

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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 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: Today we will be studying The Cross. In this study, we will discuss the purpose of our cross.

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 333, 737, 642, 803, 818, 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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
arr. Burkhardt

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

Rejoice Greatly O Daughter of Zion
Kosche
Youth Choir

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 bless - ing, All our sins re -
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -
dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,
Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Week 3 – Joy Candle

- P** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
- C** **My soul shall exult in my God,**
- P** For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
- C** **He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.**
- P** For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,
- C** **So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations. (Is. 61:10-11)**

WREATH HYMN

“We Light the Advent Candle”

We light the Advent candle
And sing with cheerful heart.
With JOY, we spread the message
That God would us impart.
Our JOY is never ending;
The Son to us is sending.
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:
Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 2



P You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.

C **LORD, you were favorable | to your land;*
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.**

P You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.

C **You withdrew | all your wrath;*
you turned from your hot | anger.**

- P** Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,*
and put away your indignation | toward us!
- C** **Will you be angry with us for- | ever?***
Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
- P** Will you not revive | us again,*
that your people may re- | joice in you?
- C** **Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,***
and grant us your sal- | vation.
- P** Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to
| folly.
- C** **Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,***
that glory may dwell | in our land.
- P** Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.
- C** **Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,***
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
- P** Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.
- C** **Righteousness will go be- | fore him***
and make his foot- | steps a way.
- A** **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.
- P** You forgave the iniquity of your | people;*
you covered | all their sin.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in

everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

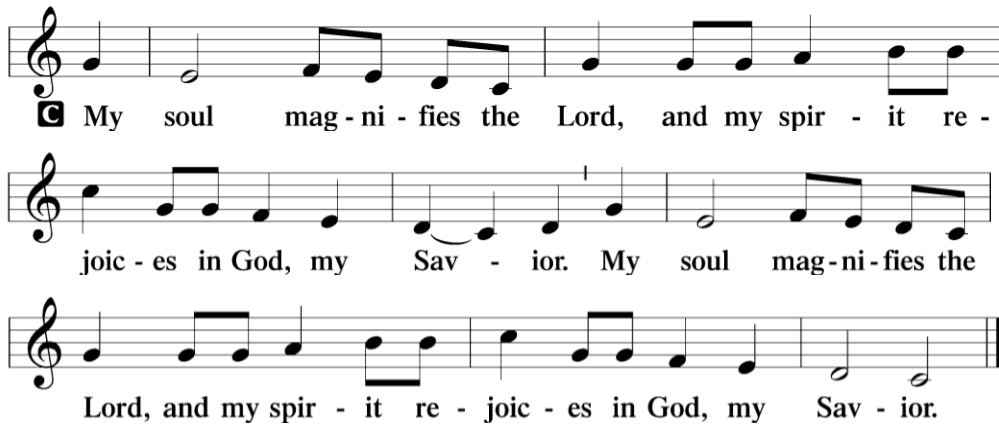
Stand

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

Luke 7:18-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

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

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them,

“Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.²³ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

LSB 737

SERMON

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Philippians 4

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 people of God in Christ Jesus and for all according to their needs.

P King of Israel, You call us from lives of fear to rest in Your unfailing embrace and be comforted by Your jubilant song. Help all Your baptized people to cast off anxiety and turn to you quickly in prayer for every need, that they might know Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of Jacob, You sent Your Son into the flesh to gather Your people home to You. Strengthen all pastors and servants of the Church to speak Your mighty Word with clarity and passion, and by Your Spirit open the hearts of all who hear to trust Him who heals the sick, raises the dead and proclaims good news to the poor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Ruler of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that fills them, remember in kindness all those called to public service in our nation and in our communities, especially all who serve in our armed forces. Give them wisdom to know what is just and courage to pursue the same, that our nation might be preserved from discord and be mightily protected against all enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all compassion, You lift up those who are bowed down. Remember in Your boundless love all who take treatments, the hospitalized, the lonely, the ill, and the grieving [*especially*_____]. Quiet them with Your love, comfort them with Your presence, let Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P Faithful One, You keep Your promises and You give to the hungry food. Grant all communicants today to receive in joy and faith the gift of the Savior's body and blood that they rejoice in the Lord always. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord our God, Your Son lightens the darkness of our hearts by His gracious visitation. We give You thanks for all Your servants who have departed this life in His fear and friendship. We beg You to keep us in communion with them and to strengthen in us the joyful and certain hope of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting as we await our Savior's glorious appearing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These things and whatever else You know us to need, most Holy Father, grant us for the sake of Him who is the King of Israel, the Lord who is in our midst, and who now 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-joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 642 *O Living Bread from Heaven*

LSB 803 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

LSB 818 *In Thee is Gladness*

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-joyce! Re-joyce!
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

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

LSB 353

POSTLUDE

Jesus Came the Heavens Adoring

arr. Brauer

**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 Mike Ada
Liturgist..... Vicar Josiah Sandcork
Organist..... Lauran Delancy
Acolytes..... (8:00) Caroline & Adam Stoll (10:45) Rowen Clark & Skylar Sears
Greeters..... (8:00) George & Karen Ledgerwood (10:45) Paul Peterson
Ushers(8:00) Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob & Karen Rinne, & Kent Thompson
..... (10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, & Dennis Smith
Altar Guild..... Karen & David Benz, Liza Pillers, & Gina Stoehr
Nursery Andrew & Marissa Lippe (Helping Hands – Matt & Morgan Riechers)
Counters..... Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle
Altar Flowers..... Kellan Mahnken’s 21st Birthday
..... George Ledgerwood’s Birthday

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Brothers Minister to Minority People Group - Indonesia

The Sundanese are one of the largest unreached minority groups in the world and have been resistant to the gospel. However, when three Muslim-background Sundanese brothers — Joyo, Setiaban and Wira — came to faith in Jesus Christ, they also became passionate evangelists. Their evangelistic success in their village eventually led to persecution. When the news of dozens of Christian conversions began to spread, one of the Islamic social organizations in Indonesia, Muhammadiyah, rallied members to stop the brothers and the spread of Christianity in their village. This led to two of them being arrested and all three being forced to leave their home. One brother, Wira, passed away a few years ago from illness. Pray that Joyo and Setiaban will remain vibrant witnesses for Christ among the Sundanese and that many more will come to faith in Christ through their testimony.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Roger Braun**, Carisa McMullen's father as he awaits biopsy results.
For **Todd McMullen**, as he awaits an MRI appointment to determine the extent of his knee injury.
For **Isaiah McMullen**, as he awaits a report from recent GI test and needed healing.
For **Lauren Kandt**, Kim Burdett's niece, who will be the first patient to begin a clinical trial to try and fight the cancer.
For **Mike Hughey**, Lance Hughey's father who is recovering from parainfluenza.
For **Terry Norwood**, who is recovering from a new pacemaker surgery.
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.
For **Peggy Doane**, Michelle Wibe's mom, who is home from the hospital recovering from a fall with complications.
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 BSLP family, whose infant son Joshua has been diagnosed with a fatal genetic disorder.
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 **Sue Kreissler**, Judy Landall's sister-in-law, who is recovering from surgery to repair her broken leg.
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 **Carol Brandt and family**, as they mourn the death of Carol's stepmother Beverly Mikolash.
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, Dave Semro, 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.