

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in the name of Jesus! As the new year gets underway, God's Word this morning speaks of the new beginning of Holy Baptism. In our Gospel lesson Jesus is baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit for His saving ministry, as the Father's voice speaks from heaven. The Epistle declares that in our Baptism we have died to sin that we might live with the risen Christ. Blessings to you in your hearing of the Word today. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God, The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above. Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound: "This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me." LSB 405, sts. 3, 4



TO THOSE DESIRING TO COMMUNE TODAY: The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a doctrinal position differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. (Re: 1 Cor. 11:26-29)

Today's Elders: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Elders for Jan. 17: Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
Today's Acolyte: Damien Dittrich & Joey Weinstock
Acolyte for Jan. 17: Ushers or Elders

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings.

Old Testament: Isaiah 62:1-5
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 128



Luke 3:21 - "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying. . ." We know why the people were baptized, but why was Jesus baptized? He didn't need repentance or forgiveness. The answer is that He did it for us. The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. With our righteousness fulfilled in Jesus and given to us in Baptism – our hearts now overflow with thanksgiving and praise.



The Baptism of Our Lord – When we leave the underwater world of our mother's womb and are brought to the waters of Holy Baptism, we are baptized "into Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:3). Now we live "under water" again surrounded by the grace of God in Jesus and nourished by the umbilical cord of His Word and Sacraments. It's a great place to live! Prayer: Holy Spirit, thank You for calling us in the waters of Baptism to be drowned in Christ's death and raised again to new life. Amen.



Note on the Hymn of the Day: The words of hymn #405, "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord," were written by James Tiefel (b. 1949), professor and Dean of the Chapel at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wisconsin. The hymn is appropriate for today's festival of the Baptism of Our Lord, treating the event of Jesus' Baptism by John, and the significance for us Christians. In the final stanza the Gospel is stated in powerful words: "This man is Christ, our substitute!"



A Word of Greeting to Our Guests We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are honored to have you with us today and pray that this celebration of God's love and grace through Jesus Christ will be a blessing to you.

If you would like additional information, please contact:
 Pastor Groth @ 303 469-1785 or email tedgroth1970@comcast.net or
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 We are a family that has been called together in faith through the Gospel of our Lord Jesus and we invite you to worship with us as often as you can.



Prayers Let's all remember the following people in our prayers this week: Jansen Jones, Chloe Werner, Pastor Brennan, Verna Walsh, Dan Eggers, Joey Thompson, Patty Bemis, Allen Schmelz, Roy & Lillian Bemis, Henry Bonder, Nan Cribbs, Ben Zwibecker, Brianna Simmons and also our homebound members: Melva Anderson, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Rowena Davis, Doris Hintz, Irene Lombardi, Laila Luhman, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Wanda Renzelman, Vee Rotvold, Don & Pat Sall, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, and Julie Vogel.



The Flowers Placed On Our Altar This Morning are given by Dan & Jackie Adams in observance of Christopher's 16th birthday.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today: 11:45 a.m. Life Team Lunch Out
 Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop-in Volleyball
 Tuesday: 01:30 p.m. Board of Christian Outreach
 04:15 p.m. 6th Grade Confirmation Class
 Wednesday: 08:20 a.m. Chapel
 04:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Class
 05:30 p.m. Youth Group
 07:00 p.m. Board of Elders
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 07:00 p.m. Divine Service
 Friday: 03:30 p.m. BSLs Basketball Scrimmage
 Friday – Sunday Confirmation Retreat at LVR
 Saturday: 01:30 p.m. Colorado March for Life @ State Capitol
 Sunday, 1/17 09:00 a.m. Divine Service (Life Sunday)
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes

At Worship, Jan. 3:	<u>80</u>	Communed:	<u>70</u>
Thursday Attendance:	<u>7</u>	Communed:	<u>6</u>



Flower Chart -The 2016 Flower Chart is now up. It is on the wall by the door to the copy room just to the left of the bulletin board. As always, one or two may sign up for a Sunday. The cost is \$25, or if two sign up, it is \$12.50 each. Just sign up, let the church office know what the occasion is, and drop a check in the offering plate with "flowers" indicated on the memo line. You may pick up your flowers following Worship Service, or anytime early in the week following.



Thank You from the Groths. We would like to thank all of you who blessed our family with your Christmas gifts. Your generosity is very much appreciated. May God continue to keep you in His care. We look forward to more God-given joy in our life together here at Beautiful Savior in 2016.



The 2016 Offering Envelopes are in your mailbox in the narthex. (Please note that there is a special envelope each month designated for the school; it has blue markings on the border.) If anyone did not receive envelopes and would like to have them, please let the church office know and we will see that you get a set. Thank you.



Card Shower – One of our dear members, Mrs. Irene Lombardi, will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 25th. We believe she would really enjoy getting birthday cards from her fellow members. Her address is: 225 Waneka Parkway, Apt. 283, Lafayette, CO 80026.



Would you like to take care of our web site? We are in need of a Web Master to do just that. If you are interested call the church office at 303-469-1785 or Dan Adams at 303-469-9843.



The January Messenger is out. It can be found on the bookshelf by the main entrance to the sanctuary and also on the tables in the lower narthex.



New Class Today. We are starting a new class entitled "7 UP Evangelism". Anyone who is interested is invited to meet in the sanctuary during the Bible class hour of 10:30-11:30. It will last for three Sundays.



Confirmation Retreat Beautiful Savior Members to Attend LVR Confirmation Retreat. This coming Friday, January 15, a group of Beautiful Savior members will join with Confirmation-age youth from other LCMS congregations in the annual Confirmation Retreat at Lutheran Valley Retreat, sponsored by Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Broomfield. This year two of our sixth grade confirmands (Damien Dittrich and Nicholas Little) and our two eighth grade confirmands (Johnathan Acker and Emily Bower) will attend, accompanied by adult chaperones Matt Acker and Dan Adams. The theme is Other Religions. Following a Sunday morning worship service at LVR, our group will return to Broomfield later on that day, the 17th. Please keep all participants in prayer, for safe travel and an enjoyable and enriching retreat.



Life Team Lunch Out. All who are interested in being part of a Life Team at Beautiful Savior are invited to gather for lunch today at 11:35 at New Star Café.



Thank You to those who have paid bills from our Bill Board. This has been a big help and is greatly appreciated. The Bill Board will remain up in the church office for anyone who may be inclined to give further help in this way.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

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Hymns: 590 405 *596 602

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

I will tell of the decree:

The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Epistle:

Gospel:

Sermon: "Baptism Clarifies"

Isaiah 43:1-7

Romans 6:1-11

Luke 3:15-22

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Isaiah 43:1-7

43 But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you.

³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. ⁴Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you; therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west; ⁶I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth—⁷Everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

**For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Romans 6:1-11

⁶What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ²Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

³Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹knowing that Christ, having been raised from the

dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ or not, ¹⁶John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, ²⁰also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.

²¹When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened. ²²And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."