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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. **We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.**

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Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Holy Communion – At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

The Baptism Of Our Lord

January 12, 2020

Introduction

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Gracious and all loving God, you call to us across deep waters and dark places. Yours is the light which guides us and the voice which we follow. We pray that you would reveal yourself to us as we worship you. May those without hope be encouraged; those who are sad, cheered; those who are seeking, find you; and may all things be according to your will. In the name of your beloved Son we pray. Amen. ~ written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on **Kir-shalom**.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Psalm 71:19, 23. Please stand)

Pastor: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.
People: **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

Pastor: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;
People: **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

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

Entrance Song - Crashing Waters at Creation

(Tune: LBW #499. Please remain standing)

- 1 Crashing waters at creation,
ordered by the Spirit's breath,
first to witness day's beginning
from the brightness of night's death:
Parting water stood and trembled
as the captives passed on through,
washing off the chains of bondage—
channel to a life made new.
- 2 Cleansing water once at Jordan
closed around the one foretold,
opened to reveal the glory
ever new and ever old.
Living water, never ending,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Wellspring, source of life eternal,
drench our dryness, make us whole.

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Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism. Please remain standing)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the eternal voice from heaven,
the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession,
trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen. - Silence is kept for reflection.
- God who searches us and knows us,

People: **you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other
lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings
with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have
promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With
what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show
us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

People: **Amen.**

(We share the Peace of the Lord with one another)

Response - When Jesus Came to Jordan (Tune: LBW #77. Please be seated)

- 1 When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.
- 2 He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.
- 3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and ev'ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.

First Reading - Isaiah 42:1-9

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

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.

Gradual (Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8. Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

People: For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Lay Minister: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Second Reading – Romans 6:1-11 (Please remain seated)

We were incorporated into the death of Jesus Christ in baptism and so were liberated from the dominion of sin. We also anticipate that we will be incorporated into the resurrection of Christ and so will be liberated from the hold death has over our mortal bodies.

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved,
People: **with whom I am well pleased.**" Alleluia. (Matt. 3:17)

Gospel - Matthew 3:13-17 (Please remain standing)

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

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

Theme Song - Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

(Tune: LBW #47. Please be seated)

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove, and yet
as urgent as a flame,
as urgent as a flame.
- 2 God called you, "My beloved Son";
you are God's servant true,
sent to proclaim the reign of heav'n,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
to serve with free and willing heart,
to give your life for all,
to give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find,
may perfect freedom find.

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Message

The Ethics Of Baptism Romans 6:1-11

Catechism - The Third Article and Baptism (Please stand)

Pastor: The First Sunday after the Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the day we commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord. Today we confess the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther's Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit through Baptism.

People: **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.**

Pastor: As the Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace, we ask, "How can the water used in Holy Baptism do such great things?"

People: **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.**

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Called together through water and the Word, we boldly pray for the church, the world, and all who long to hear God's voice. - A brief silence. - Renewing God, thank you for the gift of baptism. Give your church boldness to proclaim your promises. Tear down obstacles of injustice so that your word of hope reaches the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, we rejoice in the glory of your creation: the beauty of rivers and streams, glaciers and oceans, lakes and ponds. Bring restoration to your earth, and free us from overuse and abuse of water, air, and land. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of peace, we give thanks for order in the midst of chaos, though we long for greater justice in our world. Raise up wise and compassionate servant leaders so that all experience your reign of peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy God, thank you for the powerful healing we witness through doctors and nurses, medication, therapy, and holistic means. Break through clouds of pain and anguish with your voice of comfort. Proclaim hope to all who grieve, and send healing to all who are sick. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of courage, we rejoice in this community of hope. Strengthen all who are preparing for baptism and renew the faith of sponsors, mentors, parents, grandparents, friends, and all who guide the baptized in this life of joy. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of hope, unleash your Spirit to increase our trust in you. We give thanks for the lives of the saints who inspire us with lives of baptismal witness. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

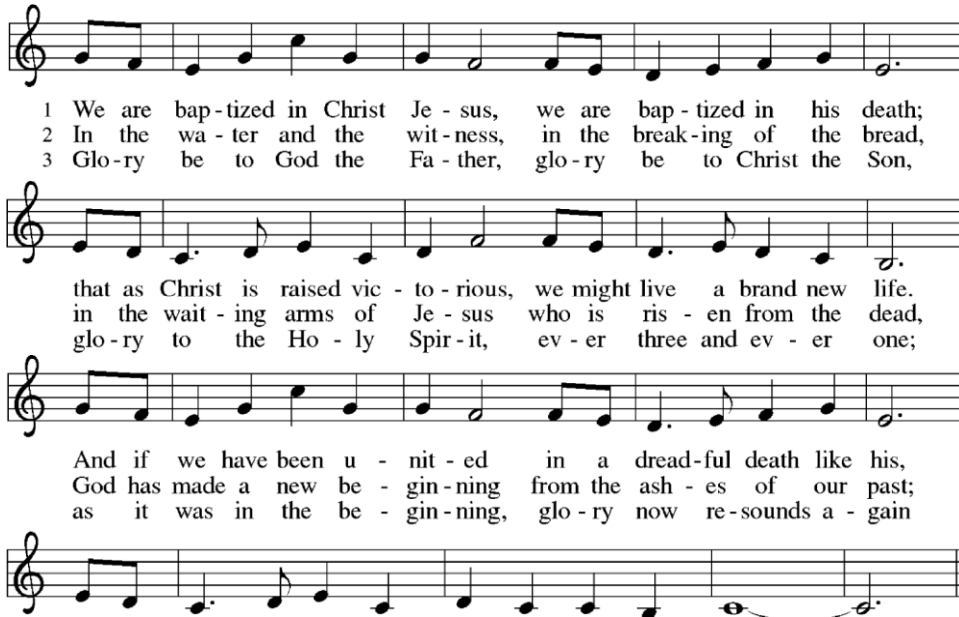
Pastor: We place our prayers before you, God, united in your Spirit; through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

Communion Hymn - We Are Baptized In Christ Jesus

(ELW #451. Please remain seated)



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,

that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;

And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain

we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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✠ Sacrament ✠

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who through Holy Baptism has connected us with Christ Jesus and bestowed on us baptismal grace. Mercifully grant that we live in that grace all of our lives and await with joy the eternity that is to come in Your glorious presence. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore praising You and saying:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. 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

Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our God, for You have delivered us from the power of sin, death, and the devil, and have kept us for Your kingdom, which is forever. Grant that we with true thanksgiving receive the bread and wine, that is, the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as a guarantee of the salvation He purchased for us through His innocent suffering and death. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us, that we live as Your baptized and faithful servants. Receive our prayers and thanksgivings and grant us Your abiding peace. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." . . . In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." . . . As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

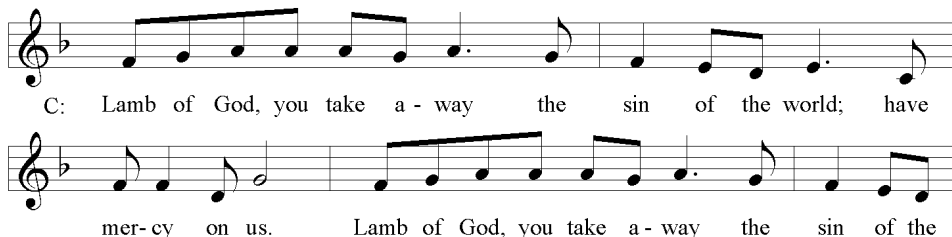
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

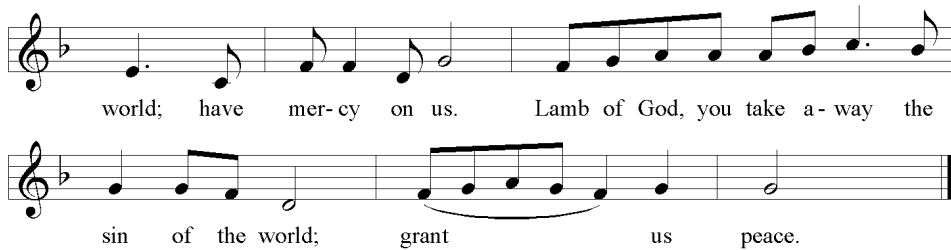
Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

Pastor: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table of mercy and joy.

People: **Amen.**





Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray to the side. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . . . O Lord God, heavenly Father, ruler of all things, You have again connected us to Christ through this blessed Meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this Holy Sacrament, we die daily through Baptism and rise new and restored as we joyfully continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time when we are gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in Your blessings for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Let your light shine.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - All Who Believe and Are Baptized (LBW #194. Please remain standing)

- 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 will 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
by holy baptism, that we may
eternal life inherit.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Pastor Ricky Adams
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Lay Minister:	Beverly Erbel
Altar Guild:	Mary Ann Griller and Vicki McGowan
Coffee:	Ana Hilda and John Mosher
Counter:	Don and Beverly Erbel
Ushers:	
Lay Reader:	

Activities This Week:

Sunday – January 12	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – January 14	9:30am -12: 30 pm 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Stage Door (PH) Brown Bag Dinner (LL) Women’s Bible Class (LL)
Wednesday – January 15	2:45-6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)
Friday – January 17	12-3 p.m.	Golden Conservancy (LL)
Saturday – January 11	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – January 12	9:30 am 10:45 a.m.	Service of the Word Council (PH)

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Brown Bag Dinners – Brown Bag Dinner prep and delivery are scheduled for Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge.

Women's Bible Class – Women's Bible Class is scheduled for Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Lounge.

Council – The Church Council is scheduled to meet next Sunday after the worship service.

Servers – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

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Weekly Devotional Helps

January 12 – January 18, 2020

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – January 13

Psalm 89:5-37
Genesis 35:1-15
Acts 10:44-48

Tuesday – January 14

Psalm 89:5-37
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Acts 8:4-13

Wednesday – January 15

Psalm 89:5-37
Isaiah 51:1-16
Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday – January 16

Psalm 40:1-11
Isaiah 22:15-25
Galatians 1:6-12

Friday – January 17

Psalm 40:1-11
Genesis 27:30-38
Acts 1:1-5

Saturday – January 18

Psalm 40:1-11
1 Kings 19:19-21
Luke 5:1-11

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Commemorations

January 17 - Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356: One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

January 17 - Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346: Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

January 18 - Confession of Peter: Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.

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