

# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 20, 2020**

## *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.**

**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 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** (currently 9:00-9:45am)

**Adult Bible Class:** will be continuing studying in the Book of Acts.

**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:** Until further notice there will NOT be a staffed nursery during the Sunday School 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.



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### AS WE GATHER

#### ***The Lord Builds a House for David: Jesus Christ Who Comes in the Flesh***

When King David “lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,” he piously supposed that he would build a house for God (2 Sam. 7:1–2). But the Lord would turn it around: He would establish a house for David and an everlasting throne. This He has done not only for David, but also for all His people, in the Son of David, Jesus Christ, “conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary” (Apostles’ Creed). That holy child, the incarnate “*Son of the Most High*,” receives “*the throne of his father David*” and begins to reign “*over the house of Jacob forever*” (Luke 1:32–33). Having given Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world, His body is the true and eternal temple of God in which His people have their own place of peace and rest. That is “*the mystery that was kept secret for long ages*” but is now “*made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God*” in order that we may have faith and life in Christ (Rom. 16:25–26).

### MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

#### PRELUDE

***The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came***  
*David Cherwien*

### PASTORAL GREETING

## OPENING HYMN

## Hail to the Lord's Anointed

LSB 398



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer wrong,  
3 He shall come down like show - ers Up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
4 Kings shall fall down be - fore Him And gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on earth be - gun!  
To help the poor and need - y And bid the weak be strong;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, Spring in His path to birth.  
All na - tions shall a - dore Him, His praise all peo - ple sing.



He comes to break op - pres - sion, To set the cap - tive free,  
To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their dark - ness turn to light,  
Be - fore Him on the moun - tains Shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
To Him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And dai - ly vows as - cend;



To take a - way trans - gres - sion And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
Whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, Were pre - cious in His sight.  
And righ - teous - ness in foun - tains From hill to val - ley flow.  
His king - dom still in - creas - ing, A king - dom with - out end.

5. **O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.**

*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; [18-20]

## 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.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal & specific sins.)*

- P** Let us then 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... in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

# ✠ 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

- P** Paul wrote, "We have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of His name among all the nations."

## HYMN

*O Come, Oh Come Emmanuel*  
LSB 357:2

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

- P** David wrote, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein."
- P** Let us pray.  
O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:
- C** **Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

*[Light four candles on the Advent wreath during the singing of the following stanza.]*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

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

**2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16**

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

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, <sup>5</sup>"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in?' <sup>6</sup>I 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. <sup>7</sup>In 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?"'" <sup>8</sup>Now, 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. <sup>9</sup>And 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. <sup>10</sup>And 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, <sup>11</sup>from 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.

<sup>16</sup>And 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

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

**Laudate Ringers**

*arr. Delancy*

## EPISTLE

**Romans 16:25–27**

<sup>25</sup>Now 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 <sup>26</sup>but 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— <sup>27</sup>to 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

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





## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 1:26-38**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He 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, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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

<sup>35</sup>And 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. <sup>36</sup>And 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. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And 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.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**Pastor Mike Ada**

**SERMON HYMN**

*The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

**LSB 356**



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came,  
 2 “For know a bless - ed moth - er thou shalt be,  
 3 Then gen - tle Mar - y meek - ly bowed her head;  
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born



With wings as drift - ed snow, with eyes as flame:  
 All gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
 “To me be as it pleas - eth God,” she said,  
 In Beth - le - hem all on a Christ - mas morn,



“All hail to thee, O low - ly maid - en Mar - y,  
 Thy son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
 “My soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God’s ho - ly name.”  
 And Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say:



Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!  
 Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
 “Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy.” Glo - ri - a!

**SERMON**

*Long Live the King*

**Luke 1:32-33**

**Pastor Mike Ada**

## **NICENE CREED**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving to God for the favor shown us in Christ and His incarnation; for faith to believe that nothing is impossible with Him; and that everything would be to us according to the Word of the Most High, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For faithful preachers of Your Gospel to bring about the obedience of faith by the mystery of Christ now revealed in the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures; for Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Justin Panzer, our district president; Pastor Schultz, Pastor Ada, Vicar Elowsky; and for the Holy Christian Church, that God would strengthen it in every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our nation, its president, all legislators and judges, and those newly elected to serve, that God would preserve their lives and guide their actions for the good of our people; for peace among the nations of the earth, and that God would preserve us from pestilence and famine, war and bloodshed, sedition, rebellion and every evil, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all women with child and all mothers with infant children, that God would grant them increasing happiness in their blessings; for the lonely, the depressed and the despairing; for the sick, the anxious and the dying [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]; and for those who mourn [*the death of* \_\_\_\_\_], that they would take comfort in the resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who receive Christ's holy body and precious blood today, that they may eat and drink it in repentance and faith and in the unity of a true confession; and for a love and desire for the blessed Sacrament this Christmas, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O Most High, we give You thanks for Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Key of David and the scepter of the house of Israel. By His death, He has opened the kingdom of heaven and closed the gates of hell for all who trust in Him. By His resurrection, He has rescued the prisoners who sat in darkness and in the shadow of death. 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; 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

## 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*

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.  
*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!

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**PAX DOMINI** ~ ~ (Latin: *Peace of the Lord*)

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

## O Christ, The Holy Lamb of God

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 the Lord.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

### 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

The congregation will be ushered forward to stand. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar.. When finished, reference the altar and return to your seat for prayer and meditation. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

**Non-alcoholic white wine** is located in the center of each tray and should be used only by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

**Gluten-free wafers** are available; please indicate your need to the pastor at the table.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*Once He Came In Blessing*

**LSB 333**



1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour \_\_\_\_\_ When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.



# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 341



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing.  
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!

5. **Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.**

**O Lord, We Praise Thee**

**LSB 617**



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord*

LSB 352



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly,  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

5. **Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.**
  
6. **Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

**POSTLUDE**

***Lift Up Your Heads***

*John A. Behnke*

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**Serving the Lord and Us Today:**

- Preaching ..... Pastor Mike Ada
- Celebrant..... Pastor Joel Schultz
- Liturgist..... Vicar Luke Elowsky
- Organist..... Deb Miller
- Special Music..... Laudate Ringers, Lauran Delancy, director
- Acolytes..... (8:00) Walter Schlef & Timothy Schlef (11:00) Kristen Teply
- Altar Guild..... Deb Hodnik, Karen Kuhn, Carol Brandt
- Counters..... Ron & Karen Aerni, Bob Welsh, Trevor Huseman
- Flowers..... Doug & Jennifer Mahnken

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Flowers that have been placed on our altar this morning are given by **Doug & Jennifer Mahnken** in celebration of Kellan’s birthday.

## **Voice of the Martyrs prayer request**

### **Pray for Families Denied Rice Following Drought - Laos**

After a drought earlier this year, authorities sought to distribute rice to help struggling villagers, telling the village's leader to gather information about villagers before distribution. The leader then prevented the village's 17 Christian families from obtaining rice. - the 14 families. Pray that the families will soon be able to grow their own rice, and pray that they will be able to help feed others in need and be seen as a light in their village.

## **WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES CHRISTMAS**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Sunday, December 20

8:00 & 11:00am

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/ Holy Communion**

Thursday, December 24 – Times 4:00, 6:00 & 8:00pm

### **Christmas Day Service w/ Holy Communion**

Friday, December 25 - 9:00 am

### **Regular Sunday worship w/ Holy Communion**

Sunday, December 27- 8:00 & 11:00 am

### **New Year's Eve Service w/ Holy Communion**

Thursday, December 31 - 6:00 pm



**May God richly bless your worship this Christmas Season!!**



### PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Kris & Amy Bahr**, brother and sister-in law of Zach & Lisa Bahr, who have COVID.

For **Helen Claudy**, that she would have peace as she awaits her test results for breast cancer.

For **Ellie Torres**, student of Lutheran High, who has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

For **David Smith**, brother of Dennis Smith, who suffered a stroke on Monday evening but is doing well.

For **Randy Shiever**, Matt Shiever's uncle, who is hospitalized with Covid and lungs are not functioning well.

For **Rollie Anderson** as he mourns the death of her husband Jim, who died Wednesday evening from liver cancer.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Donna Rinne** and **Bob & Karen Rinne** at the death of Donna's husband, **Bill Rinne**, who died from complications of Covid 19.

Praise report for **Debbie Newman** who has finished her cancer treatments and has a clean bill of health!

For **Ruth Schutte**, Karen Ledgerwood's aunt, who has a broken femur.

For **Shirlyn Bredehoeft**, Janette Copeland's sister, taking medication to dissolve a small blood clot. She also now has Covid 19.

For **Jeri Beverstock**, undergoing treatment for a fungal infection in her lungs and healing from a lung surgery. She is also struggling with a Crohn's disease flare up.

For **Mark Hoemann**, Joy Rodenberger's brother, diagnosed with a pituitary tumor.

For **Jenni Patience, Karen Lentz, John Mahnken, Samantha Zech, Larry Barstad, Brandon Ryan, Pat Brackin, Jan Degner, Ashley Hung, Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, Moriah Obermueller,** and **Joy Rodenberger** continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

For our **expectant mothers: Amber Cornell**, and her unborn child. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

**For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray the God would help those with Covid. There are over 200 cases in the department of Zacapa. 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.