



January 12th, 2025 – Epiphany 1

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Member Communion: In addition to the forgiveness offered with His true body and blood in this meal, the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete agreement in Biblical teaching. Therefore we ask that only members of our church body come forward. If you would like to know more about our beliefs so that you may one day join us in this meal, please speak with the Pastor following the service. For private communion, contact Pastor.

WELS: Our congregation is one of many in a group known as the **Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod**. (WELS) Together, this group is committed to focusing on Christ's love while fulfilling our calling to share the good news of our Savior.

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Hymn: 918 – Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with grace divine,
and let your truth within us shine.

2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise;
our souls to you in worship raise.
Make strong our faith; increase our light
that we may know your name aright

3 Until we join the hosts that cry,
“O holy, holy Lord Most High!”
And in the light of that blest place
we then shall see you face to face.

4 All glory to the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity,
be praise throughout eternity!

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy
Spirit

Amen

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave.

We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy, sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)(sung)

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, heavenly king, God the Father almighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus 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; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy
on us.**

**For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Prayer of the Day

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.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1–13

¹The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

²But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.” ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

¹²So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

Why do the / nations rage?

Why to the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers
assemble a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / nointed One.

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

He who sits in / heaven laughs;

the Lord / scoffs at them.

Then he addresses them in his anger and frightens them
with his fury, / saying,

"I have set my King on Zion, my / holy hill."

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

I will declare the / LORD's decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- / gotten you.”

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.

Refrain: You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

Second Reading: Titus 3:4–7

⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (*sung*) *The offering is brought to the altar at this time. [Our online offering portal can be found here.](#)*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Jesus is the light of the world; in him we have the light of life.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 3:15–17,21-22

¹⁵The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

²¹When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 377 – To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord

1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord,
the Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,
the God from God, the Light from Light,
the Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.

2 The Savior came to be baptized –
the Son of God in flesh disguised –

to stand beneath the Father's will
and all his promises fulfill.

3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
and John baptized the Lamb of God,
the Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
descended on him from above.

4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is my Son," was his decree,
"the one I love, who pleases me."

5 The Father's word, the Spirit's flight
anointed Christ in glorious sight
as God's own choice, from Adam's fall
to save the world and free us all.

6 Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,
proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

Sermon: Happy Re-Birthday!

1. A NEW Identity

2. For a New Life

Stand

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

Prayer of the Church

Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, you delight in making yourself known to us and others. Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry.

In love you chose to exercise your greatest strength to serve us in our greatest need. You revealed the brightness of your glory through humble deeds of love.

You called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles. You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you.

Equip and empower us to serve you and our neighbor faithfully. Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.

You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good. In wise compassion you often exercise your power to help and heal people with physical and emotional needs.

Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting, to pray for all according to their needs, and to be content and cheerful when in your wisdom you ask us to endure hardship.

Special prayers and intercessions.

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

Silent prayer.

Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear in dazzling splendor to bring us to the

glory of heaven. Let our anticipation of the heavenly kingdom ennoble our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct, and increase our joy in all aspects of earthly life. **Hear us, Light of the Gentiles and Glory of Israel. Amen.**

Stand

THE SACRAMENT

The Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)(sung)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in
the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through Him you made all things; in Him you are well pleased. He is the Incarnate Word, conceived by the holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, He stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we glorify and honor you, O God our Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

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 my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)(sung)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution

**Communion Hymns: 668 – Jesus Comes Today with
Healing**

1 Jesus comes today with healing,
knocking at my door, appealing,
off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He himself makes preparation,
and I hear his invitation:
“Come and taste the blessed feast.”

2 Christ himself, the priest presiding,
yet in bread and wine abiding
in this holy sacrament,
gives the bread of life, once broken,
and the cup, the precious token
of his sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
blood and body, giv'n for me,
very Lamb of God from heaven,
who to bitter death was given,
hung upon the cursed tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,
gives himself to me this hour
in this ordinary sign.
On my tongue his pledge receiving,
I accept his grace, believing
that I taste his love divine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,

bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

679 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
that brought me salvation free,
lasting to eternity!

2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
since my baptism did release me
in a dear for giving flood,
sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3 Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled,
all your might has come unraveled,
and, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!

4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:
I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
to inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine
to make life immortal mine.

5 There is nothing worth comparing
to this life-long comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ;
I'm a child of paradise!

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good.
His mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 692 – All Who Believe and Are Baptized

1 All who believe and are baptized
shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptized into the death of Christ,
they are a new creation;
through Christ's redemption they shall stand
among the glorious, heav'nly band
of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray:
grant us your Holy Spirit;
help us in our infirmity
through Jesus' blood and merit;
Grant us to grow in grace each day
that by this sacrament we may
eternal life inherit.

"The Service: Setting One" (and hymn lyrics for mobile bulletin)

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*Thank you to Donna Wastrack for serving as our organist
this morning.*

THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

Today, January 12: Fellowship, Council Meeting

Monday, January 13: Griefshare, 6 pm

Tuesday, January 14: Outreach Meeting, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 15: Adult Bible Study, 10 am

Catechism: 5 pm

Sunday, January 19: Bible Study and Sunday School, 8 am

Worship, 9 am (WELS Connection)

Council Meeting

COMING UP:

January 26: Annual Meeting

January Birthdays! Happy birthday to our January
members: John Murphy, Mira Stepleton, and David
Kummerow!

Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com.

LWMS Door Offerings January 12 & 19

We will be collecting door offerings the today and next Sunday that will go to support the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society spring rally and Send One Sister program. Send One Sister helps fund rally trips for those who otherwise might not be able to attend.

LWMS Spring Rally Help

If anyone else is still interested in helping set up, serve lunch or clean up at the spring rally which we are hosting with Mt. Zion on Saturday, April 26th, they should contact Lisa Utecht or check the sign-up sheet which is by the mailboxes. This is the same sign-up sheet that was out in the fall, but new names can be added!

Church cleaning volunteers needed!

At the budget meeting in December, the idea of hiring a paid church janitor was discussed. No action was taken, but our current church cleaning volunteers would love some backup! More help is needed, especially in the winter. You can sign up by yourself, with a buddy, or with your family for once a month, once a quarter, once a year – whatever works for you will help us out a lot! There is a list of tasks posted by the bubblers as well as the calendar where you sign up. If you would like more information on what the job entails, please speak to one of the people whose names is on the calendar or ask Leah to direct you to them. **We would like to have an idea of how many**

volunteers we have before the annual meeting at the end of January, so please put your name down on the signup near the bubblers even if you aren't sure when you'll help yet.

OFFERINGS 12-31-24

General Fund \$200
Church/School Anniversary Envelope \$320
Church Outdoor Sign \$25
Mission Envelope \$50
New Years Envelope \$873
Plate Offering \$45
WLA Forward In Trust/Faith/Building \$55
Roof Fund \$25
School Family Financial Aid \$125

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Total \$1718

OFFERINGS 1-5-25

General Fund \$4,271
Church Furnace Fund \$25
Church Outdoor Sign \$60
Plate Offering \$43
Church-School Applied To Operating \$50
Roof Fund \$75
Church Needy Families \$50
Worker Training Support Fund \$50
School Family Financial Aid \$200

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Total \$4,824

In Memory Of Eugene Anderson

To: General Fund

From: David & Wendy Schoeneck

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Total-total \$6,542

Our weekly offering goal is \$9,626.