

# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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

After this he said to him,  
"Follow me."

John 21:19, NRSV



**The Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 4, 2025**

**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 worshipping 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 Prayer.

**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 2**

**HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:** LSB 483, 485, 633, 475, 473

### **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**

***With High Delight Let Us Unite***  
arr. Costello

### **PASTORAL GREETING**

### **SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE**

#### **OPENING HYMN**

***With High Delight Let Us Unite***  
LSB 483

*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*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*(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.

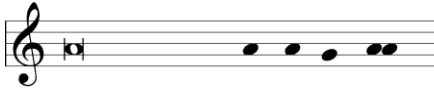
*[John 20:19-23]*

## ✠ 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.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

A - men.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray:

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## ANTHEM

***The Strife is O'er***

arr. Sherman

Adult Bells

*(A handbell setting of this hymn LSB 464)*

## FIRST READING

**Acts 9:1–22**

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and 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. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul 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. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>and 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." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup>But 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. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup>So 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." <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup>And 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?" <sup>22</sup>But 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.**

## PSALM

**Psalm 30; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b**



- P** You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!
- C** **I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*  
and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.**
- P** O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.
- C** **O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.**
- P** Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.
- C** **For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.**
- P** As for me, I said in my pros- | perity,\*  
"I shall nev- | er be moved."
- C** **By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain | stand strong;\*  
you hid your face; I | was dismayed.**
- P** To you, O | LORD, I cry,\*  
and to the Lord I plead for | mercy:
- C** **"What profit is there in my death, if I go down | to the pit?\*  
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your | faithfulness?**
- P** Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me!\*  
O LORD, be my | helper!"
- C** **You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*  
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with | gladness,**
- P** that my glory may sing your praise and not be | silent.\*  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you 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.**

**P**    You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

## **EPISTLE**

## **Revelation 5:8–14**

<sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**L**    This is the Word of the Lord.

**C**    **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL VERSE

**Common**

*John 6:68*



## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 21:1–19**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so

with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup>(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

**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)*

### **BAPTISM PART 2**

**P** What benefits does Baptism give?

**C** **It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.**

**P** Which are these words and promises of God?

**C** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."**  
*(Mark 16:16)*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Mike Ada**

## SERMON HYMN

*Long before the World Is Waking*

LSB 485

## SERMON

*I'm Going Fishing*

John 21

Pastor Mike Ada

*Stand*

**NICENE 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** Worthy are You, O Lord, to receive the praise and thanksgiving of Your people. For You have sent Your Son as the Lamb to ransom us by His blood and make us a kingdom of priests in Your service. Bless Your Church, that all we endeavor to do in Your name may be in accord with Your will. Accomplish Your holy purpose in calling many joyfully to know Your redemption. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Ever-living God, You raised up Saul from among Your enemies, that he would suffer for Your name. Stir up all those baptized into Your name, and call many men to the service of Your Church. Sustain all *[including all missionaries]* who suffer for the Gospel, and continue to confound its enemies with Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of all nations, You provided a miraculous catch of fish to the apostles and, much more, blessed their efforts as fishers of men. Continue to bless the Church as she spreads the Gospel and gathers in as many as would be saved. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, one generation of Your saints commends Your works to another. As we have received Your glorious Gospel, grant all fathers and mothers strong and joyful faith to declare Your mighty acts to the generation to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord enthroned in heaven, You have ordered all the nations of the earth and have set Your Church among them to shepherd them unto eternal life. Hear the prayers we continually offer for our rulers, and grant them faithful and peaceful governance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of life, You are glorified in the sufferings of Your faithful people. Teach us to trust You through all our trials and graciously bear up those who struggle among us, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] that they would know the fullness of Your love as You grant peace, comfort, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, You gave Your Son to be the Lamb. He has given us His own flesh to be our food and His very blood to be our drink. Give us Your Holy Spirit so that we who approach His table may receive His gifts with repentant hearts and faith, that what we receive with our lips we may keep in holy hearts and show forth in holy lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You are holy, and You sanctify us in Christ. Give us strength during temptation, courage in times of fear, comfort in distress and resolve in the face of persecution. Help us to abound in hope in every circumstance; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.)*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

*What Shall I Render*

LSB 176



**G** 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Psalms 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*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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 6:9-11*

**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



## 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 633 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing***

**LSB 475 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing***

**LSB 473 *Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free***

*Stand*

## DISMISSAL

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

***Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain***

LSB 487

## POSTLUDE

***Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain***

arr. Held

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





**Rev. Joel Schultz, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor**  
**Rev. John Kastner, Associate Pastor (Lead Pastor LOTW)**  
**Vicar Josiah Sandcork, Student Pastor**

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## **SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:**

Preaching ..... Pastor Mike Ada  
Celebrant..... Pastor Joel Schultz  
Liturgist..... Pastor Joel Schultz  
Organist..... Lauran Delancy  
Acolytes..... (8:00) TBD (10:45) Rowen Clark & Skylar Sears  
Greeters ..... (8:00) Kent & Paula Thompson (10:45) Williams Family  
Ushers..... (8:00) Joel Ada, Zach Bahr, Kyle Bodenstab, Joe MacDonald, & Bob Welsh  
..... (10:45) Carter Clark, Adam Holste, Ken Knese, & Jim Teig  
Altar Guild..... Carol Brandt, Carolyn & Keith Clarke, Dana & Deb Froelich, & Gary & Barb Levan  
Nursery..... Kyle & Jessie Tsia (Helping Hands – Zach & Alaina Booth)  
Counters ..... Brian Olson & Paul Peterson  
Altar Flowers ..... Karen Ledgerwood's Birthday  
..... Doug & Jennifer Mahnken's 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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## **VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST**

*Christian Mother Abducted, Others Killed by Islamists* - Central African Republic

On Feb. 13, 2025, Islamists abducted a Christian mother of five as she worked in her family's cropland in Bocaranga, in the northwestern region of the Central African Republic. "That day I didn't go to the garden. I stayed at home," said her husband, Emil. "While she was in the garden, she was caught by them and kidnapped." The kidnappers have called Emil and demanded an exorbitant ransom for her return. "I don't have any solution, so I cry out to the Lord for help in this situation. I cry out to him," he said. On Feb. 27, 2025, Islamists also raided a nearby village, burning 75 homes and killing roughly a dozen people. The Islamist attacks in the area have been ongoing for several years, filling Bocaranga with displaced Christians seeking safety. Local Christian leaders request prayer that God will change the attackers' hearts and bring peace to their land.



### **PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK**

For **Vicar-elect Jonah Wilson**, who received his vicarage call to Beautiful Savior.

For **Daniel, Elise, and Annette Christiansen** as Daniel received his vicarage call to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Baraboo, WI and Trinity Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Dells.

For **Rachel Ada** as she travels to Cambodia for a mission trip.

For the **Melton Family**, for good health and as they adjust to being a family of four.

For **Jonah and Mary Schultz, Pastor and Amy Schultz**, as they celebrate the birth of their son/grandson Lazarus Jonah Joel Schultz born on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

For **Randy Heinig**, Eric Olson's cousin and Carol and Gary Olson's nephew, who is nearing life's end.

For **Carroll Dudley**, friend of Mark and Sara Zarnstorff, who has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

For **Beth Johnson**, Brad Johnson's sister, for improvement on her diagnosis with her post chemo treatment.

For **John Huss**, Pastor Ada's seminarian friend, whose brain cancer has returned.

For **Mike Freeman**, who is recovering from rotator cuff surgery.

For **Amber Borek-Slater**, co-worker of Jennifer Mahnken, as she mourns the unexpected death of her husband.

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 **Dale Woltman**, Carol Brandt's brother-in-law who is recovering from surgery to repair a broken femur.

For **Sandy**, Steve Cichon's sister, who is recovering from neck surgery.

For **Lyle Luhman**, Lisa Gruhn's father who was hospitalized with a bladder infection.

For **Joyce Gruhn**, Fred Gruhn's mother who is recovering from back surgery.

For **Shirley Knese**, who fell and is recovering from a broken arm.

For **Rex Gardner**, Zach Gardner's father who is recovering from surgery to heal his knee replacement surgery.

For **Ray Cromer**, Shirley Knese's brother, who is having kidney treatment 3 times a week.

For **Beth Johnson**, Toni Johnson's sister, prayers her post chemo treatment shows improvement.

For **Ted Teuscher**, Charlotte Ziegler's son/Tamara Morin's brother, who has a difficult recovery from a stroke.

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

For **Patty Ott**, Amy Schepmann's mom, who is in hospice care.

For **our expectant mothers: Paige Burau, Beatrice Kastner, Alison Reigel, and Rachel Totten**, their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Brad Alyea, Tonya Baker, Mandy Bender, Jeff Beverstock, Rev. Bryan Drebes, Jordan Ebach, Ken Ernster, Wanda Fisher, Brad Gellerstedt, Maya Goudy, Michelle Held, Michelle Hill, Gary Huseman, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Beth Johnson, Lauren Kandt, Linda Knight, Steven Koontz, Marilyn Kucks, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, Bill Marshall, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Edna Pitts, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Dave Semro, Tom Serafin, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, Kathy Woods, and Kara Zech.**

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.