Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



Epiphany Sunday

January 8, 2023 8:00 am & 10:45 am & 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.

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 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 Old Testament, Epistle, and Gospel lessons from today's readings and exploring them in more depth.

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.

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.

Order of Service: Divine Service 4

AS WE GATHER

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas, and yet it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. Where Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord, that is, on God becoming flesh, the Season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. For the Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth, not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

O Morning Star Franklin Ritter

PASTORAL GREETING

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

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.)

 ${f P}$ 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

- 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

PROCESIONAL HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed LSB 398

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

 [Luke 18:13]

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

- **P** Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy...and of the

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

♣ SERVICE OF THE WORD ♣

HYMN OF PRAISE

 O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
 You shine with God's own truth and light,

Aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,
Our Lord and master, You have won
Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy!
Great and glorious,
All victorious,
Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!

4. Almighty Father, in Your Son
You loved us when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation!
Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in Him here and above:
This is Your great salvation.
Alleluia!
Christ the living,
To us giving
Life forever,
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright LSB 395:1, 4, 5

5. O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

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

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 around, 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.

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

ANTHEM

Arise and Shine arr. Paradowski Duet with Piano

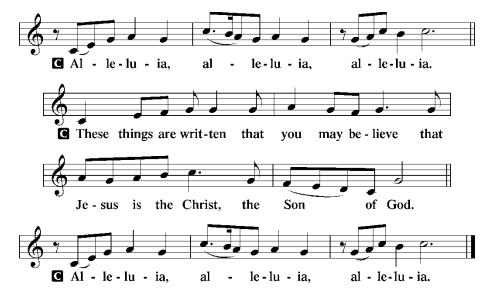
¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight 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.

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

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE John 6:68



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.

We Know that Christ Was Raised

LSB 603

 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold; And our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia! 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.
- Praise to You, O Christ.
- We share by water in His saving death.
 Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life
 As living members of a living Christ.
 Alleluia!
- 3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

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?
- We 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

SERMON

An Epiphany Moment Isaiah 60 Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

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

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For a right knowledge of Christ, that we would abandon the darkness of this world and embrace the joy of His heavenly light, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the preservation of our faith in Jesus Christ by the Holy Word of God, who guided the Wise Men from the East to His holy Son; that we would not be led astray by man-made trends or philosophies; and that we would make use of His gifts with thanksgiving, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all Christian homes, that the Word of God would dwell richly in them as Christ once dwelt in the home of Mary and Joseph, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the correction of error and the promotion of virtue in our nation, that God would bless President Biden, Governor Kelly, and all elected and appointed civil servants, guiding them in the pursuit of justice and peace for all people; and that God would guard those who protect and defend us against all enemies, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the Church, that God's people may be united in doctrine, live in harmony and peace, and labor together to bring the light of Christ to those still dwelling in darkness and death, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For those who need the comfort of the Lord's presence, healing according to His will, relief of suffering, and an end to the terrors of mind and heart, [especially those for whom our prayers have been requested, ______, and those we name in our hearts,] that He would sustain the weary with His Word, the wounded with hope and the dying with peace, and for those who rejoice in the healing hand of the Lord [especially ______], let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For all who approach the table of the Lord, that our hearts would be well prepared and yearn for the Lord's forgiveness and life; and that the light of Christ would shine into our lives, enabling us to arise and shine His love to others, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all gathered before the Lord, that the light of Christ would shine on us and bring forth the fruits of repentance in our daily lives; and that we may find confidence in God's Word to embrace His holy will without fear, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Hear and answer us, we pray, O Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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 Did the guiding star behold;
 As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright;
 So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.
- 3. As they offered gifts most rare
 At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
 So may we with holy joy,
 Pure and free from sin's alloy,
 All our costliest treasures bring,
 Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

→ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT →

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. [Colossians 3:1]

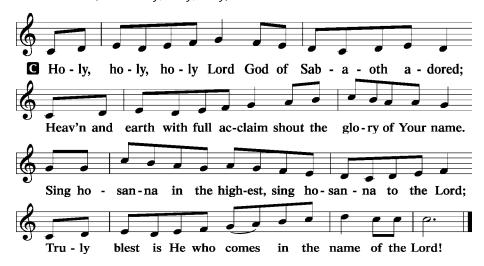
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Psalm 136

PROPER PREFACE

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



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

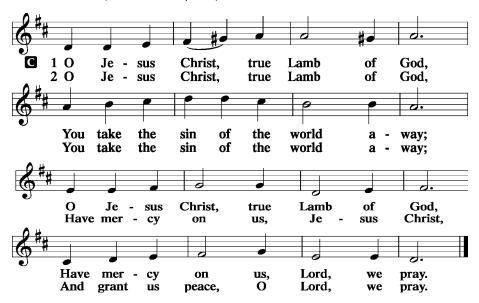
Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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!



INVITATION

P Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

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

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 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.
- Thanks be to God.
- Amen.

Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

POSTLUDE

Brightest and Best John M. Rasley

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





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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching	Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant	Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist	Vicar Avery Hjulberg
Organist	Deb Miller
Duet	Ashley & Izzy Martinez
Pianist	
Acolytes	(8:00) Alexius & Ethan Wolff (10:45) Rowen Clark & TBD
Crucifer	(8:00) John Yarnell (10:45) Blake Hughey
Ushers	(8:00) Matt Christensen, Keith Clarke, Matt Horyna, Matt Riechers, Dale
Schempp &	Ryan Wolff (10:45) Leo Bertels, Phil Bertels, Jeff Hiller & Paul Peterson
Altar Guild	Janette Copeland, Nancy DeLaney, Deb Froelich & Angela Hodge
Nursery	Jimmy & Liesl Jensen
	George Ledgerwood & Todd Scheumann
Altar Flowers	Mark & Sara Zarnstorff's 40 th Wedding Anniversary
	Debbie Hodnik's Birthday & Luke & Addie Walsh's Baptism

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Church Attacked. Continues to Meet - Sri Lanka

After the 2004 tsunami, the Sri Lankan government relocated survivors from Pasikuda to another village. Pastor Srikanth, among those relocated, shared the gospel there, and many accepted the Lord. In 2019, Hindu villagers began to oppose the worship in Pastor Srikanth's home. They brought the police, armed themselves, leveled death threats at the worshipers, and incited government officials to threaten to take away Pastor Srikanth's house. Worship services continued, so the villagers were more aggressive, launching a brutal Sunday morning attack that left several believers badly wounded. The police filed charges against the attackers as well as Pastor Srikanth. Despite this opposition and ongoing legal proceedings, the believers continue to gather in a shed next to Pastor Srikanth's house. Pray that the LORD gives them strength, courage, focus and peace as they continue to worship and serve Him.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Nathan and Tiffany Harkins**, as they mourn the death of Nathan's grandmother Evelyn Justus.

For **Beth Shelledy**, who is recovering from a torn rotator cuff surgery.

For **Sophie Regnard**, the Bahr family's exchange student who returned home to France this past week.

For **Lauran Kandt**, a prayer of thanksgiving as the doctors have declared her cancer free.

For **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 **Janet Young**, Pat Circle's childhood friend, who was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and on full oxygen.

For **Al Gehrt**, who is recovering from cervical spine surgery.

For **Meg Olson**, a co-worker of Cathy Merchant who is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.

For **Troy Schepmann**, who is recovering from surgery and for continued healing.

For **Peggy Doane**, Michelle Wibe's mom who is recovering at home from complications from rotator cuff surgery.

For **Bryson**, a friend of the Schreiners, as he is considered for a foster family that he may be blessed with a loving forever family.

For Kari Allen, daughter of Karen Kuhn, who has been moved to hospice.

For **our expectant mothers: Chelsie Holste, Briann Ludolph** and **Lexi Obermueller** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For those undergoing cancer treatment: Gwen Anrico, Leslie Beller, Mandy Bender, Zach Chain, Ryne Clark, Heather Delaney, Karen Feldes, Lloyd Harfst, Paul Hennegan, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Geordie McGuire, Melissa Nesemeier, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz and Eydie Taylor.

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 **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.