

The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm



Glory to God

IN THE HIGHEST,

AND ON EARTH

peace,

GOOD WILL

TOWARD MEN.

LUKE 2:14, KJV

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

To our visitors, 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.

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.



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CONNECTING PEOPLE TO JESUS AS WE GATHER, GROW, AND GO

Order of Service

AS WE GATHER

Heaven and earth rejoice on this night, because the glory of the Holy Trinity is manifested in the human birth of "our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13), through whom the Father's grace and mercy permeate the world. Death's silence is nullified by this "good news of great joy that will be for all the people" (Luke 2:10). And all we who have gone astray like lost and wandering sheep, who have "walked in the darkness" of doubt, fear, and sinful unbelief, behold "a great light" in the nativity of Jesus Christ (Is. 9:2). In Him "the grace of God has appeared" (Titus 2:11). For this child of Mary who is born for us, this dear Son of God who is given to us, bears the burden of our sin and death in His own body on the cross. By initiating and fulfilling His earthly journey from nativity to crucifixion, Christ establishes a government of peace, "with justice and with righteousness," which shall have no end; not by any work of man, but "the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this" (Is. 9:7).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

PRELUDE

Angels We Have Heard on High
David Cherwien

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing
LSB 380

Stand

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross ✠ 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

P For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders.

C **And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!**

Isaiah 9:6

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

C **The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.**

John 1:14a

P We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and only Son,

C **who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

John 1:14b

P The promise has been fulfilled!

C **Jesus, our Savior, is born!**

C (singing) **Oh, come, let us adore Him,**

Oh, come, let us adore Him,

Oh, come, let us adore Him – Christ, the Lord!

- P** Oh, come, all ye faithful, let us worship the King!
- C** **Let us kneel before His throne! Let us worship the King who has come to save us from our sins.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Our sinfulness condemns us. But Jesus Christ has come to save us! Let us come to His manger throne and confess our sins.
- C** **We confess that we have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. Like the inns on that first Christmas, we often leave no room for You in our lives. We spend little time pondering You and Your ways in our hearts, as Mary did. Although You brought the shepherds, and us, good news of great joy, we often wallow in self-pity and sadness. The shepherds spread the news of Your birth. We have failed to be the kind of witness of Your love that You desire. The Magi followed Your lead and brought You gifts. Often we wander from Your lead; our gifts are shallow. We have sinned. Forgive us, Christ-child! Lead us, Savior! Renew our lives daily as Your forgiven children.**

- C** **O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!**

O Little Town of Bethlehem
LSB 361:4



- P** Behold, I bring you good news of great joy: A Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord! Upon this your confession...Amen.

- C** **How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.**

O Little Town of Bethlehem
LSB 361:3

COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, You made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. You have filled us with the Light of the World who became human and lived among us. Let the light of our faith in the Christ-Child shine in all we do and say. In His name we pray, live, and reflect His light.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

ANTHEM (4:00 & 6:00pm)

Mary, Did You Know?
Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene
Cheryl Kerns, Soloist

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM (4:00 & 6:00pm)

Joy of Every Longing Heart

arr. Larson

Christmas Choir with Cello and Piano

HANDBELL DUET (8:00pm)

Away In A Manger

arr. Sue

Eric Schlef & Lauran Delancy

EPISTLE

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361:1

- O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.**



⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN

Away in a Manger

LSB 365:1, 2

- Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**
- The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

HYMN

From Heav'n Above to Earth I Come

LSB 358:1-5

1. "From heav'n above to earth I come
To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring,
Whereof I now will say and sing:
2. "To you this night is born a child
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child of lowly birth
Shall be the joy of all the earth.
3. "This is the Christ, our God Most High,
Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will Himself your Savior be
From all your sins to set you free.
4. "He will on you the gifts bestow
Prepared by God for all below,
That in His kingdom, bright and fair,
You may with us His glory share.
5. "These are the signs that you shall mark:
The swaddling clothes and manger dark.
There you will find the infant laid
By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."

¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368:1

1. **Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**



¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368:3

- Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**



¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LSB 379:1, 4

- O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels:**

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

- Yea, Lord, we greet Thee.
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing!**

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!**

¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard On High

LSB 368:2

2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Luke 2

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Having confessed our faith and sung about the joy in our hearts, let us go to our gracious God in prayer.
- P** O Wonderful Counselor,
C **hear our prayer and grant us Your peace.**
- P** O Mighty God,
C **open our eyes to see Your mighty works. Open our minds to Your Word that Your truth may rest in us.**
- P** O Everlasting Father,
C **use the witness of our words and deeds to proclaim Your seeking and saving love to those around us. Open our eyes to the needs of those around us and inspire us to be agents of comfort to the distressed and instruments of healing and relief to the sick and suffering, especially those we name before You in our hearts.**
- P** O Prince of Peace,
C **give us the peace that passes all understanding, that we may trust that You have come into our imperfect world and brought the perfect gift of salvation and have freely given it to us.**
- P** O Emmanuel,
C **receive our worship and adoration, our time and talents, and the firstfruits of our incomes that we bring in grateful praise to the mystery of the Word made flesh.**

P Into Your hands, O gracious Lord, we place our prayer, we offer our praise, and we commend ourselves and our loved ones, trusting in Your mercy and having confidence in Your love, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Child is This

LSB 370:3

3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

TUNE: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

P May the good Lord be with you.

C And with you His servant too.

P Lift your hearts unto the Lord.

C God most high by all adored.

P Let us give our thanks and praise.

C To our God with joy we raise.

P Lift your voice to God on high.

C Sing our praises to the skies.

P Hark! Let all God's people sing.

C Glory to the newborn King.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

TUNE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- C** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of Hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain All the glory of Your name.
Hail, hosanna, God Most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing.
Hail, hosanna! Praises due Be forever, Lord to You!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-11

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

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

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

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

TUNE: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- C** Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God; You now take our sin away.
Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God; Grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.
Grant forgiveness, strength and zeal, In this holy, precious meal.
Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God; Lord we now before you bow.
Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God; Grant Your mercy on us now.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

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. After communing, Please return to you seat for silent meditation and prayer.

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

Gluten-free wafers are available; please indicate your need to the pastor at the table.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 393 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

LSB 366 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

LSB 388 *Go Tell it on the Mountain*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

TUNE: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise, Alleluias now we raise
All who seek the Lord rejoice, Tell His Love with Heart and voice
Promises have been fulfilled In His blood that for us spilled.
Now He leads us forth in joy; Shouts of thank to Him employ.
Alleluias now we sing, To our Savior, God, and King.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

✠ THE SERVICE OF LIGHT ✠

RESPONSIVE READING

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

C **The Light no darkness can overcome.**

P Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World., Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life." *(John 8:12)*

C **Come, Lord Jesus, illuminate our hearts that we may carry your light into our dark world.**

A READING FROM ISAIAH 60:1-3

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

CANDLE LIGHTING HYMN

Silent Night, Holy Night

LSB 363

1. Silent night, holy night!

**All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.**

2. Silent night, holy night!

**Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!**

3. Silent night, holy night!

**Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

A PRAYER FOR THE LIGHT

P Let us pray. O God, because you once caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light, grant that we who have known the mystery of that Light here on earth may come to the full measure of its joys in the new heaven and earth on the Last Day; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

TUNE: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

P May the good Lord bless and keep you, Make His face to shine on you.
Fill your life with grace and love, Look with favor from above.

C **Glory to the Father, Son, and the Spirit, three in One**
Thanks and praise forevermore, To our God whom we adore;
Alleluias now we sing, To our Savior, God, and King.

*(After Pastor extinguishes his candle, all others may do likewise.
Please return your candles to the container at the doors.)*

CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World

LSB 387

POSTLUDE

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

John A. Behnke

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Organist..... Deb Miller
Soloist..... Cheryl Kerns
Christmas Choir..... Lauran Delancy, Director
Cellist..... Madeline Travis
Pianist..... Connie Teig
Handbell Duet..... (8:00) Lauran Delancy & Eric Schlef
Acolytes..... (4:00) TBD (6:00) Alexius & Ethan Wolff (8:00) Walter & Timothy Schlef
Altar Guild..... Carol Brandt & Denise Behrman
Altar Flowers..... Christmas Poinsettias

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Christmas day service with Holy Communion: Sunday, December 25th at 9:00am (one service only)

New Year's Eve Service: Saturday, December 31st at 6:00pm

First Sunday after Christmas Service: Sunday, January 1st at 9:00am (one service only)

Words of Appreciation are expressed from your Church Staff. We've received many cards and treats as well as the staff gift from members and friends of the congregation. Thank you for your generosity and wonderful notes of cheer and good will.

*Pastor Joel Schultz, Pastor Mike Ada, Vicar Avery Hjulberg, Anne Yarnell, Michelle Wibe,
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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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