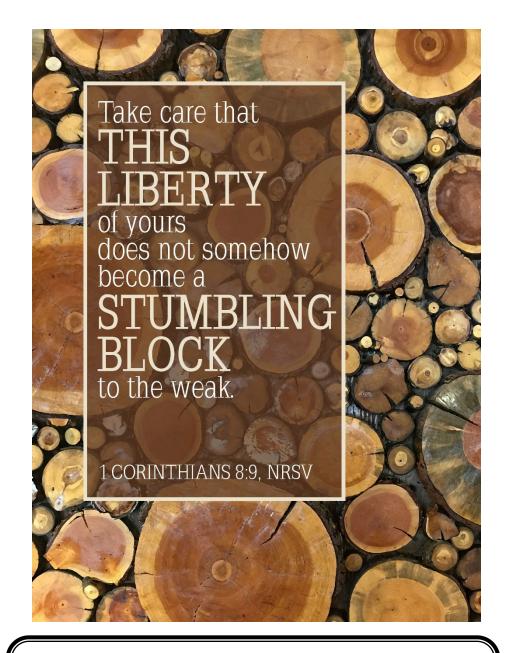
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024 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 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: For the next few weeks, we will be studying Priesthood and Ministry—*The Lutheran Difference Series*: The proper distinction between priesthood and ministry lies at the heart of the Lutheran Reformation.

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 4

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 533, 643, 698, 618, 643, and 528

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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Blersch

PASTORAL GREETING

SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

OPENING ANTHEM

The Fruit of the Spirit

Traditional Littles Choir with BSLP Preschool and guitar (This musical piece is based on the Bible reading Galatians 5:22-23)

Stand

→ THE PREPARATION →

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; [18:20]*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** 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

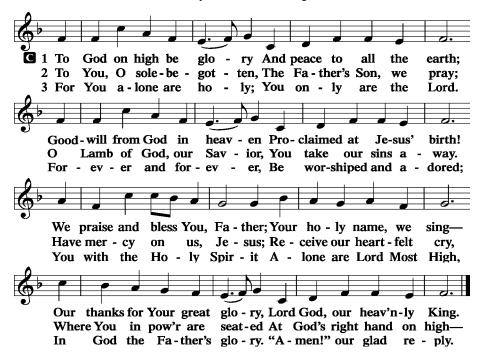
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. [John 20:19-23]

♣ SERVICE OF THE WORD ♣

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



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 know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ANTHEM

Where Charity and Love Prevail

arr. Delancy Adult Handbells

(If you would like to meditate on the words as the piece is played, please turn to LSB 845 in your hymnal.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

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

PSALM

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 3



- Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
- Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,* in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

- P Great are the works | of the LORD,* studied by all who de- | light in them.
- Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
- P He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;* the LORD is gracious and | merciful.
- He provides food for those who | fear him;* he remembers his covenant for- | ever.
- P He has shown his people the power | of his works,* in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.
- The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;* all his precepts are | trustworthy;
- they are established forever and | ever,* to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.
- He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- ever.*

Holy and awesome | is his name!

- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.* His praise endures for- | ever!
- A 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.
- Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

¹Concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ²If anyone imagines that he knows

something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹²Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE John 6:68





HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21–28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- G Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²²And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Sit

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

- **P** THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT
- You shall not steal.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

- THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT
- You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
- **P** What does this mean?
- We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Nathan Harkins

SERMON HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior LSB 842

SERMON

On Christian Freedom
1 Cor. 8
Vicar Nathan Harkins

Stand

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P To the Holy Trinity who alone is God of gods and Lord of lords, from whom with Jesus Christ are all things, and for the revelation of His saving knowledge to us and all the world, that together we may be known by God, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the Church and her ministers, that cherish Jesus, the Prophet greater than Moses, would make them diligent to listen to His Word and speak it faithfully in His name; and that God would preserve us from false prophets who would lead us away from His truth, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For our families and homes, that God would guard them and build them up in love; that He would support parents in their task of instructing their children; that He would strengthen those whose faith is weak; and that He would make us bold to forego convenience and security to attest the truths of our most holy faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
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- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the health and success of our president and governor, our legislators, and judges, and all who serve for our governance and protection, that God would make them high in purpose, wise in counsel and unwavering in duty, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who are sick, distressed, in danger or facing any need, [especially ______,] that the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Physician who cast out unclean spirits and taught with authority, would sustain them with patience, trusting in His merciful care, and so graciously relieve them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- Por all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in their eating and drinking they may receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and renewal of life, and so receive a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all the baptized, that as we face the temptations of the devil, the world and our sinful flesh, we may be enabled to win the victory over all that threatens our faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** 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.)

OFFERING PRAYER

★ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ★

PREFACE

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

- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** 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.

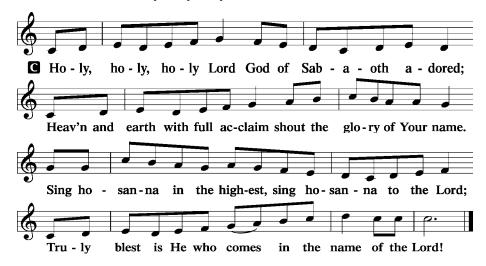
[Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

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

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:
- 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.

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

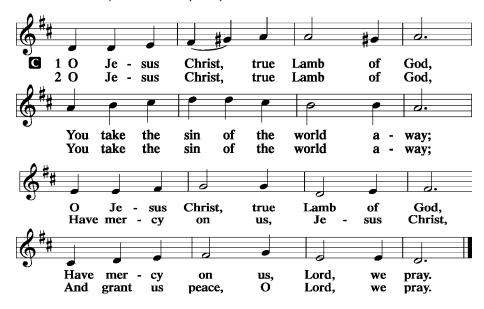
John 20:19

(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 the 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 <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 698 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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.
- C Thanks be to God.
- ightharpoonup The Lord bless you...and ightharpoonup give you peace.
- C Amen.

Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

arr. Behnke

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





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| turgistPastor Joel Schultz |
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| shers(8:00) Matt Christensen, Keith Clarke, Matt Horyna, Matt Riechers, & Ryan Wolff |
| (10:45) Leo Bertels, Phil Bertels, Jeff Hiller, & Paul Peterson |
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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Christians Struggle Amid Government Crackdown on Churches - Algeria

In 2019, the Algerian government permanently closed many churches, and several others that closed temporarily during the pandemic have not been allowed to re-open. "Many believers have gone for months or even years without gathering with their brothers and sisters in Christ," a front-line worker said. While Christians in Algeria are receiving biblical training via the internet and Arabic Christian satellite TV channels, relying on the internet and other media sources can leave them vulnerable to false teaching and manipulation. One such heretical cult is targeting believers in Algeria, the front-line worker said. He requested prayer that Christians in Algeria would hold fast to "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints."

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Charlotte Teuscher-Ziegler**, who is celebrating a milestone 90th birthday on January 31st.

For **Ken & Shirley Knese**, proud great-grandparents at the birth of their 4th great-granddaughter.

For **Dale Brandt**, who was hospitalized with shortness of breath on Tuesday, January 23rd.

For **Jordan Ebach**, Bob and Brenda Brown's 34-year-old cousin, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and had an 8-hour surgery to help remove as much as possible and treat with chemo.

For **Delphine Steuck**, Carol Brandt's mom who is transitioning to a new nursing home.

For **Ivan Rees**, Mary Jane Rees' husband, who has transitioned into a long-term care facility.

For Bert Potter, co-worker of Eric Herrs who is hospitalized with pneumonia.

For **John Meyers**, friend of Jeff & Cheryl Kerns, who had a near fatal allergic reaction to anesthesia and is recovering in the hospital.

For **Mike Heffernan**, former co-worker of Jennifer Mahnken, who was recently diagnosed with Alzheimer's and is in an assisted living center.

For **Garth Gonseth**, friend of Kurt and Dee Ann Norem, who is battling an aggressive cancer that has returned.

For **Peyton Clause and her mom Helen Clause**, granddaughter, and daughter of Janette Copeland, as Peyton deals with health issues and Helen helps to care and support her.

For **Dani Chapin**, Mark and Nancy Chapin's sister-in-law, who is recovering from breast cancer surgery on Monday, and will follow with radiation treatments.

For Cole Vanderpool, infant son of Aaron and Stacey, who is out of the NICU and home with his family.

For God to bring about peace in the war between Israel and Palestine.

For God to bring about 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 Nathan Wibe, who left for training and will deploy to Kuwait in a month and a half.

For the **Schreiner Family**, John, Mia, and Cora as they settle in Germany to live for the next 3-5 years.

For **Kennedy Melton**, infant daughter of Kade and Allie Melton, for her overall health as she continues to recover at home from RSV.

For **Tyler Smith**, Aunica McMullen's friend, who is recovering from a successful bone marrow transplant.

For **Karen Rinne**, who continues to recover at home from bile duct surgery.

For **Charlotte Hundley**, who has breast cancer and recovering from surgery.

For **Karen Kuhn**, who is having chemotherapy for stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

For **our expectant mothers: Alaina Booth, Elise Christensen, Michelle Giangrosso, Marissa Lippe, Charisse Meier, Cassie Nichols**, and **Amy Oestmann** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For those undergoing cancer treatment: Mandy Bender, Dale Brandt, Mary Lou Denny, Karen Feldes, Brad Gellerstedt, Charlotte Hundley, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Linda Knight, Mikaela Koch, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, Jessica Luck, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, Milroy Moses, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Bert Potter, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, and Neal Wurth.

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.

For **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that the Lord would continue to bless them and keep them in His care and that the Lord would turn their eyes toward Jesus. Fieldstone Apartments is a mission outreach project of BSLC.