

Bethany Lutheran Church
703 Broadway- Emmetsburg, IA
Worship 10:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Vicar Sarah Schilcher & Pastor F. Peter Morlock

Lost Island Lutheran Church
3797-310th St. - Ruthven, IA
Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM

We welcome you to worship today
January 7, 2018

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS/ SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP SHEETS

We invite everyone to please sign the attendance sheets in the black notebook located at the end of pew. If you are a member, take a minute to notice people you don't know and welcome them to worship. If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better, please include your address and phone number. We welcome you to come again.

ORDER OF SERVICE-LBW HOLY COMMUNION SETTING ONE

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:** LBW Pg. 56

*Please stand if you are able

***GATHERING HYMN:** WOV #693, *Baptized In Water*

***GREETING AND KYRIE:** LBW Pg. 57 (green hymnal)

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** Pg. 60 **This is the feast...**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray together.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the primeval darkness, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for any person living in the chaos and darkness of despair. God created and continues to create new life.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Psalm: 29 Please read responsively

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

IN OUR PRAYERS:



We remember those in special need of God's love and care including:



Shirley Gentry, Lois Jurries, Bill Ellingrod, Deb Zarfes, Wilma Nielsen, Rhonda Bakken, Bonnie Anderson, Dennis Mandsager, Margaret Sloan, Kort Freeman, Heide Rienhardt (Kristin's mother), Garwin Anderson, Lois Quam, Pastor Trudy Peterson, Karyn Davis, Fern Schmidt, Rod Snavely, Bob & Janet Mortensen, Lucille Anderson, Norma Larson, Richard Omundson and those we name in our hearts.

*Sympathies are extended to the LeRoy Kunz Family and Friends as well as to the Lewis Heghin Family and Friends who both passed away this past week. Their funerals were held on Thursday & Friday respectively.

*Our missionary: Courtney Davis in Papua New Guinea

*Our companion synods: The Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania-Yakobi Parish, companion with Lost Island and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile, companion with Bethany.

On January 21st, Bethany will be conducting their Annual Meeting following Church. All members are invited to attend to review what we have done over this past year—and what is ahead for us. Kristin will be hanging out with any youth in the basement during the Annual Meeting.

On January 28th-Lost Island will conduct their Annual Meeting. Kristin will also be around to hang out with the youth that are present.

"Beyond the Snowman" Fundraiser for the Youth Mission Trip (Canvas Art Painting Class) on January 21st from 2-4pm, in the church basement

Cost is \$30, Pay when you arrive

Every participant must fill out a registration. (Ages 12 and up)

Registration forms are available online or in the Church's entry way.

(Signing up lets us know how many to expect to make sure we have plenty of materials).

Bethany members-Your 2018 giving statements are completed and in the Overflow Room. Your 2018 offering envelopes are there also. Please pick them up!

Outreach-GARGOYLES-6th through 12th graders- 5-8pm- \$3 each person

Noisy Offering-January 14th-Goes to CBM (Christian Blind Mission)

CBM is an international Christian development organization, committed to improving the quality of life of people with disabilities in the poorest communities of the world.

6th through 12th graders– No Apologies in Spencer on January 31st. We will meet at 5pm for supper and then head to Spencer. The event goes until 8pm . Confirmation kids are required to attend. A permission slip is required and due to Kristin by January 28th for planning drivers, if you did not receive one in the mail, there are extras in overflow room at Bethany and some at Lost Island.

January 21st– Sunday school youth will sing during the service!

Sunday School Youth-You are at \$47.47 for the offering. The goal is \$100 by April 29th.

Heads up!!!! Keep a lookout for any information about Sub Sandwich Ordering! Mission Trip Youth will be selling Sub Sandwiches available for pick up Feb. 3rd just in time for the Super Bowl!

Adult Bible Study-Resumes January 17th-Potluck. All adults are welcome! 5:30pm-7pm. Bring a dish to pass as we dive into Psalm 119.

Those who attend Sarah Circle, the date in the Newsletter is wrong. You will be meeting at Elaine Nauss' home on January **16th** at 6:30 pm.

Sorry for the mix-up!

We are also possibly looking at replacing the refrigerator in the kitchenette as it seems to be leaking water sporadically. If anyone has one they would like to donate to the church, please contact the office.

Second Reading: Acts 19:1-7

In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John's baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptized them, the Holy Spirit came upon them and empowered them with gifts of the Spirit.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Here ends the reading. Please stand for the Alleluia response

***RESPONSE: Pg. 62 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***GOSPEL ANNOUNCED AND RESPONSE: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

Mark's gospel reports the story of Jesus' baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

***GOSPEL RESPONSE: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** WOV #697 *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

***THE NICENE CREED:** pg. 64

***THE PRAYERS-**respond with "Have mercy, oh God"

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** –in this cold & flu season you may wish to refrain from shaking hands and just extend the greeting

Please be seated while the offering is received

***OFFERING/OFFERTORY:** LBW Pg. 66 **"Let the vineyards...."**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:** LBW Pg. 67

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** LBW Pg. 68

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION:** Pg. 69

***THE LORD'S PRAYER:** Pg. 71

HOLY COMMUNION: Pg. 72 **"Lamb Of God..."**

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION: LBW # 212, 486, 488

***BLESSING:** P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION:** Pg. 72 **"Thank the Lord..."**

***PRAYER AND BENEDICTION:** Pg. 74

***SENDING HYMN:** WOV #721, *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

***DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE



We invite all who are baptized to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion with us. We ask that you believe that Christ is present in the bread and wine and that you desire the benefits He offers. If you would like to come forward for a blessing and not receive Holy Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms. If you are not able to come forward, please indicate to the usher and we will serve you at the pew. Grape juice is present in the center of the tray. Gluten free wafers are also available.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, January 7

5:00 pm Outreach

Monday, January 8

9:00 am Quilters

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, January 10

12 noon Men's Bible Study, lunch

3:30-5 pm SACK (grades 2-5)

5-7 pm Confirmation

5:30 pm Youth Board Meets

7-8 pm COOL (grades 6-8)

8-9:30 pm LIFE (grade 9-12)

Thursday, January 11

1-3 pm Youth Leader's Meeting

6:30 pm Sarah Circle at Elaine Nauss' home

Sunday, January 14

8:45 am Lost Island Worship

10:15 am Lost Island Sunday School

9:30 am Bethany Sunday School

10:30 am Bethany Worship

Sunday, January 21

Bethany Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 28

Lost Island Annual Meeting

VOLUNTEERS –BETHANY

Organist

Janis Campbell

Altar Guild

Pam & Mike Hermansen

TODAY, January 7

NEXT SUNDAY, January 14

Lector: Angie Hetrick

Frank Veltri

Greeters: Pat Vician

Joyce Froisland

* Kent & Belinda Davidson

*Angie Hetrick

Communion Asst: Joe Neary, Kristin Rienhardt, Bob Andersen

Ushers: Michael Jacobson

Ryan Veldbloom, Mark Saxton

Joe, Ryerson & Jameson Boevers

Ben & Nicholas Saxton

Acolytes: Ryerson & Jameson Boevers

Hannah & Olivia Sanders

TODAY, January 7

LOST ISLAND

NEXT SUNDAY, January 14

Organist

Tim Nielsen

Altar Guild for January

Linda Pitt, Pat Henningsen

Reader: Troy Leininger

Charles Henningsen

Communion Asst: Alaire Nielsen

Acolytes: Kate Sorenson

Owen Lux