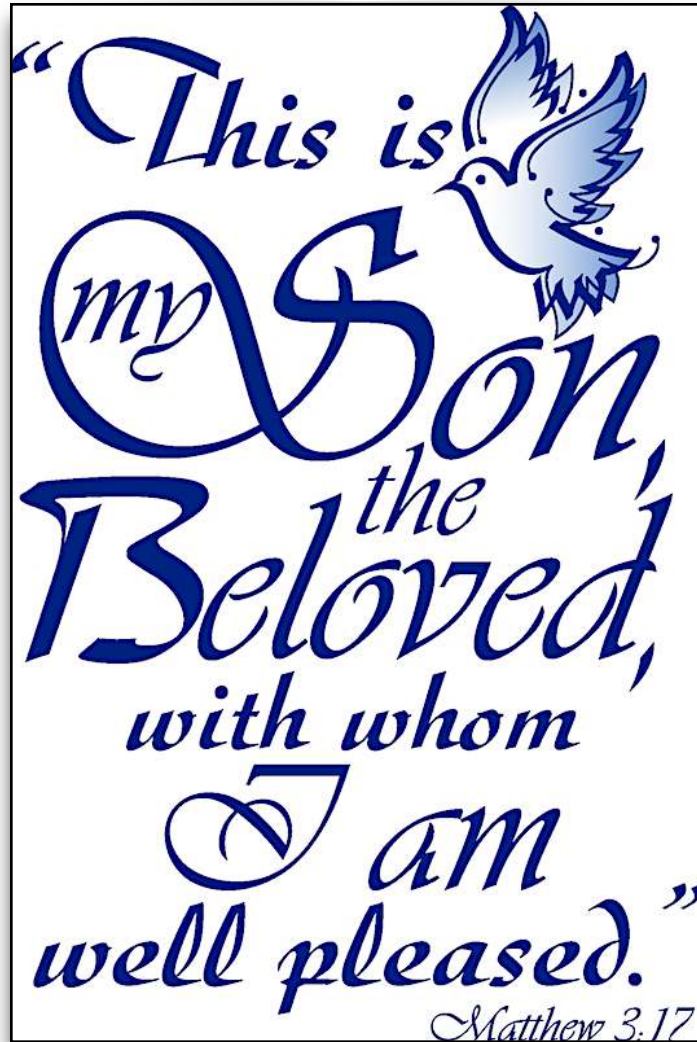


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– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –  
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**1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
(BAPTISM OF OUR LORD)  
JANUARY 12, 2020**

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT**

*(printed on liturgy insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)*

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 45 (pew bible, p.)
- ◆ The Hymns: 394 (1-3), 405, 590c, 394 (4-5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 42:1-7, Matthew 3:13-17
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 100
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

**Sermon Text – Acts 10:34-38**

### ***JESUS IS THE LORD OF ALL***

In this new year of God's grace . . .

1. Let us worship Him with true devotion.
2. Let us rejoice in the good news of His peace.
3. Let us live by the power of His Spirit.

- ◆ Offering of Our Hearts and Gifts
- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (394, stanzas 4-5)

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**A WARM WELCOME IN CHRIST TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS.** We are glad for the opportunity to share with you the Gospel of forgiveness through Jesus! Please introduce yourself to the pastor and sign our guest book. We invite you to worship with us again. If you would like to know more about St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and our national organization, the Church of the Lutheran Confession, please speak with the pastor. He would be happy to call on you to share our confession and mission with you.

## TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

### Old Testament – Isaiah 42:1-7

1 “Here 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. 2 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. 3 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; 4 he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope.” 5 This is what God the LORD says— he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of 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, 7 to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

### Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 100

**P** Shout for joy to the LORD:  
**C** All the earth.  
**P** Worship the LORD with gladness:  
**C** Come before him with joyful songs.  
**P** Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his:  
**C** We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.  
**P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise:  
**C** Give thanks to him and praise his name.  
**P** For the LORD is good and his love endures forever:  
**C** His faithfulness continues through all generations.

### Second Lesson – Matthew 3:13-17

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” 15 Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented. 16 As 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 lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

### Sermon Text – Acts 10:34-38

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today (1/12)	8:30 am	Church Council Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School (David and Goliath, OT 39)
	10:45 am	Mary/Martha Ladies' Meeting
	4:00 pm	Installation service for Pastor Timothy Wheaton at Prince of Peace, Loveland ( <i>see note below</i> )
Sun (1/19)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School (David Becomes King, OT 40)
	10:45 am	Annual Voters' Meeting

### SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Organist: Jeana Kettner
- Ushers: Ed Chiappetti, Joshua Ruegge
- Elder: Larry Reed
- Communion Assistant: Ed Chiappetti

**MARY/MARTHA LADIES' MEETING:** Today following the service.

**INSTALLATION SERVICE:** The installation service of Pastor Timothy Wheaton as the new pastor of Prince of Peace, Loveland, will be held at 4:00 pm today. A meal will be served after the service to which all are also invited.

**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING:** Next Sunday, January 19, 10:45 am

### CALL NEWS

- Pastor John Hein returned the call extended to him by the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastoral vacancies currently exist at Morris, MN; Bowdle and Ipswich, SD (dual parish); Sioux Falls, SD; and Spokane, WA.
- Teaching vacancies currently exist at Mankato, MN; Markesan, WI; and ILC, Eau Claire.

### NEW IN YOUR MAILBOX TODAY:

- "What's Good about the Public Ministry" (first in a six-part series, to be shared in the coming months)
- December CLC Financial Report (note the good news – and praise God! – that the historical financial deficit announced in previous reports has been totally erased, by His grace)

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS**

### **JANUARY 13-18**

**Mon Isaiah 42:1-7** The spotlight is on “My Servant, My Elect (choice) Person who shall administer My sense of justice: Gentiles will have a fair share in My generous way of salvaging humanity (1). Further, Jesus will speak softly, treat tender souls gently, and be totally dedicated to serve humanity (2-4).” Who says so? God the Lord, Creator, Preserver, and Redeemer (5-7).

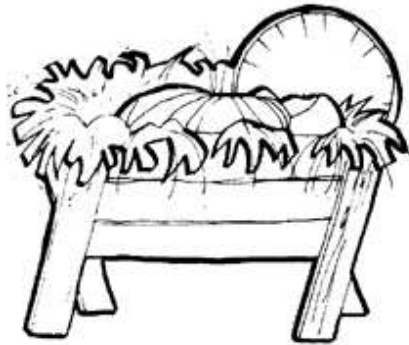
**Tues Matthew 3:13-17** We may not be able to unravel everything in Jesus’ response: “John, I want you to yield on this one, because you and I are obligated to fulfill all righteousness.” However, being baptized marked His inauguration into His public ministry/office as the One who would fulfill all of His Father’s requirements upon Him as Servant/Savior of mankind.

**Wed Acts 10:34-38** Another Epiphany was in the making as God opened the heart of a Gentile for Peter to lay out God’s saving grace: God is not a racist (34-35), so when He blessed the Jews with Jesus, that was just the platform from which Jesus launched His blessings outward and forward to the entire human race. Then the Holy Spirit took over (39-48). Hallelujah!

**Thurs Psalm 45** After a short introduction (1) we review the superior qualities of King Jesus (2-5), the qualities of His Kingdom (6-7) and of His presence (8) before we meet His Bride (9-12), His daughters and His sons (13-16)—lovely picture of the Holy Christian Church (2 Cor. 11:2, Rev. 19:7). Since we can never hear/read too much about Jesus, this psalm is a favorite among us.

**Fri Matthew 5:17-20** provides insight into Jesus’ words: “to fulfill all righteousness.” Ever since Adam failed his test, it was necessary that somebody, sometime, somewhere would compensate by passing every test perfectly; that was Jesus’ agenda (17-18), which He completed in spite of minimal human support (19). Next, He hands over His A+ report card for us to claim as our own, a record superior to all others (20). Thank You, dear Jesus!

**Sat Acts 7:1-16** Stephen was being indicted on three counts: 1) He had blasphemed the Temple, 2) God’s Law, and 3) claimed Jesus would destroy the Temple and renovate Jewish religion-culture. How was Stephen going to cope with this three-fold indictment? The Holy Spirit moved him to start with a rehearsal of the foundation of Jewish religion and culture—back to God’s love in choosing Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as special to His plans. Note how Stephen’s defense centers on God, gracious God, generous God, faithful God. God was with Joseph when his brothers discarded him; God sent famine and great trouble in Egypt so that Joseph could rescue his family and nourish them before his earthly pilgrimage ended. Stephen was reverent toward God and God’s ways—which was not sacrilege or blasphemy, but reverence and praise for God. Good tactics. Good defense. Good testimony.



## **POST CHRISTMAS COMFORT**

(from Pieper's Dogmatics, Vol.2, p.331)

Christ's official duties did not begin with His Baptism, which was His solemn induction into His public ministry, but with His incarnation, with which His humiliation coincided. Christ was the Christ for us in His very conception, birth, circumcision, filial obedience, etc. Christ began the work of redemption, as already stated, very early. He passed through all stages of our existence that He might fully remedy our unclean conception and birth.

Hear the eloquent words of Luther: "Our salvation was brought about by this very thing, that Christ and the believing heart are so united that what the one has, is given to the other. And what do they give each other? Christ has a pure, innocent, holy birth. Man's birth is unclean, sinful, cursed, as David says (Psalm 51:5), which cannot be healed other than through the pure birth of Christ ... Thus, then, Christ takes from us unto Himself our birth and sinks it into His birth, and gives us His birth that we might become pure and new in it, as though it were our own. Christians may rejoice and glory in this birth as though they, like Christ, had been bodily born of Mary. Whoever does not believe that, or doubts it, is no Christian." (St. L. XI:127)