

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool**

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



**I WILL  
RECOUNT THE  
STEADFAST LOVE  
OF THE LORD**

**ISAIAH 63:7, ESV**

**First Sunday after Christmas**

**January 1, 2023**

**9:00 am**

# Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

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

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

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



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

**YOUNG CHILDREN** We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and 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.

**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**

### **AS WE GATHER**

The Lord Jesus Undergoes a New Exodus in Order to Save His People from Their Sin. Herod's efforts to destroy the little Lord Jesus anticipate the cross for which He was born. In response to Herod's edict, Joseph must "take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt" (Matt. 2:13). But the Lord does not abandon the Holy Family there. He brings about salvation for all people, just as He "had spoken by the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I called my son'" (Matt. 2:15). With might and strength, God accompanies His people, causing "his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses" (Is. 63:12). Now through Jesus, even our afflictions are borne by Christ on the cross. "He redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them" (Is. 63:9). All of this is accomplished by God's might so that we, too, are claimed as members of His family. For we "receive adoption as sons" in the only begotten Son, Christ Jesus, even as He became like us by His conception and birth of the woman. Thus redeemed by Christ, no longer slaves of sin and death but beloved children and heirs of God, we pray in Jesus' name: "Abba! Father!" (Gal. 4:4-6).

### **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

#### **PRELUDE**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
**John A. Behnke**

#### **PASTORAL GREETING**

#### **OPENING HYMN**

*God Loves Me Dearly*  
**LSB 392**

*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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*

**P** 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.

**C** **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

## *A Great and Mighty Wonder*

LSB 383 vv:1, 2, 4

1. **A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure:  
The virgin bears the infant  
With virgin honor pure!**
- ref    **Proclaim the Savior's birth:  
"To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth!"**
2. **The Word becomes incarnate  
And yet remains on high,  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky.  
Refrain**
4. **Since all He comes to ransom,  
By all be He adored,  
The infant born in Bethl'em,  
The Savior and the Lord.  
Refrain.**

## 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:

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.**

*Sit*

## ANTHEM

## *While Shepherds Watched*

arr. Parker  
Adult Choir

## OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 63:7-14

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely." And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. <sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

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

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

## ANTHEM

*Christmas Angel Medley*  
arr. Weishaupt  
**Handbell Solo with Piano**

## EPISTLE

Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So 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



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-23

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

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

<sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

<sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.

<sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more." <sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup>And

he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: "He shall be called a Nazarene."

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

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

*Sit*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Mike Ada**

## **SERMON HYMN**

***Of the Father's Love Begotten***  
**LSB 384**

## **SERMON**

***Steadfast Love***  
**Isaiah 63**  
**Pastor Mike Ada**

*Stand*

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

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**P** In Your mercy, Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us all things needful and beneficial, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**P** For the Church, the people of His promise, to whom He has revealed His Son as Savior and Redeemer, that we may enjoy the gift of good and faithful ministers, and that the Lord may prosper the Word and bring to fruition the proclamation of Your Word in every place and time, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the nation and our leaders, that the Lord may grant them wisdom in their pursuit of justice, and for the cause of peace in the world and relief for those who suffer oppression, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**



**P** For the protection of life from its natural beginning to its natural end, for the special protection of the unborn, for mothers with child, for the safekeeping of mother and child during childbirth, and for the comfort of God's grace to those who suffer miscarriage or the death of a child, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the renewal of our fellowship as the Body of Christ, for families, for husbands and wives, for those desiring to be married, for the single who desire marriage, and for the lonely who yearn to know the comfort of friendship and family, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the sick and those who suffer or grieve, that the Lord may grant them healing of body, mind and spirit in accordance with His will, and for those who give aid and care to the sick [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*], let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our communion this day upon the body and blood of Christ, that we may receive this Sacrament with faith and be strengthened by it, and that the Lord may soon bring unity of faith and doctrine so that all divisions may cease and we may be fully one at the altar, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Holy Spirit to increase our joy and sustain us in this joy and thanksgiving throughout the days of this Christmas season, until that day when at last the Lord returns in His glory as lord and judge of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Hear us, O Lord, for we are the people of Your promise and the children whom You have redeemed through the salvation accomplished through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**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

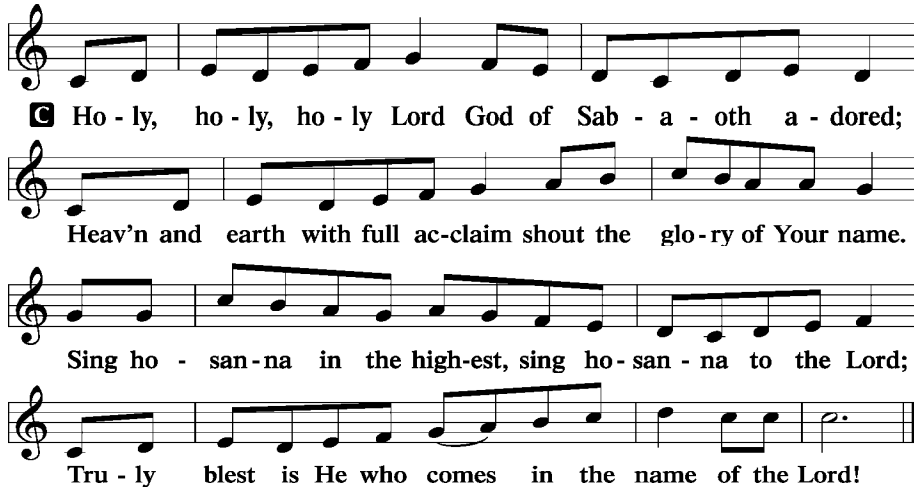
- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** **We lift them to the Lord.** *[Colossians 3:1]*  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** *Psalm 136*

## PROPER PREFACE

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

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

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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**~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

*John 1:29*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

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

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

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 380 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

**LSB 367 *Angels from the Realms of Glory***

**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

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

### BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

*Psalm 103:1*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Let Our Gladness Have No End*  
**LSB 381**

**POSTLUDE**

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*  
**William H. Bates**

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



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- Greeters ..... Paul Peterson
- Counters..... John Blakley & Keith Gloe
- Altar Flowers ..... Christmas Poinsettias

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## **VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST**

### **16-Year-Old Beaten for Wearing a Cross - Turkey**

Türkiye (Turkey) hosts the largest number of refugees in the world, around 4 million, mainly from Syria and also from Iraq and Iran. Numerous churches in Türkiye minister to these refugees, one of which reported that a teenager from a family of Christian converts was recently assaulted. The 16-year-old boy was walking down a street wearing a cross necklace when some young Turkish men confronted him and insulted him for wearing the symbol of Christ's death. They asked why he was wearing it, and when he responded, "Because I am a Christian," they began beating him. The attackers split the boy's lip and smashed one of his teeth into his gums. VOM helped the young man receive dental services to repair the damage. Pray that the LORD's Spirit give this young man strength to stand firm in the faith the LORD has given him and that the LORD's peace, the peace that surpasses understanding, fill his heart.

### **PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK**

For **Beth Shelledy**, who is recovering from a torn rotator cuff surgery.

For **Matt and Morgan Riechers and their family**, as they mourn the death of Matt's grandfather Lloyd Harfst.

For **Eric and Stephanie Thomas**, Dave and Debbie Seutter's son-in-law and daughter, as they mourn the death of Eric's grandmother Dorothy Weller.

For **Janet Young**, Pat Circle's childhood friend, who was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and on full oxygen.

For **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 **Al Gehrt**, who is recovering from cervical spine surgery.

For **Meg Olson**, a co-worker of Cathy Merchant who is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.

For **Brad Yarnell**, who is recovering from a broken foot.

For **Troy Schepmann**, who is recovering from surgery and for continued healing.

For **Milroy Moses**, who was diagnosed with cancer and determining the best treatment.

For **Peggy Doane**, Michelle Wibe's mom who is recovering at home from complications from rotator cuff surgery.

For **Claire Deke**, Jerry Deke's mom, as she recovers from a fall at St. Luke's Hospital.

For **Delphine Steuck**, Carol Brandt's mom, who broke her collar bone and moved to a nursing home.

For **Western KS and NE**, as they experience the worst drought in nearly 100 years.

For **Bryson**, a friend of the Schreiners, as he is considered for a foster family that he may be blessed with a loving forever family.

For **Evelyn Justus**, Nathan Harkins grandmother who is on hospice and nearing life's end.

For **Kari Allen**, daughter of Karen Kuhn, who has been moved to hospice.

For **our expectant mothers: Chelsie Holste, Briann Ludolph and Lexi Obermueller** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Gwen Anrico, Leslie Beller, Mandy Bender, Zach Chain, Ryne Clark, Heather Delaney, Karen Feldes, Lloyd Harfst, Paul Hennegan, Lauren Kandt, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Geordie McGuire, Melissa Nesemeier, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz and Eydie Taylor.**

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.