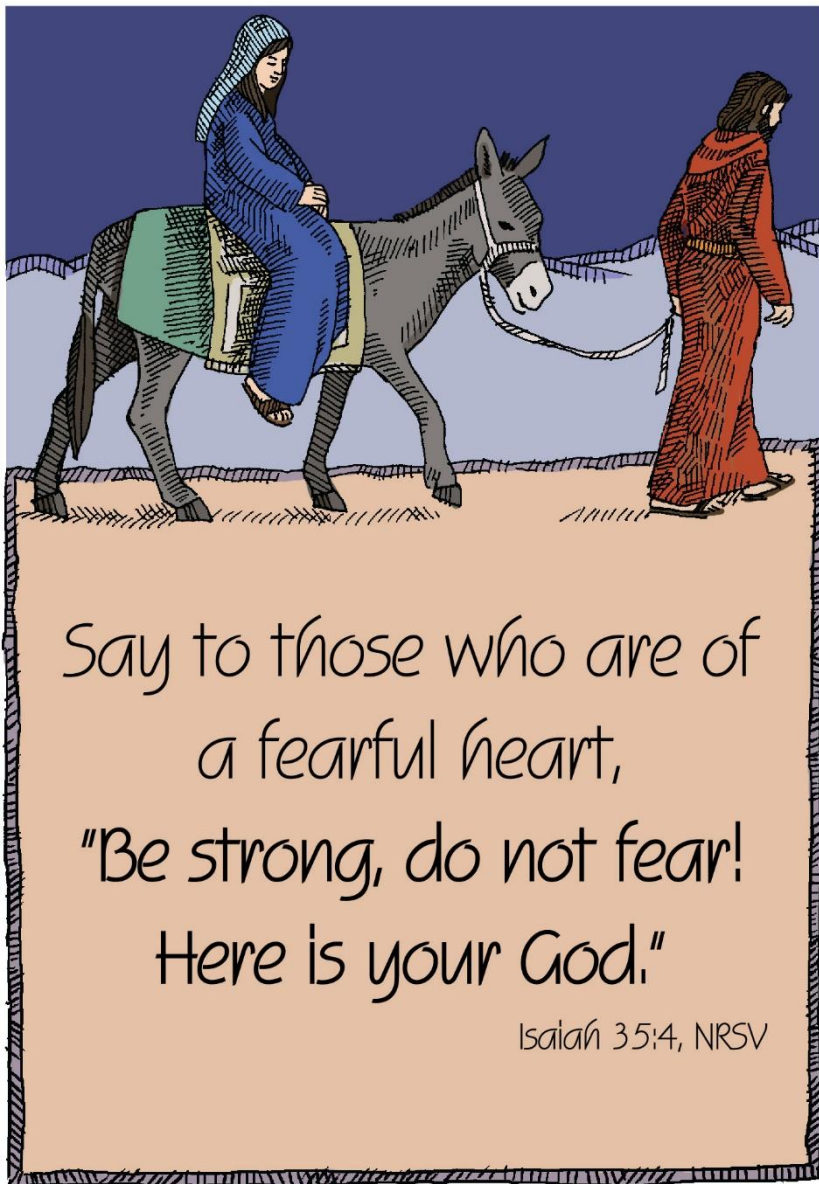


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



Say to those who are of
a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God."

Isaiah 35:4, NRSV

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 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 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: Vicar Wilson will be teaching a 4 week class on the book of Colossians.

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

HYMNS FOR TODAY’S SERVICE: LSB 333, 349, 343, 357, 628, and 338

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

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
arr. Cherwein

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

Gaudete!

arr. Glasglow
Beata Handbells

(The Third Sunday in Advent is known as “Gaudete”, which means “Rejoice” in Latin.)

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 sts. 1, 4

1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins re -
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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

ANTHEM

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

arr. McCartha
Adult Choir with cello

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.

 This is the Word of the Lord.

 **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.

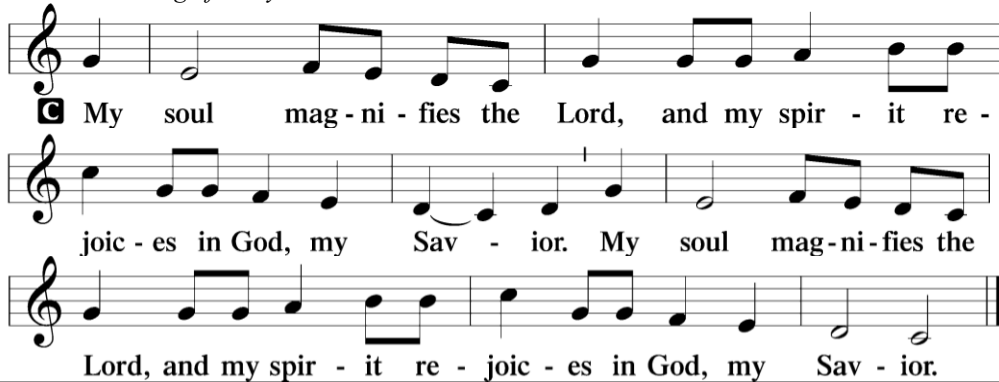
Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

LSB 248

MAGNIFICAT ~ Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-47



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.

²When 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 Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

SERMON

Rejoice, God Changes Everything

Isaiah 35

Pastor Joel Schultz

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 Lord, You are the source of all joy. Even the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad at Your appearance. Sustain us in the time of waiting for Your will and purpose to unfold in these latter days. Give us patience under trials and hope that endures the changes and chances of this mortal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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 Almighty God, give guidance to those entrusted with positions of leadership in government. Protect service men and women who defend us against the enemies of our nation, and those who enact and enforce laws that protect us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, 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, [*especially _____,*] that they may look for the resurrection of all flesh. 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 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, 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.)

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

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

Tune: *O come, O come, Emmanuel*/Text: James Pierce



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

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

O Christ, The Holy Lamb of God

Tune: O come, O come, Emmanuel/Text: James Pierce

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. *Refrain* Re-joice! Re-joice!
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

Tune: *O come, O come, Emmanuel*/Text: James Pierce



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.

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, Thou Long- Expected Jesus

LSB 338

POSTLUDE

Hark, the Glad Sound!

arr. Behnke

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



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Preaching Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist..... Vicar Jonah Wilson
Organist..... Lauran Delancy
Cellist Kaylana Schepman
Acolytes..... (8:00) Connor & Maya Hughey (10:45) Greyson Huseman & TBD
Greeters (8:00) Nichols Family (10:45) Mark & Sara Zarnstorff
Ushers..... (8:00) Zach Gardner, Bob & Karen Rinne, Kent Thompson, & Justin Wingerter
..... (10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, & Dennis Smith
Altar Guild..... Keith & Carolyn Clarke, Dana & Deb Froelich, Gary & Barb Levan
Nursery..... Andrew & Marissa Lippe (Helping Hands – Michelle & Shayla/Kaylee McKay)
Counters Roger Berardi & John Blakley
Altar Flowers Zoey Booth’s Baptismal Birthday
..... George Ledgerwood’s Birthday

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Three Language Groups to Have Bible for First Time - Nepal

Front-line workers in Nepal report that three language groups will soon have Bibles available in print for the first time. Praise the Lord for the years of faithful translation work that have been completed and for the culmination of this work. Pray for the next steps of the printing and distribution of God's Word to people who have long waited to have it in their own languages. Finally, pray that every Bible produced in these new translations will reach fertile ground and lead to spiritual maturity and church growth among all of Nepal's people groups.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Judy Landall**, as she celebrates the birth of her great-granddaughter Lydia Hazel Ross born on Dec. 4th.
For **Char Ludwig**, who is having eye surgery on December 16th.
For **Carl King**, Tom and Kathy Schroeder's brother-in-law who has complications following bypass surgery and diagnosed also with renal carcinoma.
For **Kylie Berge**, Barbara Gossen's granddaughter who has undetermined GI pain.
For **Jim Snyder**, Barbara Gossen's nephew who is feeling an overall weakness.
For **Vicki Yarnell**, Brad Yarnell's mother, who is recovering from parathyroid surgery.
For **Dana Travis**, Trenton Travis' mother, who is recovering from neck surgery.
For **Wilma Seutter**, Dave Seutter's mother who is recovering in a rehab facility after a broken pelvis.
For **Ed Seutter**, Dave Seutter's father who is recovering from a fall.
For **Merle Voigts**, Vaunda Palmer's brother who is awaiting news if he will a kidney removed mid-December.
For **Carol Starnes**, Roger Berardi's friend who has pancreatic cancer that has metastasized into her liver.
For **Liz Jewell**, close friend of Brad and Eden Keefe, as she recovers from surgery.
For **Sue Anderson**, Angela Hodge's friend who is on hospice care with stage 4 lung and kidney cancer.
For **Doug and Jennifer Mahnken and family**, as they mourn the death of their uncle Philip Robbins.
For **family of Dave Myers**, co-worker of David Ronsick, as they mourn his death from cancer.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Phil Freese**, who is recovering from pacemaker surgery.
For **Dr. Gary Bertels**, Phil Bertels' brother who is recovering from surgery to remove a kidney.
For **Bob Rinne**, who is home recovering from a stroke.
For **Kevin Grace**, Kim Holtgrieve's brother as he recovers from C5 palsy to regain strength and use of his arms.
For **Ray Cromer**, Shirley Knese's brother, who is having kidney treatment three times a week.
For **Ted Teuscher**, Charlotte Ziegler's son/Tamara Morin's brother, who has a difficult recovery from a stroke.
For **Olivia and Nicky Govea and their unborn baby** due in February, as their baby has a concerning medical condition. Olivia is Gina Stoehr's daughter.
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: Cassie Nichols, and Rachel Totten** 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, Linda Knight, Steven Koontz, Marilyn Kucks, 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, Eydie Taylor, John Turek, Cindy Whitney, Pam Young, and Kim Zeldenrust.**

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.