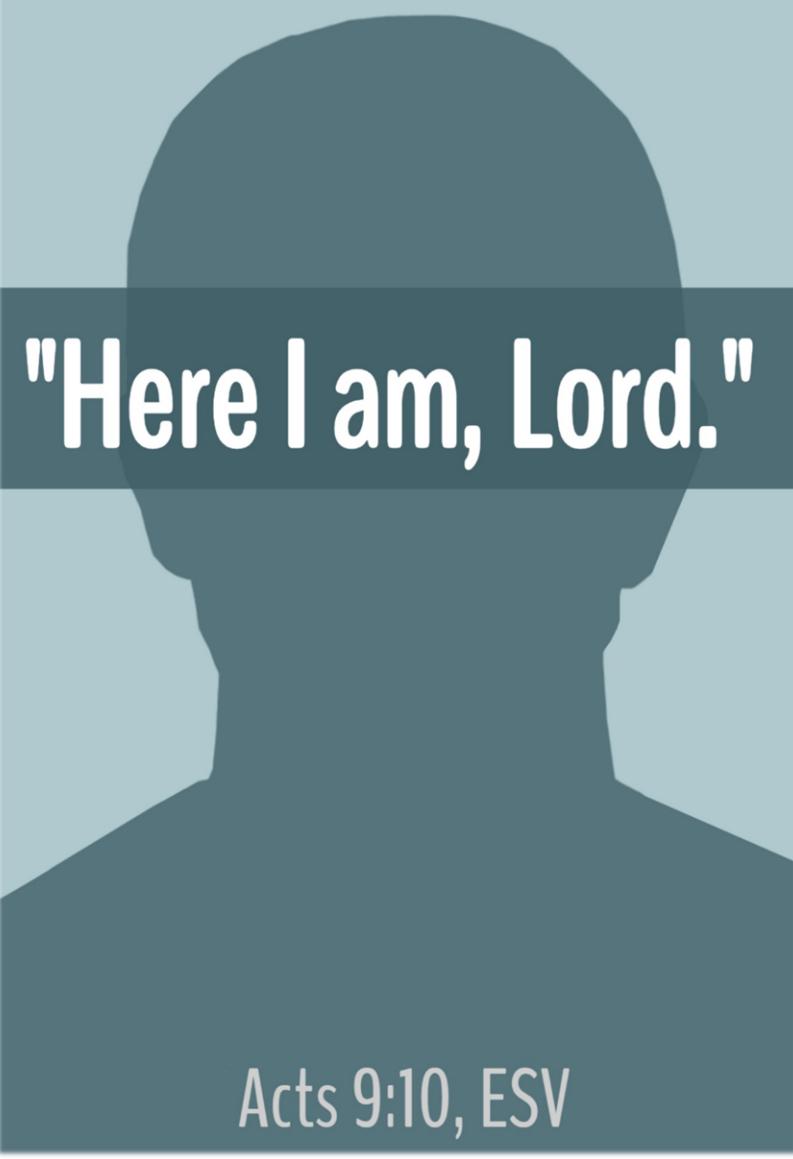


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul Sunday
January 25, 2026
8:00am & 10:45am

"Here I am, Lord."

Acts 9:10, ESV

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 Angels and Demons.

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.**

Order of Service: Divine Service 1

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 517, 753, 411, 836, 839, and 685

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 Christ, Our True and Only Light

arr. Culli

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

Light of Light

Gifford

Littles Choir

[The Latin phrases in this piece translate to: Laudamus te (We praise you), Benedicimus te (We honor you), and Adoramus te (We adore you).]

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*

INTROIT

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46



P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

P I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

P Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

P Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

P who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son***
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 517: sts.1,12,3

Turn to follow the cross from the entry to the chancel.

It is appropriate to bow as the cross passes you.

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
 2 Praise for the light from the heav - en And
 △ 3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And

all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
 for the voice of awe; Praise for the glo - rious
 wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the

Je - sus, For ev - er - more be blest! For
 vi - sion The per - se - cu - tor saw. O
 Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till

You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
 Lord, for Paul's con - ver - sion, We bless Your name to -
 all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the

crown; And now they shine in glo - ry
 day; Come shine with - in our dark - ness,
 throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry

Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
 And guide - us on our way.
 And praise to God a - lone.

CONFSSION 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*

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

P Let us together 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]*

† 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 In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



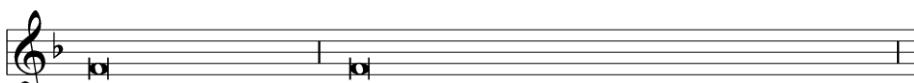
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



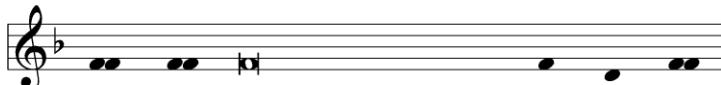
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis~~(Latin: *Glory to God in the Highest*)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, You turned the heart of him who persecuted the Church and by his preaching caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world. Grant us ever to rejoice in the saving light of Your Gospel and, following the example of the apostle Paul, to spread it to the ends of the earth; 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

ANTHEM

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. Moklebust

Beata Handbells

(A setting of LSB 411.)

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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

EPISTLE

Galatians 1:11-24

¹¹For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹²For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it. ¹⁴And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace, ¹⁶was pleased to reveal his

Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;¹⁷ nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.²⁰ (In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!) ²¹Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.²³ They only were hearing it said, "He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."²⁴ And they glorified God because of me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Common

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

On this festival day of The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, 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.
It is appropriate to bow as the cross passes you.

We Know that Christ Was Raised

LSB 603:1

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Em-braced by death, He broke its fear-ful hold;
And our de-spair He turned to blaz-ing joy.
Al-le-lu-ia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 19:27–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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

2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

Sit

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

P THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

C **You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.**

P THE TENTH COMMANDMENT

C **You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

P What does this mean?

C **We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Ada

SERMON HYMN

All for Christ I Have Forsaken
LSB 753

SERMON

Leave It All Behind
Acts 9 and Matthew 19
Pastor Mike Ada

Stand

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Ever-living God, You brought to faith the prime opponent of Your Church, calling St. Paul to be an Apostle. Bring many of Your enemies through the cleansing flood of Holy Baptism, that washed of their sin and unbelief, they would live lives of faith and proclaim that Jesus is the Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, eternal Light, You made Paul a minister according to the gift of Your grace. Embolden our pastors to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Open our ears to hear and our hearts to believe their message that the King of kings has given His life for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, be gracious to husbands and wives, parents and children. Bless them and make Your face shine upon them, that they may know Your saving power and make Your truth known on earth to the coming generation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For the Lutheran preschools, grade schools, high schools, and universities of the LCMS, that the Lord would strengthen, equip, and encourage all who teach and all who learn in them so that the Lord's name is honored; and that our schools may be a haven of the Lord's grace and mercy; and that our Lutheran schools would be a blessing to our students and families, to our congregations, and to our community as the saving Gospel is taught in truth and purity, Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Righteous Lord, guide the nations upon the earth and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Grant that we might walk in the path of justice and responsibly exercise liberty, that peace might rule the nations and all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, as we follow the way of Your apostles into Your presence, You join our prayers to the ceaseless petitions of Your dear Son. Hear us for the sake of the troubled, the sick, the dying and those who mourn [*especially _____*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession*, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, grant us and Your whole Church on earth unity and harmony, that our life may be marked by worship, witness, prayer and service to those within and outside of the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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.)

OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What Shall I Render

LSB 159



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

Musical notation for the Preface response 'The Lord be with you.' The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Musical notation for the Preface response 'And also with you.' The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

C And also with you.

Musical notation for the Preface response 'Lift up your hearts.' The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

Musical notation for the Preface response 'We lift them to the Lord.' The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the Preface response 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

Musical notation for the Preface response 'It is right to give Him thanks and praise.' The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

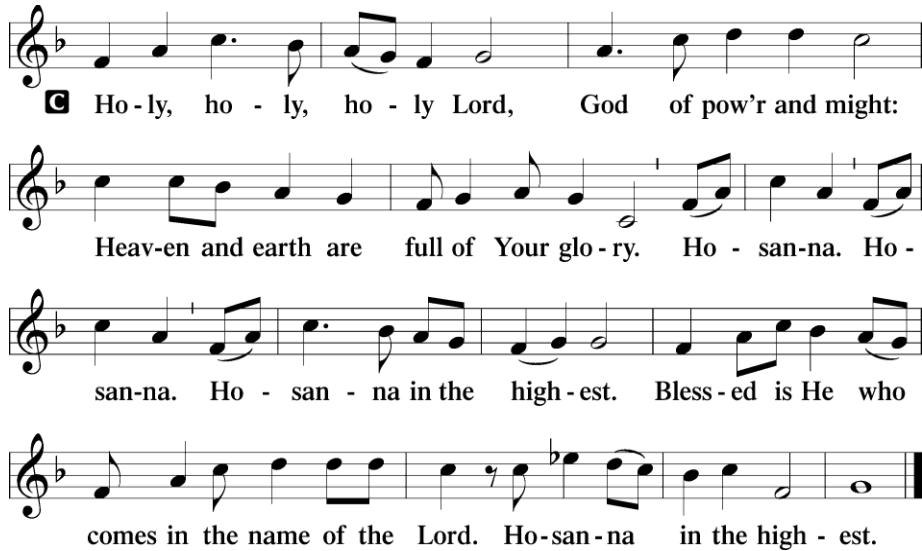
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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

SANCTUS ~ (Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

C 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.

INVITATION

P Welcome to the table of our Lord.

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 411 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

LSB 836 *O God of Light*

LSB 839 *O Christ, Our True and Only Light*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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

Luke 2:29-32

C Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685

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



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Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor
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Preaching	Pastor Mike Ada
Celebrant.....	Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist.....	Vicar Jonah Wilson
Organist.....	Lauran Delancy
Acolytes.....	(8:00) Charlotte Gardner & Jack Gruhn (10:45) Emma Ronsick & TBD
Crucifer.....	(8:00) TBD (10:45) TBD
Greeters	(8:00) Zach & Stephanie Gardner (10:45) John & Connie Koetting
Ushers.....	(8:00) Keith Clarke, Matt Horyna, Trevor Huseman, Matt Riechers, & Ryan Wolff (10:45) Jeff Hiller, Blake Hughey, & Paul Peterson
Altar Guild.....	Doris Baker, Cindy Chain, Angela Hodge, Rebecca McDonald, & Sam Mohr
Nursery.....	Michelle & Shayla McKay (HH – Andrew & Cassie Nichols)
Counters	Ron & Karen Aerni, Trevor Huseman, & Jared Turrel
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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Jihadis Threaten Christians, Close Churches - Mali

Islamists are threatening at least nine Malian churches in an area close to the border with Burkina Faso. "The jihadis showed up on motorcycles on September 25, locked the doors to the churches and demanded each church pay the equivalent of a \$1,200 tax to reopen," said a front-line worker. "The brethren from these churches were also denied the right to harvest their crops unless they pay the demanded amount or they deny Christ." The front-line worker said people in those communities fear what will happen when the terrorists return because the churches don't have the money to pay. Even if they did, the jihadis would likely continue to demand more, and the government has done little to protect the region. "Pray that those Christians will keep their eyes focused on Christ," said the front-line worker. He also asked for prayer for Malian Christians to have God's wisdom in this situation.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Denise Behrman**, who is recovering from cataract surgery last week.

For **Gary Olson**, who is recovering at home after being hospitalized for an infection.

For **Harlan Holste**, Adam Holste's father, who is recovering from a farming accident.

For **Tyson Wolfer**, Chad and Morgan Wolfer's infant son (former Beautiful Savior Preschool family), who continues to undergo tests at Children's Mercy.

For **Bob Brown and family** as they mourn the death of his brother Charlie Brown.

For **Joyce and Bill Coiner**, as they mourn the death of Joyce's sister Joan who died last Sunday from COPD complications.

For **Matt Riecher and the families of his colleague Marcos Ybarra**, as they mourn the loss of Marcos, his wife Roxana, and father-in-law following a car accident. They leave behind four children.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Merle Voigts**, Vaunda Palmer's brother, who is recovering from having surgery to remove a kidney.

For **Morris Groom**, Michele Barrett's father and Matt Barrett's grandfather who is hospitalized after a small stroke.

For **Mike Freeman**, who is recovering from reverse shoulder replacement surgery.

For **Ellie Maddison**, former BSLC preschool student and Corey and Deborah Maddison's daughter, who is recovering from an abscess on her neck.

For **Charlotte Teuscher Ziegler**, former BSLC member and Tamara Morin's mother, who is recovering from a fall.

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

For **Ruth Zych**, former BSLC, who is nearing life's end.

For **Shirley Knese**, who is now on hospice care.

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: Audra Bruschi, Chanel Gloe, and Cassie Nichols** and their unborn children, 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, Carl King, Linda Knight, Steven Koontz, Marilyn Kucks, Mark Kurz, 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.