

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016

Baptism of Our Lord

**FIRST LESSON. Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, 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, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, 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 them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away 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."

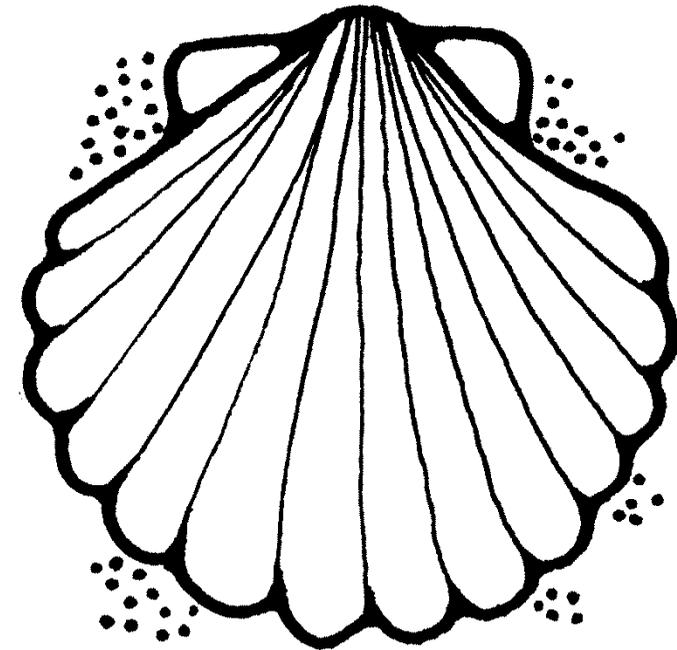
**SECOND LESSON. Acts 8:14-17**

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**GOSPEL. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

# BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



# JANUARY 10, 2016

**Baptism of Our Lord**  
January 10, 2016  
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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Today we welcome Jody Johnson, site director at Luther Crest Bible Camp, to our pulpit. God broke down barriers when Jesus was born and when Jesus was baptized. What are the barriers in our lives, and how do we resist God breaking down barriers? How are barriers broken down through Christ when people come to Luther Crest Bible Camp?

**Gathering Songs**

Worship Team  
***Rejoice in the Lord Always***  
***Let Everything that Has Breath***  
***Baptized***

J. Beech  
M. Redman  
J. Beech

**Announcements**

**\* Thanksgiving for Baptism**

ELW Page 97

**\* Processional Hymn**

***Drawn to the Light***

**ELW 593**

**\* Apostolic Greeting**

**\* Kyrie**

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**\* Hymn of Praise**

***This is the Feast***

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**\* Prayer of the Day**

**First Lesson**

Isaiah 43:1-7

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

(Congregational response after reading: **Thanks be to God**)

**Second Lesson**

Acts 8:14-17

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

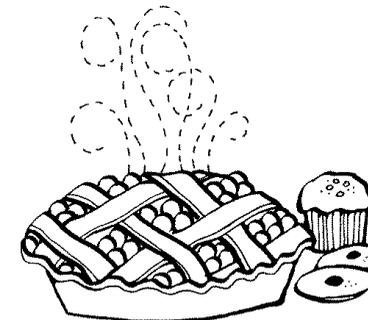
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**Today is Luther Crest Sunday!**

We give thanks to Jody Johnson from Luther Crest for being with us today to promote Luther Crest Bible Camp! Camp sign-up is starting already and the early-bird deadline is February 14th! The First Lutheran Foundation has generously offered to help offset the cost of Luther Crest Bible Camp and pay for half of the cost of camp for our youth (up to \$300.) We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to go to camp and sign up soon! Stop by our coffee area for a s'more and for a brochure with opportunities for all ages!

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ANNUAL MEETING**

***Sunday, January 31, 2016***



**POTLUCK**

**Potluck at Noon followed by the Annual Meeting in Fellowship Hall**

**Fellowship and Refreshments** this morning in the narthex between services by the family of Morgan West and Donovan Wood.

**Known Hospitalized:** Edwin Peterson & Tedd Steenbock at Lake Region Hospital. Harlan Ernst at Mayo in Rochester.

**Congratulations** to Chris & Amanda Harig on the birth of their daughter Amelia Joyce.

**Sympathy** to the family of Irene Kraning who passed away December 31, 2015. Plans for service are pending.

**Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Russ Anderson in memory of Alice Anderson who passed away one year ago today.

**Visitors!** If you didn't get a "Visitors Bag" when you came in this morning please pick one up on your way out after worship. You'll find them in a basket located on the small table on the ramp coming up from the narthex into the sanctuary.

**Large Print Edition** of the order of worship, the lessons, and the hymns for today are available. If you would like copies for worship, please ask an usher.

**Pastor Saul and the 9<sup>th</sup> graders** are at Camp Koinonia on the 9<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation retreat. They left yesterday and will return this afternoon.

**2016 Offering Envelopes** are ready to be picked up from the info counter. They are in alphabetical order. If you don't see your envelopes stop in the church office and see Katrina.

**The 2016 Radio Broadcast Sign Up Sheet and the 2016 Flower Chart** are posted on the kiosk. If you would like to sponsor the broadcast or flowers, please stop and sign up today after worship.

Senior Pastor:	Saul Stensvaag
Associate Pastor:	Jennifer Rose
Visitation Pastor:	Stan Satre
Sunday School Superintendent:	Cindy Larson
Council President:	Lisa Wolfe
Worship Team Director:	Anne Taylor
Organist:	Keith Melberg
Lectors:	8:30 – Missy Mattson 11- Ashley Shuck
Acolytes:	8:30- Olivia Becker, Andrey Lockett 11- Brandon Hinsverk, Jacob Spangler
Communion Assistants:	8:30-Brian & Madisen Becker 11- David & Lorri Holt
Greeters:	8:30 –Pam, Jake & Sam Western 11 – David & Vicki Hanneman
Sacristan:	8:30- Teresa Shannon
PA Operator:	LeAnne Jaenisch

**\*Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
(Congregational response sung after Gospel is announced: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**)

**\*Gospel**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

(Congregational response sung after Gospel is read: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

**Sermon**

**Barriers**

Jody Johnson

**Hymn of the Day**

**When Jesus Came to Jordan**

**ELW 305**

**Children's Event**

Jody Johnson & Luther Crest Critter

**\* Apostles' Creed**

Back Cover of ELW Hymnal

**\* The Prayers**

P ...Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

OR

P ... Let us pray to the Lord,  
C **Lord, have mercy.**

**\* The PEACE is shared**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

**Offering**

**Fear Not**

Worship Team

P. Pringle

**Offertory**

**In the Bleak Midwinter**

**ELW 294 (v.1 & 3)**

1 In the bleak midwinter,  
frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron,  
water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow,  
snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter,  
long ago.

3 What can I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man  
I would do my part;  
yet what I can give him—  
give my heart.

**\*Words of Institution**

**\* The Lord's Prayer** (alternate version)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**Distribution of Communion**

**Hymns during Communion**

**ELW 487, 453**

**\* Post Communion Blessing**

**\* Post Communion**

***My Life Is In You, Lord***

D. Gardner

Worship Team

My life is in You, Lord, My strength is in You, Lord  
My hope is in You, Lord In You, it's in You. (Repeat)

I will praise You with all of my heart.

I will praise You with all of my hope.

With all of my life, and all of my strength. All of my hope is in You.

**\* Benediction and Sending**

(Congregational response: ***Thanks be to God***)

**\* Postlude**

***My Life is in You, Lord (reprise)***

\* Indicates when congregation stands

OFFERING UPDATE				
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual(12-1 to 12-31)</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
December as of 12/31/2015	\$ 40,040.00	\$ 66,973.43	\$26,933.43	
Year to date	\$480,560.00	\$ 478,598.65	-\$1,961.35	

**This Week at First Lutheran:**

Today: 8:30 & 11 a.m. Blended Worship/H. Communion  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School resumes  
**9:45 a.m. Butterflies**  
 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
**12:00 p.m. 8-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Trip Info Meeting**  
**4:00 p.m. 9<sup>th</sup> Graders return from Koinonia**

Monday: 9:00 a.m. WELCA Love Days  
 5:00 p.m. Al-Anon  
 5:00 pm Boy Scouts  
**5:15 p.m. Foundation Annual Meeting (Conference Room)**

Tuesday: **7:30 a.m. BBC @ Taco John's**  
 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 3:00 p.m. Mill Street Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon  
 10:00 a.m. AA  
 3:45-4:30 p.m. Children's Choir  
 4:30-5:15 p.m. FLYK4  
 6:00 p.m. Hosanna Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation  
 7:00 p.m. Lent/Easter Planning Task Force  
 7:30 p.m. Senior FLY  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thurs.: 8:45 am Morning Watch – Pastor Saul – KBRF AM 1250  
 9:30 a.m. Sr. Bible Study & Coffee

Friday: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Next Sunday, January 17:**

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
**9:45 a.m. Preschool 2 Milestone Class**