia! (Mark 1:11b)

### **STAND**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

## **GOSPEL:** Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <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."



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**



## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only  
Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down  
from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,**

**and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***BE SEATED***

***GOSPEL RESPONSE:*** “Jesus, Once with Sinners  
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Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
had no blemish of his own.  
In the waters of the Jordan  
his true worth and work were shown.  
Heaven opened and the Spirit  
there descended like a dove,  
As the Father’s voice resounded,  
“Hear my Son, the One I love.”

John confessed him as the Savior—  
“Look the sinless Lamb of God!”  
Yet he dared not loose the sandals  
of the one God’s love had shod.  
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,  
bringing news of peace to us:

Christ, the herald of salvation,  
preaching mercy from the cross.

This the baptism that our Savior  
greatly longed to undergo:  
This the crimson cleansing needed  
so the world God's love might know;  
This the mission of Messiah  
as he stepped from Jordan's stream;  
He, the chosen and anointed  
Son of God, sent to redeem.

Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
full obedience was your path.  
You, by death, have consecrated  
water in this saving bath:  
Dying to the sin of Adam,  
rising to a life of grace.  
We are counted with the righteous,  
over us the cross you trace.

**HYMN OF THE DAY: #89 "To Jordan's River Came Our  
Lord"**

**SERMON**

**STAND**

**PSALM 51 RESPONSE** (page 20)



C: 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 your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

**OFFERING**

**STAND**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE BAPTISM OF  
OUR LORD**

**M:** Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved

Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.

**C: We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.**

**M:** Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleansed us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.

**C: Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
We claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
among your saints, your chosen host,  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.  
Your Spirit now shall live within.

**C: All that I am and love most dearly—  
receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely,  
and help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
serve any will but yours alone. Amen.**

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## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**



## **THE SACRAMENT**

## **PREFACE**

**M: The Lord be with you.**



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

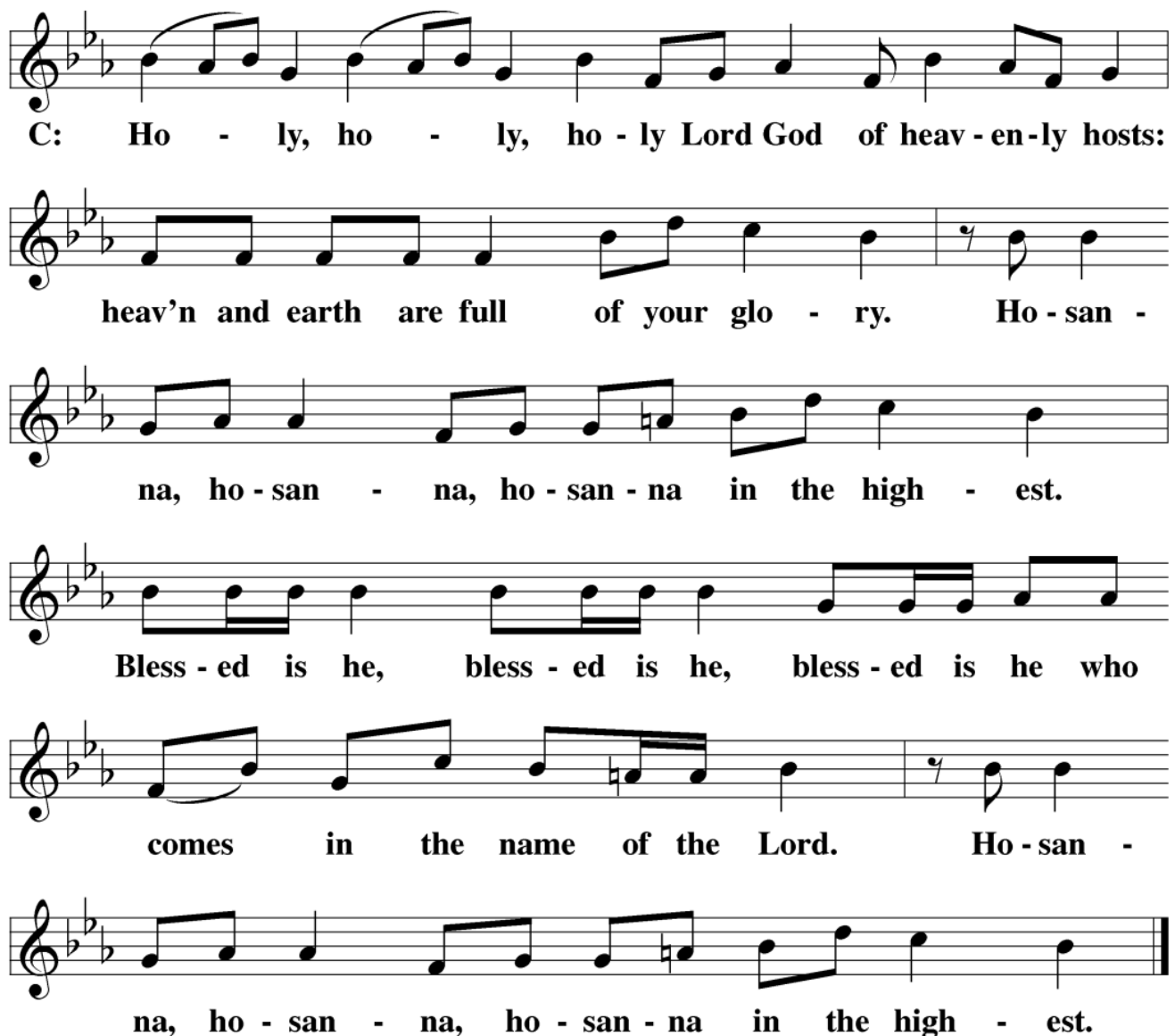
**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
 na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is the new testament in my (+) blood, which is poured out for you



for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

#88 “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”

#91 “The Star Proclaims the King is Here”

# THANKSGIVING (page 24)

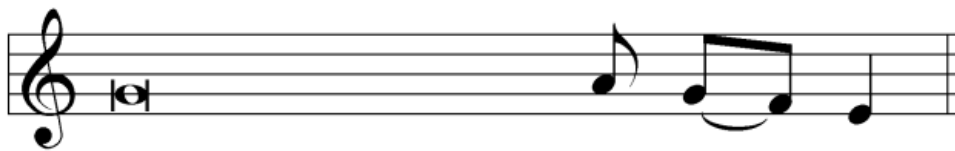
STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON (*Nunc Dimittis*)



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we

willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**M:** 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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### **THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S**

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| Today     | - 9:30 AM Divine Service                       |
|           | - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class |
| Wednesday | - 9:00 AM Bible Class                          |

Thursday - 4:00 PM Youth Catechism  
 - 6:30 PM Handbell Choir rehearsal  
 - 7:00 PM Senior Choir rehearsal  
 Sunday - 9:30 AM Divine Service  
 - 10:45 AM Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Serving next week: Altar Guild – Mimi Barber; Ushering – Team 2

**The Board of Stewardship and Education** will be hosting a chili/game night on Saturday January 28th at 6PM. Just bring your favorite chili and a board game for a night of fellowship. Drinks and tableware will be provided. A signup sheet is posted in the narthex.

**ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS** – The 2017 Altar Guild schedules have been placed in your mailboxes.

**THANK YOU** to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations on Saturday. Your efforts are appreciated.

**The Board of Trustees** is working to clean up the school building in a variety of ways. In line with that, we have gathered up all the computer hardware that is no longer needed. If any members have a need for this equipment it will be available during January. The available equipment has been placed on a table in the far end classroom. Please contact the St. Peter's office or Howard Alaniva (734-612-4480) if you'd like to acquire a monitor, display, keyboard or any combination. Equipment not picked up by 1-31-17 will be appropriately disposed of and/or recycled.

**PASTORAL CARE & MERCY** – Please remember with prayers, cards and visits those who needs have been reported.

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