

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



**Behold the virgin shall conceive
and bear a son, and they shall
call his name Immanuel.**

Matthew 1:23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

8:00 am & 10:45 am & 6:00 pm

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: Bible Study 1 (Fellowship Hall): *God's Love at Christmas* – Week 4 will focus on Isaiah 9:2-7 and how God's saving love frees me. Bible Study Two (Sanctuary): *Songs of Faith* - Week 4 will focus on *The Nunc Dimittis*, Simeon's Song of Praise in response to the presentation of Jesus at The Temple found in Luke 2:29-32.

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.

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.

The Order of Service

AS WE GATHER

God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary
The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus "descended from David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called "Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Lift Up Your Heads
John A. Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

Come, Messiah, Come
Bailey and Mayo
7th – 12th Choir with Flute and Piano

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 v. 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 4 – Love Candle

- P** Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
- C** **His right hand and his Holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**
- P** The LORD has made known His salvation;
- C** **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- P** He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- C** **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Ps. 98:1-3)**

WREATH HYMN

“We Light the Advent Candle”

We light the Advent candle
And share the wondrous Word.
With LOVE, we tell of Jesus
Till all around have heard.
God’s LOVE is for all nations
Throughout His whole creation.
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 and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 7:10-17

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

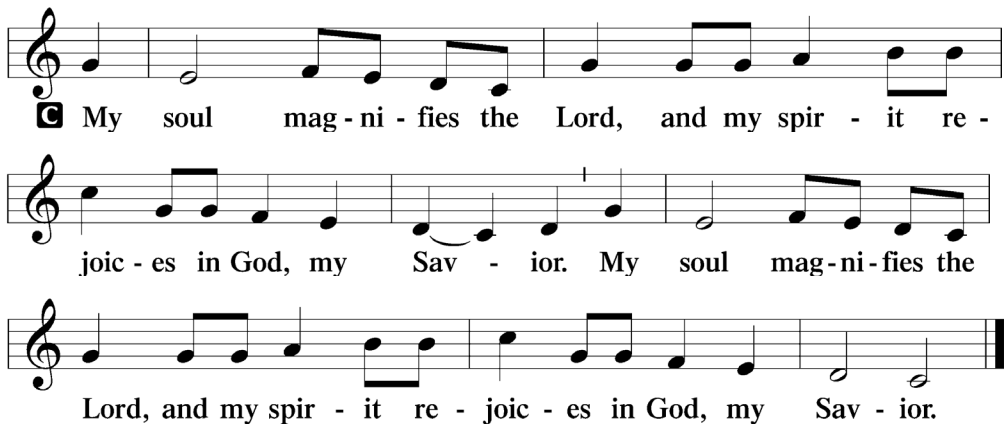
Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



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

Matthew 1:18-25

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

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Ada

SERMON HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come
LSB 332

SERMON

Immanuel
Matthew 1
Pastor Mike Ada

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 people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Come, O God, and strengthen your church and its witness to your Son. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers that the good news of your Son's appearing may be made known to all. Lord in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Come, O God, and grant wisdom to the rulers of the nations, that the cause of peace and justice may be advanced, and your people may worship you with freedom. Lord in your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Come, O God, and strengthen our families with Your love and peace. We rejoice with the Benz family at the wedding of Abigail and Bryan. Fill them with your love so that their love for each other may grow through every joy and sorrow shared. Lord in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Come, O God, and be present with those who are suffering in body, mind, or in spirit. Comfort all those who wait for healing, and strengthen all doctors and nurses in their care of those in need. We especially pray this day for healing for... Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Come, O God, and grant protection and knowledge to those who care for us. Protect all police and firefighters and the members of our armed forces. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Come, O God, and feed us with Your Word & Sacrament, that our congregation may boldly bear Christ's presence to the communities and people where we live. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Come, O God, and unite us in faith with all those who have gone before us in the faith, that we may look forward with hope to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Be with those who mourn, especially... that they may be comforted with the empty cross and tomb of our Savior, Jesus. Lord in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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

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-joice! Re-joice!
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

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 352 *Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

LSB 353 *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

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

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace



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

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LSB 359

POSTLUDE

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

George Blake

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



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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching..... Pastor Mike Ada
Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist..... Vicar Avery Hjulberg
Organist..... Deb Miller
Flautist..... Riley Olson
Pianist..... Elise Kammeyer
Acolytes..... (8:00) Olivia Travis & Alexius Wolff (10:45) Blake Hughey & Hudson Vogt
Greeters..... (8:00) Ken & Shirley Knese (10:45) Brett & Bobbie Clark
Ushers..... (8:00) Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob & Karen Rinne & Kent Thompson
..... (10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel & Dennis Smith
Altar Guild..... Doris Baker, Denise Behrman, Karen Benz, Pat Brackin,
..... Karen Kuhn & Debbie Johnson
Nursery..... Jason & Alli Bauck
Counters..... Randy & Jeanne Kanoy
Altar Flowers..... Cooper Olson's 15th Birthday
..... Kellan Mahnken's 19th Birthday

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Christians Poisoned, Threatened - Congo, Democratic Republic of the
Luuando Yombo's husband was an elder in their church in the Ubwari Peninsula in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Her mother and brother also served at the church in an area with a large Muslim population. In 2021, Muslim neighbors provided food for church members. After eating the food, the church members grew ill and believed the food had been intentionally poisoned. Luuando's husband, brother, mother and two other members of the church died after eating the food. Then, the people who provided the food burned down Luuanda's house, saying, "We are going to finish you in this village." Luuando has left the area and fears returning. She is tormented by the memories of what happened but says she has forgiven the poisoners. She is now caring for 16 children, her own and her brother's. Pray that the LORD provides for Luuando and the 16 children spiritually and physically. May the peace of the LORD fill their hearts and sustain them.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Abigail Benz and Bryan Boger**, as they were united in holy matrimony on Saturday. Abigail is the daughter of David and Karen Benz.

For **Brad Yarnell**, who broke his foot over Thanksgiving and will need additional testing to decide the course of treatment.

For **Al Gehrt**, who is undergoing cervical spine surgery on December 19th.

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

For **Troy Schepmann**, who is recovering from surgery on Friday for a brain tumor that doctors think is benign.

For **Milroy Moses**, who was diagnosed with cancer and undergoing tests to determine the best treatment.

For **Peggy Doane**, Michelle Wibe's mom who is recovering in a rehab facility from complications from rotator cuff surgery.

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

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

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

For **peace in the war** between Ukraine and Russia.

For **The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine**, our LCMS partner church, for their safety and love as they care for the people still caught in the conflict.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Tom and Brenda Bremer**, as they celebrate the birth of their granddaughter Ramona.

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

For **Wylie Summerlin**, Danny Hundley's cousin's husband who is now home and doing well.

For **Rev. Bryce Bereuter**, Senior Pastor of Calvary Lutheran KC, who is recovering from surgery.

For **Christian Kimmey**, Jared Turrel's friend who is in the hospital with a lung abscess.

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

For **Kent Thompson**, who is doing much better as he recovers at home from a knee replacement.

For **Aziz Arora**, Jasmine Markanday's mom, whose health is declining.

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

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

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

For **our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith.

For **all those who are unemployed or under-employed**, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.