

He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:6, ESV

Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024 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 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.

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:** Today we will be studying The Cross. In this study, we will discuss the difference between testing and temptation—God Tests, the Devil Temps.

**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.

Matthew 28:19h

# **Order of Service**

# HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 333, 344, 641, 338, 345, and 511

# 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

The Advent of Our God arr. George Brandon

# **PASTORAL GREETING**

**OPENING ANTHEM** 

Prepare the Royal Highway

arr. Delancy 7-12<sup>th</sup> Sunday School Choir with flute

Stand

# + THE PREPARATION +

#### INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

#### BAPTISM

(Please turn to page 18 for the Baptism liturgy)

(10:45am) Evan Michael Lewallen

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- 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.

- 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.

Amen.

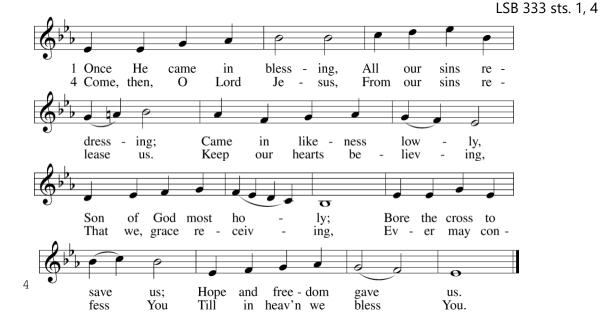
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[John 20:19-23]

# + THE SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE

Once He Came in Blessing



### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

#### Week 2 – Peace Candle

- **P** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- **G** Speak tenderly to Jerusalem.
- **P** That her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned.
- **C** She has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
- **P** In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD.
- Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Is. 40:1-3)

#### WREATH HYMN

#### "We Light the Advent Candle"

We light the Advent candle And thank the Lord for rest. With PEACE, we know our Jesus Has come to be our guest. This PEACE beyond all knowing Within our hearts is glowing. We wait with growing light Till God makes all things right!

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Let us pray:

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

#### ANTHEM

**Advent News** Pawlitz, adapt. Delancy Jubilate Chime Choir

2 Timothy 4:22

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

#### Malachi 3:1–7b

<sup>1</sup>"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.



- Come and see what | God has done:\* he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.
- He turned the sea into | dry land;\*
   they passed through the riv- | er on foot.
- There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the | nations—\* let not the rebellious ex- | alt themselves.
- Bless our God, O | peoples;\* let the sound of his | praise be heard,
- who has kept our soul among the | living\* and has not let our | feet slip.
- For you, O God, have | tested us;\* you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.
- You brought us in- | to the net;\* you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;
- you let men ride o- | ver our heads;\* we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- We went through fire and | through water;\* yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.

### EPISTLE

### Philippians 1:2–11

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about

you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

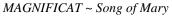
**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

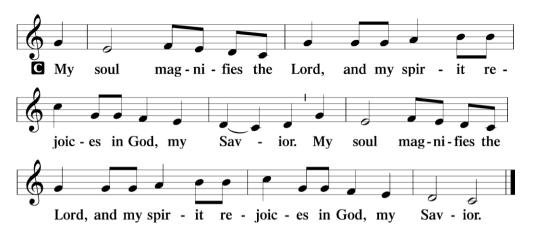
**G** Thanks be to God.

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#### GOSPEL VERSE

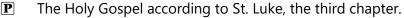
**LSB 248** Luke 1:46-47





### HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-20



#### Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the

region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

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

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

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

**On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry** LSB 344

SERMON

We Are God's Work of Art Philippians 1 Pastor Joel Schultz

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

NICENE CREED (located on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- O Lord, our God, You declared Israel to be Your people and brought them out of Egypt. You desired their salvation even when they would not listen to Your voice. Since You have called and gathered us also to be Your people, open our hearts to listen and gladly submit to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, send forth pastors and missionaries to declare Your saving Word to the nations. Preserve them from temptation, protect them in suffering and equip them with every good gift to make known the Christ who still comes to save. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, as You call and gather us into Your family, so bless the households of this congregation. Bless husbands and wives, fathers and mothers as they go about their work of strengthening marriage and raising children. Let their love abound more and more, with knowledge and discernment, and fill their homes with the righteousness that comes through Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

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- O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they would govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Merciful Lord, Your forerunner prepared the way for the One who is mightier than all: Your Son, Jesus Christ. For His sake, we entrust to You those in need of healing, comfort and rescue [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Have mercy upon them, deliver them according to Your will and strengthen them in faith, that they might be assured of Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession, Lord, in Your mercy:

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

Gracious Lord, You sent St. John the Baptist to prepare all flesh to see the salvation of God. Prepare also the hearts of all who kneel at Your altar today to receive worthily Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

Holy God, You sent Your Son to purify us, that we might be righteous and holy before You. Deliver us from the love of sin, which defiles us and stains our works. Cleanse our hearts by Your grace, so that we may delight in Your promises and our works would be pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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

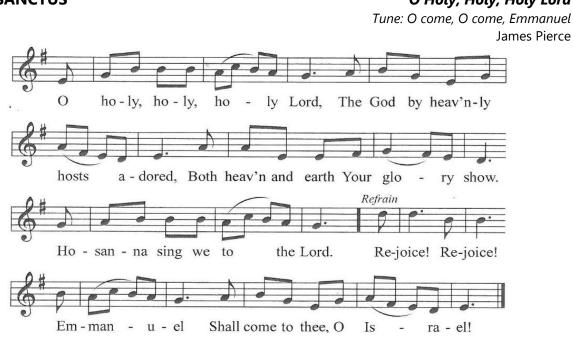
- **P** The Lord be with you. 2 *Timothy* 4:22
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts. [Colossians 3:1]
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[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

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#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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

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

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> 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

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



John 20:19



#### 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 <u>continuous kneeling tables</u> 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** in 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 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#### LSB 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

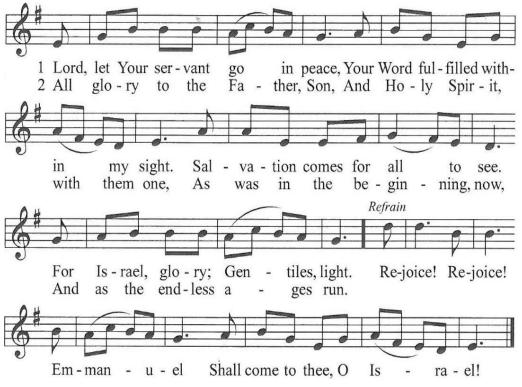
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#### DISMISSAL

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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

*Tune: O come, O come, Emmanuel* James Pierce



#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### **BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- $\mathbf{P}$  The Lord bless you...and  $\mathbf{+}$  give you peace.
- C Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

# Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

#### POSTLUDE

#### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

arr. Weber

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





Rev. Joel Schultz, Senior Pastor Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor Vicar Josiah Sandcork, Student Pastor

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Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

#### SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching Pastor Joel Schu	ıltz
CelebrantPastor Mike A	
LiturgistPastor Mike A	
OrganistLauran Delan	
Prelude	
Flautist	
Acolytes (8:00) Blake & Maya Hughey (10:45) Makya Seabolt & Christopher Cha	
Greeters	•
Ushers	5
Altar Guild Deb & Dana Froelich, Deb Hodnik, & Mary Jane Re	
Nursery Jason & Alli Bauck (Helping Hands – Matt & Morgan Rieche	
CountersBrian Olson & Paul Peters	
Altar Flowers	
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#### **VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST**

#### Front-Line Workers Face Danger in War Zones - Lebanon

Christians compose 33% of Lebanon's population, the largest percentage of Christians in any Middle Eastern country, which has made Lebanon a place of refuge for many persecuted Christians from throughout the region. But the ongoing conflict in the region has created a dangerous environment for front-line workers there. "Bombing is happening on a daily basis in Lebanon," said one front-line worker. "And one happened very close to one of our workers as he went to meet with some persecution survivors." The worker requests prayer for "all the churches and Christians there to be fruitful instruments in the hands of the Lord to spread the gospel in such volatile and dangerous circumstances in Lebanon."

#### HOLY BAPTISM

**Evan Michael Lewallen**, infant son of Jake and Taylor Lewallen, will be baptized this morning at the 10:45am service. Evan's sponsor is Jackson Lewallen. We pray special blessings upon Evan and his family as he becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.



# + The Rite of Holy Baptism +

Evan Michael Lewallen

#### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

### ADDRESS TO PARENTS, SPONSORS & CONGREGATION

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

- Because this child cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with sponsors, and parents, faithfully speak on his behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- **C** Yes, I renounce him.
- Do you renounce all his works?
- **C** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **C** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty
- **G** Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
- Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

#### THE BAPTISM

- **Evan Michael Lewallen**, do you desire to be baptized?
- R (Parents) Yes, I Do
- Evan Michael Lewallen, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# THE BLESSING

# THE RECEIVING OF THE BAPTISM CANDLE

# PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Evan Michael Lewallen the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

# WORDS OF WELCOME

- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven.
- C We welcome you into the Lord's family and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light. Amen.

#### PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Evan Michael Lewallen**, infant son of Jake and Taylor Lewallen, who will be baptized into the faith this morning at the 10:45am service.

For **Colton Clark**, who is recovering from a fractured foot but does not require surgery.

For Lloyd Peckman, Sherri Webb's father, who is recovering from eye surgery to replace his lens.

For Peggy Doane, Michelle Wibe's mom, who is experiencing problems with her pacemaker that was implanted.

For Margaret Wolpers, as she is hospitalized and recovering from seizures.

For Liz Taylor Berube, friend of Brad and Cindy Cornell, who was diagnosed with cancer and will be having surgery.

For **Joshua Shin and his family**, a BSLC preschool family, whose infant son Joshua has been diagnosed with a rare genetic disorder that is progressive and fatal.

For Dave Semro, Phil and Georgia Freese's brother-in-law who has been diagnosed with cancer.

For Sue Kreissler, Judy Landall's sister-in-law, who is recovering from surgery to repair her broken leg.

For Carol Brandt and family, as they mourn the death of Carol's stepmother Beverly Mikolash from cardiac arrest.

For Lynda Brumley and family, as they mourn the death of Lynda's father David Wolter.

For Debbie Hedgepeth and Michelle Olson and family, as they mourn the death of Debbie's sister/Michelle's Aunt, Julie.

For God to bring about peace in the war between Israel and Palestine.

For God to bring about 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 Vicki Johnson, Tyler Lauterbach's friend, who is recovering from a heart attack and blood pressure problems.

For Cooper Olson, who is recovering from surgery to lengthen her Achilles tendon in both legs.

For Ken Knese, who is recovering from back surgery.

For Chelsie Holste, who is recovering from a hurt foot and waiting for MRI results.

For Hae Sue and family, Pastor Ada's sister-in-law, as they mourn the death of her mother.

For Jim Teig and family, as they mourn the death of Jim's sister Krista Moravech.

For Carol Brandt and family, and peace as they mourn Dale's death and adjust to life without him.

For Gina Stoehr and family and peace as they mourn Tim's death and adjust to life without him.

For Helen Claudy, who is home and continues to pray for strength.

For Karen Kuhn, who is having chemotherapy for stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

For **Patty Ott**, Amy Schepmann's mom, who is in hospice care.

For Barbara Verriest, Brenda Brown's sister who is battling Alzheimer's and is in hospice care.

For **our expectant mothers: Allie Melton, Alison Reigel, Mary Schultz, Brie Shepherd, and Peyton Ziegler** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For those undergoing cancer treatment: Brad Alyea, Tonya Baker, Mandy Bender, Sharon Drew, Jordan Ebach, Wanda Fisher, Brad Gellerstedt, Maya Goudy, Gary Huseman, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Lauren Kandt, Linda Knight, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, JC McCaskey, Milroy Moses, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Patty Ott, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Tom Serafin, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, Kathy Woods, and Kara Zech.

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 **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that God would bless them through our interactions, and they may come to know Christ.

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.