

# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



## *Third Sunday of Advent*

Third Sunday in Advent  
December 12, 2021  
8:00 & 10:45 am & 6:00 pm

## *Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!*

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are 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.

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



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.**

**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 ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

### **EDUCATION HOUR**

**Adult Bible Class:** This summer we will be studying in the Book of Malachi.

**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 Sunday school classrooms.

**Nursery:** There is a nursery during the Education Hour.

**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 1

## AS WE GATHER

### ***The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice***

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "*he has cleared away your enemies,*" "*taken away the judgments against you*" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15–17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "*rejoice in the Lord always,*" knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "*the dead are raised up*" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

### PRELUDE

***Once He Came in Blessing***  
Wilbur Held

### PASTORAL GREETING

### OPENING ANTHEM

***Rejoice in the Lord Always***  
**Jubilate Chime Choir**  
arr. Delancy

Words for Meditation:

*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice*  
*Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! and again I say rejoice*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! and again I say rejoice*

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 333:1, 4

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| 1. Once He came in blessing,<br>All our sins redressing;<br>Came in likeness lowly,<br>Son of God most holy;<br>Bore the cross to save us;<br>Hope and freedom gave us. | 4. Come, then, O Lord Jesus,<br>From our sins release us.<br>Keep our hearts believing,<br>That we, grace receiving,<br>Ever may confess You<br>Till in heav'n we bless You. |
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## Week 3 – Joy Candle

- P** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
- G** **My soul shall exult in my God,**
- P** For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
- G** **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,
- G** **So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. (Is. 61:10-11)**

## WREATH HYMN

*"We Light the Advent Candle"*

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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Let us pray:

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

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Zephaniah 3:14–20**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. <sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. <sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. <sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. <sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

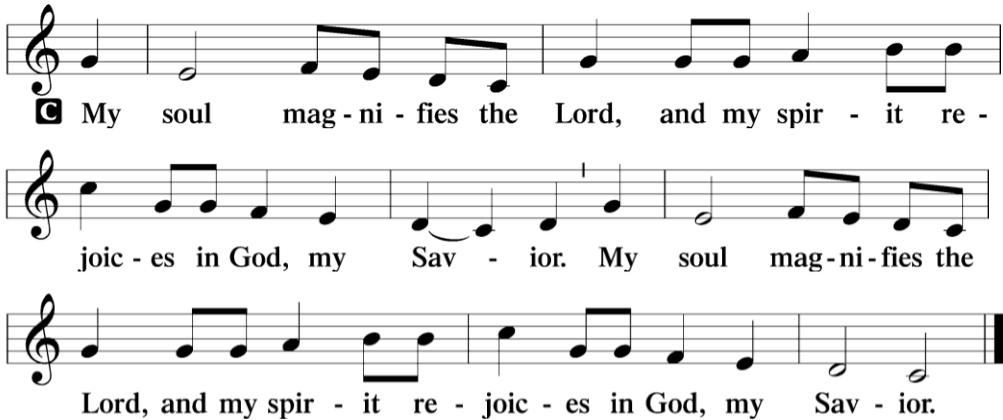
<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

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



**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

Luke 7:18–28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

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

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>24</sup>When John's messengers had gone, 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? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'" <sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**Pastor Mike Ada**

## SERMON HYMN

***Hark the Glad Sound***

**LSB 349**

## SERMON

***Go and Tell***

**Luke 7:18-28**

**Pastor Mike Ada**

*Stand*

## **APOSTLES' CREED** *(located on the 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** Heavenly Father, You rescue the daughter of Zion from her enemies and take away the judgments against her. Look with compassion upon Your people wherever they suffer for the name of Jesus. Give them wisdom when they are pressured to compromise, provide when they suffer loss, give courage when they are afraid, and strengthen them in the midst of persecution until You deliver them. Preserve them always in the joyful hope that You will restore all that is lost with what cannot be taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty God, as You once sent messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, so strengthen and encourage all pastors and church workers as they make known His saving name. Open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Giver of all good gifts, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, You set the prisoners free. Remember those who are incarcerated justly, and grant that they might repent, be freed from the clutches of sin, accept the consequences of their wrongdoing, and learn to live honestly and peacefully. Remember all those who are imprisoned unjustly. Restore their freedom according to Your will, and preserve them in Your grace and the confidence that You know what is true and just. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father, Your Son became flesh and healed the sick of all kinds of diseases and afflictions, demonstrating His power and giving us a foretaste of the resurrection on the Last Day. Have mercy upon all those in need of deliverance [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Heal them in Your time and according to Your will, and preserve them in the confidence that You will deliver Your people from all afflictions at the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, the Son of Man came eating and drinking with sinners, that He might proclaim the kingdom and welcome them in by the forgiveness of sins. As He hosts His Supper this day for His repentant people, grant those who partake of His body and blood to be worthy and well-prepared, firmly believing the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## OFFERING

## OFFERING PRAYER

# ✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

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

## SANCTUS

## O Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

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

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

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

*John 20:19*

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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen!**

## AGNUS DEI

## O Christ, The Holy Lamb of God

O Christ, the ho - ly Lamb of God, Who takes a - way the  
whole world's sin, Have mer - cy on us now, we pray,  
And grant Your heav'n - ly peace with-in. *Refrain* Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## INVITATION

**P** Welcome to the table of our Lord.

## 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?

### 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 finished. Please return to your seat for meditation and prayer. 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 642 – O Living Bread from Heaven**

**LSB 903 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

**LSB 818 – In Thee Is Gladness**

*Stand*

## DISMISSAL

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

***Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace***

*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-joyce! Re-joyce!  
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

***Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring***  
**LSB 353**

### POSTLUDE

***Hark the Glad Sound***  
Wilbur Held

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



**Rev. Joel Schultz, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor**  
**Vicar Zachary Roll, Student Pastor**

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## Serving the Lord and Us Today:

Preaching .....	Pastor Mike Ada
Celebrant.....	Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist.....	Vicar Zachary Roll
Organist.....	(8:00 & 10:45am) Deb Miller (6:00) Lauran Delancy
Acolytes.....	(8:00) George Delancy & Nate Delancy
.....	(10:45) Sydney Hughey & Blake Hughey
Greeters .....	(8:00) Ken & Shirley Knese (10:45) Scott & Denise Behrman
Ushers.....	(8:00) Bob Rinne, Jordan Klebe, Karen Rinne
.....	(10:45) David Raetzel, Dennis Smith, Ron Aerni, Gene Downard,, Brad Keefe
Altar Guild.....	Carolyn Clarke, Nancy Delaney, Carol Brandt, Karen Kuhn,
Nursery.....	(9:30) Matt and Morgan Riechers
Counters .....	Paul Peterson, Brian Olson
Altar Flowers .....	Zach & Alaina Booth and Terry & Susan West

**ALTAR FLOWERS** that adorn our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by Zach & Alaina Booth in celebration of Zoey's baptismal birthday and by Terry & Susan West in honor of Shelby's graduation from Concordia University in Nebraska.

### Voice of the Martyrs prayer request

#### Iranian Christians Shine Light in Dark Economy - Iran

Iranian Christians have a unique opportunity to advance the gospel amid increasing challenges due to Iran's struggling economy. Rapid inflation, high unemployment and the impact of the pandemic have created severe economic woes for many inside Iran. While Iranians grow discouraged, succumbing to a grim outlook toward the state of their country, Christians inside the country share the hope available in Christ as they reach out to meet needs in the name of Jesus. Pray for increasing opportunities for Iranian Christians to share God's love with their countrymen who are struggling. Pray that these Christians can reach their communities with the hope of the gospel.

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## Prayers Requested for This Week

For **Bill Newman**, Bob Newman's brother, hospitalized with Covid.

For **Connie Bredehoeft**, Janette Copeland's sister, who went back in hospital with swelling.

For **Shirlyn Bredehoeft**, sister of Janette Copeland, who is recovering after surgery.

For **Don & Tonya Hundley**, brother of Danny Hundley, who are having a tough time with Covid.

For **the family of Mindy Pritzel** as they mourn the death of her mother, **Wanda Brandt**.

For **the family of Edward Copeland**, Bob Copeland's brother, as they mourn the death of Edward's wife, who died December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Tamara Morin** as she continues to heal after fracture hip surgery.

For **Steve Bremer** who has cancer of the esophagus.

For **Jennifer Mahnken** who took a bad fall on their trip to Ireland. She dislocated her ankle and broke her leg in three places.

For **Bob Welsh** as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

For **Janette Copeland** that she would receive relief for her headaches.

For **Tom Chapin**, recovering from injuries suffered in a fall off a ladder where he fractured 2 vertebrae in his lower back and broke his ankle and wrist and has now been diagnosed with CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy.)

For our expectant mothers: **Stacey Vanderpool, Hannah Schultz, Alli Bauck, Alaina Booth, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen, Michelle Giangrosso** and their unborn children. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **Paul Hennegan, Faith Mitchell, Janna Carver, Sandy Kronsbein, Spencer Braun, Teri Woodward, Susan Mountain, Eric Hundley, Steve Martinez, Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, John Mahnken, Pat Brackin, and Moriah Obermueller** continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

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

**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!