

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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

Therefore the Lord
himself will give
you a sign.

**BEHOLD,
THE VIRGIN**
shall conceive and
bear a son, and
shall call his name

Immanuel

Isaiah 7:14, ESV

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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: 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 353, 333, 332, 352, 356, 359, and 357

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

Savior of the Nations, Come

arr. Pelz

PASTORAL GREETING

SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353

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

BAPTISM

(Please turn to page 17 for the Baptism liturgy)

(8:00am) Hayden Scott Barrett

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]*

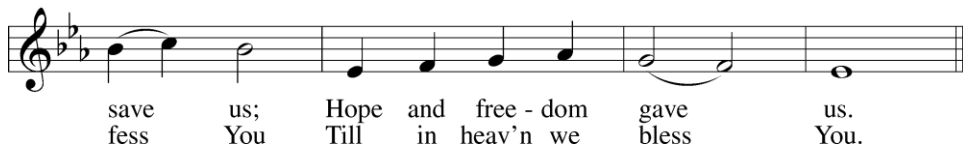
✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333 sts. 1, 4

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



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Week 4 – Love Candle

- P** Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
- C** **His right hand and his Holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**
- P** The LORD has made known His salvation;
- C** **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- P** He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- C** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Ps. 98:1-3)**

WREATH HYMN

"We Light the Advent Candle"

We light the Advent candle
 And share the wondrous Word.
 With LOVE, we tell of Jesus
 Till all around have heard.
 God's LOVE is for all nations
 Throughout His whole creation.
 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:
 Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins
 which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live
 and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Mary's Song

Marriott

Vocal Ensemble

(The opening and closing sections are the Latin text for the opening of the Magnificat. This is known as "The Song of Mary" from Luke 1 and has been sung by the Church for centuries. The Latin translation is :

*My soul magnifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
For he who is mighty has done great things for me
and holy is His name.)*

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 7:10–17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 1:1–7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

MAGNIFICAT ~ Song of Mary

LSB 248

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 1:18-25

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

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the

prophet: ²³“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

SERMON

The Sign We Need

Isaiah 7

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

NICENE 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 For all who prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, that our ever-faithful and all-powerful God would give us grateful hearts that His Son has come in the flesh to save us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For proper fear and love of the Lord, that the mighty God who has exalted us to be His children would preserve us by His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace, that our Father who sent Christ to be our peace would preserve us in repentance, so that we would live in peace with one another, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For congregations where numbers are small and resources scarce, that God, who raised up the King of all from little Bethlehem, would provide for their needs also and remind them that the same King dwells among them in His Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For women unable to conceive or who suffer the heartbreak of miscarriage, that God would be their rock against despair, provide them with consolation and purpose in Christ, and restore them to exult in His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our leaders, that Christ Jesus, who shepherds His flock to the ends of the earth, would grant them wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the nations, that they may have peace and that we may dwell secure, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For [_____ and] all who suffer in mind or body, that Christ, our Immanuel, would be with them in their trials and grant health and healing in accord with His perfect will, 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.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly the King of the nations and their desire. He who formed us of clay took on our human nature that He might save us. He came to His own and was rejected by them, yet You established Him as the true cornerstone, tested and precious, that whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; for You live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 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

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. *Refrain* 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

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 352 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

LSB 356 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

LSB 359 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace

Tune: O come, O come, Emmanuel

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

LSB 357

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
arr. Behnke

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



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Rev. John Kastner, Associate Pastor (Lead Pastor LOTW)
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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist..... Vicar Jonah Wilson
Organist..... Lauran Delancy
Vocal Ensemble Audra Bruschi, Anna Herrs, Cheryl Kerns, Izzy Martinez, Alexandra Olson,
..... Riley Olson, & Sara Zarnstorff
Acolytes..... (8:00) Charlotte Gardner & TBD (10:45) TBD
Greeters (8:00) Nick & Ashley Walz (10:45) Norm & Linda Jagels
Ushers..... (8:00) Zach Gardner, Bob & Karen Rinne, Kent Thompson & Justin Wingerter
..... (10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, & Dennis Smith
Altar Guild..... Denise & Scott Behrman, Jim & Nancy DeLaney, & Debbie Johnson
Nursery..... Sheila & Aubrey Huseman (Helping Hands – Zach & Alaina Booth)
Counters..... George Ledgerwood & Todd Scheumann
Altar Flowers Kellan Mahnken’s Birthday

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HOLY BAPTISM

Hayden Scott Barrett, infant son of Matt and Lauren Barrett, will be baptized this morning at the 8:00am service. Hayden's sponsors are Rachel Ada and Joel Ada. We pray special blessings upon Hayden and his family as he becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.



VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Three Language Groups to Have Bible for First Time

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.

✠ The Rite of Holy Baptism ✠

Hayden Scott Barrett

(8:00am)

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

ADDRESS TO PARENTS, SPONSORS & CONGREGATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P Because this child cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with sponsors, and parents, faithfully speak on his behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil?

C **Yes, I renounce him.**

P Do you renounce all his works?

C **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C **Yes, I renounce them.**

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty

C **Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

C **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

THE BAPTISM

P Hayden Scott Barrett do you desire to be baptized?

R *(Parents)* **Yes, I Do**

P Hayden Scott Barrett, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE RECEIVING OF THE BAPTISM CANDLE

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Hayden Scott Barrett the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

- ⓘ In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven.
- ☐ **We welcome you into the Lord's family and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light. Amen.**

Baptismal Party may return to their seats.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Hayden Scott Barrett**, infant son/grandson of Matt and Lauren Barrett/Pastor Mike and Kristen Ada and Randy and Michele Barrett, who will be baptized into the faith this morning at the 8:00am service.

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 **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 **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 **Olivia and Nicky Govea and their unborn baby** who has a serious medical condition. Olivia is Gina Stoehr's daughter.

For **Sue Anderson**, Angela Hodge's friend who is on hospice care with stage 4 lung and kidney cancer.

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.