

The Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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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 (1Cor. 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 before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.



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Order of Service

AS WE GATHER

Every Christmas we celebrate the truth that our Father in heaven kept His promise to send a Savior to save and redeem a lost and rebellious world. Our joy is that He has sought us out when we separated ourselves from Him because of our sin. On this Christmas Day Isaiah brings us a message that there is joy for God's people for the Savior has come and He has brought His reward with Him. That's why God's people sing, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!" The reward is forgiveness, redemption, and holiness for everyone who believes in this Infant who came to buy us back from sin and Satan with His own blood. How wonderful it is that we are not forsaken but that God has sought us out that we could live with Him forever.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Of the Father's Love Begotten
Christopher Uehlein

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice
LSB 390

1. **Let us all with gladsome voice
Praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,
His own Son hath given.**
2. **To this vale of tears He comes,
Here to serve in sadness,
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes
We may reign in gladness.**
3. **We are rich, for He was poor;
Is not this a wonder?
Therefore praise God evermore
Here on earth and yonder.**
4. **Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,
Be Thou ever near us.
Grant us now a glad new year.
Amen, Jesus, hear us.**

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Stand

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

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.**

P In the beginning was the Word,

C **and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

John 1:1

P In Him was life,

C **and the life was the light of men.**

P The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:4-5

C **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

John 1:9

P To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C **and the government shall be upon His shoulder,**

P and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

P This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light,

C **and in Him is no darkness at all.**

P If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

1John 1:5-7

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Jesus, the Word made flesh, You dwell among us, but how can we continually abide in Your dwelling?

C **For we are 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.**

P For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

C **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 has given the gracious gift of His Son to be born into this world, wrapped in our flesh, to live a perfect life we can never attain, and to give His life as a perfect sacrifice that for His sake He forgives you all your sins. Christ was born to live among us, to die for us, and to rise in victory for us. He was given and born as our Savior to forgive. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

LSB 375

1. **Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.**
2. **Christ, from heav'n to us descending
And in love our race befriending;
In our need His help extending,
Saved us from the wily foe.**
3. **Jacob's star in all its splendor
Beams with comfort sweet and tender,
Forcing Satan to surrender,
Breaking all the pow'rs of hell.**
4. **From the bondage that oppressed us,
From sin's fetters that possessed us,
From the grief that sore distressed us,
We, the captives, now are free.**
5. **Oh, the joy beyond expressing
When by faith we grasp this blessing,
And to You we come confessing
That Your love has set us free.**
6. **Gracious Child, we pray, O hear us,
From Your lowly manger cheer us,
Gently lead us and be near us
Till we join Your choir above**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

HYMN

Let Us All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389

1. **Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.**
2. **He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.**
3. **Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.**

4. **He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm,
His glory, and His name,
His glory, and His name.**

5. **He is a servant, I a lord:
How great a mystery!
How strong the tender Christ Child's love!
No truer friend than He,
No truer friend than He.**

6. **He is the key and He the door
To blessed paradise;
The angel bars the way no more.
To God our praises rise,
To God our praises rise.**

7. **Your grace in lowliness revealed,
Lord Jesus, we adore
And praise to God the Father yield
And Spirit evermore;
We praise You evermore.**

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." ⁸The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. ⁹ Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰ The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

L This is Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come On Christmas Day

arr. McChesney

Adult Choir

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or

again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

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

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

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

1. **O sing of Christ, whose birth made known
he kindness of the Lord,
Eternal Word made flesh and bone
So we could be restored.
Upon our frail humanity
God's finger chose to trace
The fullness of His deity,
The icon of His grace.**

2. **What Adam lost, none could reclaim,
And Paradise was barred
Until the second Adam came
To mend what sin had marred.
For when the time was full and right
God sent His only Son;
He came to us as life and light
And our redemption won.**

3. **He came to that which was His own,
But He was not received;
Yet still through Him God's glory shone,
And some His name believed.
To these He gave the right to be
The heirs of heav'n above,
Born not of human ancestry
But born of God in love.**

4. **Lord Jesus Christ, You deigned to dwell
Among us here on earth
As God with us, Emmanuel,
To bring this holy birth.
Though rich, You willingly became
One with our poverty,
That we might share Your wealth and name
For all eternity!**

SERMON

Beautiful Feet
Isaiah Chapter 52
Pastor Mike Ada

Stand

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Martin Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostle's Creed
with music from *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (LSB 384)

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord.

All Sing: *Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
Of things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore.*

All: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood, and His innocent suffering and death.

All Sing: *Oh, that birth forever blessed, When the virgin, full of grace,
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,
And the Babe, the world's redeemer, First revealed His sacred face
Evermore and evermore.*

All: All this He has done that I might be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

All Sing: *O ye heights of heav'n adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, And extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent; Ev'ry voice in concert ring
Evermore and evermore.*

All: Just as He is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

All Sing: *Christ, to You, with God the Father And the Spirit, there shall be
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And the shout of jubilee:
Honor, glory, and dominion And eternal victory
Evermore and evermore!*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** For the Church throughout the world, that all the baptized, by their faithful witness to the Gospel, would bear the joy of the light and life of Christ into the darkness and death of this world, let us pray to the Lord:
 - C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the nations, that all those entrusted with leadership would be given grace to serve with wisdom, courage and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:
 - C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who wander in the darkness still, unaware of the love of Christ, that the Holy Spirit would enlighten their hearts so that they may join us in confessing and praising Him who became the child of the blessed Virgin Mary in order to make us the children of God, let us pray to the Lord:
 - C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this parish and for our preschool, that our members would find joy overflowing in their adoption by the heavenly Father through Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the hospitalized, for those taking treatments and for all who are sick, *[including _____,]* that in Emmanuel — the God who is with us in our sufferings — they may be given peace, confidence and grace to entrust themselves to His wisdom and goodness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who grieve, for the lonely and the forsaken, that in Christ they would find the comfort of that light no darkness can overcome, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who approach Christ's altar today, that worthily receiving the gift of His very body and blood, the Eternal Word of the Father would dwell in them with His life and light, and that they would abide in Him forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and all the faithful who rejoice with us but upon another shore and in a greater light, let us give thanks and praise, asking that we may be brought to join them in their endless worship of Him who is both Son of God and Son of Mary, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

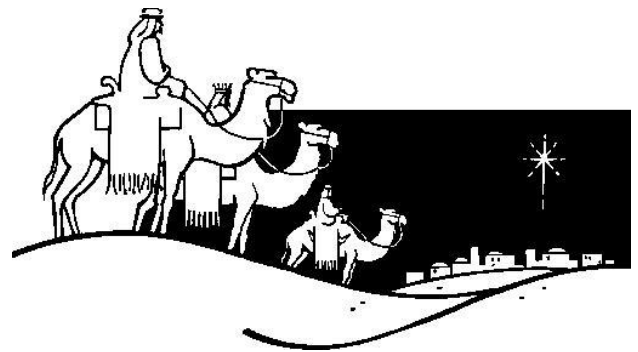
C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

What Child is This
LSB 370:3

**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: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

- P** The Lord God be with you.
C **And with you, His servant.**
P Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.
C **With hearts uplifted/Thanks to Him we render.**
With joy we come before Him/In gratefulness implore Him;
With thankful hearts adore Him – evermore!

PROPER PREFACE

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

TUNE: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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| <p>1. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord!
God of Hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain
All the glory of Your name.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> | <p>2. Hail, hosanna, God Most high!
Blest is he who now draws nigh
In the name of God the King!
Hallelujahs glad we sing.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.</p> |
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LORD'S PRAYER

TUNE: *Away in the Manger*

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| <p>1. Our Father in heaven,
All praise to Your name!
Your kingdom among us,
Your will done the same
By mortals and angels,
Come, Lord, reign alone;
Oh, hear us and bless us
From heaven's high throne.</p> | <p>2. The bread that we yearn for
Provide us each day;
As we forgive others,
Our sins take away;
In times of temptation,
To lead us be near;
From evil deliver
Your children most dear</p> | <p>3. For Yours is the kingdom;
O'er all things Your reign.
And Yours is the power;
All things you maintain.
To You be the glory,
Resounding again
From all of creation,
Forever! Amen.</p> |
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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!**

**O Christ, have mercy on us now, forgive our sins today;
 For in this meal Your grace abounds
 Come to us, Lord, we pray.
 Forgive, renew, and strengthen our lives of faith this day.
 O Christ, the Lamb of God we sing:
 Have mercy Lord we pray.**

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?

Instructions for Communing

The congregation will be ushered forward to Stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When you are finished, reference the altar and 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

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice
LSB 386

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Now sing we, now rejoice,
 Now raise to heav’n our voice;
 He from whom joy streameth
 Poor in a manger lies;
 Not so brightly beameth
 The sun in yonder skies.
 Thou my Savior art!
 Thou my Savior art! 2. Come from on high to me;
 I cannot rise to Thee.
 Cheer my wearied spirit,
 O pure and holy Child;
 Through Thy grace and merit,
 Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
 Draw me unto Thee!
 Draw me unto Thee! | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Now through His Son doth shine
 The Father’s grace divine.
 Death was reigning o’er us
 Through sin and vanity
 Till He opened for us
 A bright eternity.
 May we praise Him there!
 May we praise Him there! 4. Oh, where shall joy be found?
 Where but on heav’nly ground?
 Where the angels singing
 With all His saints unite,
 Sweetest praises bringing
 In heav’nly joy and light.
 Oh, that we were there!
 Oh, that we were there! |
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1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.

- Ref. Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. Ref.

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

2. Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

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!

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

TUNE: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**Thank the Lord, His praises voicing
For His promised faithfulness!
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing
Tell His love, His name confess,
For He leads us, with thanksgiving
In the paths of righteousness.**

**At Your Word, now let Your servant
Go in peace, for with my eyes
I have seen Your bright salvation,
Israel's Light, begin to rise
As the Glory of the nations
Leading us to Paradise.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION

TUNE: *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

- ☐** Now may the good Lord bless and keep, His love in you increase;
Lift up His face with shining grace, And grant eternal peace.
- ☑** **To Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three,
Be thanks and praise through all our days And to eternity!**

CLOSING HYMN

***Joy to the World*
LSB 387**

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**
- 2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

- 3. **No more let sins and sorrows grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

- 4. **He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World
Christopher Uehlein

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Flowers.....	Poinsettias

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 Luke Elowsky, Rev. Richard Pingel,
Debbie Seutter, Michelle Wibe, John Blakley, Deb Miller & Lauran Delancy*

Christmas Poinsettias

Thank you to the families listed below that purchased poinsettias for our Christmas services:

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