

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

To our visitors, we greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.





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Order of Service

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

arr. Blersch

WELCOME

→ PREPARATION **→**

Stand

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** In the beginning was the Word,
- and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

- **P** In Him was life,
- and the life was the light of men.
- P The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:4-5

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:9

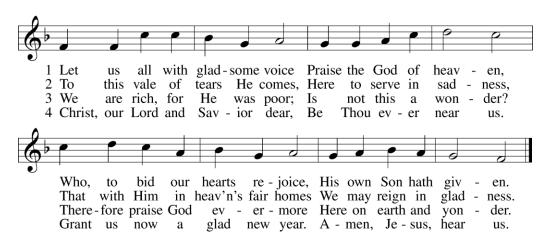
- **P** To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
- and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
- and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
- **©** Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

- P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light,
- and in Him is no darkness at all.
- P If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

 1John 1:5-7

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 1:4-5; Isaiah 52:10

- Desus, Word made flesh, You came to dwell among us, but the darkness of our sin separates and we often fail to bask in the light of Your presence.
- We are 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 You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.
- P John writes in our Gospel lesson, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Heavenly Father, too frequently we live in the darkness of unbelief.
- Forgive us, Lord, for those sins we know, and those sins we do not know.
- P 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to be born into this world and in our flesh for us, to live a perfect life we can never attain, and to give His life as a perfect sacrifice for you. For His sake, He forgives you all your sins. Christ was born to live for us, to die for us, that we by faith will rise with Him in victory. He was born as our Savior to forgive. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,
- and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN

See amid the Winter's Snow

LSB 373

₩ORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

- **I** This is Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Angels from the Realms of Glory

arr. Delancy Christmas Day Bells

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 1:1-6

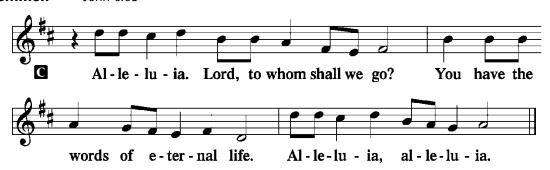
¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God!

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Common John 6:68



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

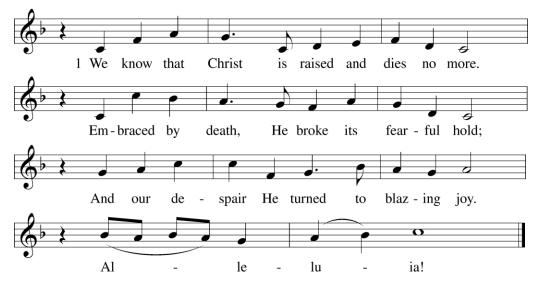
On this festival day of Christmas, a procession brings the reading of the Gospel into the midst of the worshippers reminding us that the Gospel belongs to all of God's people.

By faith, we recognize the Lord's voice as the pastor reads.

Turn to follow the cross from the chancel to the middle of the sanctuary.

We Know that Christ Was Raised

LSB 603:1



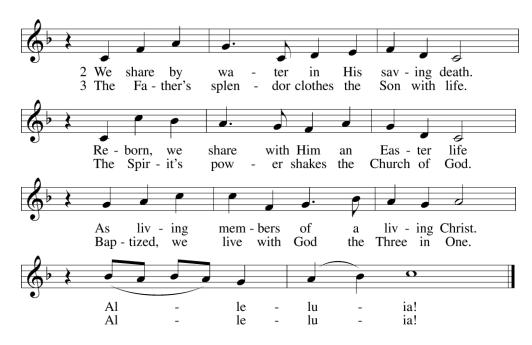
HOLY GOSPEL John 1:1-14

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but

of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



Sit

SERMON HYMN

O Sing of Christ

LSB 362

SERMON

Life
John 1
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Martin Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle's Creed with music from *Of the Father's Love Begotten (LSB 384)*

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.

All Sing: Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.

All: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death.

All Sing: Oh, that birth forever blessed, When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world's redeemer, First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.

All: All this He has done that I might be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

All Sing: O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent; Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.

All: Just as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

All Sing: Christ, to You, with God the Father And the Spirit, there shall be
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And the shout of jubilee:
Honor, glory, and dominion And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

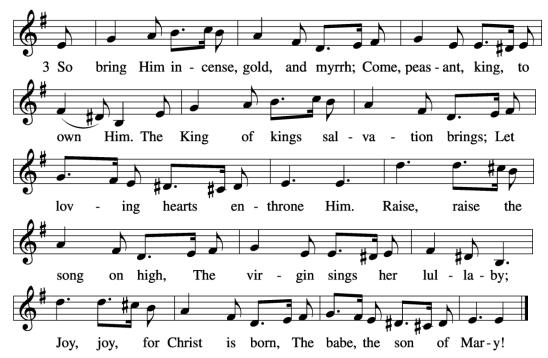
- **P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- For the Church throughout the world, that all the baptized, by their faithful witness to the Gospel, would bear the joy of the light and life of Christ into the darkness and death of this world, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the nations, that all those entrusted with leadership would be given grace to serve with wisdom, courage and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who wander in the darkness still, unaware of the love of Christ, that the Holy Spirit would enlighten their hearts so that they may join us in confessing and praising Him who became the child of the blessed Virgin Mary in order to make us the children of God, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For this parish and for our preschool, that our members would find joy overflowing in their adoption by the heavenly Father through Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For those who grieve, for the lonely and the forsaken, that in Christ they would find the comfort of that light no darkness can overcome, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For all who approach Christ's altar today, that worthily receiving the gift of His very body and blood, the Eternal Word of the Father would dwell in them with His life and light, and that they would abide in Him forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Child is This
LSB 370:3



★ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ★

PREFACE TUNE: O Come, All Ye Faithful

- P The Lord God be with you.
- C And with you, His servant.
- P Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.
- With hearts uplifted/Thanks to Him we render.
 With joy we come before Him/In gratefulness implore Him;
 With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!

PROPER PREFACE

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son,

we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS~~(*Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy*)

1. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of Hosts, by all adored! Heav'n and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

TUNE: Angels We Have Heard on High

2. Hail, hosanna, God Most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

LORD'S PRAYER

- 1. Our Father in heaven, All praise to Your name! Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone; Oh, hear us and bless us From heaven's high throne.
- 2. The bread that we yearn for Provide us each day; As we forgive others, Our sins take away; In times of temptation, To lead us be near; From evil deliver Your children most dear
- 3. For Yours is the kingdom; O'er all things Your reign. And Yours is the power; All things you maintain. To You be the glory, Resounding again From all of creation, Forever! Amen.

TUNE: Away in the Manger

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28: Mark 14:22-24: Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen!

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

TUNE: O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. Christ, have mercy on us now, forgive our sins today; For in this meal Your grace abounds Come to us, Lord, we pray. Forgive, renew, and strengthen our lives of faith this day. O Christ, the Lamb of God we sing: Have mercy Lord we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins? 2.

3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

Instructions for Communing

The congregation will be ushered forward to Stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When you are finished, reference the altar and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB 368 Angels We Have Heard On High

LSB 389 Let All Together Praise Our God

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

1. Thank the Lord, His praises voicing For His promised faithfulness! All who seek the Lord, rejoicing Tell His love, His name confess, For He leads us, with thanksgiving In the paths of righteousness.

TUNE: Angels from the Realms of Glory

2. At Your Word, now let Your servant Go in peace, for with my eyes I have seen Your bright salvation, Israel's Light, begin to rise As the Glory of the nations Leading us to Paradise.

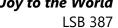
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- \mathbf{P} Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- \mathbf{C} **Amen**

BENEDICTION

- TUNE: O Little Town of Bethlehem
- P Now may the good Lord bless and keep, His love in you increase; Lift up His face with shining grace, And grant eternal peace.
- C To Father, Son and Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three, Be thanks and praise through all our days and to eternity!

CLOSING HYMN Joy to the World





POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High

arr. Burkhardt

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Altar Guild	Nancy & Jim DeLaney
Altar Flowers	

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

First Sunday after Christmas Service w/Communion – 8:00am and 10:45am Family Education Hour – 9:30am – 10:30am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Service – 6:00pm



Words of Appreciation are expressed from your Church Staff. We've received many cards and treats as well as the staff gift from members and friends of the congregation. Thank you for your generosity and wonderful notes of cheer and good will.

Pastor Joel Schultz, Pastor Mike Ada, Pastor John Kastner, Vicar Josiah Sandcork, John Blakley, Anne Yarnell, Michelle Wibe, and Lauran Delancy

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to the families listed below that purchased poinsettias for our Christmas services.

Jack Anrico In memory of Gwen & Amira Anrico (2)

Roger Berardi To the Glory of God (2)

Jere & Sharon Brandt To the Glory of God

Kevin & Lynda Brumley In memory of Cleo Wolter & Inez,

& John Brumley

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Rev. Leland Teuscher, & Tim Teuscher (3)

Gary & Carol Olson To the Glory of God

Marc & Gretchen Olson In thanksgiving to God for our three children

Vaunda & Archie Palmer To the Glory of God

Paul & Gloria Peterson To the Glory of the Newborn King (2)

Mary Jane Rees In memory of Ivan

Bob & Karen Rinne In memory of loved ones

Jim & Connie Teig To the Glory of God

Marc & Sandy Wachter In memory of Wayne & Wanda Hein

Robert Welsh In memory of Paula
Janna Willnauer To the Glory of God

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Charlotte Ziegler In memory of Rev. Robert Zieg

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PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Paige Vanderpool**, Aaron Vanderpool's sister, who is pregnant with her first child.

For **Todd McMullen**, who is having knee surgery on December 31st to repair a torn meniscus.

For **Michelle Held and family**, Barbara Gossen's niece, who is recovering from brain surgery in which cancer was detected. Michelle and her family lost Michelle's brother, Neal Wurth, to cancer this past August.

For **Justin Wingerter and family**, especially his grandmother, as they spend their first Christmas without Justin's grandfather.

For **Ted Teuscher**, Charlotte Teuscher-Ziegler's 55-year-old son, who is hospitalized after having a stroke.

For Sarah Nichols, Andrew and Cassie Nichol's sister-in-law who is experiencing some health issues.

For **Ken Ernster**, Roger Berardi's neighbor, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

For Charlie Fiss, Fred Gruhn's very good friend who is home recovering well from his AFIB incident.

For God to bring about peace in the war between Israel and Palestine.

For God to bring about peace in the war between Ukraine and Russia.

For **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine**, our LCMS partner church, for their safety and love as they care for the people still caught in the conflict.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For Isaiah McMullen, who is thankful the GI test results yielded no serious illness but needs improvement for his health.

For Roger Braun, Carisa McMullen's father, who is thankful for positive test results but needs improvement for his health.

For **Lauren Kandt**, Kim Burdett's niece, who will be the first patient to begin a clinical trial to try and fight the cancer.

For **Mike Hughey**, Lance Hughey's father who is home recovering from parainfluenza and needing speech therapy.

For **Terry Norwood**, who is recovering from a new pacemaker surgery.

For **Margaret Wolpers**, who is recovering at home from seizures.

For Joshua Shin and his family, a BSLP family, whose infant son Joshua has been diagnosed with a fatal genetic disorder.

For Carol Brandt and family, and peace as they mourn Dale's death and adjust to life without him.

For Gina Stoehr and family and peace as they mourn Tim's death and adjust to life without him.

For **Helen Claudy**, who is home and continues to pray for strength.

For **Karen Kuhn**, who is having chemotherapy for stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

For **Patty Ott**, Amy Schepmann's mom, who is in hospice care.

For our expectant mothers: Audra Bruschi, Allie Melton, Alison Reigel, Mary Schultz, Brie Shepherd, Rachel Totten, and Peyton Ziegler for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For those undergoing cancer treatment: Brad Alyea, Tonya Baker, Mandy Bender, Liz Taylor Berube, Sharon Drew, Jordan Ebach, Wanda Fisher, Brad Gellerstedt, Maya Goudy, Gary Huseman, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Lauren Kandt, Linda Knight, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, JC McCaskey, Milroy Moses, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Patty Ott, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Dave Semro, Tom Serafin, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, Kathy Woods, and Kara Zech.

For **our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith.

For **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that God would bless them through our interactions, and they may come to know Christ.

For **all those who are unemployed or under-employed**, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.