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The Baptism of Our Lord

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 7, 2018

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. This Sunday's readings present profound and awe-inspiring events to us, including the Holy Trinity's creation of the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1-5), and the inauguration in the Jordan River of the saving ministry of God's Son, Jesus Christ (Mark 1:4-11). Besides this, the Romans reading treats the all-important matter of the application, through Holy Baptism, of Jesus' redemption to individual believers (Romans 6:1-11). Today Ronan Charles Benson is baptized in the name of our holy triune God. With Ronan all of us can joyfully sing today: "God's own child, I gladly say it! I am baptized into Christ!" (LSB #594, today's final hymn). (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

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. Communicant members of congregations of the LCMS are invited to commune at our altar today. We request that any who are not communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, but are interested in receiving this Sacrament at Beautiful Savior in the future, would 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, in repentant faith, 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. 14:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Today's Acolytes:

Joey Weinstock

Acolyte for Jan. 14:

Henry Pawlak III

Readings for the following Sunday

Old Testament:

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel:

John 1:43-51

Psalm:

139:1-10



Mark 1:7 – And John preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." John is right: Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: The Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.



Baptism of Our Lord – John's Baptism convicted every human being – "all the country of Judea" (Mark 1:5). No physical incapacities excused anyone. Jesus' Baptism consecrates every human being. God, in giving His Son, identifies with us at our weakest and embraces us at our worst. Even when we don't resemble anything our Maker intended, He doesn't call us "unwanted" or "better off dead." Instead He declares, "You are my beloved [child]; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). In this newness of life (Romans 6:4), Christians can also welcome the least among us. Lord, construct Your kingdom of little ones like us. Amen.

Offering Envelopes



The 2018 Offering Envelopes are in the mailboxes. **Please note that if your envelope number was 99 or higher, you have been assigned a new number.** If you did not receive envelopes and wish to have them, please let the church office know and they will be provided for you. Thank you.



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.



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 remember the following people in our prayers this week: Jansen Jones, Chloe Werner, Pastor Brennan, Verna Walsh, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Pat Hanket, Vince Roberto, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, Iola Park, Orville Kubat, Jamie Brandt, Jordan Dittrich, Charlotte Davis, Daluss Seiwert, Nicole Krakowski, and also our homebound members: Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Linda Frederking, Doris Hintz, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Don & Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyanne Sylvester, and Julie Vogel.



The Flowers adorning our altar today have been placed by Mrs. Judy Werner in honor of her daughter Melissa's birthday and in thankfulness to God for blessings received.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today:	02:00 p.m.	Circuit Forum
Monday:	08:00 p.m.	Adult Drop in Volleyball
Tuesday:	08:30 a.m.	Pastors' Winkel at Eternal Savior, Lafayette
	05:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education
Wednesday:	08:30 a.m.	Chapel
	04:15 p.m.	8 th Grade Confirmation Class
	07:00 p.m.	Board of Elders
Thursday:	10:00 a.m.	Bible Class
Saturday:	01:00 p.m.	March for Life @ the state capitol building
Sunday, 1/14:	09:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, Dec. 31: 96 Communed: 71



This Morning we usher into the Kingdom of God by the washing of Holy Baptism Ronan Charles Benson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Jamie) Benson. Nancy Ruckman is the sponsor.



The 2018 Flower Chart Is Now Up! We have lots of empty slots: January 14 & 21, February 4 & 25, March 4, 11, 18... The signup sheet 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.



The Story of "Jonah" serves as the focus of our Sunday School Lesson. Just as Jonah was swallowed up in the belly of the fish for three days, so Jesus, in His crucifixion, was baptized into the sea of death, drowned in our sin, devoured by the grave, and spewed forth alive again on the third day so that He might save us all. Questions for discussion include, "Why did Jonah try to run away from God? What does God do when sinful people repent?"



Updated and Expanded Catechism with Explanation SALE ENDS TODAY. Our synod has just begun to make available this great catechetical and devotional resource—the first updating of the explanation section of Luther's Small Catechism in over 25 years. See the insert in today's bulletin to learn more. If you would like to purchase one or more copies at the special sale price of \$14.49, please do two things: (1) Sign up on the sheet on the church bulletin board; (2) Make a check payable to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church with "2017 catechism" in the memo line. **Orders and payment must be received in our church office by January 7.** Please contact Pastor or Eleanor with questions.



The January Messenger is out. Pick up your copy from the bookshelf by the main doors to the sanctuary.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Hymns: 395, sts. 1-4, 6 407 *397 *790 594

* Communion Hymns

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:

Genesis 1:1-5

Epistle:

Romans 6:1-11

Gospel:

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon:

Mark 1:4-11

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

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.

Mark 1:4-11

⁴ John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. ⁵ Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. ⁸ I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹ It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. ¹¹ Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."