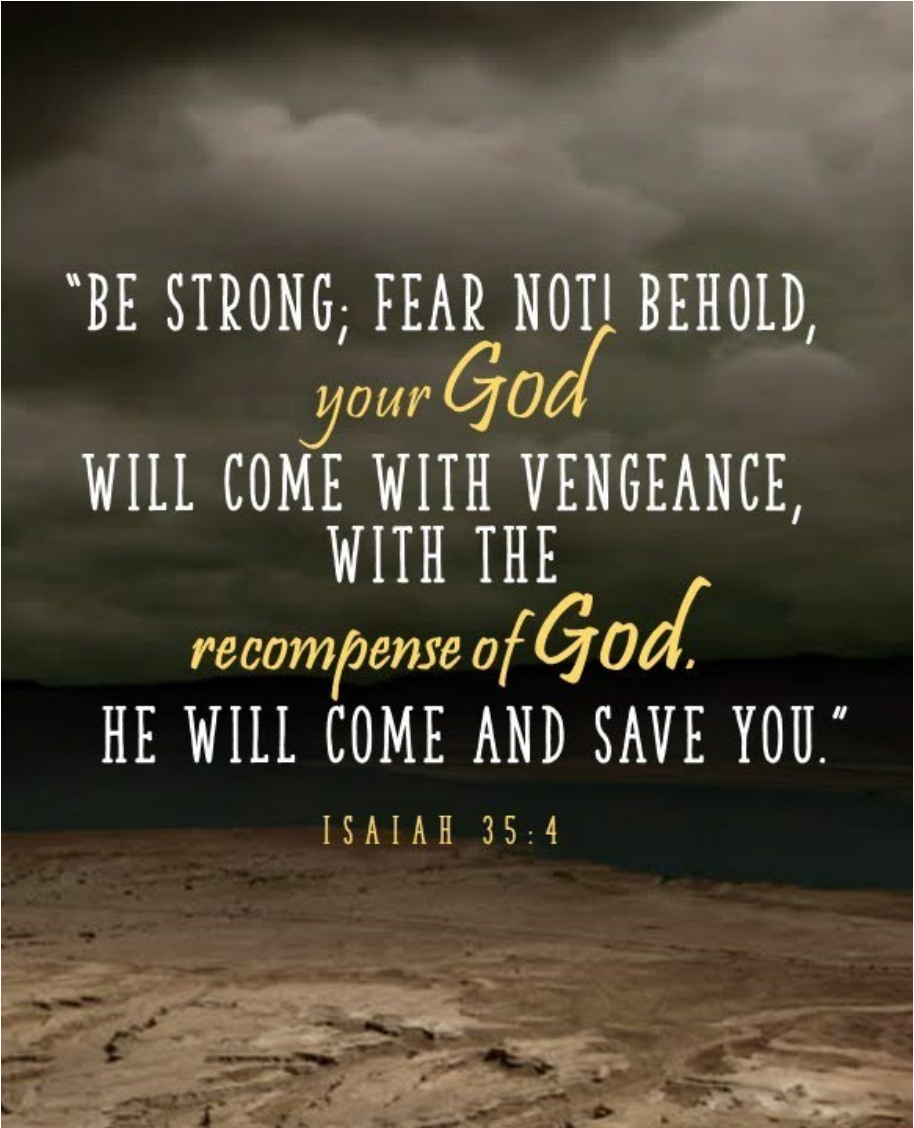


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



"BE STRONG; FEAR NOT! BEHOLD,
your God
WILL COME WITH VENGEANCE,
WITH THE
recompense of God.
HE WILL COME AND SAVE YOU."

ISAIAH 35:4

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

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 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: Bible Study 1 (Fellowship Hall): *God's Love at Christmas* – Week 3 will focus on Isaiah 40:1-11 and how God's saving love speaks Comfort and Joy. Bible Study Two (Sanctuary): *Songs of Faith* - Week 3 will focus on *The Gloria in Excelsis*, the Angels' Song of Praise in response to Christ's birth found in Luke 2:14.

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.

The Order of Service

AS WE GATHER

The Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ Brings True Rejoicing, Even Under the Cross
Sometimes life requires the astonishing patience of Job. Like him, we are to rejoice in the midst of affliction, be grounded in repentance under the cross of Christ, and hope relentlessly in His resurrection, that we might see “the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful” (James 5:11). In the promise of the Gospel, therefore, “be patient” and “establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:7, 8). Like St. John the Baptist, whatever your own kind of prison or suffering may be, call upon Jesus and receive the strength of His Word from those He sends to you. For as “the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up,” so is the Good News of Jesus preached to you also (Matt. 11:5). He comes and restores the fortunes of Zion, His Holy Church, so that “sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Is. 35:10)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway
John A. Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

Advent Prayer
Patterson
Chimes Choir

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 ✠

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Once He Came in Blessing
LSB 333 v. 1, 4

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| 1. Once He came in blessing,
All our sins redressing;
Came in likeness lowly,
Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us;
Hope and freedom gave us. | 4. Come, then, O Lord Jesus,
From our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing,
That we, grace receiving,
Ever may confess You
Till in heav'n we bless You. |
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Week 3 – Joy Candle

- P** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
C **My soul shall exult in my God,**
P For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
C **He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**
P For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
C **So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. (Is. 61:10-11)**

WREATH HYMN

"We Light the Advent Candle"

We light the Advent candle
And sing with cheerful heart.
With JOY, we spread the message
That God would us impart.
Our JOY is never ending;
The Son to us is sending.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!

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:
Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

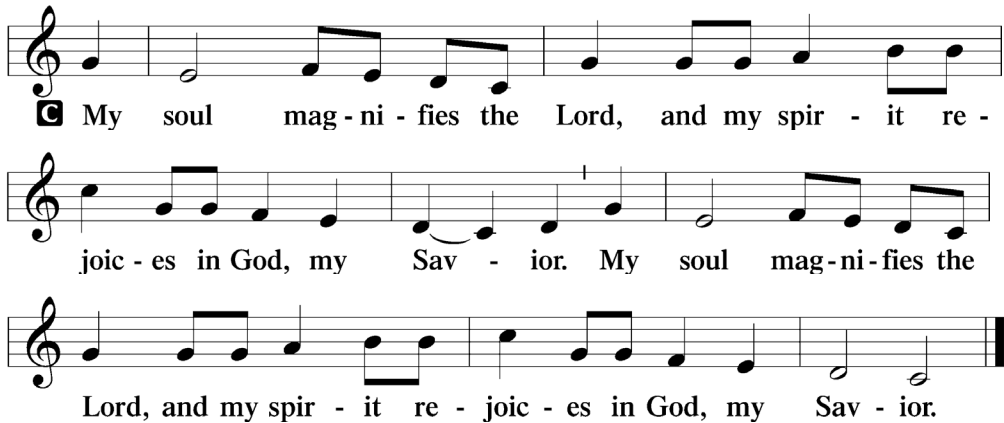
EPISTLE

James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE ~ *Magnificat ~ Song of Mary***LSB 248**


C My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

HOLY GOSPEL**Matthew 11:2-15**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

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

²Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Ada

SERMON HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
LSB 338

SERMON

Be Strong and Fear Not
Isaiah 35
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 Father of all mercies, the visitation of Your Son has enlightened the darkness of our hearts and every corner of creation. Hear us as we pray in His name and according to His will.

P O God, You have sent messengers to prepare the way of Your Son's coming. Grant us ears to hear and hearts to believe the words delivered by pastors and all who bear Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, You have instituted the home to be a refuge for husbands and wives and a place of growth and safety for children. Look with favor upon the homes of our land, and grant that the faith might be delivered from one generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Righteous Lord, You rule over all things in heaven and on earth. Until that day when Your Son comes in glory to usher in His kingdom, give wisdom and insight to all leaders, that we may live peaceable lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, the prophet Isaiah looked for the day when blind eyes would see, deaf ears would hear, lame legs would leap and mute tongues would sing. Until the final day of restoration, draw near to all who have requested our prayers, [*especially _____*], and give them healing according to Your gracious will. Bind up those who grieve, that they may look for the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With great jubilation, O Lord, we rejoice at Your Son's gracious visitation in His body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. Grant us faith to receive Him worthily as He comes in this foretaste of the Lamb's marriage feast. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the same 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.)

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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

O Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, The God by heav'n - ly
hosts a - dored, Both heav'n and earth Your glo - ry show.
Ho - san - na sing we to the Lord. *Refrain* Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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

O Christ, The Holy Lamb of God

O Christ, the ho - ly Lamb of God, Who takes a - way the

whole world's sin, Have mer - cy on us now, we pray,

And grant Your heav'n - ly peace with-in. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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 343 *Prepare the Royal Highway*

LSB 357 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

LSB 628 *Your Table I Approach*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace



1 Lord, let Your ser- vant go in peace, Your Word ful- filled with-
2 All glo- ry to the Fa- ther, Son, And Ho- ly Spir- it,



in my sight. Sal- va- tion comes for all to see.
with them one, As was in the be- gin- ning, now,



For Is- rael, glo- ry; Gen- tiles, light. Re-joice! Re-joice!
And as the end- less a- ges run.



Em- man- u- el Shall come to thee, O Is- ra- el!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalms 103:1

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you...and ☩ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

POSTLUDE

Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Wilbur Held

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



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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching..... Pastor Mike Ada
Celebrant..... Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist..... Vicar Avery Hjulberg
Organist..... Deb Miller
Acolytes.....(8:00) George Delancy & Nate Delancy (10:45) Anna Herrs & Kendall Herrs
Greeters..... (8:00) Tom Bremer (10:45) Brad Keefe
Ushers ..(8:00) Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob Rinne, Karen Rinne & Kent Thompson
..... (10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel & Dennis Smith
Altar Guild.....Carol Brandt, Nancy DeLaney, Deb Froelich & Deb Hodnik
NurseryZach & Alaina Booth
Counters.....Ron & Karen Aerni, Jared Turrel & Trevor Huseman
Altar Flowers..... Joe and Deb Hodnik in honor of their 3 grandchildren
.....Zoey Booth’s baptismal birthday

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Jailed Ministers Missing Since Arrest - China

On Aug. 17, police arrested six adults and one child from the Xi’an Church of Abundance, aggressively searched their homes, and interrogated them at the police station before sending them home. The next day, the six adults were rearrested and charged with illegal gathering and illegal fundraising. The charges were based on testimony obtained from church members who had been threatened and intimidated. The two pastors, Lian Changnian and Lian Xuliang, and an evangelist, Fu Juan, remained in custody after the others were released, their location still unknown when their families requested prayer two days later. There was also evidence that Lian Xuliang had suffered physical abuse while in custody. On Aug. 19, the Civil Affairs Bureau announced that the congregation was officially banned. Pray for spiritual and physical protection. Pray the pastors and evangelist are released from custody and returned safely to their loved ones.

If you would like to send a card to Zach and Latashia Roll, here is their mailing address:

**Zach and Latashia Roll
6 Founders Way, Unit B
St. Louis, MO 63105**

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Tom and Brenda Bremer**, as they celebrate the birth of their granddaughter Ramona.

For **Abigail Benz and Bryan Boger**, as they were united in holy matrimony on Saturday. Abigail is the daughter of David and Karen Benz.

For **Milroy Moses**, who was diagnosed with cancer and undergoing tests to determine the best treatment.

For **Peggy Doane**, Michelle Wibe's mom who is recovering in the hospital from complications from rotator cuff surgery.

For **Troy Schepmann**, who is awaiting surgery on December 16th for a brain tumor that doctors think is benign.

For **Claire Deke**, Jerry Deke's mom, as she recovers from a fall at St. Luke's Hospital.

For **Delphine Steuck**, Carol Brandt's mom, who fell and broke her collar bone and will move to a nursing home.

For **Western KS and NE**, as they experience the worst drought in nearly 100 years.

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 **Wylie Summerlin**, Danny Hundley's cousin's husband who is being treated for several medical issues.

For **Debbie Seutter**, as she awaits results from an MRI.

For **Rev. Bryce Bereuter**, Senior Pastor of Calvary Lutheran KC, who is recovering from surgery.

For **Christian Kimmey**, Jared Turrel's friend who is in the hospital with a lung abscess.

For **Cindy Cornell and family**, as they mourn the death of Cindy's uncle DeWayne Holthusen.

For **Evelyn Justus**, Nathan Harkins grandmother who is on hospice and nearing life's end.

For **Zach and Latashia Roll (last year's vicar)**, at the sudden heart attack and death of Zach's father.

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 **Kent Thompson**, who is doing much better as he recovers at home from a knee replacement.

For **Paul Hennegan**, Jim Teig's friend whose cancer has returned.

For **Aziz Arora**, Jasmine Markanday's mom, whose health is declining.

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, Lauren Kandt, 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.