

# Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship – 9:30 am.

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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:45 AM

**The Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 7, 2024**

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN # 412 The People That in Darkness Sat”

The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteous,  
The gathering nations come;  
They joy as when the reapers bear  
Their harvest treasures home,  
Their harvest treasures home.

To us the Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is given,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All power in earth and heaven,  
All power in earth and heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored,  
The God by all adored.

His righteous government and power  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy spirit, one,  
And Holy spirit, one.

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

**SHARING THE PEACE** “Let us share the Peace with one another”

**KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
Good will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.

To You, O sole begotten, The Father’s Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry.  
Where You in pow’r are seated At God’s right hand on high

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High.  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

C **Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:1-5 (*The beginning of creation*)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Romans 6:1–11 (*Baptism into Christ gives new life.*)

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

## HOLY GOSPEL     Mark 1:4-11     (*The Baptism of Jesus*)

P     The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C     **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**After the reading**

P     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C     **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CREED – “The Nicene Creed”

I believe in one God,

    The Father Almighty,

    Maker of heaven and earth

        And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

    The only-begotten Son of God,

    Begotten of His Father before all worlds,

    God of God, Light of Light,

    Very God of very God,

    Begotten, not made,

    being of one substance with the Father,

    by whom all things were made;

    who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

    and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

    and was made man;

    and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

    He suffered and was buried.

    And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

        and ascended into heaven

    and sits at the right hand of the Father.

    And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will  
    have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

    the Lord of giver of life,

    who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

    who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

    who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen

## SERMON HYMN #405     “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

To Jordan’s river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow’r and might.

The Savior came to be baptized  
The Son of God in flesh disguised  
To stand beneath the Father’s will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.

**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.”**

**The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall  
To save the world and free us all.**

**Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

**SERMON**      "What Pleases God." (Mark 1:4-11)                      Rev. Tony Troup

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**

**P**      The Lord be with you.  
**C**      **And also with you.**  
**P**      Lift up your hearts.  
**C**      **We lift them to the Lord.**  
**P**      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C**      **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**  
**P**      It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS – Holy, Holy, Holy**

**Holy holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**P**      Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.  
In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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.”

**PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen

**AGNUS DEI - Lamb of God**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

LSB 763 “When Peace, like a River  
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows, roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

Refrain:  
It is well with my soul,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

**LSB 817 “Earth and All Stars”**

Earth and all stars!  
Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory!  
Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Refrain:  
He has done marvelous things.  
I too will praise Him with a new song!

Hail, wind, and rain!  
Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Flowers and trees!  
Loud rustling dry leaves!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Trumpet and pipes!  
Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre!  
Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Engines and steel!  
Loud pounding hammers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Limestone and beams!  
Loud building workers!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Classrooms and labs!  
Loud boiling test tubes!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Athlete and band!  
Loud cheering people!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Knowledge and truth!  
Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Daughter and son!  
Loud praying members!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

Children of God,  
Dying and rising,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth,  
Hosts everlasting,  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Refrain

**NUNC DIMITTIS – Song of Simeon**

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav’nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** Let us pray  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen

**BENEDICTION**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.  
**P** 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.  
**C** Amen

**HYMN No. 550** “Lamb of God”  
Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

Refrain:  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

**SENDING**

**L:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**C:** Thanks be to God!