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"The voice of
one crying in the
wilderness:

'Prepare the
way of the
Lord,
make his
paths
straight.'"

Luke 3:5

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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT December 5, 2021

The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord

The preaching and Baptism “*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “*see the salvation of God*” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3-4).

Quiet preparation and prayer are encouraged before worship. Please save conversation for the Narthex area in order to respect the sacredness of God’s house and the silent meditation of others. Please silence your cell phones and all other electronic devices. There are also several prayers for worship located in the front cover of the Lutheran Service Book. Thank you!

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. Also, if you are a visitor, please sign our guest book on the cabinet below the tract display in the entryway, so we can thank you for joining us. We are glad you are here!

SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Ushers: Andrew Lund, Mark Reetz, Terry Young
The Organist: LeEtta Luce

pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING - Malachi 3:1-7

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless You.

EPISTLE READING - Philippians 1:2-11

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 3:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” ¹¹And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” LSB #344

SERMON “Prepare the Way” (Luke 3:1-14)

(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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

This morning 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.)

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB #'s 617, 345, 618, 341

(Please stand)

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CLOSING HYMN "Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB #343

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021	
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. - D.S. III 10:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School
MONDAY	6:30 p.m. - Confirmation
TUESDAY	10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Elders' Meeting 7:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting
WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m. - Mid-Week Advent Service 7:00 p.m. - Mid-week Advent Service
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	Office Closed
SATURDAY	
UPCOMING EVENTS	12/15 Mid-Week Advent Service 12/12 Altar Guild Meeting @ 11:45am 12/15 Preschool Christmas Program 12/19 Sunday School Christmas Program

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: November 28, 2021	
OFFERING: \$	ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 97
SPECIAL: \$	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 43
PRESCHOOL: \$	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 8
SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$ 15.00	
TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$	

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Matt Perkovich (253-840-1863)	Lehner - Pfeiffer
John Lee (253-863-1529)	Philbrick - Young

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY - JOIN US!

- **Men's Bible Study** - We are on hiatus until the New Year.
- **Women's Bible Study** - Join us on Tuesday mornings at 10am with a study on the Minor Prophets!
- **Ladies' Bible Study** - Bible Study is currently on hold, but we plan to start soon. If you are interested in joining us on our Skype study of the Book of Ezra, please send your email to Elizabeth at Gods.project@gmail.com and we will let you know when we plan to begin.
- **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** - Luther's Smalcald Articles from the Lutheran Confessions.

CONGREGATIONAL

- **A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the poinsettia fund!! We were able to purchase so many beautiful flowers for the altar area. Blessed advent season to you all.**
- **The December Newsletter has been distributed!** If you do not have a box, but would like a copy of the newsletter, **there are extra copies by the church office. It is also posted on the church website, and will be sent out via email.**
- **Please join us for our Preschool Christmas program in the church on Wednesday, December 15th at 10am. We will be hearing the Christmas story and have Christmas songs sung by the Preschoolers. We do ask that you wear a mask to follow the Health Department school guidelines.**
- **A huge thank you from the Tacoma Seafarer Center! You all donated 58 boxes this year.**
- **Advent Devotionals are here! Look for the basket out in the Narthex.**
- **LAST CHANCE! It's time to update the directory! If any of your contact information has changed, please let the office know this week. If you are a new member, your information has been automatically put in.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **We are in need of a Pre-K - K Sunday School teacher. If interested please speak with Cathy Coleman, 253-332-4880. Thanks!**

YOUTH

- **Linda Howard is looking for addresses for college students that are away from home. Please contact her if you have any to pass on.**

PRESCHOOL

- **We are still looking for a part-time Preschool Director. Contact Pastor or Natasha Schuldheisz with any questions.**

LWML

- **Mite Boxes are a wonderful opportunity for every person to support missions with their change. We will have a Mite Box Sunday on the third Sunday of every month.**

LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- **JOEL BIBLE STUDY...** The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on the Book of Joel. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.
- **Thoughts on Witness and Outreach:** Luke 3:1-14 (15-20): John the Baptist was given a message to prepare the way for the coming Christ. This message shared the truth of repentance and forgiveness with all people. Here in worship, we have repented of our sins of thought, word, and deed and received full and free forgiveness through Christ. This forgiveness equips us to share peace and pardon with those in our lives who have not yet received Jesus Christ. Through our witness sharing the life, death and resurrection of Christ, may others rejoice in the opportunity to repent of their sin and receive forgiveness through Jesus.
- **Thoughts on Stewardship:** Luke 3:4 - "As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." ' " God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do! That's yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live our lives. He knows what's coming, and we don't.

IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

- **Peggy Jacks** (M. Byarlay) - recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer
- **Steve** (Remick) - battling cancer
- **Chuck Lundin** (member) - melanoma continues to metastasize, but treatments no longer an option
- **June Pittelko** (M. Mantey grandma) - recent cancer diagnosis and awaiting new test results
- **Marlene Cole** (Schulz daughter) - for God's healing of her recently discovered breast cancer
- **Bishop Bielec** (Boyer son-in-law) - is home and continuing treatment for infections and lymphoma leukemia
- **Becky** (Baldwin) - recent lung cancer diagnosis and upcoming treatments
- **Cindy** (V. Cook) - battling breast cancer
- **Cheryl** (V. Cook) - battling breast cancer
- **Collette** (DeLaPaz) - going through treatment for pancreatic cancer
- **Don Schill** (R. Schill brother) - diagnosed with bladder cancer
- **John Bratek** (M. McNally brother) - diagnosed with liver cancer

SICK & HEALING

- **Doug Pariseau** (Schuldheisz) - husband of teacher at Concordia Tacoma, recovering from brain surgery on 11/29 for a growth removal

- **Ronald Gulbranson** (M. Gulbranson father) - in intensive care with COPD
- **Diane Tiefel** (member) - waiting for results from appointments with rheumatologist, gynecologist/oncologist, including a lung biopsy

STRENGTH & GUIDANCE

- **Robb Kramp & Family (Kramp)** - prayers for peace and strength as they move to Texas

BEREAVEMENT

- **Family of Mikko Peterson** (Lee)- as they mourn his passing last week
- **Family of Janice Westmark** (member) - as they mourn her passing on 11/1
- **Family of Jim McNally** (M. McNally brother-in-law) - as they mourn his passing from cancer on 10/28
- **Waetzig Family** (members) - as they mourn the loss of Cristal’s dad on 10/21

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

- **Pam Salness** (S. Loy sister) - successful surgery and cancer-free diagnosis

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- **Eric & Melanie Struck** - December 11th

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Jeanette Mitchell
Nancy Bellack
Margaret Donnelly

Marilyn Bauer
Joy Longé
Moki Kaahui

Ken Giese
Carol Myers

MEN & WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

US ARMY

- **Gerad Nelson** (Lee) Special Forces
- **Jimmy Soto** (De La Paz)
- **Conor Curry**
- **Sean Sobus** (Smith)
- **Douglas Smith**, SSG
- **Aaron Spratt**

- **Michael Broch**, Capt. (Hunsberger)
- **Kirsten Villalpando** (Schill)
- **Alex Villalpando** (Schill)
- **David Brumbaugh**, 1st Lt.
- **Robert Paz**, Col. (DeLaPaz)
- **Casi Soto** (DeLaPaz)
- **Sean Wilson**, Captain (member)

US MARINES

- **Chaplain Mario Ancira**, Lt.

US NAVY

- **Logan Tiefel** (member)
- **Alex Klein** (Schill)

US AIR FORCE

- **Curtis Sinewe**, Pilot

Mid-Week Advent Series

SYMBOLS OF SALVATION

FORETELLING
CHRIST'S BIRTH

12:00pm & 7:00pm

7:00pm services will be livestreamed

December 1st

“Old Testament Christmas”
(Exodus 3:1-14)

December 8th

“The Lord Sets Up His Tent
Among Us”
(Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38)

December 15th

“You Shall Defeat Them as One
Man”

(Judges 6:11-24; (7:2-9))

“All of the Bible is about Jesus. From the very beginning of creation, the ways God interacts with His people give[s] us living symbols that foreshadow and foretell Jesus' advent among us in the flesh.”