

You
are

precious
in My eyes . . .
and I love you

Isaiah 43:4

The Baptism of Our Lord

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BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Worship Information

Parents with Young Children: We encourage families to worship together.

Worship Bulletin: Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

Worship Form: There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.


- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

Communion: Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are *gluten intolerant* please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
 - Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
 - The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion
-  Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord’s Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.
- Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.

AS WE GATHER-- Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

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WITNESS AND OUTREACH-- Luke 3:15-22: Jesus came to fully carry out the will of His Father. This included being baptized to fulfill all righteousness and take our place under the holy Law of God. He lived in perfect obedience to that Law in our place so that we might be the redeemed children of God who now have some really Good News to share with others who need to hear some. Don’t deprive your friends, co-workers, neighbors, or anyone else the blessing of hearing from God when He says to them “You are Mine!”

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS
Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

RITE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Dear friends, we were buried into Christ by Baptism into His death and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church. Do you renounce the devil?

People: **Yes, I renounce him.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

People: **Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

People: **Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
People: **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
People: **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Pastor: Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of Your Baptism and, as a member of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?
People: **Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**



HYMN

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

LSB 590

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.


People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

 **HYMN OF PRAISE** “All Glory Be to God Alone” LSB 948, vs.1, 5

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:1–7* (“I have called you by name, you are Mine.”)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 29* (Ascribe to the LORD Glory)

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11* (By Baptism, we were united with Christ into His death and resurrection.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

 **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

VERSE *Mark 1:11b*

Pastor: Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;

People: **with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 3:15–22* (Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

 **HYMN** “To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord” LSB 407

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: Father, in Jordan’s baptismal water, You fulfilled the word of the prophet and washed us clean to become Your own children. Grant that we may rejoice in our Savior’s Baptism, which gives hope to our own Baptism and through which

You now behold us as Your own people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You have called us by name and placed upon us Your name and Your grace; give now Your Spirit that we may hear the voice of Your Son speaking hope through the Word and believe in Him faithfully to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Embolden Your church with Your Word and gifts that we may address the world with hope of sins forgiven and death undone by the death and resurrection of our Lord and that hearing this Gospel, many may believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Equip and bless all pastors and church workers and those training for church work vocations, that at home and abroad there may be faithful servants to support and care for Your people in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Guide the leaders of our nation and locality with Your Word that they may act with integrity and serve in accordance with Your will, assisting virtue, justice, and peace here and in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give to Your people generous hearts that as richly as we have received, we may also give. Bless the tithes and offerings we bring with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for all Your goodness. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Abide with the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and the broken in spirit, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need and be granted healing, comfort, and peace according to Your will. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we approach the Table of our Lord Jesus, give us repentance and faith that what we receive upon our lips may be kept in holy hearts, believing in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and walking in the ways of goodness, righteousness, and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional petitions may be included here.

Pastor: Recalling John, at whose hand our Lord was baptized, and those who delivered to us the faith in Word and Sacrament, grant that we may also so faithfully pass on the witness of Your mercy and be kept in life and be faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY (in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)



HYMN

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



SANCTUS LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Rev. 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you. Amen.**



AGNUS DEI “Lamb of God” LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

See LSB 329: Christian Questions with Their Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.



NOTE: Pastor will come around again, offering the COMMON CUP.



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” LSB 411
“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” LSB 594
“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives” LSB 602

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

Pastor: Now this, the Body and Blood of Christ, crucified, risen and ascended, strengthen you, nourish you and keep you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**



HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 1.

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NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 62:1-5

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

HOLY GOSPEL John 2:1-11

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “**tithes**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit.)

December Financial Recap:

December Givings (Thank you!) \$23,803.75
Monthly Need: \$22,050.20
Overage: \$ 1, 753.55

Parking Lot Project:
\$64,519.00
Goal: \$100,000

LWML Loose Change: 1/5/25: \$29.15

Life Quotes: January 12 “From the moment you were being knitted together in your mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13), God’s began His careful construction of His chosen jewel of redemption.” *Rev. Adam Osier, Dean, Free Lutheran Bible College, Plymouth, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

CALENDAR:

Mondays—6:30pm Women’s Bible Study

Tuesdays—9am Orphan Grain Train packing

January 12—TODAY: Youth “meeting” after worship

January 17—10-11:30am, Friday morning Bible study resumes



Friday morning Bible Study: January 17th we will begin a six week study of the time between the Old and New Testaments, known as the Inter-Testamentary Period (363 BC-94 AD). Why study this? What is the Apocrypha? What are the Jewish groups, movements, and concepts that come from this 400 year period? See you Friday Jan. 17th at 10am.

Biblical Stewardship Principles: God’s Stewards are Loved and Loving. God’s stewards recognize that their stewardship flows out of God’s act of love for them in Christ, which empowers them in turn, to love others in acts of Christ-like love. See 1 John 4:11, 19; 1 John 3:16-18; John 13:34-35; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; Gal. 5:6b.

Calling all middle school and high school youth:

Megan DeYoung is interested in starting up the youth group at Beautiful Savior again! This could include social outings, service opportunities, fundraising for youth gatherings (New Orleans 2025 AND future gatherings), and just spending time together getting to know each other and growing in our faith. Our first official meeting will be **TODAY**, January 12th after church.



Bible in a Year Binder? It’s not too late. Sign up in the narthex if you’d like one! How are your daily readings going? Stick around for Bible class after church to discuss the readings so far. Let’s grow together in the Word.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 3:1-3, 15-22, and excerpts from verses 23, 31, and 38
(Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John.)

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

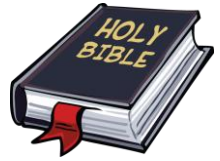
²³ Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, ... ³¹ ... the son of David, ... ³⁸ ... the son of God.

Call Process:

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting with Pastor Lueck on Jan. 7th. In the narthex are Nomination Forms for Pastors for Consideration. If you know of an LCMS Pastor you feel would be a good fit for Beautiful Savior, you are encouraged to fill out one of these forms and return it to the office by January 26th.

January 12-18, 2025

Week 3 “Bible in a Year” Questions:



Genesis 13-19:

1. How did Abram behave when a dispute arose between him and Lot’s herdsmen? What can we learn from this?
2. Who was Hagar? Why did Abram take her as his wife?
3. What amazing news did Abraham and Sarah receive from the three visitors in Gen. 17?
3. How did Abraham plead for the city of Sodom and how did the Lord answer?

Nehemiah 2-8:

1. What was Nehemiah’s first act when he got to Jerusalem and what did he discover?
2. How did Nehemiah meet the danger when the enemies of the Jews wished to stop the work?
3. How long did it take to rebuild the walls? Who did the work?
4. Why was the preservation of the genealogies of the children of Israel so important?

Matthew 12-18:

1. Why did Jesus teach with parables?
2. According to Matthew 15, why did Jesus call the Pharisees hypocrites?
3. What can we learn from the parable of the unforgiving servant?

General Questions to consider:

1. What did you learn from this week’s readings?
2. Is there something in these readings that surprised you?
3. What is one passage that encourages or challenges you? How?

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 1/12/2025 – 1/18/2025

Ongoing prayers for Grief & Loss: (Named & Not Named)

Loved Ones –

Family of Elaine Idsvoog; Erin Stroede (mother passed away); family of Art Holford; Heidi Gross at the loss of her aunt, Hildegard Scheske); Schultz Family; Kubisiak family (Roy's mother passed away); Karen Holman (mother, Rose Janke, passed away); Charlene Kawleski (sister, Kathy, passed away)

Situations:

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA

Military:

Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Paula; Phil Idsvoog; BSLC friend, Sarah, cancer; Jane Dubois; Brayden and Aryanna Mitchell (Twins of Jonathan and Cheryl Mitchell and Grandchildren of Don & Heather Kich, born premature and are in medical crisis)

Hospitalized/Recovering:

Sharon Hughes—Hospice

Circuit 17:

St Luke-Rapids (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); Bethlehem-Nekoosa (starting the Call process for a Pastor); Beautiful Savior as we begin the Call process

Shut-ins:

Mary S.; Anita C.

Birthdays:

1/12 Dean Marczak
1/12 Ashley Pawlowicz
1/18 Tigist Ficken

Baptism Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

Missions:

First Choice Resource Center
Camp Luther
Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy Weden
St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School
Immanuel Lutheran School in Wisconsin Rapids
Future Lutheran High School
Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators & Linda Jordan
J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family
Orphan Grain Train Center

***Please let us know if you
have any prayer requests –
Thank you! ***

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 43:1–7

- ¹ But now thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are
mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall
not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall
not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the LORD your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you,
I give men in return for you,
peoples in exchange for your life.
⁵ Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the
east,
and from the west I will gather you.
⁶ I will say to the north, Give up,
and to the south, Do not withhold;
bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the end of
the earth,
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Epistle: Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too

might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15–22

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Epiphany

About the Cover: The Lord looks upon His chosen people as precious because of His love. Christ, who has always been the eternal and beloved Son of the Father, willingly passed through the waters of a Baptism of repentance that He did not need. He brings blessing through the sacred waters of our Baptism as we are joined to Him, the only Son of the Father. When the Father looks upon us, He sees Christ. Because of this, we are precious and loved in His eyes as His dear children.