

“This is My beloved Son
in whom I am well pleased.”



The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist

Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street

10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 13, 2013

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 145 (front of the hymnal p. 155)

The Hymns: 16, 131, 20, 15

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, our Righteousness, graciously forgive our many sins, and replace them with the white robes of righteousness earned for us by Your suffering and death on the cross. Supply our hearts with a faith that trusts in our Father's mercy and kindness, being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in You, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 16

The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor 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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: All the earth shall worship You:

C: And shall sing to You, O God.

P: They shall sing to Your name:

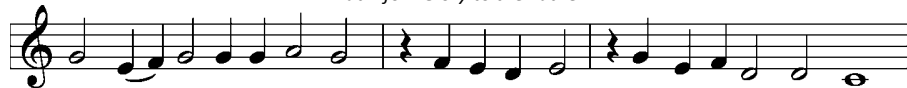
C: Oh You who are the Most High.

P: Make a joyful noise to God, all you lands:

C: Sing forth the honor of His name, make His praise glorious.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Bible Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-7 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. 2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." 5 Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: 6 "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!

C: And blessed be His glorious name forever!

P: The mountains will bring peace to Your people,

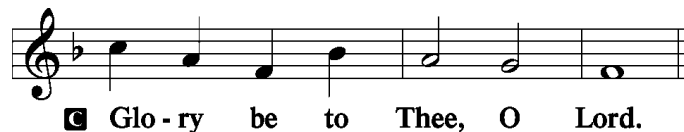
C: And the hills righteousness. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

C: Serve the LORD with gladness! Hallelujah!



PASTOR The New Testament Bible Reading comes from Matthew chapter 3, beginning there in the 13th verse.



The New Testament Bible Reading

Matthew 3:13-17 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. 16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose

again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn 131

THE SERMON

Acts 10:34-38 Then Peter opened his mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. 35 "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. 36 "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ; He is Lord of all; 37 "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Theme: "JESUS IS LORD OF ALL"

- I. Worship Him truly (34-35)
- II. Rejoice in His peace (36)
- III. Live by His Spirit (37-38)

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

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 pre - sence, 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.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 127:3:

***As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King!***

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

Congregation sings Hymn 20

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: 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.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Closing Hymn 15

*** SILENT PRAYER ***

Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

In our Prayers – Former Pastor's wife, Beonca (Bee) Bernthal has entered a nursing home in Missoula, MT. Donna Johnson continues her recovery from a surgery at the Royal Plaza Care Center (behind the old Walmart in Lewiston) room 41. Kyle Atkins continues his recovery from leg surgery. Dr. Brian Hocum, diagnosed with cancer early last December is being treated. **"pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."** James 5:16

HOLY COMMUNION Next Sunday at both congregations.

Annual Meetings – Two weeks from today on January 27th.

ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

Ladies Aid meeting will be next Sunday the 20th. On the agenda: the election of officers and discussions on the upcoming year's events.

Church Cleaning: If you can help with the weekly cleaning of the church, there is a new sign up sheet for 2013. Thanks!

Altar Flowers: There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

Pre-service Goodies: If you are able to bring goodies of some kind for people to eat while they are visiting from 10:45 till 11:00 (after Bible Class and Sunday School) please sign on the sheet in Kitchen.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles." Isaiah 42:1

THE SECRET OF THE GOSPEL

"And so the Gospel and knowledge of Christ remains a secret, hidden thing; not that it is not proclaimed to all the world publicly enough, and placed clearly into the light, but that the world despises it and considers it (as compared with its wisdom) foolish and offensive. They say it is believed only by the simple. But it is just these simple people, who are not offended by the unattractive picture of the cross of Christ, who by this faith learn and experience consolation, power, victory, life and salvation!" -- Martin Luther

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A CHILD'S FAITH At a burning building in the New York borough of Harlem, a blind girl was perched on the edge of a fourth-floor window. The firemen had become desperate. They couldn't fit the ladder truck between the buildings, and they couldn't get the girl to jump into a net, which she, of course, couldn't see. Finally her father arrived and shouted through the bull horn that there was a net and that she was to jump on his command. The girl jumped and was so completely relaxed that she didn't break a bone or even strain a muscle in the four-story fall. Because she trusted her father completely, when she heard her father's voice she did what he said was best. **Psalms 37:5 - "Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass."**

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REDEMPTION "The story has been told of an orphaned boy who was living with his grandmother when their house caught fire. The grandmother, trying to get upstairs to rescue the boy, died in the flames. The boy's cries for help were finally answered by a man who climbed on an iron drain pipe and came down with the boy hanging tightly to his neck. "Several weeks later, a public hearing was held to determine who would receive custody of the child. A farmer, a teacher, and the town's wealthiest citizen all gave the reasons they felt they should be chosen to give the boy a home. As they talked, the lad's eyes remained focused on the floor. "Then a stranger walked to the front and slowly took his hands from his pockets, revealing scars on them. As the crowd gasped, the boy cried out in recognition. This was the man who had saved his life and whose hands had been burned when he climbed the hot pipe. With a leap the boy threw his arms around the man's neck and held on for dear life. The other contenders walked away, leaving the boy and his rescuer alone. Those marred hands had settled the issue."

John 20:27 Then Jesus said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing."

Old Testament Reading for 1st Sunday after Epiphany

In beautiful Words the LORD through the prophet Isaiah describes the work of Redemption in Jesus our Savior. Even if it seems like your Christian life is broken, and the flame has been blown out, Jesus doesn't give up on you. He uses His powerful Word and breathes life into your soul, freeing you from the prison and darkness that is sin. We read...

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New Testament Reading

Our Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, makes an appearance at the Jordan River anointing Jesus for His Work of "fulfilling all righteousness" – His work of redemption. We read...

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C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!