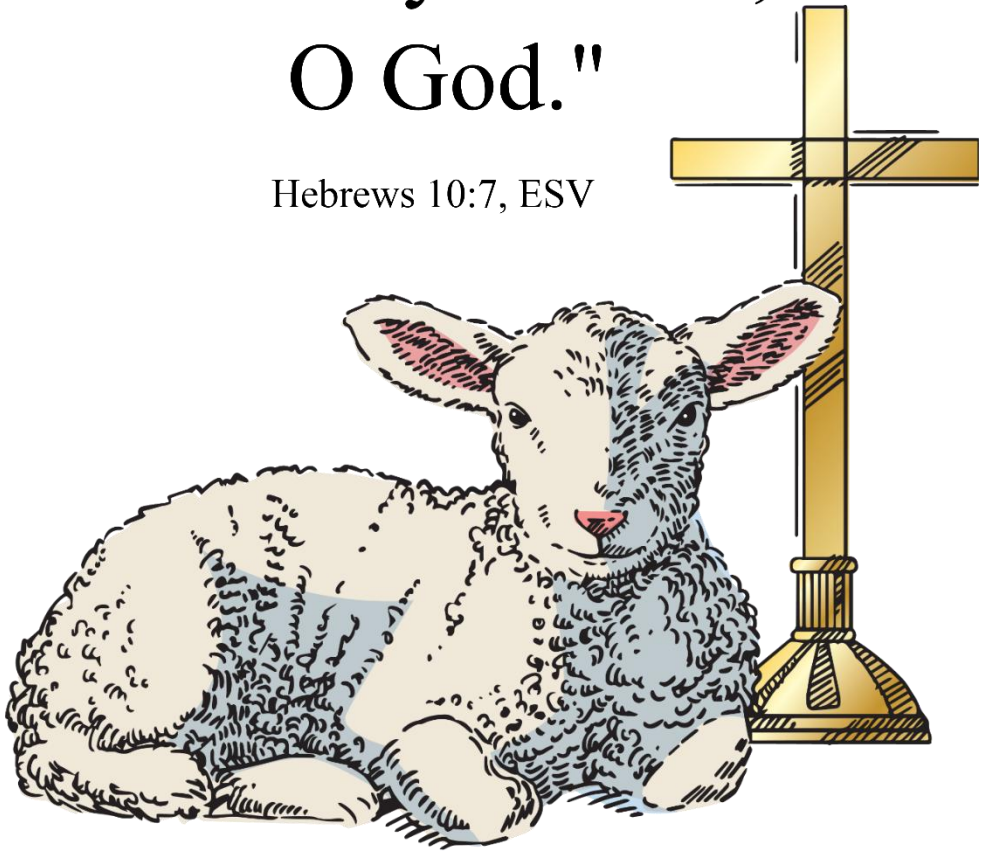


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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

"Behold, I have come
to do your will,
O God."

Hebrews 10:7, ESV



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

8:00am & 10:45am

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service.**

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



HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together.** Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: Today we will be studying various hymns of the Advent and Christmas season.

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.



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Order of Service

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 333, 934, 357, 351, 334, and 356

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through your Word to me draw near;
Preserve that Word in purity That I your child and heir may be. *LW 197:1*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came
arr. Cherwein

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
arr. Hirt
Handbell Quartet

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 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

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 80; antiphon: v. 7

Kosche

The first time the pastor sings the Refrain, repeated immediately by the congregation. Thereafter the congregation sings the Refrain.

Re - store us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

C

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
 You who lead Joseph | like a flock!* You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, | shine forth.
 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- | nas - seh,* stir up Your might and come to | save us!

REFRAIN

C

3 Restore us, | O God;* let Your face shine, that we | may be saved!
 4 O LORD | God of hosts,* how long will You be angry with Your | peo - ple's prayers?

REFRAIN

5 You have fed them with the | bread of tears* and given them tears to drink in full | mea - sure.
 6 You make us an object of contention for our | neigh - bors,* and our enemies laugh a - | mong them - selves.

7 Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spir - it;
 8 as it was in the be - | gin - ning,* is now, and will be forever. | A - men.

REFRAIN

EPISTLE

Hebrews 10:5-10

⁵When 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

LSB 248

Luke 1:46-47

C My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39–56

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 Mike Ada

SERMON HYMN

My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

LSB 934

SERMON

The Sacrifice

Hebrews 10

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 In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, that our ever-faithful and all-powerful God would give us grateful hearts that His Son has come in the flesh to save us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For proper fear and love of the Lord, that the mighty God who has exalted us to be His children would preserve us by His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace, that our Father who sent Christ to be our peace would preserve us in repentance, so that we would live in peace with one another, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For congregations where numbers are small and resources scarce, that God, who raised up the King of all from little Bethlehem, would provide for their needs also and remind them that the same King dwells among them in His Means of Grace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For women unable to conceive or who suffer the heartbreak of miscarriage, that God would be their rock against despair, provide them with consolation and purpose in Christ, and restore them to exult in His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our leaders, that Christ Jesus, who shepherds His flock to the ends of the earth, would grant them wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the nations, that they may have peace and that we may dwell secure, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For [_____ and] all who suffer in mind or body, that Christ, our Immanuel, would be with them in their trials and grant health and healing in accord with His perfect will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession*, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune, that God, who sanctified us through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all on the cross, would prepare our hearts to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins this day, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is truly the King of the nations and their desire. He who formed us of clay took on our human nature that He might save us. He came to His own and was rejected by them, yet You established Him as the true cornerstone, tested and precious, that whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame. Grant that, as we recall with thanksgiving His advent in the flesh, we may always confess Him and remain watchful for His advent in glory at the Last Day; for You live and reign, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 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-joyce! Re-joyce!
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. 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 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

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

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
LSB 356

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come
arr. Behnke

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 Joel Schultz
- Liturgist..... Vicar Josiah Sandcork
- Organist..... Lauran Delancy
- Handbell quartet Sydney Hughey, Ashley Martinez, Riley Olson, & Layla Schepmann
- Acolytes..... (8:00) Caleb Bahr & Nate Delancy (10:45) Brielle Francis & Corrine Jensen
- Greeters..... (8:00) Tom & Brenda Bremer (10:45) Scott & Denise Behrman
- 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 Zach & Alaina Booth (Helping Hands – Jason & Alli Bauck)
- Counters..... Ron & Karen Aerni, Trevor Huseman, & Jared Turrel
- Altar Flowers..... Christmas white poinsettias

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST – Please see this week's Info As You Go.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Audra and Daren Bruschi**, as they are expecting their second child in June.
For **Rachel Totten**, Becky Hanrahan's daughter, who is expecting to deliver her baby at the end of January.
For **Ted Teuscher**, Charlotte Teuscher-Ziegler's 55-year-old son, who is hospitalized after having a stroke.
For **Sarah Nichols**, Andrew and Cassie Nichol's sister-in-law who is experiencing some health issues.
For **Ken Ernster**, Roger Berardi's neighbor, who has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
For **Charlie Fiss**, Fred Gruhn's very good friend who is home and recovering well from his AFIB incident.
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 **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 **Colton Clark**, who is recovering from a fractured foot.
For **Lloyd Peckman**, Sherri Webb's father, who is recovering from eye surgery.
For **Margaret Wolpers**, who is recovering at home from seizures.
For **Joshua Shin and his family**, a BSLP family, whose infant son Joshua has been diagnosed with a fatal genetic disorder.
For **Peggy Doane**, Michelle Wibe's mom, who is home recovering from a fall.
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 **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 **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, Liz Taylor Berube, 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.