

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 10, 2021

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns 908 411 405

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Jan. 10 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Jan. 10 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Studies

Jan. 10 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Jan. 13 2:30 p.m. Confirmation

Jan. 13 3:30 p.m. Daughters of Peace

Jan. 14 Noon Bible Study

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE: In place of our children's message at Peace Lutheran, we will be having a baptismal remembrance. This is a simple rite where the pastor uses water from the font to mark the children on their foreheads and on their hearts with the sign of the cross. This sign was first placed on them at their baptism. By marking them again, the pastor is reminding them that they were claimed by Christ, and that they are now members of God's family.

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*. We have used this as a baptismal hymn in the most recent baptisms at Peace. This short, simple hymn is easy for all people to sing and it summarizes the entire Christian life. In the first stanza, we express our desire to walk as children of the light. This reminds us of our baptism, where we received a baptismal candle to show us that we have received Christ, the light of the world. The second stanza places us on a journey. We are walking toward God, our heavenly Father, and we pray that Christ, the true sun of righteousness, would light our path. The third stanza places us at our destination, in the presence and joy of Jesus. Use this hymn to reflect on your own baptism. You have received Christ; you are on a journey toward God, and you will soon reach your destination, the joy of Jesus.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The voice from heaven reveals that Jesus is the chosen and beloved Son of God. According to human thinking, it seems unlikely that

Jesus would come to John to be baptized. Yet He has come to be baptized, counted among sinners, in order to redeem sinners. He counts Himself among us. In our baptism, we are united to His death and resurrection and so receive forgiveness for our sins.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

BIBLE STUDY: There will not be Bible Study at English during January and February.

WEBSITES: Peace and English both have new websites. There you will find sermon recordings, manuscripts, bulletins, service times and events, as well as an option for online giving. Web addresses for both churches can be found at the top of the bulletin.

COVID-19: Please help us keep others safe by wearing a mask while attending services at Peace Lutheran. Masks may be removed during the service if you are a safe distance from other worshippers.

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect cereal, hot and cold for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

ACOLYTE TODAY is Harper Flying Horse. Next Sunday will be Kari Huygens

USHERING TODAY is Team 6; Next Sunday is Team 1: Michael Huygens, Keith Berg, Keith Lambert, Bob Iwen, Devin Olson, Justin Olson

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN: LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR

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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.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

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.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalms 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

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 begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
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 refuge in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C 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. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1–5

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1–11

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Mark 1:11b

Alleluia. You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:4–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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.

BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

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PRAYER

P Holy and merciful Father, you are the true Father of the whole family in heaven and earth. We pray for the children of our congregation. Strengthen the parents and sponsors, that they may faithfully keep the promises they made at the baptism of their children and early lead them to thee. Grant, we beseech you, that all the church's ministry to our children, its worship and instruction, may bring forth fruit in them. Direct especially the catechumens and their parents in quiet concentration upon the one thing needful. Stir and quicken their hearts, that they may become true disciples of Jesus and that they may bring rejoicing and honor to thy church. Open the hearts of all children to thy Word and strengthen them in temptation. Grant that they and all of us may overcome every trial and share at last in Christ's resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERMON HYMN: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

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SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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- 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.

CLOSING HYMN: TO JORDAN'S RIVER CAME OUR LORD

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