

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Baptism of Our Lord

January 8, 2017

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church. Having recently celebrated Jesus' birth, what comes next? We know that Jesus was born to die for our sins, which will be the church's focus during Lent and Holy Week this spring, but what is this season called Epiphany that we have now entered? It is a season of revelation and unveiling and showing forth—a season in which Jesus, by word and deed, is shown to be the Son of God in the flesh. Today's marvelous and glorious manifestation of Jesus' divinity is seen on the day of His Baptism by John. May the Lord bless you, His baptized, chosen people, this day, and throughout the Epiphany season! (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His Father's pleasure; Baptized by John, the Father's Word Was given us to treasure. This heav'nly washing now shall be A cleansing from transgression And by His blood and agony Release from death's oppression. A new life now awaits us. LSB 407, st. 1



To Our Visitors: About Holy Communion at Beautiful Savior

In the pew rack is a Friendship Pad which includes an explanation of what this congregation believes and teaches concerning Holy Communion.

We understand participation in Holy Communion to be a sign of unity and agreement in the Scriptural faith and doctrine which is taught and confessed in this church, and we care deeply about the spiritual welfare of all who worship with us. For these reasons we request that any who are not communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, but who are interested in receiving this Sacrament at Beautiful Savior, would first meet with the pastor to discuss our faith and doctrine in more detail. It is our desire to administer this holy Sacrament in a manner that both honors our Lord's Word and brings blessing to all who commune. Those not receiving the Sacrament today are welcome to come forward to receive a personal blessing at the altar rail. Simply fold your arms across your chest as you kneel at the rail to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.

Today's Elders: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Elders for Jan. 15: Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
Today's Acolytes: Joey Weinstock & Henry Pawlak III
Acolyte for Jan. 8: Henry Pawlak III

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7
Epistle: I Corinthians 1:1-9
Gospel: John 1:29-42a
Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11



Matthew 3:15 - But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His baptism, so that in our baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. 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.



Baptism of Our Lord – Our Creator's kindness declares even lives impaired by frailty (Isaiah 42:3) or compromised by failure (Matthew 3:5-6) to be precious. He who has given each one breath (Isaiah 42:5) assures them in Christ Jesus, "Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights" (Isaiah 42:1), and "This is my beloved [child], with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). Their mistakes and mortality do not define them (Romans 6:4, 11). *Heavenly Father, order our minds and our lives according to Your forgiveness. Amen.*



Altar Flowers - We have a number of empty spaces on our flower chart: **January 15 and 22; February 5, 19 and 26; March 5 and 12;** just to name a few. The cost is \$25 or \$12.50 if two parties sign up. You may take the flowers with you following the worship service if you wish. Thank you.



Pastor Has Had Email Trouble. If you are concerned that an email sent by you has not been received by Pastor Groth, or if an email you expected him to send to you never got to you, please speak with Pastor or with Eleanor.



Hi Everyone. I hope you had a great Christmas and received all that your heart desired. Unfortunately, as is sometimes the case, you may have received something you really didn't want or need. It is such a pain to go and stand in line to return such items, so we have the perfect solution for you!!! The BSLs Auction Committee is looking for BRAND NEW items that we can put in the 2017 school auction. This is the perfect opportunity to 1) help the school, 2) offload that extra/unwanted merchandise, and 3) get a tax deduction in the process. Please consider the school before taking back those items - your donation is greatly appreciated and can be left in the school office. Be sure to include your name so a receipt can be sent.

Thank you!!!

Julie Jackson - Auction Donation Coordinator



About the Church Year. The third part of the Time of Christmas (Advent-Christmas-Epiphany) is the season of *Epiphany*. The Epiphany of Our Lord falls on January 6 and commemorates the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Like Christmas, this season begins on the eve of the feast, that is, the evening of January 5. On the Sunday after the Epiphany the church observes the Baptism of Our Lord. Depending on the date of Ash Wednesday, there may be as many as eight Sundays after the Epiphany. The last Sunday after the Epiphany is the Transfiguration of Our Lord. The emphasis of the Epiphany season is on the self-revelation of God to the world. Beginning with the Epiphany, when Christ revealed Himself to the Gentile Wise Men as a "Light to lighten the Gentiles," this revelation emphasis continues, as the Gospel readings depict how Jesus revealed Himself in word and deed. (Source: *The Altar Guild Manual*, Lee A. Maxwell, © 1996 CPH)



Making Abortion Unthinkable: The Art of Pro-life Persuasion:

Have you ever wondered how to give a life-affirming answer those who advocate for the right to abort babies? This excellent, video-based seminar will equip you. (Pastor Groth is the host and group leader for this seminar.) Lutherans for Life Denver invites you to our one-day seminar, **Making Abortion Unthinkable** on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1701 W. Caley Ave, Littleton. Registration: 8:30-9; Seminar on all topics: 9:00-4:00 with manual, boxed lunch, (\$5.00) and Free will offering. **Register today:** Jude Donovan at Hevyjude264@aol.com or Carol Shepherd: (303) 552-7485.



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:

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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, Allen Schmelz, Lillian Bemis, Nan Cribbs, Karl Duchrow, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Pat Hanket, Vince Roberto, and Joey Thompson, whose condition has worsened, and also our homebound members: Melva Anderson, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Rowena Davis, Doris Hintz, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Wanda Renzelman, Vee Rotvold, Don & Pat Sall, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and Linda Frederking.



The Flowers adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Bev Baldwin in loving memory of Gloria and Jim.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
- Tuesday: 08:15 a.m. Tuesday Prayer
- Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
- 04:15 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation Class
- 06:00 p.m. Board of Elders
- 06:00 p.m. BSLs Town Hall Meeting
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
- 05:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 06:00 p.m. Auction Meeting
- 07:00 p.m. Divine Service
- Friday: Thru Sunday Confirmation Retreat at Estes Park
- Sunday, 1/15: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service (Life Sunday)
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class

At Worship, Jan. 1: 106 Communed: 81

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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*Communion Hymns

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: Isaiah 42:1-9
Epistle: Romans 6:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
Sermon: Isaiah 42:1-9

Isaiah 42:1-9

42 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold,
My Elect One in whom My soul delights!
I have put My Spirit upon Him;
He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles.
2 He will not cry out, nor raise His voice,
Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street.
3 A bruised reed He will not break,
And smoking flax He will not quench;
He will bring forth justice for truth.
4 He will not fail nor be discouraged,
Till He has established justice in the earth;
And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

⁵ Thus says God the LORD,
Who created the heavens and stretched them out,
Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it,
Who gives breath to the people on it,
And spirit to those who walk on it:
⁶ "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness,
And will hold Your hand;
I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,
As a light to the Gentiles,
⁷ To open blind eyes,
To bring out prisoners from the prison,
Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.
⁸ I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name;
And My glory I will not give to another,
Nor My praise to carved images.
⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass,
And new things I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

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

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore 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.

⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing 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. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."