



Reach out to all
Embrace His Gifts
Announce His coming
Commit to Christian Living
Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Sunday, January 11, 2026

Opening Hymn: "Father Welcomes"

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C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.



The Baptism of Our Lord

OT Isaiah 42:1-9

¹Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ²He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope."

⁵This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

⁶"I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸"I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Epistle: Romans 6:1-11 - What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Mat 3:13-17 - ¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, 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, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: # 400—"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

SERMON REVIEW FOR JANUARY 11, 2026

"Jesus' Baptism and Ours' Mark 1-4-11

Introduction: Sometimes we have to be L_____ others before we can be D_____ from them.

I. Background on the baptismal text

- A. The gap in information regarding Jesus' youth
 1. Last event recorded is in T_____ at 12yr old.
 2. Next event is His request of John the Baptist
- B. The unique nature of John's baptism
 1. O.T. includes C_____ washing with water
 2. The question; "In whose N_____ do you baptize?"
 3. John adds a crucial new dimension: "Baptism for the forgiveness of sin."
 4. Note: John's baptism does not yet include the Trinitarian Invocation. (Added in Matthew 28)
- C. John hesitated for fulfill Jesus' request
 1. Did God's Son need to R_____?
 2. Jesus' reply, "To fulfill all R_____"
 3. Jesus was ready to complete His Father's plan
 4. His Father's response:
"My Beloved Son" (Psalm 2) C_____ Psalm
"With Whom I am pleased" (Isaiah 42) Suffering Servant

II. This event helps us understand our baptism

- A. Jesus' baptism was the Father's command to "Do!"
- B. Our baptism is the Father's promise, 'D_____!'
- C. A three-fold promise:
 1. A_____ God decides to make us His own
 2. R_____ God makes us ambassadors of His Good News
 3. S_____ God's Word provides help in temptation

ADULT BIBLE CLASS – will not meet today as we will be de-decorating the church.

Jr. Bible Class: Today and the 25th





January - Domestic Assault Shelter



Domestic Assault Shelter provides a safe haven for individuals and families in an abusive environment



Mark Your Calendars

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet January 14th at 10:00am.

Church Council meets January 18th after service.

The Ground level door will be open Sunday Mornings for those who wis to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after the service begins, both doors will be locked.



Turning 70? Did you know that the IRS rules allow one to take a **charitable donation from an IRA without paying taxed on that distribution?**

It is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution and it:

- A) can count towards you required minimum distribution
- B) is not included in your taxable income
- C) can reduce your overall tax burden—even if you do not itemize your return.**

Contact your financial advisor if you have an **IRA** in your retirement portfolio about increasing your charitable giving.

On Sunday where there is severe weather, Church may be cancelled. Notice of a cancellation will be on WWMT-TV Channel 3 will go out to all members that we have emails for.

