

January 12, 2020
Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Welcome, Announcements and Parish Notes Pastor John
(Please sign the attendance slip and place in the offering plate.)

Prelude Jen Moser, Organist

***Call to Worship (Isaiah 60:1-2)** Kim Domer

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: And the glory of the Lord rises upon you.

One: See, darkness covers the earth

All: And thick darkness is over the peoples,

One: But the Lord rises upon you

All: And his glory appears over you.

***Prayer of Affirmation and Assurance**

Though the earth may tremble and the sky turn dark,
the Lord is always near to comfort, affirm, and assure.
Fill us, O God, with the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen,
encourage, and inspire us to walk boldly in our faith
and reflect the Light of the Lord for all to see. This we
pray with praise and thanksgiving. Amen!

*Hymn “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” No. 203

***Unison Prayer**

Father, as we gather again in this sacred sanctuary, we call
on you to lift us up and fortify us for the journey ahead.
We pray for peace in a world torn by conflict, clarity in
time of uncertainty, compassion for those who suffer, and
love for all so that we may come together as one body in
Christ, bringing honor and glory to His Name. Amen!

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, forgive us for our anger, our carelessness,
our selfishness, our stubbornness, our thoughtlessness,
and our many other shortcomings that jeopardize our

covenant with you. Without your grace and mercy, we
would be hopelessly lost, but through the gift of your
Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, sin and death have
been conquered and eternal life has been secured for all
who believe. For this great gift, we give you thanks and
praise your Holy Name. Amen!

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 1:25-28 pg. 867

New Testament Lessons Ephesians 3f:1-13 pg. 1225

Response One: Let us Rejoice in God’s Holy Word!

All: For His Word brings us Light, Hope, and Joy.

*Gloria Patri No. 70

*Hymn “Take Time to Be Holy” No. 395

Anthem “The Word Became Flesh”

Sermon “Aha, Now I Get It” Pastor John

Our Morning Prayer

As we gather today as a fellowship of believers, let us lift
up our prayers and petitions at this time.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer No. 895

Presentation to God of Our Gifts

Offertory

**Doxology* No. 95

**Prayer of Dedication*

*Hymn “I Know Whom I Have Believed” No. 714

*Benediction and Postlude

**= please stand in body or spirit*

Blood Drive

St. Peter Lutheran Church in New Pittsburg will hold a
blood drive January 28 from 2:30-7:00 pm.

From the Pastor

Committee Assignments are complete, and there are
copies in the Narthex. If you see your name in a place you
were not expecting, let Pastor John know, and we can
make a change. Likewise, if you do not see your name, we
can certainly add you to a committee.

We are preparing a non-pictorial directory with an eye
toward a pictorial directory later in the year. If you would
prefer not to be listed, or if you would like to leave
certain aspects of your contact information unlisted, just
let us know. The directory will not be distributed to
anyone outside of the church.

And finally, a few words about the Chrismon Tree a
relatively new tradition in the church. The Chrismon Tree
is adorned by ancient symbols for Christ or some part of
his ministry. There are nearly 50 Chrismons on this tree,
all of which were made by members of this congregation.
The Chrismons are made with a combination of white and
gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Son of
God and the Son of Man. The bottom line is this, we
celebrate Christ’s birth as a symbol of purity, majesty, and
renewal, not just at Christmas, but year round. Today, we
take note of the angel, which, as we know, serves as the
messenger of Christ’s birth, resurrection, and ascension —
a message that never gets old.



Our Prayer List

Our neighbors and our community
Those serving in the armed forces
Our country, its leaders

Our church family

Esther Franks	Elsie Mykrantz
Jennifer Adair	Betty Princehorn
Elaine Sprinkle	Wayne Kahrig
Betsy Bower	Dick O'Hearn

Our Friends, Family and Neighbors

Randy Case (Sandy Treece's brother)
Reedsburg Family
Theresa (Christy Rickard's neighbor)
James and Carol (Janice Kaser's parents)
Laurie Parrish-Storm (Pam Domer's friend)
Kim (Beth Gaubatz's friend)
Family of Sue Ann Berry

Today's Concerns

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless otherwise requested.



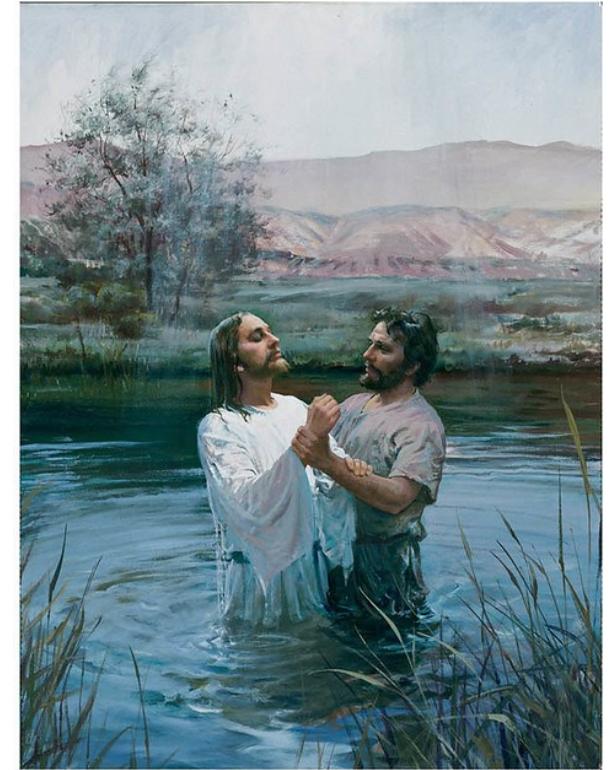
Opportunities for Ministry This Week

Sunday 1/12	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
Monday 1/13	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Woodcrafters	7:00 pm
Tuesday 1/14	Days for Girls	1:00 pm
	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 1/15	Acorn Deadline	
	Choir	7:00 pm
Saturday 1/18	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1/19	Sunday School	9:30 am
	Worship	10:30 am
	Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 am
Monday 1/20	Bible Study	9:30 am
	Trustees	7:00 pm
Tuesday 1/21	Girl Scouts	6:30 pm
Wednesday 1/22	Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday 1/23	Bookworms	7:00 pm
Saturday 1/25	Weight Loss Support	9:15 am
	GS First Aid	11:00 am

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*Serving God and Community
through Love, Compassion,
Fellowship and Caring*