

**The Baptism of Our Lord (January 12th, 2025)
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Opening Hymn: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

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: 947 All Glory Be to God on High

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 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 you
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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:15–22

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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.”

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

Hymn of the Day: 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

Stand

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the baptized people of God, that strengthened by His Holy Spirit we would walk as the new and holy people He has declared us to be in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For all church workers, especially Matthew, our Synod president; Rick, our district president; Shayne, our circuit visitor, and me, your unworthy servant, that the Lord

would prosper the good work of preaching the Gospel and administering the life-giving Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the family, especially all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, 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 who find themselves in times of weakness, illness, despair and death, including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Phil Liechty (Father of Megan Buuck) as he recovers from surgical complications

Janell Harper for strength and healing

Harriet DeLong (Wife of Dan DeLong)

that God would grant healing and relief according to His will; and that He would give us every aid of His Holy Spirit to endure afflictions and find comfort in the healing wounds of the Savior, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; 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.**

Collect for the Word

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

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: 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

In His Service Today:

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Joshua Camp

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

Elders: Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offerings: December 31st- Home Purpose: \$4,405.00, Picnic Grove: \$25.00. January 5th- Home Purpose: \$7,447.00 (which includes \$1,260.00 from Bud Fuelling memorials)
Missions: \$5.00, Vanco: \$44.78.

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

Missions: For 2024 there have been six organizations- Immanuel House, Lutheran Military Vets and Families Ministries, Tanzania Mission(sponsored by Bingen Lutheran Church), Siberian Mission, Indiana District, Fort Wayne Seminary- receiving the Mission offerings graciously given by this congregation. Each organization will receive \$2,000. For 2025 if anyone has an organization in mind that you would like to see as a recipient of our Mission offerings, please give suggestions to either Dave Bischoff or Duane Franz. Thank You!

We cannot **THANK** all of you enough for the love, support, and care you have given us through the amazing fundraiser, donations, cards, comments, and hugs! A special thank you to those volunteers at the fundraiser for the countless hours of preparation and work you did to make the day successful! We are truly blessed by your generosity and love!
The Franz Family

2025 Offering Envelopes: The offering envelope boxes have been distributed. If you do not receive one but would like one, please let Josh Franz or Pastor know. Thanks!

Daily Devotionals: There are daily devotionals available in the Narthex.

St. Peter Church Christmas Decorating Committee: The 2024 Christmas Committee will be taking down decorations **TODAY Sunday January 12th at 1:00pm**. This year’s committee is:

2nd Year
Cy & Maddie Hurst
Jon & Jody Hurst
Jon & Jenny Keller

1st Year
Allison Kukelhan
Royce Kukelhan
Marjeana Lemler
Doug, Doyle, & Dan Fuelling

Christmas Cards: Please check the tables in the narthex for your cards.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for January - “Breakfast: During the month of January we will be collecting “Breakfast items” for the Seminary Food Co-op. Suggestions are but not limited to: Hot chocolate, coffee/tea, cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, breakfast/granola bars, juice, syrup,

muffin/pancake mix, jelly/jam. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Many report that 75-85% of their grocery needs are met at the Co-Op. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. **Thank you for all your donations.**

The February Newsletter Deadline: will be Tuesday January 21st. Thank You!

Voter's Assembly Annual Reports: Please turn in any reports by **Friday January 24th**. Reports can either be dropped off in my mail slot on the deacon's desk, dropped off on the desk in the basement church office, or emailed to splchurchsec@gmail.com. The Voter's Assembly meeting is on Sunday January 26th after the church service. Thank you for your cooperation!

Meetings This Week: SPI School Board is on Monday January 13th at 7:00pm. Elder's is on Tuesday January 14th at 6:00pm, Church Council is also on Tuesday January 14th at 7:00pm

Sermon Report Materials for SPI Students: The clipboards and papers are in a box underneath the deacon's desk in back of church.

Bulletin Messages: Do you have a message that you would like included in the Sunday bulletins? If so, please have the message to Amber Shaffer by Thursdays before 7:00pm. You can either call/text me at (260)-223-9897 or email me at splchurchsec@gmail.com. Thank you!

Lunch Volunteers Needed: SPI is looking for lunch volunteers. Responsibilities include: **Hours 10:30am-12:30pm Mondays and Wednesdays**, pick up meals from St. Rose school in Monroeville, IN at 10:45am, serve meals at SPI for both lunch periods, clean up lunch trays/pans after lunch. Contact Kelly Schlemmer (419)-203-8883 or kschlemmer@yahoo.com if interested.

JV Boys Basketball: SPI is excited to have a JV Boys Basketball team this year! The remaining games on the schedule are:

January 21st, at SPI vs. Ossian at 5:30pm

January 28th at SPI vs. Zion Decatur at 5:00pm (make-up game)

If you can help with the home games, please visit

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44AAAA22A7FF2-53101984-spibasketball#/> to sign up.

Thank you!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne: will have a Dedication Recital & Hymn Festival for its newly refurbished pipe organ on Sunday January 12th, 2025 at 3:00pm. St. Peter's is located at 7710 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN, 46815. The event will celebrate the refurbishment of St. Peter's Schantz pipe organ by the Buzard organ company, as well as give thanks to God for the gift of music and singing. For the recital portion, St. Peter's Director of Music & Organist, Tim Degen, will perform works by J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck, Felix Mendelssohn, and Louis Vierne. For the hymn festival portion, St. Peter's Adult, Brass, and Children's choir will come together to lead the congregation in singing festive arrangements of some great hymns of

faith. Hymn arrangements by Carolyn Jennings, Robert Hobby, Michael Costello, and Kenneth Kosche will be featured. A reception will follow the recital and hymn festival.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF January 12th, 2025

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
	1:00 pm	Christmas Committee taking down decorations
MONDAY	7:00 pm	SPI School Board Meeting
TUESDAY	6:00 pm	Elder's Meeting
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Epiphany 2

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. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.
²The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand

Isaiah 62:1-5

of your God.
⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Epistle

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

empowers them all in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Holy Gospel

John 2:1–11

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Introit

[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the | heavens,*
your faithfulness | to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the moun- | tains of God;*
your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, | O Lord.
How precious is your steadfast love, | O God!*
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow | of your wings.
They feast on the abundance | of your house,*
and you give them drink from the river of | your delights.
For with you is the foun- | tain of life,*
in your light do | we see light.
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.
[The Lord] brought me to the ban- | queting house,*
and his banner over | me was love.

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 - 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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