

The Baptism of our Lord
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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We Welcome All who are worshipping with us today. All guests please fill in your complete address. Peace be with you in Christ.

Attention Visitors: Thank you for joining us in Worship today. We invite you to pick up a gift bag, found at the Welcome Center.

Communion is Served at the 7:30 AM Worship Services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays and at the Sunday 10:00 AM Service on the 2nd & 4th Sundays

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Our Savior in the belief that here God offers His very Body and Blood in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. We are happy to welcome to the Lord's Table those who embrace this understanding of the nature of the sacrament, repent of sins, and seek to forgive and love as Christ forgives and loves us. We believe that such participation is a statement of fellowship and agreement with our church body and its teachings. As the bread and wine are distributed, white grape juice is also available in the individual cup tray for those that prefer an alternative to the red wine. If you have any questions, we ask that you talk with the pastor or one of the elders prior to the service.

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HEARING ASSISTANCE: Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an elder for a receiver. **Large Print Orders of Service with Hymns** are available.

YOUR CHILDREN MATTER TO GOD AND US! A cry room is available for **infants and toddlers** if needed during worship services. The cry room is located close to the front door of the church next to the sanctuary, with live streaming of the service on a TV screen. **A staffed nursery for ages 6-36 months is available during the education hour in the cry room and during the 10 am worship service in the lower level.** **Young children** can choose one "Jesus Bag" to take with them into church. Please return the bag to the narthex after worship. Children may take a **children's worship bulletin** as they enter church. The yellow bulletin is for ages 3-6 and blue is for ages 7-12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – All children ages 2 to grade 8 are invited to join us for Sunday school from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. in our lower level. We look forward to seeing you! For more information call Marlene Rieck at (715) 891-0991.

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS – Youth (9-12th graders) are invited to our youth Bible class in our youth room located in our lower level. For more information see Anna Reineke or Brenda Husing.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS today are presented to the Glory of God by Richard & Wendy Pluedeman in celebration of the anniversary. Happy Anniversary Richard & Wendy!

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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AS WE GATHER

The First Sunday after the Epiphany continues the process of introducing Jesus of Nazareth to the world and to us as we gather for worship. At the river Jordan He is baptized, and we see how extraordinary He is. Years before this official beginning of His ministry, the Magi from the East had come to realize how singular this individual was as they gave Him their worship and their gifts. He is the Lamb of God proclaimed by John, who baptizes Him. He is a glorious King, descended from the line of King David and King Solomon. And He is the Savior who has come to bring us salvation. Today we gather at the river to share in the Baptism Day of our Lord!

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” LSB 394

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 71:19, 23*

Pastor: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

People: **You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?**

Pastor: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

People: **my soul also, which You have redeemed.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done. We have not lived our lives fully in the baptismal grace with which we have been blessed. We have not completely shared the bounty You have given us as stewards of Your creation. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, forgive what is sinful in our lives, and grant that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.**

Pastor: God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

People: **Behold My servant, whom I uphold, My chosen, in whom My soul delights.**

Men: 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.”

Women: 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. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

People: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE “Father Welcomes” LSB 605

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1–9* (The Chosen One of the Lord)

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 6:1–11* (We are created to walk in newness of life in Christ.)

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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13–17* (Jesus is baptized by John in the Jordan River.)

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

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

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" LSB 739

SERMON "Just Who Do You Have Here?" Isaiah 42:1-9

CATECHISM *The Third Article and Baptism*

Pastor: The First Sunday after the Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the day we commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord. Today we confess the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther’s Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit through Baptism.

People: **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. Amen.**

Pastor: As the Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace, we ask, “How can the water used in Holy Baptism do such great things?”

People: **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.**

OFFERING “Beautiful Savior” (arr. Hobby)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

At the end of the prayer:

People: **Amen.**

Late Service please continue with the Sacrament

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Thy Strong Word” LSB 578 v. 1-3, 6

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

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

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because You have called us through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Your children. As we rejoice in the salvation won for us by our Savior, grant that we heed the call to share the Gospel message throughout the world so that many come to feast in Your eternal kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 161

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

THE LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy” LSB 590

“Jesus Loves Me” LSB 588

“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our royal Redeemer. Strengthen us through this gracious Meal that, buried with Christ by Baptism into death, we live resurrected and renewed lives in baptismal grace and show forth Your love through acts of mercy. Support us in this life and bring us at last to the unending feast in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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IN HIS SERVICE

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| <u>Elder/Helper</u> | Early – Pat Crum
Late – Glenn Finger, Tim Kadlec |
| <u>Ushers</u> | Early – Jim & Jean Walker, Todd & Brenda Otto
Late – Jerry Baerenwald, Ray Hutts, Pat & Jan Grosse |
| <u>Greeters</u> | Early – Don & Kris Secord
Late – Dawn Shantz |
| <u>Readers</u> | Early – Pat Crum
Late – Sue Kurth |
| <u>Acolytes</u> | Early – Evan Wanta
Late – Anna Westfall |
| <u>Media Operators</u> | Early – Jonah Walker
Late – Rick Behrens |
| <u>Altar Care</u> | – Bev Ginnow, Dawn Shantz |
| <u>Nursery</u> | – Education Hour – Mandy Kersten
Late Service – Brenda Husing |

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***THE MISSION OF OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE FOLLOWERS
OF CHRIST TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND IN THE
WORLD SO THAT ALL MAY HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.***

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This week at Our Savior:

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| Monday | 13 | 10:00 am Staff Meeting
5:00 pm Evangelism Meeting |
| Tuesday | 14 | 9:30 – 1:00 Circuit Meeting
6:00 pm JuBELLation
7:00 pm Women's Choir |
| Wednesday | 15 | 9:30 am Quilters
10:00 am Aging with Grace
5:30 pm Confirmation |
| Thursday | 16 | 9:00 am Bible Study
2:00 pm Stewardship Meeting
5:45 pm Back in the Swing of Things
6:00 pm Ultreya |
| Friday | 17 | Office Closed |
| Saturday | 18 | 7:00 am Men's Interdenominational Bible Study, ER Firestation |
| Sunday | 19 | 7:30 am Worship celebrating Holy Communion
8:45-9:45 Sunday School, HS Bible Study, Adult Bible Study – Nursery Available
10:00 am Worship – Nursery Available |

ATTENDANCE: Early: 70, Communion: 67, Late: 138, Sunday Bible Study: 24, Sunday School: 26,
Sr High School Bible Study: 2, Saturday Morning Men's Bible Study: NA, Tuesday
Bible Study: 24, Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 3, Thursday Evening Bible Study: 7

God's richest blessings to you on YOUR special day!

Birthdays:

12 – Beverly Brunette, Scott Lea **13** – Beverly Klämp **14** – Gary Fawcett, Richard Behrens Jr
15 – James Walker **16** – Daniel Scafaro, Rick Mai, Susan Schmidt
17 – Miriam Gillman, Mitchell Popp **18** – Amanda Rieck

Anniversaries:

12 – Richard & Wendy Pluedeman

Prayers For Our Families – Without a doubt, one of the most important aspects of our relationship with the Lord our God is our prayer life with Him. We are instructed to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17), and to pray for one another (James 5:16). For we are under attack from the devil and his minions constantly, and we need the best protection we can get! At Our Savior, we are blessed to be surrounded by families whom our Lord has called to walk together in the light of Jesus. Each one of our families has good days and bad, and each one of our families deserves our prayers. Each Sunday we will be praying for members of Our Savior. Those whom we will be praying for are selected at random from our membership roster, and don't be surprised if you will be receiving a phone call from Pastor Kufahl to let you know that your family will be in our prayers this week. We encourage you to use this list in your personal, daily prayers as well. Each one of us is precious in God's sight. May our Lord open our eyes to see the gift that each family is!

*Joanne Anderson, Janice Christofferson, Pat Hasenberg, Greg Klessig, Grant Lukas,
Amy Olson, Justin Scafaro family, Terry & Gretchen Tryggeseth*

Our Savior Email List - If you have not yet subscribed to our email list, follow the link on our website to sign up. If you are signed up and did not receive it, please check you spam folder and then make sure oursavioreagleriver@gmail.com is in your address book. Gmail users – these emails will appear in your “promotions’ tab.

Disaster Relief - To help our brothers and sisters whose lives have been disrupted through the recent flooding, call 1-888-930-4438, or text LCMSDISASTERS to 41444, or mail a check to The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, PO Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861 with "Disaster Relief" written in the memo.

Purple Wristbands – Harrison (Harry) Meyers, is the grandson of Curt Gerard, Congregation Chairman of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Iron River. Harry has cystic fibrosis. Please take a wrist band (located at the Welcome Center) and pray for Harry. New drugs are currently being discovered but only for children 2-12. If you would like to donate, that is also appreciated. If you would like to donate to offset his medical expenses, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Harry Meyers. Thank you, Pastor Chuck Sheffler.

Watch Us On Facebook - You can find us on the Our Savior Facebook page, and we hope to have a link up soon on our website. We are also in need of someone to assist in running the laptop for this opportunity. If you are interested in learning how to do this, please contact Pastor Kufahl as we are in need of your help!

Women's Choir to Begin! Women, young and old, are invited to join us for our women's choir to begin on Tuesday, January 14th, at 7 pm. We will be preparing to sing on Sunday, February 2nd. Hope you can join us as we praise the Lord and enjoy time together!

Stewardship Corner - A new era was beginning. Moses was giving his farewell address to the people he had led for forty years. He reminded them of the faithfulness of God, and he warned them that many challenges to their faith lay ahead. Walking with God, he told them, would bring life and blessings. Any other path would lead to death and curses. What do you choose for this new year you are entering into?

JuBELLation Choir - New ringers are welcome to join our bell choir this Tuesday, January 14th, at 6 pm. Please contact Vicki Holewinski or Marlene Rieck for more information.

Church Family Potluck Time - All ages are welcome to our church family potluck on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 6 pm for food, fun, and fellowship. Please bring a favorite dish to share. Stay for bingo night with prizes! We will also enjoy a devotion. Hope to see you there!