

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.



*...he was called Jesus, the name
given by the angel before he was
conceived in the womb.*

Luke 2:21, ESV

New Year's Eve Worship
The Circumcision and Naming of Jesus

December 31, 2024

6:00 pm

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

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.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you.

Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.

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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AS WE GATHER

Circumcision is the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed. It sealed God's promises and blessings in the flesh, but it also signified the burden of the Law. When the Lord Jesus came in the flesh to redeem His people, He subjected Himself to the Law in order to fulfill the Law and release all men from its captivity. *"He was called Jesus"* (Luke 2:21) because He came to save His people from their sins. He would shed His blood on their behalf, as He did already when *"he was circumcised"* (Luke 2:21). As He also sacrificed Himself upon the cross, you are *"justified by faith"* in His blood (Gal. 3:24). Therefore, *"you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise"* (Gal. 3:29), not by the circumcision of your flesh, but in the flesh and blood of Christ Jesus, the true seed of Abraham. *"Baptized into Christ,"* you belong to Him and are clothed and covered by His righteousness (Gal. 3:27). Holy Baptism is the true circumcision made without hands, by which the Lord Jesus puts His name on you and blesses you (Num. 6:22, 27).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice
arr. Held

PASTORAL GREETING

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love
LSB 900

Stand

INVOCATION

(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.

Matthew 28:19b

ENTRANCE PSALM

Psalm 8:1–2, 9

- P** O Lord, our Lord,
C **how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**
- P** Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
C **You have established strength because of Your foes.**
- P** O Lord, our Lord,
C **how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature 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. 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... and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
LSB 549

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 6:22-27

²²The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ²³"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴The Lord bless you and keep you; ²⁵the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-29

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

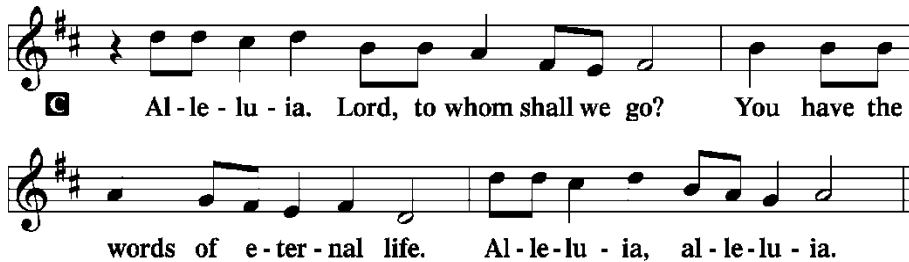
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Common

John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:21

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON HYMN

O Sing of Christ

LSB 362

SERMON

Luke 2:21

Pastor John Kastner

Stand

NICENE CREED *(located on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P** Let us with joy and confidence present our prayers to the Lord for ourselves, the Church and all people, that He may bless us with another year of grace.
- P** For the Church of Jesus Christ, that she be for all people the beacon of the hope and peace in this New Year. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For those who suffer in body or in heart, that they find healing and peace in the face of God's goodness in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For those who live abandoned and forlorn, and those who have passed the holidays in solitude, that the presence of Jesus in the heart of their pain be the gift that soothes their distress. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For those who grieve over sins of the past, and those who fear tomorrow, that the Spirit of Jesus who intercedes for us keep them confident in the love of God our Father. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For our community as we continue the celebration of Christmas, that we each day praise God for His mercy that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For all to whom we wish a "Happy New Year," that God our Father keep them in His hand and that the light of the face of Jesus shine upon them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** For all who receive the Lord's blessed body and blood in the Sacrament this day, that all impenitence and unbelief be removed from us that we may in godly fear and a living faith draw near and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P O Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, receive our prayers as we trust in Your mercy today, tomorrow, and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Shall I Render

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

LSB 159

C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

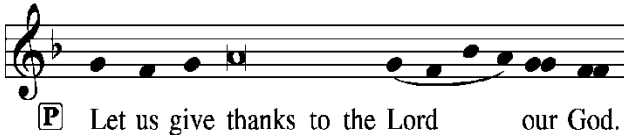
PREFACE



2 Timothy 4:22



[Colossians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]



PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9





LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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

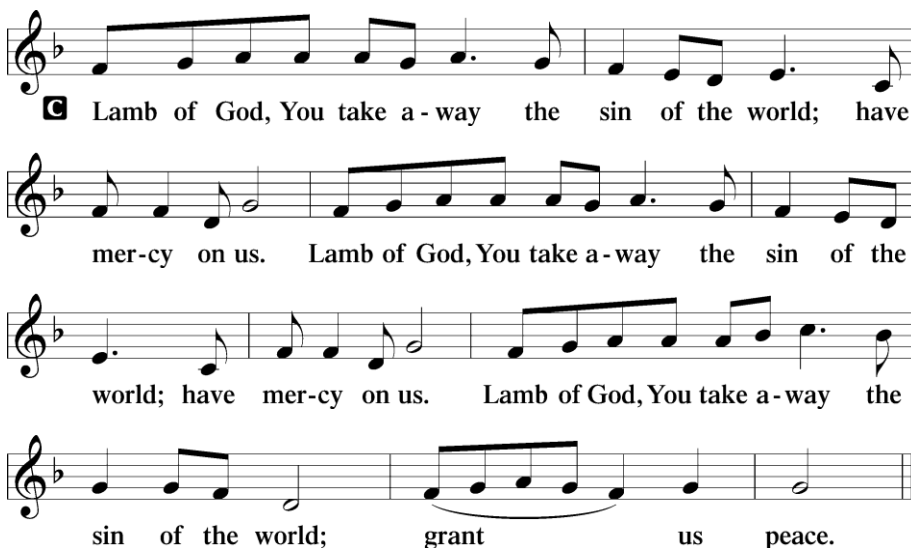
*(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen!**

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29



Q Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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?
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?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

Instructions for Communing

We use continuous kneeling tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine is 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 390 *Let Us All With Gladsome Voice*

LSB 970 *Jesus, Name above All Names*

LSB 393 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord. *Psalm 103:1*

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
LSB 733

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
arr. Meyer

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Celebrant Pastor Mike Ada

Organist..... Lauran Delancy

Acolytes..... TBD

Altar Guild Carol Brandt