

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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Worship –9:30 am

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Sunday School & Bible Class: 10:45am

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 11, 2026

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Video

INVOCATION

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



OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; Psalm 117*

P: I will go to the altar of God,
C: **to God my exceeding joy.**

P: Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!
C: **For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Jesus Christ is God's chosen one, who came and who comes again today to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, in Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.**

P: Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. God strengthen you with His grace to life ☩ everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

✕ WORD ✕

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

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

C: 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.

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

C: **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.**

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

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, this day we rejoice in the anointing of the Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan River to be Your chosen deliverer, Your Spirit-marked servant. Grant that the light of Your salvation through Him enlighten all people today, calling everyone through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Your chosen people for eternity; 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 *Isaiah 42:1–9* (The LORD’s chosen servant)

Behold 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. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

Thus 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: “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, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Behold, 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* (Dead to sin, alive to God)

What 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? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We 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.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We 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. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So 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.**

VERSE *Mark 1:11b*

Pastor: Alleluia.
People: **You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.**
Pastor: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 3:13–17* (The Baptism of Jesus)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And 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; and 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

Hail to the Lord’s anointed,
Great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression
And rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy
To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight.

He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth.
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing.
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

O’er ev’ry foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—
That name to us is Love.

SERMON “The Temperament of Jesus” Isaiah 42: 1-7 Pastor Mark Wiesner

HYMN Video “Never Underestimate My Jesus”
 (Aka “For the Moments I Feel Faint”) – by Reliant K

CREED The Apostle's *Creed*. (*Please rise.*)

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
 and earth.
 And 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. 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

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: 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.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, “My Refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.**

**Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings
 Bear you on the breath of dawn,
 Make you to shine like the sun,
 And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. (Refrain)**

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. (Refrain)**

**For to His angels He’s given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot upon a stone. (Refrain)**

SENDING

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

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