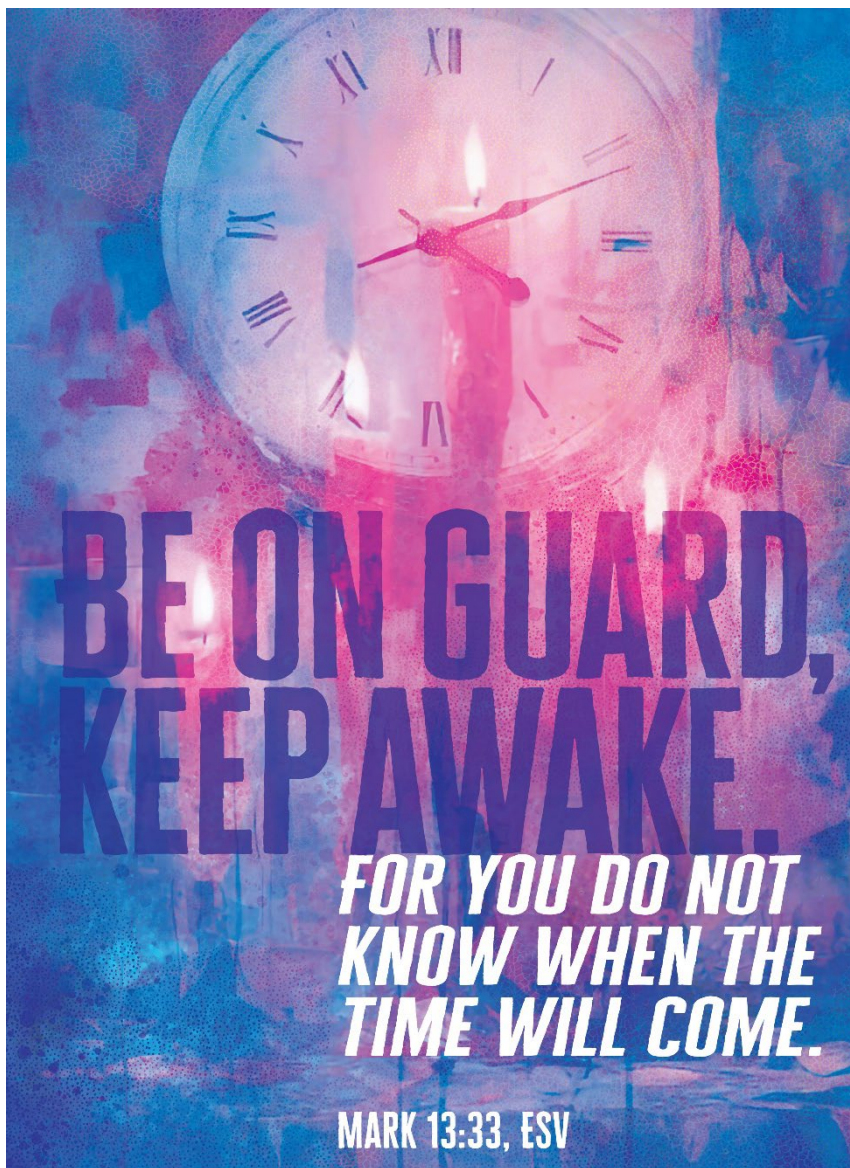


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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 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 worship 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: During the four weeks of Advent, we will be studying Advent and Christmas hymns.

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

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 331, 336, 332, 349, 637, and 353

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

Hark the Glad Sound
arr. Held

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

The Advent of Our King
LSB 331

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 sts. 1, 4

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Week 1 – Hope Candle

- P** Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down. (Is. 64:1)
- C** **Come down and dwell among us with Your grace.**
- P** Come down and make Your name known.
- C** **We await Your coming as one Advent candle blazes into light.**
- P** We prepare for Your coming with hopeful expectation.
- C** **Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (Mk. 11:9)**

WREATH HYMN

“We Light the Advent Candle”

**We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come.
With HOPE, we trust the promise
That He will bring us home.
Our HOPE is in our Savior
Who wins for us God’s favor.
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:
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence —² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Wait! Watch!

arr. Lantz

7th – 12th Grade Choir with Piano

(This anthem calls us to watch for the Lord is near – both the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas and the return of our Lord in the last days.)

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus

Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

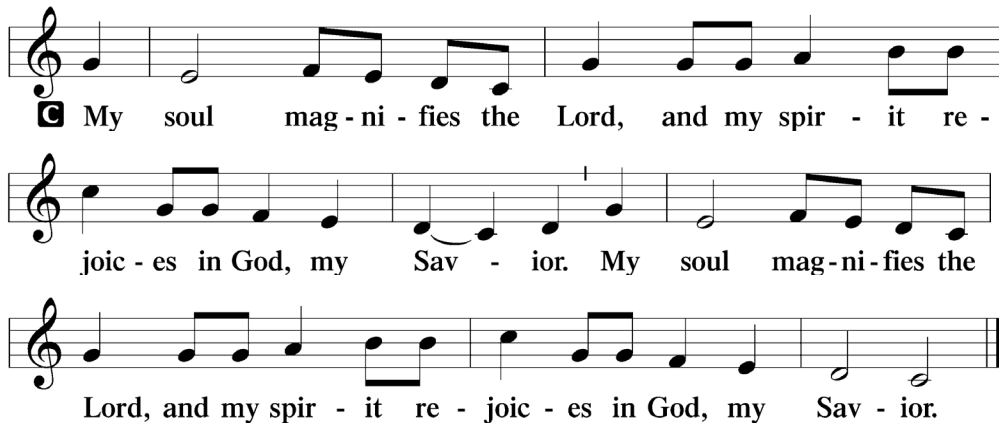
Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

MAGNIFICAT ~ Song of Mary

LSB 248

Luke 1:46-47



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

Mark 13:24-37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

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

²⁴[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things

taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

LSB 336

SERMON

Be Prepared

Mark 13

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLES’ CREED *(located on the inside 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 Gracious Lord, sustain Your saints to the end as we enter another Church Year. Encourage the preachers of Your Word and all who hear, that the testimony about Christ may be confirmed among us as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give boldness and faithfulness to Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Justin Panzer, our district president; and all pastors in Christ. Renew the faith and quicken the love of all Christians, that we may be enriched in all speech and knowledge. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, grant Your blessing to all marriages and keep all husbands and wives faithful to each other. Guide them as they care for the children entrusted to them. Bestow Your loving care upon all children who have suffered abuse or neglect, as well as upon all who open their homes to children in foster care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, behold our nation and its leaders and protect our armed forces, taking them under Your care and blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Visit us in Your compassion, O Lord. Deliver the sick from their infirmity, the troubled from their afflictions, the grieving from their sorrow and the dying from their fear [*especially _____*]. May all who cry to You receive grace according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession*, Lord, in Your mercy:

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, entered Jerusalem to shouts and cheers of joy. Grant that we may be stirred by the Word and Sacraments to rejoice anew, now and at His second advent. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the good news of our Savior and receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies, and lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

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

Tune: O come, O come, Emmanuel

James Pierce

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-joyce! Re-joyce!
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

Tune: O come, O come, Emmanuel

James Pierce

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.

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 353 *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

LSB 349 *Hark the Glad Sound*

LSB 637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace

Tune: O come, O come, Emmanuel

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,
Refrain
For Is- rael, glo- ry; Gen- tiles, light. Re-joice! Re-joice!
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

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

POSTLUDE

The Advent of Our King

arr. Delancy

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



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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching..... Pastor Joel Schultz
 Celebrant..... Pastor Joel Schultz
 Liturgist..... Vicar Nathan Harkins
 Organist..... Lauran Delancy
 Pianist..... Connie Teig
 Acolytes..... (8:00) Blake Hughey & Olivia Travis (10:45) Hank Talmage & Britta Tripp
 Greeters..... (8:00) Zach & Lisa Bahr (10:45) John & Connie Koetting
 Ushers (8:00) Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob Rinne, & Kent Thompson
 (10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, & Dennis Smith
 Altar Guild..... TBD
 Nursery Jason & Alli Bauck (Helping Hands – Zach & Alaina Booth)
 Counters..... Randy & Jeanne Kanoy
 Altar Flowers..... John & Mia Schreiner’s 19th Wedding Anniversary
 Karen Kuhn in Memory of Keith’s Birthday

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PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Peyton Sandfort and Cameron Ziegler**, who will be united in Holy Matrimony on December 9th in St. Louis, MO.
For **Beau and Ann Campbell**, on the birth of their granddaughter Marigold Marie to daughter Jessica and Tim DeNardo.
For **John Ledgerwood**, George Ledgerwood's father, who is recovering from a fall but does not have any broken bones.
For **Barbara Verriest**, Brenda Brown's sister, who fell and is recovering from a broken arm and ankle.
For **Stacy Martinez**, who is recovering from a knee scope on Thursday to repair her meniscus.
For **Karen Rinne**, who is hospitalized and recovering from a procedure to clear her bile duct obstruction.
For **Brad Gellerstedt**, Phil Bertels' nephew, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer.
For **Amanda Williams and her family**, as they mourn the death of Amanda's grandmother Arlene Bertsch.
For the **family and friends of Terry Gerstenberger**, a former member of BSLC, who recently died.
For **those suffering substance abuse** that God may bring them healing and peace through faith.
For **peace in the war** between Ukraine and Russia and in and around Israel.
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 **Cole Vanderpool**, infant son of Aaron and Stacey, who was born early and is in the NICU.
For **Tyler and his family**, a friend of Aunica McMullen who is undergoing rigorous chemotherapy.
For **Charlotte Hundley**, who has breast cancer and recovering from surgery.
For **Karen Kuhn**, who was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer and has begun chemotherapy.
For **Dale Brandt**, as he recovers from a difficult surgery.
For **Gary Olson**, who is recovering from surgery for a broken hip.
For **our expectant mothers: Alaina Booth, Maggie Cook, 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, Mike Broderick, Heather Delaney, Mary Lou Denny, Peggy Doane, 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, Geordie McGuire, Lorette Marsh, Milroy Moses, Melissa Nesemeier, Edna Pitts, Bert Potter, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, 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.

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Court Investigates Disappearance of Pastor Raymond Koh - Malaysia

On Feb. 13, 2017, a group of men on motorbikes and in SUVs abducted Pastor Raymond Koh. His wife, Susanna, and their children have not heard from him since, though Susanna has continued to seek information from the police and Malaysia's justice system. Susanna filed a legal case requesting new inquiries into her husband's disappearance, which she believes was connected to a 2011 confrontation with the Islamic religious police. The judge hearing the case visited the scene of the abduction on Nov. 6 and 7 to learn more about the situation. Pray this investigation will reveal the truth of what happened, that justice will be done for Pastor Raymond Koh, and that developments will bring fresh encouragement to Susanna and the Koh family.