

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE

January 16, 2022

10:00 a.m.



“Alongside us in the water”

AS WE GATHER

Jesus begins His active earthly ministry taking His place right alongside us in the water of His Baptism. There He laid aside His own divine powers to take on our powerlessness so that, enabled by the Holy Spirit, He could take on our sin and death into Himself to destroy it by His atoning death on the cross and victorious resurrection. Now to all who are baptized in His name He gives the power of His holiness and gift of eternal life. The Spirit, the Word, and yes, the water is our connection with His life, and by faith in Him, we are already citizens of our heavenly home even before we get there in body and soul. What confidence is ours to live by God’s power and grace.

PRELUDE

"Melodie" -W. Faulkes

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Today we celebrate a special baptism; the baptism of Your Son, Jesus of Nazareth. You tell us to "Look! See my chosen servant, the One in whom I utterly delight; I have placed my Spirit on him, he will bring true justice to the nations." When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up, and the Spirit came down like a dove. At that moment Your voice from heaven said: "This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am delighted." Most wonderful God, we too delight in your beloved son, foolish and flawed though we are. As we gather in his name may the heavens be opened for us, so we can see how his place alongside us in the river prepares a place for us alongside you in heaven. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen!

OPENING HYMN

"Here I Am to Worship" – Words & Music by Tim Hughes

- 1. Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this
heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.**

**Chorus: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God and You're altogether
lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

- 2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in
heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You
created, all for love's sake became poor. Chorus.**

**BRIDGE: And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin
upon the cross.**

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon the cross. Chorus.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Be seated

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT (*Read responsively*)

Ps. 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a

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.

**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.

KYRIE (*Sing*)

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C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill 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.**

Stand

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.**

Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1–7

¹But 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.

²When 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.

³For 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.

⁴Because 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.

⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.

⁶I 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,

⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Lift Every Voice and Sing” –Congregation is invited to join in singing the 3rd stanza of this hymn, LSB #964.

- 3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places our God, where we met Thee; Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand may we forever stand. True to our God. true to our native land.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*Sing*)

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C 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

Luke 3:15–22

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John 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 with fire. ¹⁷His 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.”

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But 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, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and 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.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C 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 and 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.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” **LSB #404**

- 1 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own; In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown: Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove, As the Father’s voice resounded, “Hear My Son, the One I love.”**
- 2 John confessed Him as the Savior—“Look, the sinless Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the sandals Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us, Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:**
- 3 This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to undergo; This the crimson cleansing needed So the world God’s love might know; This the mission of Messiah As He stepped from Jordan’s stream, He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.**
- 4 Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path; You, by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath: Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace; We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.**

SERMON

Mightier Than I

Luke 3:15-22

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Congregation response to petitions: Hear our prayer.*)

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 singing:

SANCTUS (*Sing*)

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C 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.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Speak*)

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C 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. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Sing*)

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C 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.

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION

1 (Piano solo) "Come to the Table" -C.Cloninger & M. Nystrom

2 "To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" **LSB #405, Sts. 1-4**

1 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.

2 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.

- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God, The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.**
- 4 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."**

3 "Have No Fear, Little Flock" LSB #735

- 1 Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!**
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!**
- 3 Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!**
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!**

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

- C 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.

P 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.

BENEDICAMUS AND 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.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

“Baptized In Water” **WOV #693, Sts. 1-3**

1 Baptized in water, sealed by the spirit cleansed by the blood of Christ our king; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise – faithfully now God's praise we sing.

2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king; one with his rising, freed and forgiven thankfully now God's praise we sing.

3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king; born of one Father, we are his children – joyfully now God's praise we sing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Bible Study: "The Book of Acts" Sundays from 8:30-9:30am in fellowship hall.

Congregational Quarterly Voters Meeting on Jan 23rd.

New Member Class: Being Beautiful Savior. This 5 week course is for all those interested in becoming a part of the community and family of Faith here at Beautiful Savior. In those weeks we will discuss the history of Beautiful Savior, Who is God, why do we pray to him, The Teachings of God and the Grace He brings, as well as Baptism and Communion. We wrap up our time on week 5 with a discussion on the opportunities to serve here at Beautiful Savior. Any questions? contact Pastor Tim.

Midweek Bible Study: "Psalms & Sandwiches" This group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at 12:30 p.m. for lunch with Pastor and to go through the book of Psalms. We will be meeting again January 26, 2022, at Yvonne's Café at 1725 W University Tempe.

POSTLUDE

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

Officiant Preacher:

Rev. Tim Anderson

Organist/Director: Ellen Brown
Special Music: The Beautiful Savior Singers Choir
Song Leader:
Assisting Elder & Lector: Skip McFadden
Greeters: Kathy Held
Acolyte: Joe Carlin
Altar: Pat Carlin

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey/cream “Worship Information” card** found in the pew in front of you. Members are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit)

Pastor Tim Anderson is available to you for pastoral and spiritual needs (prayer support, hospital calls, counseling, private communion, etc). He can be reached at the office Monday & Wednesday, 9 AM – 2 PM. Cell phone #480596-2256.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

Attendance for 1-9-22 week Bible Study—7; Worship Service— 46 & 8 Midweek Bible Study.

Income report for 1-9-22: Loose Plate \$61; Weekly Envelopes \$1235; Designated Gifts \$128; Other \$39.91; Total \$1463.91.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 16, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal

10 AM The Baptism of our Lord Worship w/Holy Communion

(Also, being streamed on Facebook online)

11:30 AM Board of Trustees Meeting

January 17, Monday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

January 18, Tuesday

7 PM Council Meeting

January 19, Wednesday

9 AM – 2 PM Pastor Tim Anderson in the office

January 21, Friday

After noon the Church & Offices cleaned

January 23, Sunday

10 AM The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

After Worship: Congregation Quarterly Voters' Meeting

Prayer list: Continued recovery for all who have medical issues: Jim Schutkowski, **Cyndi Calendar, Bev Dase, Maebell Beard, Glenn Brown,** and **Mike,** Caryl Appeld's son. For comfort and peace **for Doris Reith and Len Lacy** in memory care facilities and also for cancer patients **Tim Jackson, Amina Kruck and Gerri Koski.** For comfort, strength and healing for **Les Carlson,** brother of Gladys Meyer. For **Dorothy McShee** preparing for heart valve replacement and **Lisa Miquel** for successful surgery to help her hands & feet. For safe travel for **Bobbie Littou** to and from Parker, AZ. For **Pastor Nathan Hughes and Mason,** 3rd grade teacher at Greenfield School, who have tested positive for COVID-19

Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFAX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM:

January 23 "**Caught**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Words have power to catch the listener, the power of Jesus' words and story, even more so. (Luke 4:38 - 5:16)

**FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO STILL VIEW SERVICES
ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:**

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or

4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)

5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.



HOLY COMMUNION. . .OUR UNDERSTANDING

It is the special joy of the baptized and instructed Christian to celebrate Christ in our very midst with the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). The Scripture clearly and carefully teaches that, in Holy Communion, the very Body and the very Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. It also teaches that "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord (acknowledging the Real Presence of Jesus with the elements) eats and drinks judgment on himself." (I Corinthians 11:28-29).

Communicants, then, are rightfully prepared and "worthy" when they:

- *are truly penitent of their sins;*
- *even now embrace Jesus as their Savior and recognize His Real Presence in the bread and the wine; and*
- *seek to amend their sinful lives, with the assistance of this Meal and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

If you have any further questions, please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Other notes on the distribution of Holy Communion:

- *1) Wine is the Biblical standard for all communicants. However, grape juice is in some glasses and available in the center of each tray for those who have an intolerance to alcohol.*
- *2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, is served in individual glasses and common cup. Please choose you preference..*
- *3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*

