

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 19, 2021
8:00 & 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.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION Members and visitors, please click this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



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.**

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 ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR

Adult Bible Class: This summer we will be studying in the Book of Malachi.

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 Sunday school classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during the Education Hour.

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: Divine Service 1

AS WE GATHER

The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to “shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD.” He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39–45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Lift Up Your Heads

John Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

OPENING HYMN

Arise, O Christian People

LSB 354

Stand

✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

(8:00am)

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

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

ADDRESS TO PARENTS, SPONSORS & CONGREGATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P 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.**

P 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

C **Yes, believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

C **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?

C **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life ✠ everlasting.**

THE BAPTISM

P **Graham Michael Vanderpool**, do you desire to be baptized?

R *(Parents)* **Yes, I do**

P **Graham Michael Vanderpool**, 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 **Graham Michael Vanderpool** 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

L 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.**

Baptismal Party may return to their seats.

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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 333:1, 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!
- G** **His right hand and his Holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**
- P** The LORD has made known His salvation;
- G** **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.
- G** **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 READING

Micah 5:2–5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace. When the Assyrian comes into our land and treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes of men;

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HANDBELL DUET

My Soul Rejoices

arr. Geschke

Eric Schlef & Lauran Delancy

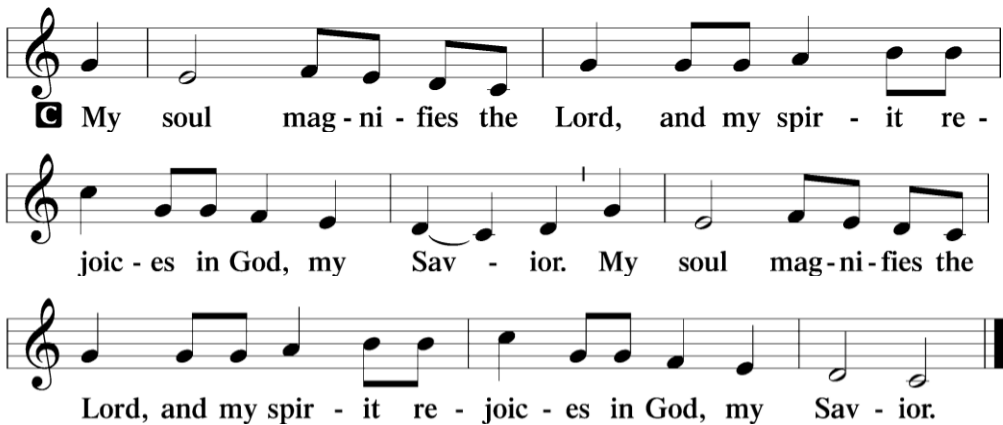
⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE~~*Magnificat ~ Song of Mary*



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.

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

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

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; ⁵²he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." ⁵⁶And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**Pastor Joel Schultz****SERMON HYMN*****My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord*****LSB 934**

SERMON

Fortunate
Luke 1:39-56
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

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

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome 14 new families to our family of faith; They are:

Carol Olson

Ryan and Tara Wolff, Alexius & Ethan

Steve & Marilyn Bremer

Dana & Deb Froelich

Frank & Jeanet Leurquin

Elise Kammeyer

Rick & Kathy Hannebutt

John & Connie Koetting

Amanda Williams, Beau

Chris & Myna Owens

Jeremiah Owens

Mike & Wanda Freeman

Travis & Amanda Vogt; Hudson & Brynlee

Jasmine & (Pardeep) Markanday, Sarina, Krish, Priya

Terry Norwood

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** O Lord, mighty God, there is none like You in holiness, constancy and might; yet, You exercise Your power for the salvation of sinners. As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus' birth, fill our hearts with gratitude that Your Son humbled Himself and became flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, mighty God, Bethlehem was too small to be among the clans of Judah, yet from it came forth the King of kings. Remember the congregations of Your people where numbers are small and resources are scarce. Provide for their needs, and remind them that the Lord of lords dwells among them in His Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, mighty God, You make poor and You make rich. Receive our thanks for Your gifts of daily bread. Give us contentment with what You provide, preserve us from coveting what You do not give and grant that we would be wise stewards of Your blessings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, mighty God, You sent Your Son to shepherd His flock in strength and to be great to the ends of the earth. Grant wisdom to our leaders and peace among the nations, that we may dwell secure. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, mighty God, You helped Your servant Israel, and Your mercy endures forever. Look upon those brought low by illness, injury, grief or other affliction [*especially*_____]. Have mercy upon them, grant them healing and strength, and maintain in them the certain hope of Your faithfulness to them for Jesus' sake. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, mighty God, You have sanctified us through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, once for all, on the cross. Prepare the hearts of all who commune this day with penitence and trust in Your promises, and so make us holy with Your Son's body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, mighty God, You have done great things for us, most of all delivering us from death to life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Mercifully hear our prayers and answer them according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

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.
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!

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.

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?

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 finished, please return to your seat for meditation and prayer. 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 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 351 – Creator of the Stars of Night

LSB 334 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace

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

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came
LSB 356

POSTLUDE

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord
George Blake

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



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Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor
Vicar Zachary Roll, Student Pastor

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Serving the Lord and Us Today:

Preaching	Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant.....	Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist.....	Vicar Zachary Roll
Organist.....	(8:00 & 10:45am) Deb Miller (6:00) Lauran Delancy
Acolytes.....	(8:00) Cora Schreiner and Kaylee Bahr
.....	(10:45) Leo Bertels
Greeters	(8:00) Bob & Karen Rinne (10:45) Chris & Myna Owens
Ushers.....	(8:00) Bob Rinne, Jordan Klebe, Karen Rinne
.....	(10:45) David Raetzel, Dennis Smith, Ron Aerni, Gene Downard,, Brad Keefe
Altar Guild.....	Carolyn Clarke, Nancy Delaney, Carol Brandt, Karen Kuhn,
Nursery.....	(9:30) Sarah Krannawitter & Michelle Olson
Counters	Eric & Dani Olson

ALTAR FLOWERS that adorn our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by Eric & Dani Olson in celebration of Cooper's birthday.

BAPTISM Graham Michael Vanderpool, infant son of Aaron & Stacey Vanderpool, is being baptized in the 8:00am service this morning. Graham's sponsors are Paige Vanderpool and David & Allison Dohnalek. We prayer special blessings on Graham and his family as he becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Divine Service One from Lutheran Service Book

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Voice of the Martyrs prayer request

Hindu Nationalist Mob Assaults Christians; Police Arrest Believers Instead - India

On Oct. 17, about 500 Hindu nationalists beat and stoned more than 60 Christians and detained them, accusing them of forcefully converting Hindus to Christianity. When police arrived, they watched the attacks occur, but then detained the Christians instead of those in the mob, who even vandalized vehicles belonging to the believers. Some of the Christians were taken to jail but have since been released on bail. Pray that those who were detained remain firm in their faith despite the persecution they've endured and pray for those injured in the attack to experience healing. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help all the believers forgive their attackers. Pray also for the Hindu nationalists to be convicted by the hatred in their hearts and pray for them to hear the gospel and experience God's forgiveness and love.

Prayers Requested for This Week

For **Aaron & Stacey Vanderpool** as they celebrate the birth & Baptism of their son, **Graham Michael**, born on Wednesday, December 8.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for **Shelly Meyer**, Fred Gruhn's sister, recovering from her successful Surgery on December 15.

For **Lee Kresin** and family at the death of his cousin Ruth Rentschler who died Wednesday.

For **Tricia Domsch** and her family at the death of her sister Debra Seeger on Tuesday.

For **Bill Newman**, Bob Newman's brother, hospitalized with Covid.

For **Connie Bredehoeft**, sister of Janette Copeland, recovering at home.

For **Shirlyn Bredehoeft**, sister of Janette Copeland, who is recovering after surgery.

For **Tonya Hundley**, sister-in-law of Danny Hundley, who has been hospitalized for several days. She is on oxygen and has 2 blood clots in her lungs.

For **Steve Bremer** who has cancer of the esophagus and undergoing chemo & radiation.

For **the family of Mindy Pritzel** as they mourn the death of her mother, **Wanda Brandt**.

For **Marrilla Cupp**, friend of the Wibe family, who died last Sunday of Covid.

For **the town of Natoma, Iowa** (Lisa Gruhn's hometown) and the surrounding area as they deal with the aftermath of wind damage and wild fires.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Tamara Morin** as she continues to heal after fracture hip surgery.

For **Jennifer Mahnken** who took a bad fall on their trip to Ireland. She dislocated her ankle and broke her leg in three places.

For **Bob Welsh** as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.

For **Janette Copeland** that she would receive relief for her headaches.

For **Tom Chapin**, recovering from injuries suffered in a fall off a ladder where he fractured 2 vertebrae in his lower back and broke his ankle and wrist and has now been diagnosed with CTE (Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy.)

For our expectant mothers: **Hannah Schultz, Alli Bauck, Alaina Booth, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen, Michelle Giangrosso** and their unborn children. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **Steve Bremer, Paul Hennegan, Faith Mitchell, Janna Carver, Sandy Kronsbein, Spencer Braun, Teri Woodward, Susan Mountain, Eric Hundley, Steve Martinez, Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, John Mahnken, Pat Brackin, and Moriah Obermueller** continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala: Pray the God would help those with Covid.

Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

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!