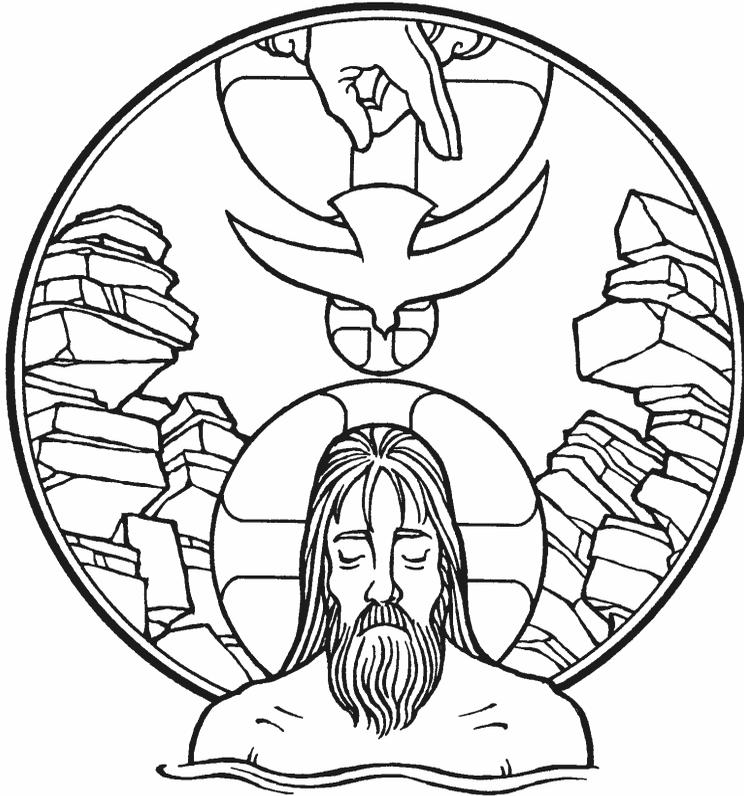


**Baptism of Our Lord (January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023)  
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## Opening Hymn: 605 Father Welcomes

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

**I will tell of | the decree.\***

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.

**You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”**

Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.

**Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
and rejoice with | trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

## Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:  
**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Let us pray.  
Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1–9*

- <sup>1</sup>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:  
“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,  
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 carved idols.  
Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

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

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

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.

*Sit*

**406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

**Offering**

**Commissioning and Installation of Lori Conrad  
Installation of Congregational Officers  
Reception of Members by Transfer or Profession of Faith**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all the baptized, that having been united to Christ's death and resurrection through water and the Word, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and equipped with His gifts to live the new life given us by God's gracious act, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who proclaim Jesus Christ, that through their godly message, many would repent of their sins and join Him in His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For families, that the Lord would bless all parents, especially mothers, to joyfully acknowledge the gifts of spouse, children and home; and for the elderly, the widowed and the orphaned, that our heavenly Father would show forth His grace to them so they would not feel alone, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the rulers of the nations, that they would submit to the preaching of God's Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those threatened by natural disaster, dangerous weather, pestilence, flood or famine, that our God who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, would provide all that is needed for this body and life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in need of healing and deliverance, including:

Charlie Crosby

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews) for strength as she receives therapy

Bob and Helene Hegerfeld (Father and Mother of Brenda Scherer)

Ron Franz for strength and healing

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Andy Buuck (Nephew of Suzann Rekeweg)

Larry Hockemeyer (Father of Lori Conrad)

Cheryl Caffee

Paul Gunsett

Lori Sprunger who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer

Herb and Sharon Banning

Leanne Busick

Donna Berning as she recovers from brain surgery

Vera Berning

that God would provide healing, restoration, and justice according to His good and gracious will; and that He would cause us to rejoice in the everlasting faithfulness of Christ, His Servant, who preserves the bruised reed and the faintly burning wick, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who partake of Holy Communion today, that living as those who have been crucified with Christ in Baptism and raised to newness of life, we would receive with repentant hearts His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your Church from every tribe and nation. Grant that Your people throughout the world would rejoice in the death and resurrection of Christ

and live as those who have died and risen with Him in Holy Baptism; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## Benediction

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

### In His Service Today:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Carl Petzold

**Organist:** Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

**Deacons:** Matt Braun (Head), Fred M. Fuelling, Louie Fuelling, Matt Rogusz

**Elders:** Rod Busick (Head), Jim Fuelling, John Fuelling, Andy Wolf

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERINGS:** (12/31): Home Purpose/Total Offerings- \$7,410.00; SPI- \$20.00; (1/1): Home Purpose/Total Offerings- \$4,118.00; SPI- \$50.00.

**\*NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$6,500.00.\***

**NEW ST. PETER MEMBERS** being received today are: The Beer Family, The Rogusz Family, The Buuck Family, The Reynolds Family, and the Nate Scherer Family.

**DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. PETER:** I would like to share a heartfelt THANK YOU with all that sent cards, memorials, visits, prayers, thoughts during the past couple months here, of Mom and Dad's time here on earth and at their passing. You are greatly appreciated and loved.  
-Duane & Karen Franz

**CARD SHOWER:** The family of Marilyn (Boerger) Buuck would like to request a card shower for her 90th birthday upcoming on January 27th. Her address is 5424 West 1050 North, Decatur, Indiana 46733. Any well wishes or note you would like to include would be appreciated. Thank you and May God Bless You throughout 2023.

**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE** will be Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE have all reports in to Jen Fuelling ASAP with Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> as the absolute deadline. The reports will be formatted, printed, and ready to hand out by the January 29<sup>th</sup> Voters' Assembly.

**SPI BOARD OF EDUCATION** will meet Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**CHURCH ELDERS** will meet Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with **CHURCH COUNCIL** following at 7pm.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY** will meet on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** will be Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP for JANUARY & FEBRUARY:** During the months of January and February we will be collecting "Laundry" items for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to are: liquid laundry detergent, laundry pods, dryer sheets, bleach, stain pre-treater, laundry softener, spray starch. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church.

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
MONDAY	7:00 pm	SPI Board of Education Meeting
TUESDAY	6:00 pm	Church Elders Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:30 am	Pastor's Study Group at Bingen
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	-----	Bible Study/Sunday School

## Looking Ahead to Next Week

### Collect of the Day

- ☐ Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 49:1–7*

- <sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and give attention, you peoples from afar.  
The Lord called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.  
<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.  
<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup>But I said, “I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the Lord,  
and my recompense with my God.”  
<sup>5</sup>And now the Lord says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup>he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”  
<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Holy Gospel

*John 1:29-42a*

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

## 402 The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
 Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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## Introit

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\*  
 O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.

**The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\*  
 and the sky above proclaims his | handiwork.**

Day to day | pours out speech,\*  
 and night to night reveals | knowledge.

**There is no speech, nor | are there words,\*  
 whose voice | is not heard.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end | of the  
 world.\*

In them he has set a tent | for the sun.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,\*  
 O Lord, my rock and my re- | deemer.

