

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

### The Old Testament

Isaiah 42:1-9

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

### The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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 God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Second Sunday After Epiphany

### The Old Testament

Isaiah 49:1-7

### The Psalm

Psalm 40:1-11

### The New Testament

Corinthians 1:1-9

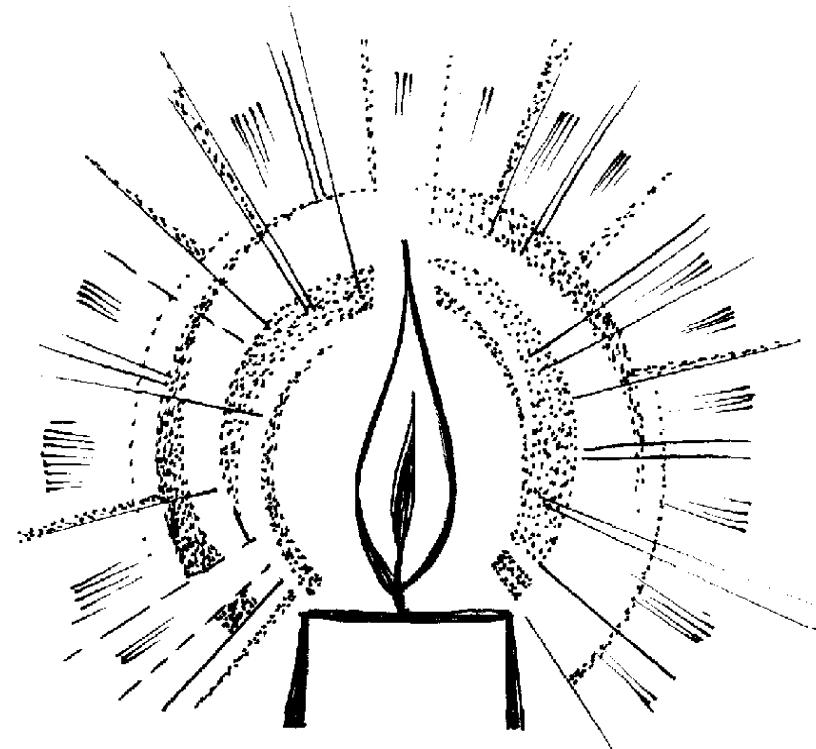
### The Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

# Peace Lutheran Church

## Word of Life: Jesus Is Baptized

January 11, 2026  
The Baptism of Our Lord



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Matthew 3:17

# Peace Lutheran Church

*The Church that Welcomes and Serves*

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(253) 383-1317 Church Office, (253) 383-0702 Peace Community Center

**Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website [www.peacelutherantacoma.org](http://www.peacelutherantacoma.org) or Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma) or YouTube channel (contact church office for link) for online worship videos.**

+ **We worship in person at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page.**

+ **We worship in the summer at 10 am, also live streamed on our Facebook page.**

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship (10 am worship in summer). Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the entrance for children to use in worship. Childcare (Nursery) is provided in the basement for children 4 and under.

A cry room is just outside the worship space. Please bring your own toys.

+ **Holy Communion** is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love. Bread and wine/grape juice are distributed at the time of Communion. A gluten-free option is available. If you are worshiping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself.

If you desire **Baptism**, please talk with Pastor John.

+ **Decisions about when a child should receive Communion** belong to the family.

Communion preparation materials are available for parents to provide instruction at home, and Pastor John is happy to help families with this.

+ **Transportation:** Need a ride to worship? Call the church and press 120 to leave a message on the van line.

+ **If you would like to make an offering** to the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, please give in person Sundays in the Offering Box, or send your financial contribution to Peace Lutheran Church (address above), donate through the Giving link on the church website, or call the church office 253-383-1317 to set up electronic giving.

+ **If you have questions or concerns or prayer requests or a desire for pastoral care** please contact Pastor John ([pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org](mailto:pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org), 253-383-1317 ext. 101).

## THE GATHERING

### Welcome

### Opening Songs

“Let It Rise” Holland Davis 1997, 1999 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc.) \*

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us (repeat)

Let the praises of our King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us (repeat)

Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Ohh, ohh, ohh, let it rise.

“He Is Exalted” Twila Paris. He is Exalted lyrics © Mountain Spring Music, Straightway Music Publishing \*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.

He is the Lord! Forever his truth shall reign. Heaven and earth, rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high!

“Holy Spirit Fill This Room” Martha & Dan Munizzi, 2006 No Limits \*

Holy Spirit fill this room, Shekinah glory, sweet perfume.

We need your presence, we need you. Holy Spirit fill this room.

### Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People: And also with you.**

## Prayer

## THE WORD

*(See back of bulletin for readings)*

Isaiah 42:1-9

### The Old Testament

**The Gospel Song** “Jesus, Lamb of God” Traditional \*

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (repeat)  
Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

### The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

**The Gospel Song** “Jesus, Lamb of God”

### Children's Message and Epiphany Blessing

### 11 am Children's Worship Time *(Children are invited to the basement classroom.)*

### Sermon

Pastor John

**Song of the Day** “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized” Red Book Hymn 304

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.; Music: Niklaus Herman, 1480-1561 Text © 1985 The Church Pension Fund \*

### Installation and Blessing of 2026 Church Council

### Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

### The Prayers of the People of God *(After each petition, “God, hear our prayer.”)*

**Prayer Response:** “Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying” Red Book Hymn 752

Ken Medema 1943 Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema, B.1943 © 1973 Hope Publishing Co \*

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

### 11 am Gospel Choir

## THE MEAL

### The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer

Burgundy Book pg. 39

### The Meal Is Shared

*(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share in the meal of Holy Communion. The red glasses are wine; the white glasses are grape juice. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)*

**Communion Music** “Jesus Be the Center” Michael Kathryn Scott, Michael Frye, and Vineyard Worship 1999 \*

Jesus, be the center, be my source, be my light, Jesus.

Jesus, be the center, be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

Be the fire, in my heart, be the wind in these sails.

Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus.

Jesus, be my vision, be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

### The Communion Blessing

## THE SENDING

### The Benediction

**Sending Song** “He Who Began A Good Work in You” Steve Green, 1998 Find Us Faithful \*

He who began a good work in you, he who began a good work in you

Will be faithful to complete it, he'll be faithful to complete.

He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

**The Dismissal** Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

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