The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve

December 24, 2020 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm

Clory to God IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH peace, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14, KJV

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 (1 Cor. 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 or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.





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Order of Service

AS WE GATHER

Heaven and earth rejoice on this night, because the glory of the Holy Trinity is manifested in the human birth of "our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13), through whom the Father's grace and mercy permeate the world. Death's silence is nullified by this "good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10). And all we who have gone astray like lost and wandering sheep, who have "walked in the darkness" of doubt, fear, and sinful unbelief, behold "a great light" in the nativity of Jesus Christ (Is. 9:2). In Him "the grace of God has appeared" (Titus 2:11). For this child of Mary who is born for us, this dear Son of God who is given to us, bears the burden of our sin and death in His own body on the cross. By initiating and fulfilling His earthly journey from nativity to crucifixion, Christ establishes a government of peace, "with justice and with righteousness," which shall have no end; not by any work of man, but "the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this" (Is. 9:7).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on HighDavid Cherwien

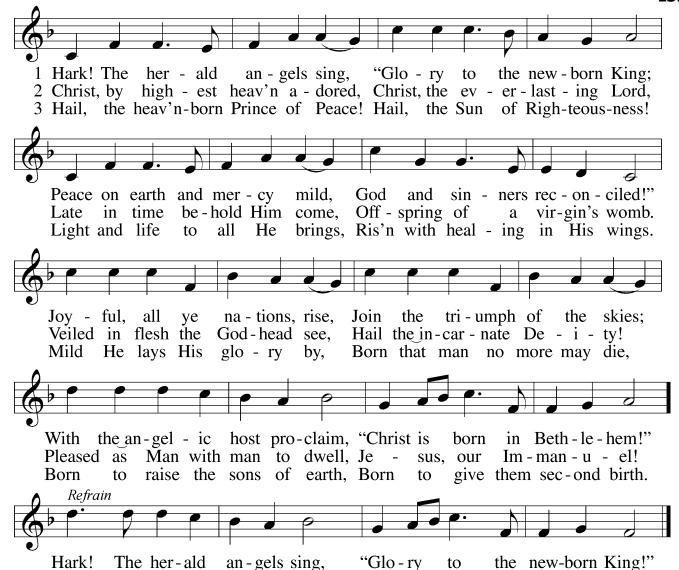
CHRISTMAS WELCOME

→ PREPARATION →

OPENING HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

LSB 380



Stand

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross + made by all in remembrance of your baptism.)

- $lap{P}$ In the name of the Father and of the $lap{H}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. Matthew 28:19b
- For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders.

And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!

Isaiah 9:6

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

John 1:14a

P We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only Son,

who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14b

- P The promise has been fulfilled!
- **C** Jesus, our Savior, is born!
- (singing) Oh, come, let us adore Him,
 Oh, come, let us adore Him,
 Oh, come, let us adore Him Christ, the Lord!
- P Oh, come, all ye faithful, let us worship the King!
- Let us kneel before His throne! Let us worship the King who has come to save us from our sins.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- Our sinfulness condemns us. But Jesus Christ has come to save us! Let us come to His manger throne and confess our sins.
- We confess that we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. Like the inns on that first Christmas, we often leave no room for You in our lives. We spend little time pondering You and Your ways in our hearts, as Mary did. Although You brought the shepherds, and us, good news of great joy, we often wallow in self-pity and sadness. The shepherds spread the news of Your birth. We have failed to be the kind of witness of Your love that You desire. The Magi followed Your lead and brought You gifts. Often we wander from Your lead; our gifts are shallow. We have sinned. Forgive us, Christchild! Lead us, Savior! Renew our lives daily as Your forgiven children.
- O holy Child of Bethlehem,
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in,
 Be born in us today.
 We hear the Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 O come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Immanuel!

O Little Town of Bethlehem LSB 361:4

- **P** Behold, I bring you good news of great joy: A Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord! Upon this your confession...Amen.
- The wondrous gift is giv'n!
 So God imparts to human hearts
 The blessings of His heav'n.
 No ear may hear His coming;
 But in this world of sin,
 Where meek souls will receive Him, still
 The dear Christ enters in.

O Little Town of Bethlehem LSB 361:3

COLLECT

- Let us pray. Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. You have filled us with the Light of the World who became human and lived among us. Let the light of our faith in the Christ-Child shine in all we do and say. In His name we pray, live, and reflect His light.
- C Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

arr. Delancy
Sanctus Bells

₩ORD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For 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. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM Mary, Did You Know

Arr. Jack Schrader Cheryl Kerns, soloist

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem LSB 361:1

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.



⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN Away in a Manger
LSB 365:1.2

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Sit

HYMN

From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come LSB 358

- From heav'n above to earth I come
 To bear good news to ev'ry home;
 Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
 Whereof I now will say and sing:
 - This little child of lowly birth
 Shall be the joy of all the earth.

 4 He will on you the gifts bestow
- 3. This is the Christ, our God Most High, Who hears your sad and bitter cry; He will Himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free.
- 4. He will on you the gifts bestow Prepared by God for all below, That in His kingdom, bright and fair, You may with us His glory share.

2. To you this night is born a child

Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;

5. These are the signs that you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav'ns and earth were made.

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High LSB 368:1

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.



¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High LSB 368:3

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.



¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

HYMN

O come, all ye faithful,
 Joyful and triumphant!
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 Come and behold Him
 Born the king of angels:

4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee. Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing!

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord! Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord!

¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard On High LSB 368:2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Jesus: The Son of Mary Luke, Chapter 2 Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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.

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. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P Having confessed our faith and sung about the joy in our hearts, let us go to our gracious God in prayer.
- P O Wonderful Counselor,
- **G** hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.
- P O Mighty God,
- open our eyes to see Your mighty works. Open our minds to Your Word that Your truth may rest in us.
- P O Everlasting Father,
- use the witness of our words and deeds to proclaim Your seeking and saving love to those around us. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us and inspire us to be agents of comfort to the distressed and instruments of healing and relief to the sick and suffering, especially those we name before You in our hearts.

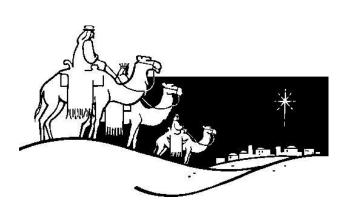
- P O Prince of Peace,
- give us the peace that passes all understanding, that we may trust that You have come into our imperfect world and brought the perfect gift of salvation and have freely given it to us.
- P O Emmanuel,
- receive our worship and adoration, our time and talents, and the firstfruits of our incomes that we bring in grateful praise to the mystery of the Word made flesh.
- Into Your hands, O gracious Lord, we place our prayer, we offer our praise, and we commend ourselves and our loved ones, trusting in Your mercy and having confidence in Your love, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY What Child is This
LSB 370:3

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own Him. The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him. Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby; Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!



TUNE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

→ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- P May the good Lord be with you.
- **C** And with you His servant too.
- **P** Lift your hearts unto the Lord.
- **G** God most high by all adored.
- P Let us give our thanks and praise.
- **C** To our God with joy we raise.

- **P** Lift your voice to God on high.
- **C** Sing our praises to the skies.
- P Hark! Let all God's people sing.
- **G** Glory to the newborn King.

PROPER PREFACE

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

TUNE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of Hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name.
Hail, hosanna, God Most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing.
Hail, hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord to You!

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-11

- P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

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 <u>declaration</u> 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!

TUNE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God; You now take our sin away.

Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God; Grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Grant forgiveness, strength and zeal, In this holy, precious meal.

Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God; Lord we now before you bow.

Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God; Grant Your mercy on us now.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

Instructions for Communing

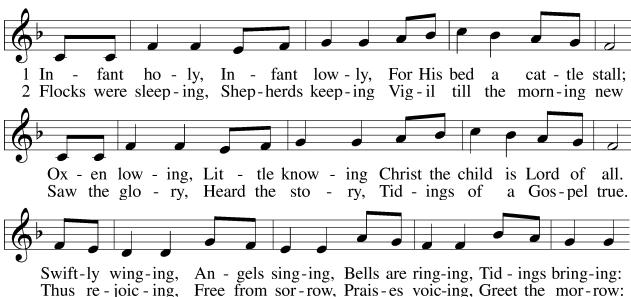
The congregation will be ushered forward to stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When you are finished, reference the altar and return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

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

Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate your need to the pastor at the table.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
LSB 393





Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child was born for you! Christ the child was born for you!

It Came upon the Midnight Clear LSB 366



- 1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, That glo-rious song of old, 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come With peace-ful wings un-furled,
- 3 All you, be neath your heav y load, By care and guilt bent low,
- 4 For lo, the days have come to pass By prophets seen of old,



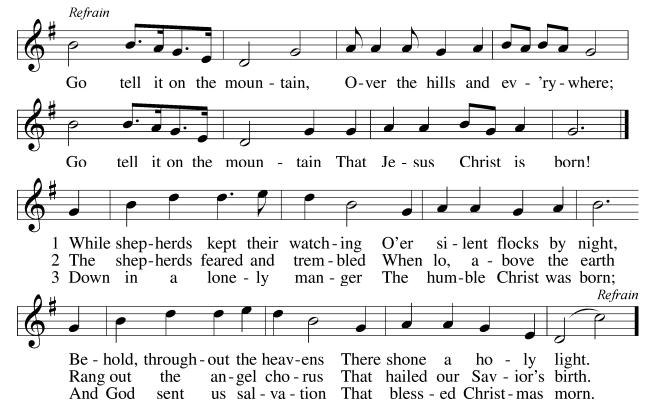
From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold: And still their heav'n-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world. Who toil a - long a drea - ry way With pain - ful steps and slow: When down in - to the cir-cling years Came Christ as was fore - told.



"Peace on the earth, good-will to all, From heav'n's all-gra-cious king." A - bove its sad and low-ly plains They bend on hov-'ring wing, Look up, for gold - en is the hour, Come swift - ly on the wing, His word of peace shall to the earth God's an - cient prom-ise bring,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing. And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing. The Prince was born to bring you peace; Of Him the an - gels sing. And all who take this gift will hear The song the an - gels sing.



Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

TUNE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Thank the Lord and sing His praise, Alleluias now we raise All who seek the Lord rejoice, Tell His Love with Heart and voice Promises have been fulfilled In His blood that for us spilled. Now He leads us forth in joy; Shouts of thank to Him employ. Alleluias now we sing, To our Savior, God, and King.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

→ THE SERVICE OF LIGHT →

RESPONSIVE READING

- **P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.
- **C** The Light no darkness can overcome.
- P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World., Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life." (John 8:12)
- Come, Lord Jesus, illuminate our hearts that we may carry your light into our dark world.

A READING FROM ISAIAH 60:1-3

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night LSB 363

- Silent night, holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon virgin mother and child.
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2. Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
 Christ, the Savior, is born
- 3. Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

A PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT

- Let us pray. O God, because you once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in the new heaven and earth on the Last Day; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION

TUNE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- May the good Lord bless and keep you, Make His face to shine on you. Fill your life with grace and love, Look with favor from above.
- Glory to the Father, Son, and the Spirit, three in One Thanks and praise forevermore, To our God whom we adore; Alleluias now we sing, To our Savior, God, and King.

(After Pastor extinguishes his candle all others may do likewise. Please return your candles to the container at the doors.)

CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World

LSB 387





POSTLUDE

Joy to The World

Benjamin Culli

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SERVING THE LORD AND US THIS EVENING

Preaching	Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant	Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist	Vicar Luke Elowsky
Organist	Deb Miller
Christmas Choir	Lauran Delancy, director; Connie Teig, pianist
Soloist	Cheryl Kerns
Acolytes	(4:00) (6:00).(8:00)
Altar Guild	Karen Kuhn
Flowers	Christmas Poinsettias

Join us for Worship

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE with Holy Communion: Friday, December 25th at 9:00 am

Regular Sunday Worship: Sunday, December 27th at 8:00 & 11:00 am

New Year's Eve Worship: Thursday, December 31 @ 6:00 pm

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, Vicar Luke Elowsky, Rev. Richard Pingel, Debbie Seutter, Michelle Wibe, John Blakley, Deb Miller & Lauran Delancy

Christmas Poinsettias

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

Bob & Karen Rinne – in memory of loved ones
Brad & Eden Keefe – in memory of mom, Marlene Lorenz
Mark & Sara Zarnstorff – to the glory of God
David & Debbie Seutter – in memory of loved ones
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Jennifer Mahnken – in memory of grandparents

