

**Order of Service – January 8, 2017 - Service of Holy Communion
Baptism of Our Lord**

Music: Brock & Merry Jo Smith

Speaker: Pastor Bart

Good morning and welcome to our service.

If you need increased volume for the service, please see one of our ushers for an audio headset.

If you are visiting St. Peter's today, please tell us about yourself by filling out one of the brochures in the seat pocket in front of you and leave it in the offering tray.

For the parents, if you need to use a Cry Room for your children you are welcome to use the walkway area. The television there displays our service.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group meets at 10:00 am here in the walkway.

"The Power of a Whisper" Study will continue on January 12, 2017, 11:30 am, at the church with Pastor Bart.

The Acts Bible study led by Bob Peters will continue on January 12, 2017 here at St. Peter's. New people are welcome to attend.

Slovakia Mission is tentatively scheduled for August 16-28, 2017. Running an ESL VBS program for children/youth, with the help of Slovak translators. Possibly doing an adult women's book study. Possibly prayer ministry. Staying with billets or in a Bible school dorm. Estimated cost including flights, food and accommodation: \$2500.00 per person.

Interested in Hosting a small Group Study. Talk to Pastor Bart.

Interested in Teaching Sunday School. Talk to Pastor Bart.

Not Now! It's Too Early! It's Too Difficult! I'm Too Young!

Whether you die suddenly or have a life-limiting illness, you need to put plans into place that will lighten the load on your family and honor your end of life wishes. Planning ahead will mean that your family doesn't have to make these difficult decisions under pressure.

Join Rick Bergh and his special guests for an afternoon of education and inspiration that will help you...

- See the importance of discussing your end-of-life plans.
- Make decisions based on important questions that determine YOUR final wishes.
- Get started in formulating your plans and documenting your desires.

By the end of the afternoon, you will have practical tools to help you begin these important conversations.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Sunday, January 15, 2017 at 4pm

Prelude Hymn: Thy Word

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to Your side
I will love You to the end

Welcoming and Announcements

Bringing in the Light and Opening Prayer

The Greeting (LBW p56)

The Salutation (p. 62)

Opening Hymns: Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning **LBW 84**

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,

Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Bright And Glorious Is the Sky

LBW 75

Bright and glorious is the sky
Radiant are the heavens high
Where the golden stars are shining
All their rays to earth inclining
Beckon us to heav'n above
Beckon us to heav'n above

On the holy Christmas night
Through the darkness beamed a light
All the stars above were paling
All their luster slowly failing
As the Christmas star drew nigh
As the Christmas star drew nigh

Sages from the East afar
When they saw this wondrous star
Went to find the king of nations
And to offer their oblations
Unto him as Lord and King
Unto him as Lord and King

Him they found in Bethlehem
Yet he wore no diadem
They but saw a maiden lowly
With an infant pure and holy
Resting in her loving arms
Resting in her loving arms

Guided by the star, they found
Him whose praise the ages sound
We too have a star to guide us
Which forever will provide us
With the light to find our Lord
With the light to find our Lord

As a star, God's holy Word
Leads us to our King and Lord
Brightly from its sacred pages
Shall this light throughout the ages
Shine upon our path of life
Shine upon our path of life

The Prayer of the Day

All: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Children's Message

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is 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.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
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 upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Epistle Lesson: Romans 6:1-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 3:13-17

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: 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 the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

Sermon

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Prayers of the people

Sharing of God's Peace

Offering

Offertory Hymn: What Child Is This

LBW 40

What Child is this who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

Offertory Prayer

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All: Merciful Father,
We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time,
and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who
offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Words of Institution

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Lord's Prayer

The Distribution

Hymns During Distribution:

In the Bleak Midwinter

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Heaven cannot hold him, Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away When he comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter A stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But his mother only, in her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain

Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
West-ward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to they perfect light!

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a deity high;
Prayer and praising, gladly raising,
Worshipping God Most High

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings alleluia:
Alleluia the earth replies.

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Benediction

Dismissal

Closing Hymn: Shine, Jesus, Shine

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Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light

Lord the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Chorus

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:

Chorus

Lord I come to Your awesome presence
From the shadows into Your radiance
By the blood I may enter Your brightness
Search me try me consume all my darkness
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

Postlude