

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



“Then the
glory of the LORD
shall be revealed,
and **all people** shall see it together.”

Isaiah 40:5, NRSV

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 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 347, 348, 510, 643, and 344

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

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Trumpet and Piano Duet

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

O Come, Emmanuel
Stohs, adapt. Delancy
Jubilate Chime Choir
(An advent carol looking for the coming of Christ)

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 2 – Peace Candle

- P** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
- C** **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.
- C** **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.
- C** **And also with you.** *2 Timothy 4:22*
- 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

¹Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

⁹Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

⁸But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the

heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

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 1:1-8

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

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

¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan,

confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

LSB 347

SERMON

A Joyful Homecoming

Isaiah 40

Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

NICENE 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 Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved! As You led Your people of old like a flock, so now by Your Son lead us into straight paths. Bring us out of the bondage of our sins, and plant us securely in Your eternal promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, You sent John the Baptist to herald the coming Messiah and proclaim a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. In these latter days,

You send pastors to proclaim the same repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and through them lead Your people to trust in Your salvation. Look with kindness upon all pastors, that they may be diligent and faithful heralds of Your beloved Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all comfort, Your Word alone endures forever. The nations of the world come and go before You, even kings and rulers are like grass before Your breath. Preserve us from placing our trust in princes and mortal men. Give us rulers who will rule after Your good pleasure, keeping order and protecting life, that we may live peaceably in godly quietness and honesty. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, to our prayers [*especially for _____*]. Give healing, courage and perseverance to all who cry to You, that they may find comfort in Your enduring Word and the certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father, we know that You are not slow in keeping Your promises. We thank You for Your patience. Do not take Your Spirit from us when we stray from Your commandments, but convict us of our sin and draw us back to You in repentance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You invite us again to Your table to receive the medicine of immortality in the body and blood of Christ, Your Son. May we receive this Sacrament rightly, that with faith strengthened and sins forgiven our lives may be lived in holiness and godliness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord, as we in the Church on earth wait for the coming of Your Son, we remember all the saints who have gone before us and now rest in Your presence. Keep us safe in Your arms until You gather Your people together to dwell in your presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** 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*
- 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.
Refrain
Ho - san - na sing we to the Lord. Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!
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 348 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

LSB 510 *A Multitude Comes from the East and the West*

LSB 643 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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,



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

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

LSB 344

POSTLUDE

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Praetorius set by Weber

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



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- Preaching Pastor Joel Schultz
- Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
- Liturgist..... Vicar Nathan Harkins
- Music for Meditation and Prelude Kaylana & Layla Schepmann
- Organist..... Lauran Delancy
- Acolytes..... (8:00) Maya Hughey & Ethan Wolff (10:45) William Jeter & Kendall Herrs
- Greeters(8:00) George & Karen Ledgerwood (10:45) Paul Peterson
- Ushers.....(8:00) Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob Rinne, & Kent Thompson
 (10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzal, & Dennis Smith
- Altar Guild..... TBA
- Nursery..... Zach & Alaina Booth (Helping Hands – Andrew & Marissa Lippe)
- Counters Brian Olson & Paul Peterson
- Altar Flowers Joel Ada in honor of Uncle Doug’s Birthday

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PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Megan Brown and Steven McCarey**, who were united in Holy Matrimony on December 8th.
For **Peyton Sandfort and Cameron Ziegler**, who were united in Holy Matrimony on December 9th in St. Louis, MO.
For **Ladell Gossen**, Barbara Gossen's brother-in-law who is recovering from a stroke.
For **Dale Brandt**, as he encounters intense pain post-surgery and has begun treatment for cancer.
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 surgery to repair her meniscus.
For **Karen Rinne**, who is hospitalized and recovering from a major procedure to clear her bile duct obstruction.
For **Georgia Freese and family**, as they mourn the death of her cousin, Maureen Friedel.
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 **Beau and Ann Campbell**, on the birth of their granddaughter Marigold Marie to daughter Jessica and Tim DeNardo.
For **Cole Vanderpool**, infant son of Aaron and Stacey, who was born early and is in the NICU.
For **Brad Gellerstedt**, Phil Bertels' nephew, who was recently diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer.
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 **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, Tyler Smith, 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

God at Work Amid the Horror of War – Israel: Front-line workers shared how God is moving in Israel, including Gaza and the West Bank, amid the conflict raging throughout the region. One Christian leader said, "Please pray for believers inside of Gaza. As the conflict intensifies, and the possibilities of death increase, there is a growing intentionality to share the gospel with friends and families. We have heard testimonies of those living in shelters because their homes have been damaged and are sharing boldly — and there seems to be an openness." Another ministry leader reported that an Israeli soldier gave his life to the Lord and was baptized shortly before being called to active military service. There have also been reports of Christians from a Jewish background meeting with Christian Arabs and Palestinians. "These days, we must be a people of hope in the midst of so much hopelessness. And hope is only a wish if it is not hope in Christ," a front-line worker said.