

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

246 Benjamin Street.....Romeo, Michigan 48065
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**February 5, 2012**
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WORSHIP 8:30AM & 10:30AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP.....P=Presiding, A=Assisting, C=Congregation

Prelude Jan Evans

PRAISE RINGERS:..... "Alleluia"

Congregational Greeting and Theme of the Day:
He's Got An Attitude!

ENTRANCE HYMN (*stand, if you are able*): "When Morning Gilds the Skies" **LBW #546**

GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

KYRIE:.....**WOV Page 28**

P: Kyrie eleison;

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christe eleison:

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Kyrie eleison:

C: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE:.....**WOV Page 29**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;

Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:.....**WOV Page 30**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Dear Lord, inspire us to have an attitude like St. Paul. Give us the strength, the courage, and the faith to do whatever it takes to establish Your Kingdom in this world. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAISE SINGERS: (1) "Kyrie Eleison" *by David Huntsinger*

CHERUB CHOIR: (2) "Jesus Loves Me"

CHILDREN'S SERMON (2) **Pastor Mark**

BAPTISM (1) of Kelly BreAnne Hearold and Katie Lee Hearold

BAPTISM: (1) *(No photographs, please, until after worship. The service of Baptism is an opportunity for all of us to remember our Baptisms.)*

P: Dear Parents and Sponsors, you have brought **Savannah Leilani Watson** to this place because God wants her to be washed and cleansed. Through sin, we live in a broken world, but in baptism, by water and the spirit, we are reborn children of God and made members of Christ's Body.

S: We present **Savannah** to be washed in God's Baptismal water.

P: As parents and sponsors, you are now asked to see that this child grows up in the Christian Faith. That she learns the stories of our Faith. See to it that through your lives she understands the meaning of the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments. Make sure that she experiences the love of Christ through your love, for it is Christ's love which shall sustain her throughout her life. Will you keep these promises?

Parents & Sponsors: We will.

P: Together, with this Congregation of Believers, will you affirm your faith and the Faith into which **Savannah** is baptized?

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (congregation together)

God is love, and in God is the source of all goodness and truth. God is the creator of the universe and continues to recreate with us a kingdom of compassion for all humankind. Jesus is God's Son. Jesus was born of Mary, lived a life of kindness and concern, died a cruel death on an executioner's cross, and was raised on the third day to a new life. Jesus' life is our life. We can now live a life of kindness and concern; we can die and be raised to new life; we can live as forgiven sinners, confident of our place in eternity. We can respond to the call of Christ to follow him.

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of God, alive and at work, establishing and building the realm of God on this earth. The Spirit of God leads us into the true faith, guides us through the difficult choices of life, and comforts us when we feel as if we cannot go on. God is with us, living inside of us, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE BAPTISM: **Savannah Leilani Watson**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen

BAPTISMAL PRAYER

P: **Savannah Leilani Watson**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the Cross of Christ forever.

A: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

† Today we welcome *Savannah Leilani Watson* into our family of Christ. Savannah is the daughter of Darius Watson and Katie Hearold of Romeo. Savannah's sponsors are Kelly Hearold and Andrew Dietzel.

PRAISE HYMN: *Father, We Love You*

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Your name in all the earth, glorify Your name,
Glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Your name in all the earth, glorify Your name in all the earth,
Glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Your name in all the earth, glorify Your name in all the earth,
Glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth.

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-23, 28-31

²¹Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? ²²He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in. ²³He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

Psalm 147:1-11

- 1 Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!
- 2 **The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- 4 **He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.**
- 5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.
- 6 **The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make music to our God on the harp.
- 8 **He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.**
- 9 He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call.
- 10 **His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his delight in the legs of a man;**

11 the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. ¹⁸What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make use of my rights in preaching it. ¹⁹Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²²To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand, if you are able*):.....**WOV No. 612**

C: Celtic Alleluia

Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia!

Al – le – lu – ia, al – le – lu – ia!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told Jesus about her. ³¹So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. ³²That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. ³⁵Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else--to the nearby villages--so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

“He’s Got An Attitude!”

Pastor Mark Evans

OFFERING/OFFERTORY (*stand and sing*):WOV Page 35

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

A: Let us pray. Merciful God

C: 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.

Announcements and Recognition of Visitors

People Concerns for the WeekPastor Mark Evans

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers:

Bill Adams, Margaret Allemon, Bob Barke, Dennis Barke, Marv & Rosalie Blackett, Michelle Blaskay, Paul Blaskay & Family, Jennifer Buckley, Pat Cabala, Amy (Barr) Carbeck, Matthew Decker, Tom Dixon, Melvin Dyker, Pastor Mark, Martin Falker, Judy Gallagher, Ed Goebel, Joyce Guimond, Al & Velma Jean Havers, Bill Higgins, Margaret Hotchkiss, Jennifer Hudson, Deborah Joyce, Harold Joyce, Lorolei Kahl, Pat Koleda, Amy Krawciw, Josh Long, Brigitte Maday, Ellen Maddin,, Helen Mangold, Amy May, Brooklynn Oland, James Olson, Jerry Olson, Lillie Oming, Don & Betty Pinnick, Ursula Rick, Ruth Rohm & Family, Clarence Samuel, Eric Schorling, Rick Schwartz, Chris Seablom, Bob See, Ron Seglund, Debbie Shepak, Virgene Shreves, David Shirey, the Family of Larry Sieger, Jim Smith, Carol Vernier, Joyce Vestrand, Ed Werderman, Suzanne Wilson, Kenneth Wizinsky Sr., Kim Wizinsky, Peter Yelick, and our serviceman overseas, Steve Horney.

After the updates of the People Concerns, the Congregation will stand and sing together,

PRAYER HYMN:

Lord, Listen to Your Children

Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place,
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

THE PRAYERS (stand):

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

Each portion of the prayers concludes with these words:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

THE ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

P: Gracious God,

C: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name; what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

PARDON:

P: Jesus Christ our Savior gave himself for us, redeeming us from all sin and cleansing us to be people who are eager to do what is good. Through the water of rebirth and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, God saves us, renews us in grace and bestows on us eternal life.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:.....WOV Page 36

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 our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . *(Here the minister continues with the proper preface, concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation sings

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (stand if you are able)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.

COMMUNION *(sit)*

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION **LBW Nos. 333, 359, 370**

(All baptized Christians are welcomed to the Lord's Table today. Children who have not yet been instructed for Holy Communion will be given a blessing. Please fill out one communion card per family and follow the direction of the ushers. White grape juice is available for anyone who would prefer to not drink wine. There are also gluten free wafers for those people allergic to wheat.)

(Stand, if you are able)

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION HYMN *(congregation sings):* **LBW Page 72**

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry-one what he has done. Let all who
seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and
leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

A: Let us pray. *(The Assisting Minister says a short prayer.)*

C: Amen

THE BENEDICTION:

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: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

LBW #294

DISMISSAL:

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude.....Jan Evans

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VOLUNTEER MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2012

<u>Assisting Minister:</u>	Dave Hudson
<u>Acolyte:</u>	1) Volunteer Please 2) Ryan & Aaron Schmidt
<u>Greeters:</u>	1) Bill & Linda Walters 2) Brad Morrison Family
<u>Reader:</u>	1) Ron Weyersberg 2) Amy Maruca
<u>Nursery:</u>	1) Volunteer Please 2) Suzanne Jaroh
<u>Comm. Care:</u>	1) Herb & Karen Schroeder 2) Aline Colbert
<u>Comm. Bread:</u>	1) Jan Evans 2) Karen Joyce
<u>Ushers:</u>	1) Ron Weyersberg Family 2) Velma Springstubbe, Steve Springstubbe, Laura Gutenkunst
<u>Counters:</u>	DROP BAG
<u>Coffee Hour:</u>	Steve Hunt Family
<u>Saturday Service Coordinators:</u>	Dave & Laurie Hudson