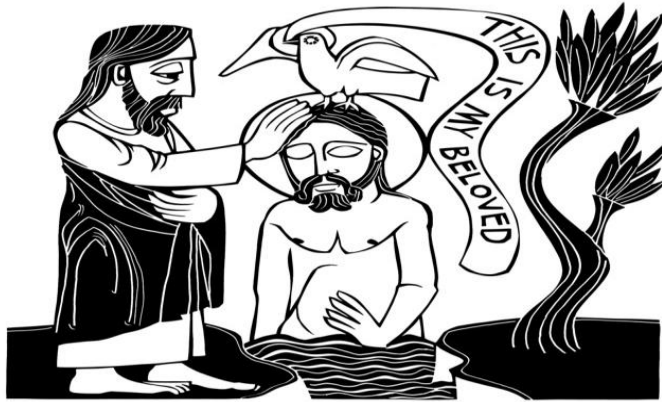


# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 14, 2024

10:00 AM



*Standing In Our Place*

## AS WE GATHER

Mark begins his gospel with the voice of John the Baptist crying in the wilderness. John proclaims “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” Most of the words in that phrase are easily understood. Baptism is about being washed clean. Forgiveness is the erasing of debt. Sins refers to our captive will’s inability to get our poop in a group. But repentance is something that we can dig into. A word from God that draws us into the waters ourselves. It is from the Greek word metanoia, and it literally means: “doing a U-turn.” John the Baptist stands with his back to the river and bids the crowds to turn around. An act of the will... Right? But true repentance isn’t a willful work. It’s a response to a beckoning voice. To repent is to turn and say to the calling Lord, “Sorry, I’ve got nothing. If anything’s going to change, you’re going to have to make it happen. I don’t have it in me.” That’s why we celebrate Jesus’ Baptism. He is the only one with the Will to do it. And He does make it happen. The Lord is about to step into the water to be steeped in the sin of all those who’ve come to the Jordan. He’s not afraid of saving the likes

of you and me. After all this is the beloved son. The one who hovered over the deep waters at creation, is now in the water, saving creation, taking our place, saving us.

## **CASUAL SUNDAY**

### **PRAISE MEDLEY**

1) "Here I Am to Worship" -Tim Hughes

#### **Verse 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**

#### **Verse 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**

#### **Bridge**

**And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross**

Tim Hughes

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2) "Lord of the Dance" AGPS 170, V 1 & Refrain (Repeat both)

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun, and I  
Danced on the moon and the stars and the sun, and I**

**Came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

**Refrain: Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.**

3) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -TOSB #33, V 1 & 3

- 1 **Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.**
- 3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.**

## **PASTORAL WELCOME**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Eternal Father, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan. Grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and made your children by adoption and grace, be daily renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISM**

*Romans 6:4, 36; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5–6; 1 Corinthians 6:1; Mark 1:11*

**Pastor:** We remember our Baptism with the trinitarian invocation, recalling and confessing before heaven, earth, and hell all that God has given us in our Baptism: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts. How do we rightly use our Baptism?

**People:** **We rightly use our Baptism when we live in repentance and faith in the triune God, who has made us His beloved children.** (*Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* [2017] Question 324).

**Pastor:** When Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan River, the Father declared Jesus as His Son with whom He is well pleased. In our Baptism, Paul wrote, we were joined to our Lord's death and resurrection, enabling us to walk in newness of life. We also learn in the Small Catechism, all centered on God's Word, the lasting gifts received in Baptism including the forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and eternal life to all who believe this. Let us reaffirm our faith in what God has done for us through Holy Baptism.

**Pastor:** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**People:** **I do renounce them.**

**Pastor:** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**People:** **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you 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: Yes, I believe.**

Pastor: Do you 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?

**People: Yes, I believe.**

## **CONFESSION**

*Romans 6:1–2, 4*

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**People: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God, our Father. In today's Epistle from Romans, the apostle Paul asks, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? . . . How can we who died to sin still live in it?"

**People: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved God with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

Pastor: "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."

**People:** For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

*Romans 6:6–7, 10–11, adapted*

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** For one who has died has been set free from sin.

**People:** The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,

**People:** but the life He lives He lives to God.

**Pastor:** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** The almighty God and 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.

## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**INTROIT** (*Read responsively*)

*Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 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** (*Spoken*)

**C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA** (*Sing*)

"Gloria" (WOV #640)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**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*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So 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

“Blessed Be Your Name” -Matt & Beth Redman



**ALLELUIA** (*Sing*)

"Celtic Alleluia"

**Alleluia (4x)** Verse by Song Leader. **Repeat (4x) Alleluia**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Mark 1:4–11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>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.**

**APOSTLE'S CREED**

**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.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" WOV #660, V 1-3**

- 1 I want Jesus to walk with me: I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**
- 2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk  
with me.**
- 3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; When I'm in trouble,  
Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**SERMON                      Mightier Than I**

**OFFERING MUSIC**

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" -WOV #759, St. 1 & 3

**Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.  
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.  
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in pray'r before  
you. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.**

**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.  
Lord of all creation, You spoke all creation into being,  
beginning with light. In this Epiphany season and all our  
days, grant us faith to see the light of Your providing hand,  
the guidance of the light of Your Word, and our Savior as the  
light of the world. Help us to shine Your light of truth and  
grace to this dark world, that others may know You and  
rejoice in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,**

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of all grace, though our many sins and shortcomings weigh heavy on our hearts, You come to us in Your means of grace and give new life. Help us to daily remember our Baptism and to daily rejoice in our identity as Your own children and part of Your family. With Christ as the head, bless this family of believers within Your Church that through worship and fellowship all may be blessed with encouragement, support, service, and a zeal for growing in and sharing Your Word. Bless all families and homes that parents and children may remain steadfast in faith, trusting in You above all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of all comfort, following the Baptism of Jesus He would seek the lost, heal the sick, and show compassion to all. Enable us in boldness and confidence to proclaim the wonders of Him who has called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Use our words and actions to be a blessing to others. For those who are sick and suffering, grant Your continued presence and healing according to Your will, [*especially . . .*]. Grant patience in trials, peace in afflictions, and hope in Your promises now and eternally. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

*Additional petitions may follow.*

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

**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  
and ever. Amen.

## **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION** *(Spoken)*

**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.

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“Cornerstone” CCLI

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT)**

**Chorus**

**Christ alone cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all**

**Verse 2**

**When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging  
grace**

**In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil**

**Interlude**

**He is Lord Lord of all**

### **Verse 3**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh may I then in Him be found**

**Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless stand before the throne**

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### **POSTLUDE**

(Reprise) "Cornerstone"

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will continue to meet at 8:30AM.**

**The Quarterly Voters meeting will be held Sunday, January 28th, 11:30 AM.**

**Beautiful Savior Serve Day: Jan 14th at 11:30am. Learn more about all the ministries of Beautiful Savior as each of our ministries will have a display and will talk about what it is we do here at church and how you can be a part of it.**

**Women's Weekly Bible Study will meet Monday, Jan. 15th at noon in the fellowship hall. We will study Mary. All BSLC women and friends are invited to attend.**

**Chosen Night: Saturday Jan. 20th at 5pm. Join us as we finish up Season 2 of the Chosen. We will watch episode 2.07 Reckoning and 2.08 Beyond Mountains.**

**Blessing of the Animals & Pet Adoption: This February at Beautiful Savior we will once again work with local humane societies to give our furry friends forever homes and bless all pets that visit us that day. More information is coming soon.**

**Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.**

**Donate to Beautiful Savior: Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can do so by going to: [easytithe.com/BSLCTempe](https://easytithe.com/BSLCTempe). Then choose the 'Recurring' or 'One-Time' giving option and choose a Fund. The Funds are: General Budget, LWML, Missions, Air conditioners, La Mesa, Staff Continuing Education, and Other. When selecting Other, please specify how your donation should be used. Thank you!!**

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Marsha Beetham

**Altar:**

Bobbie Littou & Charlotte Grefe

**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's Office Hours: Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

**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 week: 1-7-2024; 1-7-24 Bible Class—6; Worship Service—40; 1-8-2024 Women’s Bible Study—4; 1-11-24 La Mesa meal—NA, La Mesa worship—NA; La Mesa Baptism—NA.**

**Income report for 1-7-24: Loose Plate \$45; Weekly Envelopes \$2601; Designated Gifts \$43; Other \$43.55; Total \$2732.55.**

## **THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

### **January 14, Sunday**

**8:30 AM Adult Bible Study**

**9:30 AM Stewardship Meeting**

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal

**10 AM The Baptism of Our Lord -Casual Worship**

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online) (\*Login info below to view online)*

11:30 AM Beautiful Savior Serve Day

11 AM Board of Trustees Meeting

11:30 AM Beautiful Savior Serve Day

### **January 15, Monday**

**12 PM Women's Bible Study**

5 PM Council Meeting

**January 16, Tuesday**

9:30 AM Braille Group

**January 18, Thursday**

4-7 PM La Mesa

**January 19, Friday**

Church & Offices Cleaned

**January 21, Sunday**

**10 AM The Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Prayer List:** We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

**Judy Mahr**-broken hip, **Bobbie Littou**, **Nolan Conley**, **Blue Sky**, Charlotte's, grand baby, **Marianne Lemkau**, **Nola** vision problems, **Mary Tarsitano**, **Carol Hurley**, **Josh**, **Ken**, **Mason Midkiff**, **Wendy Sievers**, **Bev Dase**, **Ken w/MS**, **Kathy Held** recovering after surgery;

**Pastor Pope** in hospice care;

**Nicole McClain**, **Mindy**, **Amina Kruck**, **Annalisa Durnan**, **Jan Buel**, **Alice & her husband Randy**, **Beth Ruettinger**, **Brenda Frank**, **Warren**, **Cheryl**, **Jim Schutkowski** – cancer treatments;

**Doris Reith** and **Len Lacy** - memory care;

**For the family of Pastor Kosburg**, whose son-in-law passed away.

**All nations dealing with hardships and for military deployed to areas of conflict;**

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

**\*SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

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

**[www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/](http://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.**

**Lutheran Hour Broadcast - KFNX RADIO (1100) @ 10 AM**

January 14 "How Could She Ever Forgive Him?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice. (Matthew 18:27)