

# *1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

Sunday, January 12, 2014

## **SERVICE NOTES:**

- Please note the Psalm of the day is Psalm 45. The congregation will sing hymn #369 "Beautiful Savior".

- 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.

**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.

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## **THE DIVINE SERVICE (p. 26)** **Service of Word and Sacrament**

**THE HYMN** – #16 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** (hymnal, p. 26)

**PRAYER AND PRAISE** (hymnal, p. 27)

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (hymnal, p. 29)

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**The Service of the Word**

**FIRST READING** – Isaiah 42:1-7

**PSALM OF THE DAY** – Psalm 45 –  
The Congregation sings hymn #369 “Beautiful Savior”

**SECOND READING** – Acts 10:34-38

**VERSE OF THE DAY** – Alleluia! You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am  
well pleased. Alleluia!

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** – Matthew 3:13-17

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - #89 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

**THE SERMON**

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**NICENE CREED** (hymnal, p. 31)

**OFFERING & OFFERING ANTHEM** - “When Jesus Came to Jordan”

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When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
He did not come for pardon, but as his Father’s Son.

Refrain: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
This is God’s Chosen One.

He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins. (Refrain)

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss;  
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross. (Refrain)

So when the Dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began. (Refrain)

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (hymnal, p. 32)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (hymnal, p. 32)

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**The Service of Holy Communion**

**THE SACRAMENT** (hymnal, p. 33)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS -**

#88 "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

#91 "The Star Proclaims the King is Here"

#309 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

**THE THANKSGIVING** (hymnal, p. 36)

**BENEDICTION** (hymnal, p. 37)

**OFFICIANTS:**

Preacher & Celebrant: Pastor Paul Schaefer

Communion Assistants: Jim Cutler

Organist: Mrs. Jan Jacobi

Soloist: Julie Webber

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

Today	- after service	Women without Voters' Representation
Monday	- 7:00 PM	Monday Evening Worship
Tuesday	- 7:00 PM	Voters' Assembly
Wednesday	- 8:05 AM	Chapel
	- 9:00 AM	Bible Class
Thursday	- 7:00 PM	Bible Information Class
	- 7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Sunday	- 8:30 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	- 9:30 AM	Divine Service

**SERVING NEXT WEEK –**

Ushering: Team #1 Altar Guild: Mimi Barber

**ATTENDENCE (Last Week) – 71**

**BACK PEWS –** Please keep the back two pews for parents with young children.

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

**HAWK TALK –** Di you know that Huron Valley Lutheran High School made the news in the centennial edition of the *Forward in Christ* magazine? The picture on page 25 of the January issue highlights the ongoing joint work between Huron Valley Lutheran High School, Palabra de Vida of Detroit and Peace Lutheran of Livonia. May the Lord continue to bless this gospel outreach effort! To keep up to date with HVL, sign up for the weekly E-News at [hvlhs.org/E-news.htm](http://hvlhs.org/E-news.htm).

**INVITATION –** Walter and Donna Trapp are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 PM in St. Peter's gymnasium. They would love it if you could join them in celebrating this glorious occasion. Light refreshments will be served. In lieu of gifts, Walter and Donna have requested donations be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to Phil Trapp at 734-476-6981 or via email at [trappps@comcast.net](mailto:trappps@comcast.net). To God be the Glory!

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** – The next quarterly Voters' Assembly will be **this** Tuesday, January 14 @ 7:00 PM. We will meet in the church basement. Please plan on attending.

**SAVE THE DATE** – The Bd. of Stewardship will be hosting a “Super Bowl” Bd. Game Party after church on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks.

**USHER SCHEDULES** – The 2014 Usher Schedule is available at the communion registry. If you are an usher, please make sure you take a copy home with you.

**REMINDER** – Please make sure you are using your **2014** offering envelopes and discard any old 2013 envelopes you may still have.

**MESSENGER ARTICLES** – Messenger Articles are due to the church office by Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

**PASTOR SCHAEFER'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - There will be a celebration to honor Pastor Schaefer's 25 years in the ministry on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a special service at 4 PM which will be followed by a celebratory meal at 5 PM. We will need volunteers to help. More details will be presented in the church bulletin **next Sunday**, January 19<sup>th</sup>, which will include how to sign up to help using an online service, SignUpGenius. For those who would prefer not to deal with the internet, you can call the church office to offer your time. Thank you for noting this and we hope to have everyone attend.

*First Lesson – Isaiah 42:1-7*

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.” This is what God the LORD says—he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

*Second Lesson – Acts 10:34-38*

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

*Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17*

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”