Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.

...he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Luke 2:21, ESV

First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2023 8:00am & 10:45am

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION Members and visitors, please scan this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: Today we will be all together in the sanctuary for Christmas singing and study of the Word.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during education hour located in the lower level, Room 118.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.

Order of Service: Divine Service 4

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 519, 367, 383, 390 and 384

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 What Child is This

arr. Copely

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

Noel, Glory to God

Bailey

Vocal Quartet with Piano

(An anthem focusing on the words of the angels "Glory to God in the highest!")

→ THE PREPARATION **→**

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

 [Luke 18:13]

(A moment of silence to confess our specific sins.)

- P Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy...and of the

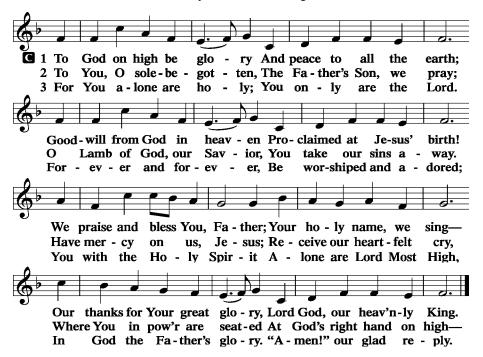
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. [John 20:19-23]

♣ SERVICE OF THE WORD ♣

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANTHEM Burgundian Carol

arr. Rothe Small Ensemble

(A celebration of the birth of Christ. One stanza of the words associated with this tune is "God and man today become, More in tune than fife and drum, So be merry while you play".)

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 61:10—62:3

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

PSALM

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9



- P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.* Holy and awesome | is his name!
- Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,* in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

- Great are the works | of the LORD,* studied by all who de- | light in them.
- Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
- P He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;* the LORD is gracious and | merciful.
- He provides food for those who | fear him;* he remembers his covenant for- | ever.
- He has shown his people the power | of his works,* in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.
- The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;* all his precepts are | trustworthy;
- they are established forever and | ever,*
 to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.
- He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.* Holy and awesome | is his name!
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.* His praise endures for- | ever!
- A Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.* Holy and awesome | is his name!

EPISTLE Galatians 4:4–7

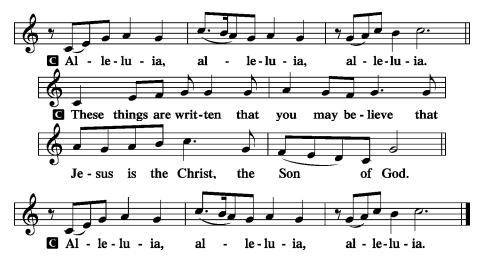
⁴When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive

adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE John 6:68



HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:21–52

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

²²And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose

²¹And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Nathan Harkins

SERMON HYMN

In His Temple Now Behold Him LSB 519

SERMON

The Power in His name
Numbers 6:22-27 and Luke 2:21
Vicar Nathan Harkins

Stand

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- Eternal Lord God, in the fullness of time, You sent forth Your Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, to redeem us and give us the adoption as Your sons and heirs. Hear us, Father, as we call to You in His name. Give us grace to rejoice in Christ's blessed incarnation, and grant us a glad new year. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Lead Your Church, Lord, to follow the example of blessed Simeon, that all baptized Christians would embrace the Christ Child by Word and faith, and so be ready to depart whenever they are called. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.

- Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood on earth is named, bless Christian families with Your promises. Give parents diligence and delight in their work, and grant Your favor on all children, that they may grow in strength and wisdom. Bless widows, orphans and broken families also with Your mercy, and give them joy in the redemption You have won for us in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Holy God, mighty Lord, You have given power to the nations and to those who govern for the good of their people. Bless our president, Congress, governor and all our leaders, that justice may prevail and Your people would be free to live at peace with all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Lord, receive our prayers for those who suffer from loneliness. Comfort them with the sure and certain knowledge that You will never forsake them. Give them family and friends within the household of faith with whom they can find loving companionship. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Blessed Lord, help the sick and suffering, especially those who desire our prayers [including _______]. Surround them with Your love in Christ and, according to Your gracious will, heal them. Comfort those who mourn, [especially _______,] and fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Additional Prayers of Thanksqiving or Intercession, Lord, in Your mercy:
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Father of lasting peace, show Your mercy to those who receive the Lord's Supper this day, that they would behold their salvation in the very body and blood of Christ given for them and, with St. Simeon, be well-prepared to depart in peace according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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

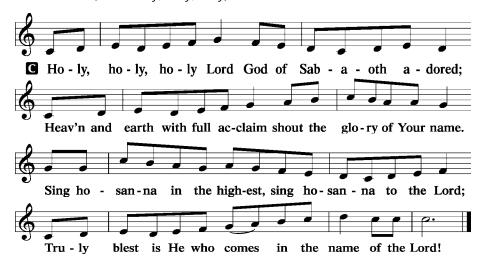
+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord. [Colossians 3:1]
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise. [Psalm 136]

PROPER PREFACE

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



LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father who art in heaven,
 - hallowed be Thy name,
 - Thy kingdom come,
 - Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
 - give us this day our daily bread;
 - and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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)

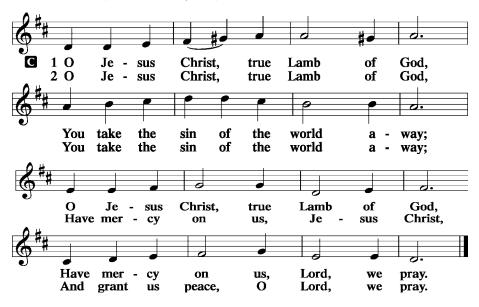
John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen!

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29



INVITATION

P Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life? (For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal. Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

Instructions for Communing

We use <u>continuous kneeling tables</u> for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

LSB 390 Let Us All with Gladsome Voice

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis~~(Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.
- **P** The Lord bless you…and

 → give you peace.
- Amen.

Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

CLOSING HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB 384

POSTLUDE

Hark the Herald Angels

arr. Weber

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





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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching	Vicar Nathan Harkins
Celebrant	Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist	Pastor Joel Schultz
Organist	Lauran Delancy
Vocal Quartet	Ashley Martinez, Izzy Martinez, Alexandra Olson, & Riley Olson
	Flautist: Riley Olson, Glockenspiel: Walter Schlef,
	Ringers: George Delancy, Alexandra Olson, & Timothy Schlef,
	and Violist: Sam Olson
Acolytes	(8:00) Alexandra Olson & John Yarnell
	(10:45) Blake Hughey & Maya Hughey
Ushers (8	3:00) Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob Rinne, & Kent Thompson
	(10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, & Dennis Smith
Altar Guild	Karen Benz, Debbie Johnson, & Gina Stoehr
Greeters(8:00) Roger Berardi & Chuck Tuttle (10:45) Lois Clendening & Liza Pillers	
NurserySheila & Aubrey Huseman (Helping Hands – Matt & Nicole Christensen	
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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Bold Witness Draws Opposition - Sri Lanka

In July, Anuradha shared the gospel with three families in her Sri Lankan village and invited the pastor of her church to pray for them. When word of this reached the local temple, the monk and 50 other people came to Anuradha's house and threatened her to stop these Christian activities. She boldly answered them that she would not stop. A few days later, nearly 80 people came to her home and demanded that she be investigated by the police. Anuradha has agreed to a police investigation. Pray for her to receive divine wisdom and boldness to share the truth of the gospel before the police and her community.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For Peyton Aerni and Jeremiah Ohlman, who were united in Holy matrimony yesterday at BSLC.

For Elise and Danniel Christensen, as they are expecting their first child.

For **Karen Rinne**, who is back home and continues to recover from bile duct surgery.

For Grant, Mark and Terri Boguski's 9-month-old grandson who is recovering at home from a respiratory infection.

For **Kennedy Melton**, 6-month-old daughter of Kade and Allie Melton, who is hospitalized with RSV and on oxygen.

For Cole Vanderpool, infant son of Aaron and Stacey, who was born early and is in the NICU.

For **Verona Schmidgall**, Randy Schmidgall's 91-year-old mom, who has moved to a rehab center and recovering from hip surgery.

For Peggy Turrel, Jared Turrel's mom who is having surgery to remove a defective medical implant.

For **Brianna Werket**, sister of Sarah Jensen, Jimmy and Liesel Jensen's sister-in-law, who needs lifesaving heart surgery.

For Aimee Giroux, a friend of Jeff Kerns, who suffered a brain aneurysm and is hospitalized.

For **Sophia and Kelsey Teply**, as they mourn the death of their dad from cancer.

For **Sarah Jensen and family**, the Jensen's sister-in-law, as they mourn the death of Sarah's grandmother, Arnhild Werket.

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 **Brad Gellerstedt**, Phil Bertels' nephew, who is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 lung cancer.

For Ladell Gossen, Barbara Gossen's brother-in-law who is recovering from a stroke.

For **Dale Brandt**, as he encounters intense pain post-surgery and has begun treatment for cancer.

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

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

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

For those undergoing cancer treatment: Mandy Bender, Dale Brandt, Mike Broderick, Heather Delaney, Mary Lou Denny, Karen Feldes, Brad Gellerstedt, Charlotte Hundley, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Beth Johnson, Linda Knight, Mikaela Koch, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, Myrna Larson, Jessica Luck, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, Geordie McGuire, Milroy Moses, Melissa Nesemeier, Edna Pitts, Bert Potter, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, Eric Wolgast, Gregg Wolgast, William Wolgast, and Neal Wurth.

For **our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith.

For **all those who are unemployed or under-employed**, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.

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