

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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

R O M A N S 1 6 : 2 7, N I V

To the only wise God
be glory forever
through Jesus Christ!
Amen.



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

8:00am & 10:45am

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

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

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

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



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

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

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

Adult Bible Class: During the four weeks of Advent, we will be studying Advent and Christmas hymns.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during education hour located in the lower level, Room 118.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion.** Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.

Order of Service

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE: LSB 357, 356, 617, 341, 333, and 352

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 HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
LSB 357

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

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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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

¹Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, ²the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” ³And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.”

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. ⁷In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?”’” ⁸Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

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¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Fritchie

Flute Trio

(If you would like to meditate on the words as the piece is played, please turn to LSB 357 in your hymnal.)

EPISTLE

Romans 16:25–27

²⁵Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

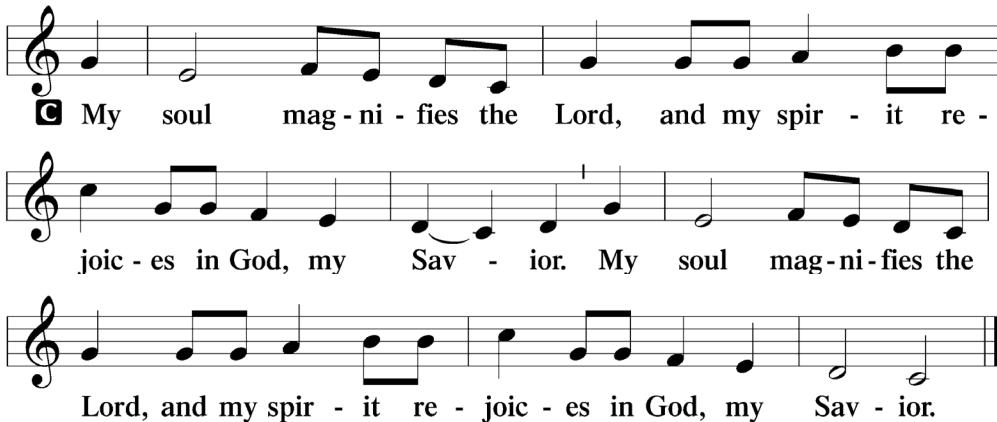
Stand

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 1:26–38

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

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

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of

David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Nathan Harkins

SERMON HYMN

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

LSB 356

SERMON

He Who is Able

Romans 16

Vicar Nathan Harkins

Stand

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P O Lord, our God, nothing is impossible with You. Grant us faith to believe Your Word and follow the example of Your servant Mary, to receive the miraculous gift of Your Son, our Immanuel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal God, Your Word has been sent forth into the world to the joy and edification of Your holy people. Encourage, comfort and strengthen all who hear it. Grant faith to those who do not know You, both here and abroad, that all peoples may sing to Your name and extol Your goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, fill all who hear Your Word with joy and peace in believing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, bless Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Justin Panzer, our district president; and Pastor Shultz and Ada and Vicar Harkins, that like the angel Gabriel, they may be faithful messengers of Your Good News. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, let Your favor rest upon all pregnant women and mothers of young children, that they may rejoice in the blessing of new life You give. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of lords, by the reign of Your Son You govern all things in heaven and earth. Raise up true Davids among us to govern our land in faithfulness and in humble strength to do Your will. Bring peace to war torn areas of the world and bless the Lutheran Church in those places to be beacons of hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, uphold [and] all who suffer in mind or body. Give them the knowledge of Christ, their Immanuel, who is with them in their trials. Grant them health and healing, comfort, and peace in accord with Your perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, give us joy that as surely as Your Son was conceived in blessed Mary at Your Word, so He comes to abide in us also at Your Word in the blessed Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who 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!

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 617 *O Lord, We Praise Thee*

LSB 341 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

LSB 333 *Once He Came in Blessing*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace

Tune: O come, O come, Emmanuel

James Pierce



1 Lord, let Your ser - vant go in peace, Your Word ful - filled with -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly Spir - it,



in my sight. Sal - va - tion comes for all to see.
with them one, As was in the be - gin - ning, now,



For Is - rael, glo - ry; Gen - tiles, light. Re-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.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

CLOSING HYMN

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

LSB 352

POSTLUDE

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

arr. Behnke

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



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Vicar Nathan Harkins, Student Pastor

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CHRISTMAS WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services – 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day Service with Holy Communion – 9:00am

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Day Divine Service – 8:00am and 10:45am

(No evening service)

Family Education Hour – 9:30am – 10:30am



SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching	Vicar Nathan Harkins
Celebrant.....	Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist.....	Pastor Joel Schultz
Organist.....	Lauran Delancy
Flute Trio	Anna Herra, Izzy Martinez, and Riley Olson
Acolytes.....	(8:00) George & Nate Delancy (10:45) TBD
Greeters	(8:00) Doris Baker (10:45) Jere & Sharon Brandt
Ushers.....	(8:00) Zach Gardner, Jordan Klebe, Bob Rinne, & Kent Thompson
.....	(10:45) Ron Aerni, Brad Keefe, David Raetzel, & Dennis Smith
Altar Guild.....	TBA
Nursery.....	Matt & Morgan Riechers (Helping Hands – Matt & Nicole Christensen)
Counters	Eric Domsch, Todd Scheumann, & Bob Welsh
Altar Flowers	Christmas Poinsettias (<i>please see page 18</i>)

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Pastor Attacked by Hindu Radicals

Pastor Bhim Tamang, 63, was visiting a new believer in Christ and sharing the Word of God with him on Sept. 4 when a group of Hindu radicals burst into the home. They hit Bhim, broke his hearing aid, burned his Bible and warned him to stop preaching. Police officers arrived to protect Bhim and his colleagues, but the radicals pushed through and smeared black paint on Bhim's face. The police believed that, due to the aggressiveness of the radicals, Bhim and his colleagues would not be safe at the local station, so they took the Christians to district headquarters. Pastor Bhim's son reported that the Hindu radicals were well organized and ready to escalate the attack if any other Christians had stepped in. Pastor Bhim, who has been imprisoned for his Christian faith in the past, said he was glad about the incident because he becomes more courageous during seasons of persecution.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to the families listed below that purchased poinsettias for our Christmas services:

David and Karen Benz	To the Glory of God (2)
Roger Berardi	To the Glory of God (2)
Jere and Sharon Brandt	To the Glory of God
Kevin and Lynda Brumley	In memory of Kevin's parents and Lynda's mom
Pat Circle	In memory of Mel and parents
Keith and Carolyn Clarke	To the Glory of God
Anna and Doug Davis	In memory of Gloria Stenzel
Delancy Family	To the Glory of God
Jim and Nancy DeLaney	To the Glory of God
Kara and Eric Herrs	To the Glory of God (2)
Lance and Lori Hughey	In memory of our grandparents
Mike and Debbie Johnson	In memory of Deb's dad and mom
Randy and Jeanne Kanoy	To the Glory of God
Brad and Eden Keefe	To the Glory of God (2)
Koch Family	To the Glory of God
Karen Kuhn	In memory of Keith
George and Karen Ledgerwood	To the Glory of God (2)
Doug and Jennifer Mahnken	To the Glory of God
Chris and Mary Martin	To the Glory of God
Stacy and Juan Martinez	In memory of Juan's mom, Eva, and Stacy's mom Janice (2)
Charles and Michelle McKay	To the Glory of God
Tamara and Greg Morin	In memory of Leland, Tim, Bob, Bill, and Gloria (4)
Vaunda and Archie Palmer	To the Glory of God
Paul and Gloria Peterson	To the Glory of God (3)
Kara and Dave Raetzel	To the Glory of God
Ivan and Mary Jane Rees	To the Glory of God
Bob and Karen Rinne	In memory of loved ones
Randy and Glenda Schmidgall	To the Glory of God
Tom and Kathy Schroeder	To the Glory of God (2)
Rick and Debbie Southard	To the Glory of God
Gina and Tim Stoehr	To the Glory of God
Jim and Connie Teig	In memory of our parents
Robert Welsh	In memory of Paula
Chris and Michelle Wibe	In memory of our fathers
Janna Willnauer	To the Glory of God
Zarnstorff Family	To the Glory of God (2)
Charlotte Ziegler	In memory of Rev. Rober Ziegler, Rev. Lee Teuscher, and Tim Teusch



PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Adam Holste**, who is recovering from a lower back injury.

For **Aimee Giroux**, a friend of Jeff Kerns, who suffered a brain aneurysm and is hospitalized.

For **Brett Clark**, who is recovering from a fall that broke his nose and cut his face, as doctors work to find the cause of the fall.

For **Kevin Erwin**, who is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

For **Sophia and Kelsey Teply**, as their dad has entered hospice care and losing his battle against cancer.

For **Brad Gellerstedt**, Phil Bertels' nephew, who is undergoing treatment for Stage 4 lung cancer.

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 **Jerica and Lucas Dunn**, on the birth of their son Tatum Lee on December 6th.

For **Ladell Gossen**, Barbara Gossen's brother-in-law who is recovering from a stroke.

For **Dale Brandt**, as he encounters intense pain post-surgery and has begun treatment for cancer.

For **Karen Rinne**, who is hospitalized and recovering from a major procedure to clear her bile duct obstruction.

For **Cole Vanderpool**, infant son of Aaron and Stacey, who was born early and is in the NICU.

For **Charlotte Hundley**, who has breast cancer and recovering from surgery.

For **Karen Kuhn**, who is having chemotherapy for stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

For **Gary Olson**, who is recovering from for a broken hip.

For **our expectant mothers: Alaina Booth, Michelle Giangrosso, Marissa Lippe, Charisse Meier, Cassie Nichols, and Amy Oestmann** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Mandy Bender, Dale Brandt, Mike Broderick, Heather Delaney, Mary Lou Denny, Karen Feldes, Brad Gellerstedt, Charlotte Hundley, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Beth Johnson, Linda Knight, Mikaela Koch, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, Myrna Larson, Jessica Luck, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Geordie McGuire, Lorette Marsh, Milroy Moses, Melissa Nesemeier, Edna Pitts, Bert Potter, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, Eric Wolgast, Gregg Wolgast, William Wolgast, and Neal Wurth.**

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

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

For **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that the Lord would continue to bless them and keep them in His care and that the Lord would turn their eyes toward Jesus. Fieldstone Apartments is a mission outreach project of BSLC.