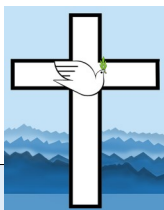


BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 15, 2023



Peace First Lutheran Church

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Peace First Lutheran Mission Statement:

*Rooted in Christ and led by the Spirit,
We love and serve together.*

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Peace First Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Clatsop-Nehalem Confederated Tribes and the Chinook Indian Nation, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



GATHERING

(+ = Stand as you are able)

Prelude & Welcome

+Gathering Hymn (ELW 423) *Shall We Gather at the River*

+Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

+Hymn of Praise (ELW 823) *Praise the Lord! O Heavens*

- 1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him;
praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he has spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken
for their guidance he has made.

+Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Time

Choir (8:30)

Born A Sacrifice

WORD

First Lesson - Isaiah 42:1-9

- ¹Here 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.
- ²He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

³a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵Thus 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:
⁶I 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,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
⁹See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

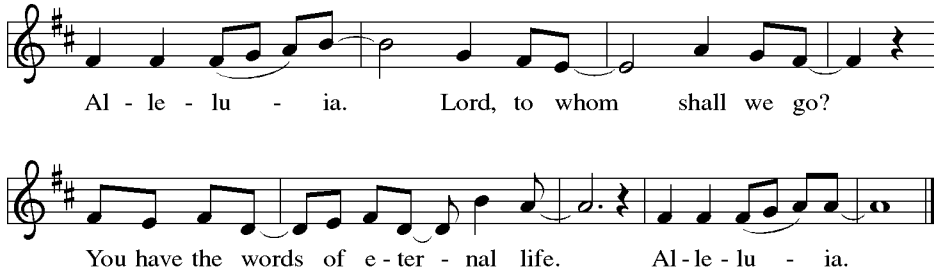
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Lesson - Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

+Gospel Acclamation *(Sung before and after the reading of the Holy Gospel)*



+Holy Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the third chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord C: **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Re-singing of the Gospel Acclamation)*

Sermon

Baptized in Love

Pastor Stephan Kienberger

+Hymn of the Day (ELW 768)

Lead Me, Guide Me

Prayers of the Church *(We pray responsively)*

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need on this Commemoration Day of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A brief silence.

We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King, Jr. that "freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

Therefore, let us pray

For courage and determination by those who are oppressed.

We remember Martin's warning that "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

Therefore, let us pray

That those who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice.

We remember Martin's insight that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of eestiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

Therefore, let us pray

that we may see nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven.

In the Spirit of unity we pray for all who have requested prayers from this assembly and for those who face death or mourn the loss of loved ones. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember Martin's lament that "the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are."

Therefore, let us pray

That neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ's people may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is God's call to us.

We remember Martin's hope that "dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and that deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not so distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

Therefore, in faith, let us commend

Ourselves and our work for justice to the goodness of almighty God. Amen.

The following people have requested to be in our prayers:

Betty & Bill Cunningham, Betty Jo Heiner, Lynn Ure, Emily Smith, Missy Maise, Melinda Gustafson, Dave & Lorraine Hoyer, Diane Kinney, Martin Nygaard and family at the passing of his daughter Mardi, Annika Ava & Khaiersta relatives of Gayle Svendsen, Judith Lampi & family at the passing of her father Melvin Lampi, Rod Lemley, Sylvia Stephens and family at the passing of her uncle Bill Belden, Kaye & Cliff Weimer, Hal Nauman family and friends at the passing of his wife Suzanne, Judy Shatto, Ben Horner (wife Barbara passed away — aunt to Ruth Benner), Natalie Osburn & family at the passing of her step-dad John, Cassie Clark, John Jensen, Judy Fredrikson.

Ben Holland, Navy
Makayla Weimer Armstrong, USAF
Neesen Bristow, USAF
Bill Pie, USCG
Eric Chesnut, Army Nat'l Guard

Brian Perez, Army
Clairisa Jensen, Army
Morgan Hale, USN
Luke Berdahl, USMC

Josh Schaueremann, Army
Micah Cenci, Army Nat'l Guard
Hanna Hale, USN
Samuel Brown, USCG

Sharing the Peace

MEAL

Offering Hymn (ELW 481)

Come To The Table

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray: **Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.**

Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

+The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

+Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

+Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion Hymns

ELW 460 *Now the Silence*

ELW 407 *O Living Bread of Heaven*

Prayer after Communion

P: Let us pray: **Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

+Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod ✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always. **Amen.**

+Sending Hymn (ELW 673) *God, Whose Almighty Word*

+Bells & Dismissal

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace
Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Organ: Laurie Drage

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ANNUAL MEETING: JANUARY 29th, 11:00am

Sunday Attendance for January 8, 2023 was 83

We welcome you here today to worship. Please take a moment to fill out a WELCOME Card, found in each pew rack to let us know you are here, and to share any prayer requests. On your way out, please place it in the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary. To our guests, we invite you to also sign our Guest Book located in the narthex. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. God's Peace to you!

Sunday School & Christian Education Offerings

Sundays from 9:45-10:45 A.M.

- Godly Play for our pre-K and elementary aged children
- Rite-13 (Confirmation) & High School — Contact Church Office for Schedule.
- Adults: Join the Fellowship Hour while the kids are in Sunday School!

Nursery care available during both worship services, and Sunday School hour if needed.

Opportunity To Serve

The **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** is looking for two new members. The committee only meets when we have received a request to fund a project. Most of the time we can accomplish our business through email communication. Myrle Bruner is the Secretary/Treasurer and Lowell Knapp and Carol Haskell are the other committee members. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Myrle Bruner at lhbruner@charter.net.

2023 Giving Envelopes

The giving envelopes for 2023 are now available for you. Make sure to pick yours up in the Narthex. They are alphabetized by last name.



Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:30am

We continue our study in the Book of Matthew this week with Session 5:

5. Who Do You Say That I Am? (Matthew 16:13—17:9 [13])
6. Where Two or Three Are Gathered in My Name (Matthew 18:1-22 [23-35])
7. My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me? (Matthew 27:32-56)
8. I Am with You Always (Matthew 28:1-10 [11-15], 16-20)

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Sunday	January 15	8:30 am	Holy Communion
		9:30 am	Sunday School
		11:00 am	Holy Communion
		1:00 pm	Rite13 @ PFLC
Monday	January 16	1:00 pm	MLK Jr. DAY
		6:30 pm	Scouts BSA (UFR)
Tuesday	January 17	9:30 am	Stewardship Sewing (DFH)
Wednesday	January 18	10:30 am	Bible Study
		12:00 pm	Noontime Prayer
		5:30pm	Girl Scouts
		6:15 pm	Cub Scouts (FSR)
		7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thursday	January 19	6:30 pm	Church Council
Friday	January 20		
Saturday	January 21		
Sunday	January 22		THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY