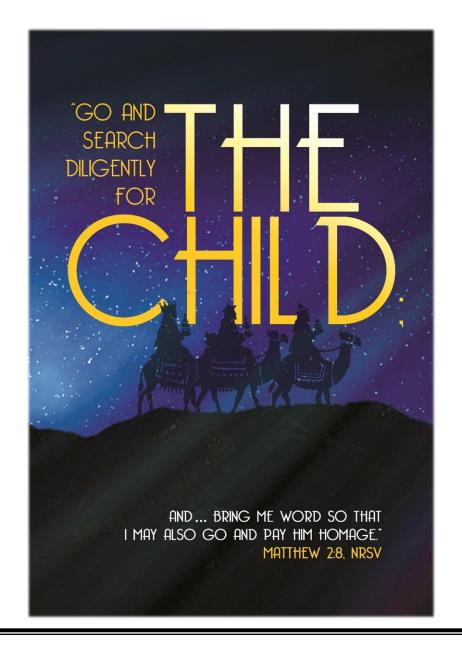
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.



Epiphany Sunday

January 4, 2026 8:00am & 10:45am

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**.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION Members and visitors, please scan this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: Today we will be studying the Epiphany Story using the readings of the day.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during education hour located in the lower level, Room 118.

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.



Rev. Joel Schultz, Senior Pastor Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor Rev. John Kastner, Associate Pastor (Lead Pastor LOTW) Vicar Jonah Wilson, Student Pastor

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Order of Service: Divine Service 1

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 398, 395, 412, 397, 409, 396, 394, and 399

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near; Preserve that Word in purity That I your child and heir may be. LW 197:1

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

arr. Kolander

PASTORAL GREETING

SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

Stand

☆ THE PREPARATION **☆**

INVOCATION

(Turn to face the cross at the entrance to the sanctuary)
(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

OPENING SENTENCES

- P The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth,
- from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
- G God shines forth.

Psalm 50:1-2

- P Arise, shine, for your light has come,
- and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1

- P "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!
- For I am God, and there is no other."
- P The Lord has sworn, and from His mouth a righteous word has gone forth:
- To Christ, every knee shall bow and every tongue swear allegiance!

Isaiah 45:22–23, adapted

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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

(A moment of silence to confess our specific sins.)

- **P** Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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

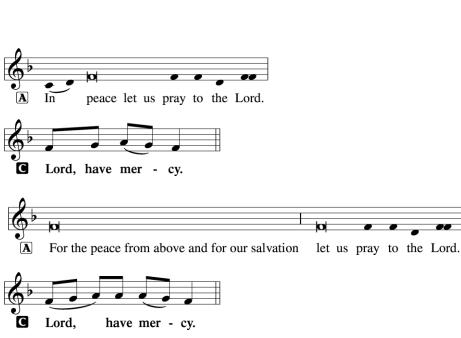
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. [John 20:19-23]

→ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD →

KYRIE ~~ (Latin: Lord, Have Mercy)

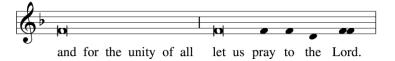
Mark 10:47

(The Kyrie is a litany, a prayer with a series of requests for all humanity first, and then for the whole Christian church. The people respond with the refrain, "Lord have mercy" making the prayer their own.)





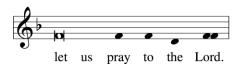
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



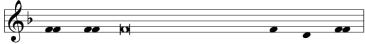




A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

LSB 395: sts. 1,4-5

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray:

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

What Child Is This

arr. DeCesare French Horn Solo (A setting of LSB 370 in the hymnal.) OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 60:1–6

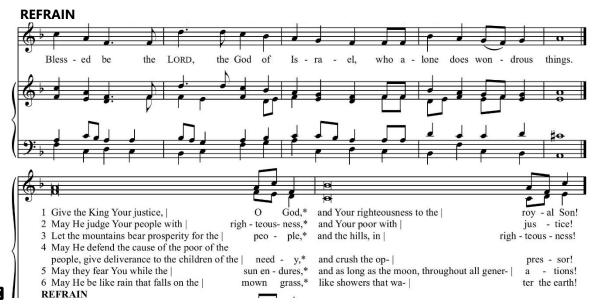
¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

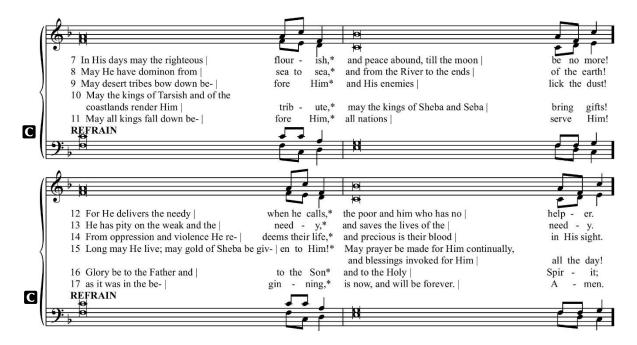
- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 72:1-15; antiphon: v.18

The first time the Pastor sings the Refrain, repeated immediately by the congregation. Thereafter the congregation sings the Refrain, and the Pastor sings the verses and the Gloria Patri.





EPISTLE Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

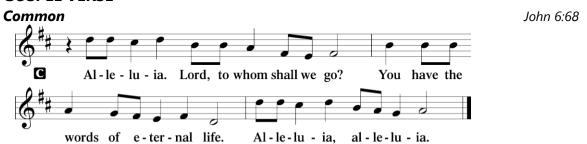
⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our

Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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

Stand

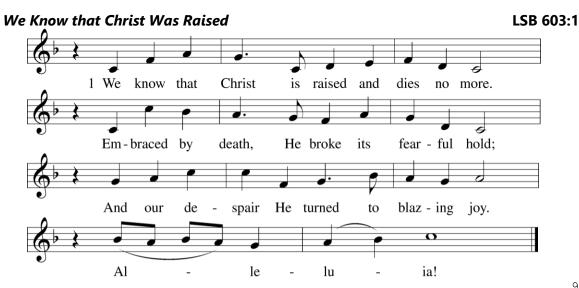
GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

On this festival day of The Epiphany of the Lord, 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.



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

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

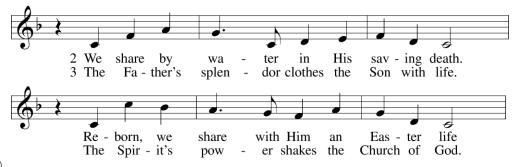
¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

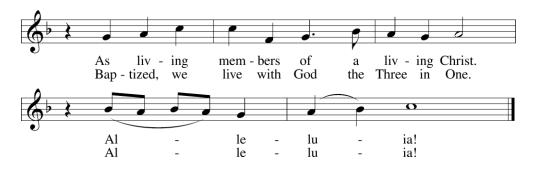
⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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

We Know that Christ Was Raised

LSB 603:2-3





Sit

READING THE FAITH (as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)

- P THE FIRST COMMANDMENT
- You shall have no other gods before me.
- **P** What does this mean?
- **W**e should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.
- **P** THE SECOND COMMANDMENT
- You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- **P** What does this mean:
- We should fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.
- P THE THIRD COMMANDMENT
- Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

The People That in Darkness Sat

LSB 412

The Singing Camels of Sheba Isaiah 60 Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P O God, You have made Yourself known to all nations in the person of Your Son. Grant us a right knowledge of Him, that we would abandon the darkness of this world and embrace the joy of His heavenly light. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, You have appointed pastors to make known the mystery of Your grace. Grant them the boldness of St. Paul to speak what You have revealed to them in Your Word, that we would worthily partake of all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Enlighten, O Lord, the rulers of this world by the proclamation of Your wisdom, which casts down the proud and raises up the lowly. Work peace and justice in our land, and give free course to Your blessed Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Almighty God, You have made us fellow heirs of the unsearchable riches of Christ. Remember all those who are afflicted and in need of deliverance [including ______]. Hear their prayers, provide help and deliverance according to Your will, and preserve them in the faith until that day when their eternal healing is fully revealed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession, Lord, in Your mercy:
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Lord, as Your Son was once found in the arms of the Virgin Mary, so now is He found in Your Holy Christian Church. Cause Your Word to abide richly among us, that many would be led to Christ through our witness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P All these needs, gracious Father, and whatever else You know that we need, grant for the sake of Him who shattered this world's darkness with everlasting light, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OFFERING

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

As with Gladness Men of Old

LSB 397 sts. 1, 3



1 As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing star be-hold; 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare Thy cra - dle, rude and bare, At



As with joy they hailed its light, Lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright; may we with ho - ly joy, Pure and So free from sin's al - loy,



So, most gra-cious Lord, may we Ev - er-more be led by Thee. our cost-liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'n-ly King. All

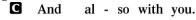
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PREFACE



2 Timothy 4:22



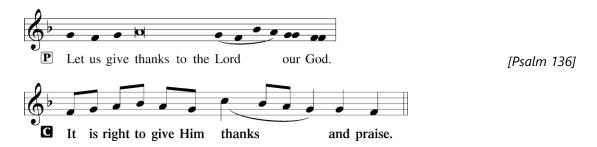




[Colossians 3:1]

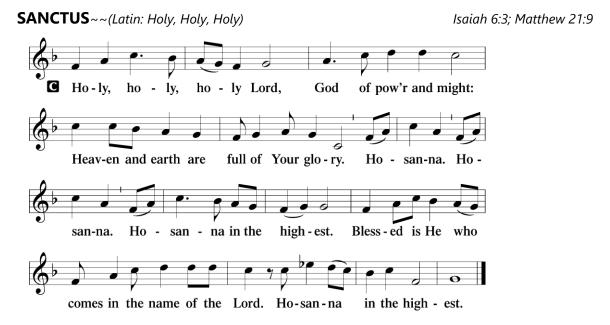


We lift them to the Lord.



PROPER PREFACE

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



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- 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)

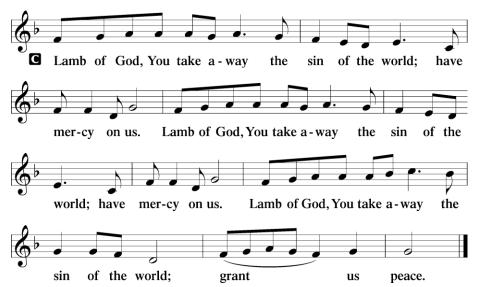
John 20:19

(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!

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29



INVITATION

P Welcome to the table of our Lord.

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 <u>continuous kneeling tables</u> 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 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 409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing
LSB 396 Arise and Shine in Splendor
LSB 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis~~(Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you…and

→ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

LSB 399: sts. 1-2, 5

POSTLUDE

As with Gladness Men of Old

arr. Rotermund

Before you go: Visitors and Members – please register your attendance.



SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant	Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist	Vicar Jonah Wilson
French Horn Soloist	Lauran Delancy
Pianist	Cheryl Teig
Acolytes	(8:00) Jack & Henry McDonald (10:45) TBD
	(8:00) Ethan Wolff (10:45) TBD
Greeters	(8:00) Bob & Karen Rinne (10:45) Barb Gossen & Carol Vandenberg
	(8:00) Keith Clarke, Matt Horyna, Trevor Huseman, Matt Riechers, & Ryan Wolff
	(10:45) Leo Bertels, Phil Bertels, Jeff Hiller, Blake Hughey, & Paul Peterson
	Denise & Scott Behrman, Keith & Carolyn Clarke, & Gary & Barb Levan
Nursery	Sheila & Aubrey Huseman (Helping Hands – Ashley & Adam Stoll)
Counters	Roger Berardi & John Blakley
Altar Flowers	Debbie Hodnik's Birthday

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Threats at Christmas - Niger

Due to increasing threats from Islamist rebel groups following a military coup in July 2023, Christians in Niger are taking extra precautions during the Christmas season. "It's very dangerous," said a Christian leader. "Actually, we are stopping celebrating in the night." Previously, Christians would hold evening services, and young church members would sing Christmas songs through the streets before celebrating in homes. The Nigerien church leader added that, in the past, their Muslim neighbors would often wish them a happy Christmas. Now, however, Muslim neighbors are told it is a sin to say, "Merry Christmas." He added that one Christian community had been planning to conduct a free medical clinic in their town, but now officials are demanding bribes for permission. The leader said, "We are going to talk to God, and he'll find a way for these innocent people to be treated and see the love of Jesus."

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Isaiah McMullen**, a prayer of thanksgiving for favorable results from the last round of tests and for all the prayers and support.

For **Amanda Tran and Milo Tran**, Marc and Sandy Wachter's daughter and grandson, a prayer of thanksgiving as God protected them when they were in a roll over car accident.

For **Alyssa Burdett**, Chuck and Kim Burdett's daughter as she accepted a call as the DCE for Woodbury Lutheran Church in Woodbury, MN. She will be installed on January 11th.

For all couples, who are struggling to start a family and long for God's gift of children.

For the Waldman Family, as they settle in to their new home in Wichita.

For Jere and Sharon Brandt, for strength and health after moving at the end of December.

For Mark Fellwolk, Sharon Brandt's nephew, who is recovering from an injury due to a farming accident.

For Wilma and Ed Seutter, Dave Seutter's parents, who have moved into a skilled nursing facility.

For **Shirley Knese**, for her continued recovery and regaining strength.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Georgia Freese**, as she recovers from a throat infection.

For the **Lisa Gruhn and family**, as they mourn the death of her Uncle Allen Tatkenhorst on December 15th, especially remembering his wife Frances and children Joe and Noel.

For the Markanday family as they mourn the death of Jasmine's husband Pardeep's brother's wife.

For **Carl King**, Tom and Kathy Schroeder's brother-in-law who has complications following bypass surgery and diagnosed also with renal carcinoma.

For Liz Jewell, close friend of Brad and Eden Keefe, as she recovers from surgery.

For **Olivia and Nicky Govea and their unborn baby** who has a serious medical condition. Olivia is Gina Stoehr's daughter.

For Marcella Ronsick, David Ronsick's grandmother, who has Leukemia and nearing life's end.

For Kathy Holtgrieve, Bill Holtgrieve's mother who has moved to hospice care.

For Bill Coiner, who is in the advanced stages of Alzheimer's disease.

For **our expectant mothers: Cassie Nichols** and her unborn child, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For those undergoing cancer treatment: Kathy Alber, Patty Allen, Brad Alyea, Tonya Baker, Mandy Bender, Dr. Gary Bertels, Jeff Beverstock, Jackson Collins, Richard Cooley, Rev. Bryan Drebes, Wanda Fisher, Brad Gellerstedt, Maya Goudy, Michelle Hill, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Beth Johnson, Lauren Kandt, Linda Knight, Steven Koontz, Marilyn Kucks, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, Bill Marshall, Holly McFarland, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Pam Ott, Edna Pitts, Brad Reece, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Brian Schissel, Randy Schlueter, Dave Semro, Tom Serafin, Tyler Smith, Carol Starnes, Eydie Taylor, John Turek, Cindy Whitney, and Pam Young.

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.