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*Bless us in This
New Year*

*Hour by
hour*

I PLACE MY DAYS
IN YOUR HAND."

PS 31:15

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a traditional Lutheran Church, faithful to God's Word and His Sacraments. We equip God's people to serve, love, and encourage one another as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We reach out to the community as beacons of light, sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

NEW YEAR'S EVE December 31, 2021

The Word of the Lord Is Fulfilled in the Flesh of Jesus

The Church and the world are awake, but for very different reasons. The world counts down to midnight; the Church watches eagerly for her Master who is *“coming at an hour” we “do not expect”* (Luke 12:40). For many, the changing year brings regrets, fears and desperate wishes for improvement. The world delights in smooth talk and illusions of prosperity at any cost (Is. 30:9-10). It has already forgotten *“the Holy One of Israel”* born six days earlier (Is. 30:11). The Church ends the calendar year differently. *“In returning and rest ... in quietness and in trust,”* that is, in repentance and faith, for the Holy One saves us, and He is our strength (Is. 30:15). Our times are in His hands (Ps. 31:15), the hands of Mary’s Son – God not only with us, but for us (Matt. 1:23). So, who could be against us? If God has given His Son, *“how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”* (Rom. 8:31-32). The Church dresses for action not in fear, but in hope; Christ is coming to serve her with His gifts (Luke 12:37). Who is there to condemn us for the passing year? Christ has died, is raised and intercedes for us! What distress will the new year bring? Nothing can *“separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”* (Rom. 8:34-39)!

PLEASE NOTE - Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church offers assisted listening devices for our members and guests this evening. If you would like to use one, please speak with an usher.

Attendance Register: Please sign the register placed in the rack at the end of the pew, and pass it to your neighbor. If you are a visitor please include your address and phone number, and the church you are a member of. If you have a message for our pastor, please include it. We give attention to these sheets early in the week. Also, if you are a visitor, please sign our guest book on the cabinet below the tract display in the entryway. Thank you!

SERVING AMONG US TODAY
The Organist: LeEtta Luce

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING III

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If you are unable to, or have trouble standing, please feel free to remain seated at the times we stand.

GREETINGS

OPENING HYMN “O Sing of Christ” LSB #362

(Please stand)

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - Ps. 2:1-2, 4-6; antiphon: Liturgical Text



**Our help is in the name | of the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.

The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of |
Israel.***

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Our help is in the name | of the LORD,*

who made | heaven and earth.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Eternal God, we commit to Your mercy and forgiveness the year now ending and commend to Your blessing and love the times yet to come. In the new year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit that we may

always trust in the saving name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Isaiah 30:15-17

¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said, “No! We will flee upon horses”; therefore you shall flee away; and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. ¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL



Teach us to num- | ber our days*
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with Your | steadfast love,*
that we may rejoice and be glad | all our days.

EPISTLE READING - Romans 8:31-39

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things

present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

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HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 12:35-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th Chapter.

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

³⁵[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN“The Ancient Law Departs” LSB #898

SERMON “Our Help is in the Name of the Lord” (Luke 12:35-40)

(Please stand)

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OFFERING

DOXOLOGY LSB #805

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

This evening we celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar, a feast of forgiveness in which we partake of the true body and blood of Christ along with the visible elements of bread and wine. The Bible gives specific instructions about the Lord’s Supper. As it can be received to one’s spiritual blessing or to one’s spiritual harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), the Lord’s Table must be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding. That’s why all who are new to the Lutheran faith are instructed about this sacred meal before attending the Lord’s Supper. Moreover, this Sacrament is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17). All guests who wish to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with

Pastor Schuldheisz or the Elder of the Day before the service.

(If unable to kneel, please remain standing. If you take the individual cup please wait for the pastor with the common cup to say, “Take, drink,” before drinking.)

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION page 194ff

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB #'s 621, 384, 385, 387

(Please stand)

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CLOSING HYMN“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” LSB #393

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