

**Our mission
is to teach,
love,
and connect...
teach all ages
about Jesus,
love one another
as God loves us,
and connect
with others
in a hurting world.**



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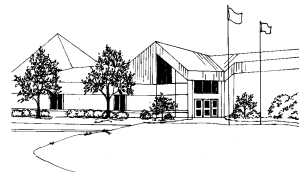
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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children’s bulletins, and large print service folders are available; please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church’s Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

11:00 AM, SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Christ is with Me”

by G. Coleman

The Baptism of Our Lord

RINGING OF BELL

OPENING SONG

“It Is You”

by P. Furler

**As we lift up our hands will You meet us here?
As we call on Your name, will You meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship You.
God of mercy and grace,
It is You we adore,
It is You praises are for,
Only You the heavens declare,
It is You, it is You.**

**Chorus: And holy, holy is our God almighty,
And holy, holy is His name alone, yeah.
And holy, holy is our God almighty,
And holy, holy is His name alone.
It is You we adore,
It is You, only You. *Repeat verse and chorus***

**It is You we adore,
It is You, only You.**

**As we lift up our hands,
As we call on Your name,
Will You meet us in this place
By Your mercy and grace?
As we lift up our hands,
As we call on Your name,
Will You meet us in this place
By Your mercy and grace?
It is You we adore
It is You, it is You.**

**Chorus: And holy, holy is our God almighty,
And holy, holy is His name alone, yeah.
And holy, holy is our God almighty,
And holy, holy is His name alone.
It is You we adore, it is You, praises are for,
Only You the heavens declare,
It is You, it is You.**

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WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND RITE OF BAPTISMAL RENEWAL

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

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Dear friends, we were buried into Christ by Baptism into His death and raised with Him to newness of life. I call upon you to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the devil and all his works and ways and were made members of the Holy Christian Church. Do you renounce the devil?

People: Yes, I renounce him.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his works?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce all his ways?

People: Yes, I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

People: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

People: Yes, I 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: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: Yes, 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.

Pastor: Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of Your Baptism and, as a member of the church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

People: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: Almighty God, the 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.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

We share the peace of Christ with those around us. Remain standing for the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Great Are You, Lord”

by J. Rueger & T. Wood

**The beauty of Your majesty
Displayed for all the world to see.
Is it any wonder? Is it any wonder?
The glory of Your holiness,
The mercy of Your faithfulness.
Is it any wonder? Is it any wonder?**

Chorus **We sing, “Great are You, Lord.”
For we adore You,
Lift up Your name, and fall before You.
We stand in awe and sing, “Great are You, Lord.”
We lift up our voice. We sing, “Holy, holy, Hallelujah”
to the one and only.
Forevermore, we’ll sing, “Great are You, Lord!”**

**Through endless ages, You will reign.
Yet ev’ry season, You’re the same.
Is it any wonder? Is it any wonder?
The pow’r of Your redeeming plan,
Grace that offers life to man.
Is it any wonder? Is it any wonder? *Chorus***

Interlude **Oh, is it any wonder, Any wonder we sing,
Any wonder we sing, oh?**

Bridge 1 **Great are You Lord. Is it any wonder we sing?
Great are You Lord. Is it any wonder we sing?
Great are You, Lord. Is it any wonder?**

Bridge 2 **Great are You, Lord. Is it any wonder?
Great are You, Lord. Is it any wonder?
Great are You, Lord. We sing, “Great are You!”
Great are You, Lord. Is it any wonder?
Great are You, Lord. Is it any wonder?
Great are You, Lord. We sing, “Great are You, Lord!”**

Sing, “Great are You, Lord!”
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Please be seated.

COME AND HEAR THE GOOD NEWS!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

“I have called you by name, you are Mine.”

Isaiah 43:1–7

Reader: But 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.
When 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.
For 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.
Because 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.
Fear not, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you.
I 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,
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 6:1–11

By Baptism, we were united with Christ into His death and resurrection.

Reader: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

HOLY GOSPEL

Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River by John.

Luke 3:15–22

Pastor: Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

Pastor: As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John 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. His 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.”

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SONG

“Christ is with Me”

by G. Coleman

- 1 We were buried with Him into death,
That as He was raised by God’s glory,
We might walk in life made new by grace.
Having died with Christ, we shall live with Him.**

**Refrain: Christ is with me ev’rywhere I go.
Never to leave me, this I know.**

- 2 I have now been grafted to the vine,
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,
Bearing fruit as I abide in Him:
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.**

- 3 I have now been crucified with Christ.
I no longer live; Christ lives in me.
Now I live by faith in God’s own Son,
One who loved me so—gave Himself for me.**

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SERMON

“You Are Precious in My Eyes”

Isaiah 43:1-7

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD.

WE PRAISE THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS *Tithes and offerings are collected by the ushers. We encourage you to sign and pass the Friendship Book at this time. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

† *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

After each petition:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: Recalling John, at whose hand our Lord was baptized, and those who delivered to us the faith in Word and Sacrament, grant that we may also so faithfully pass on the witness of Your mercy and be kept in life and be faithful unto death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying,

People: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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; 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.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

Pastor: 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.”

Pastor: 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.”

PEACE

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

Pastor: We rejoice, Lord Jesus, that You did not remain on Your heavenly throne but entered Your creation for our salvation. With John the Baptist we give thanks and say,

People: **“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”**

DISTRIBUTION

Please be seated. If you are communing, please follow the directions of the ushers.

SONG

“No Longer Slaves” by B. Johnson, J. Case, J. D. Helser

You unravel me with a melody.

You surround me with a song

Of deliverance from my enemies

Till all my fears are gone.

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

From my mother's womb

You have chosen me.

Love has called my name.

I've been born again to a family.

Your blood flows through my veins. *Chorus twice.*

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.

My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me so I could stand and sing.

I am a child of God. *Repeat*

I am a child of God. I am a child of God.

I am a child of God. I am a child of God!

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Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your

children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ☩ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

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- 1 **God’s own child, I gladly say it:
I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it,
Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many?
I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free
Lasting to eternity!**
- 2 **Sin, disturb my soul no longer:
I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger:
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood,
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?**
- 3 **Satan, hear this proclamation:
I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation,
I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I’ve traveled,
All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny,
God, my Lord, unites with me!**

- 4** **Death, you cannot end my gladness:
 I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness
 To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
 Baptism has the strength divine
 To make life immortal mine.**
- 5** **There is nothing worth comparing
 To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring:
 Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising,
Still my soul continues praising:
 I am baptized into Christ;
 I'm a child of paradise!**

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SILENT PRAYER

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Readings for next Sunday, 1/19:

Isaiah 62:1–5

Psalm 128

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11
