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**“WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL
SERVANT. YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL
OVER A LITTLE; I WILL SET YOU OVER
MUCH.” (MATTHEW 25:23)**



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.

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is “*near and hastening fast,*” and it will be “*a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation*” (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish “*the men who are complacent*” concerning His Word, “*who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud*” (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: “*Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them*” (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are “*good and faithful*” stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and “*the master of those servants*” settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, “*God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also “*put on the breastplate of faith and love*” in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

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

Guest Book: If you are a visitor, welcome! Please sign our guest book on the cabinet below the tract display in the entryway. Thank you!

*Flowers are placed this morning to the Glory of God by Matt & Lynette
Perkovich in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Elder: John Lee

The Organist: LeEtta Luce

The Ushers: Ron Schill, Ben Breum

The Acolyte: Isaac Lindstrom

Altar Guild: Sarah & Nancy

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 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LSB #338

(Please stand)

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - Ps. 143:2, 5-6, 10-11; antiphon: Ps. 143:1



Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;*

I ponder the work | of your hands.

I stretch out my | hands to you;*

my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

For your name’s sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

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.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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)

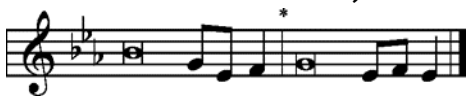
OLD TESTAMENT READING - Zephaniah 1:7-16

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice— "I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰"On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." ¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5



**These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the
Lamb.**

**Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.**

EPISTLE READING - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th Chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who

had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Please be seated)

SERMON HYMN "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near" LSB #508

SERMON "Who's Your God?" (Matthew 25:14-30)

(Please stand)

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DOXOLOGY LSB #805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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.)

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION page 194ff

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB #'s 514, 618, 620, 621

(Please stand)

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CLOSING HYMN“Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB #783

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2023	
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. - D.S. III 10:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 12:00 p.m. - Thanksgiving Potluck
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Service Office Closed
FRIDAY	Office Closed
SATURDAY	
UPCOMING EVENTS	12/1 South Sound Classical Choir Concert 12/3 Christmas Decorating 12/6 Youth Sponsored Soup & Bread Advent Supper 12/10 Quilt Display 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 Mid-Week Advent Services 12/13 Senior Saints Christmas Potluck

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: November 12, 2023	
OFFERING: \$6,005.00	ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 116
SPECIAL: \$169.00	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 35
PRESCHOOL: \$1,242.50	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 17
SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$5.00	
TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$7,421.50	

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Brien Lindstrom (206-300-8955)	DeLaPaz - Hunsberger
Matt Perkovich (253-840-1863)	Ireland - Lund
John Lee (253-653-0388)	Lundin - Riveness
David Vetter (253-240-7289)	Roland - Young

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY - JOIN US!

- **Women's Bible Study** - Join us on Tuesday at 10:00am! Our current study is on Resurrection.
- **Men's Bible Study** - First Saturday of the month, 8-9am in the fellowship hall. We will be studying Proverbs. We are on hiatus through Advent, but will resume in January.
- **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** - "Jesus Said What?" Difficult sayings of Jesus.

CONGREGATIONAL

- **Don't forget to submit any changes to your address or contact info to the office for the updated 2024 Directory.**
- **We will once again be supporting the Tacoma Seafarer Christmas Box Ministry.** Boxes and instructions can be found in the Fellowship Hall. They will need to be returned by November 23rd. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!
- **Advent Devotionals are available out in the Narthex.**
- **Advent is approaching and again we are looking for donations towards the purchase of poinsettias to decorate the Altar area.** There is a box in the narthex for the collection. We will be collecting until December 3rd. Thank you for your continued support.

FELLOWSHIP

- **Please join us TODAY after the Sunday School hour for our annual Thanksgiving Potluck.**
- **The season of Advent is just around the corner, and once again we get to celebrate the Coming of Our Lord.** On December 3rd at 12pm we will start decorating the church and fellowship hall. Many hands are needed to get the job done in a short amount of time. **We will have a soup and bread potluck before we start decorating.**
- **Our annual Cookie Fest will be December 18th this year. Please sign up to bring a dozen or more of your favorite Christmas cookies.** If you are not a big baker store bought cookies are okay too.

YOUTH

- **The youth is hosting a soup supper before Advent services on Wednesday, December 6th.** We will start serving at 6pm. There will be a free-will offering to go towards their trip to Higher Things Conference this summer in Portland.

LWML

- **Mite change can be brought anytime and put into the Big Mite Box in the Narthex.**

LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- **EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS...**This week's teachings include: The Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," Forgiving Those Who Sin Against Us, The Parable of the Ten Virgins, Transhumanism and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.
- **Thoughts on Stewardship** Matthew 25:30 - "And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness." Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn't trust or love the Master; so, his actions did not

demonstrate love and trust, but rather hate and mistrust. It's the same with us, but in reverse: since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

- **Thoughts on Witness and Outreach** - Matthew 25:14-30: Jesus again teaches us about His Kingdom with a parable but as He does - He reveals two diametrically different understandings about the Master, the Creator and Giver of all things: one where the receiver of the talents sees the Master as a generous giver and invests the talents with joy in the "business" of the Master; the other where the receiver of the talent sees the Master as hard and stingy and therefore hides the talent in fear of the Master. As a steward of all that God has given you, how do you see the Giver? If you see Him as hard, stingy, unfair in comparison to what others have and question His giving to you, you will never steward with the joy that God intended. But, if you believe that God gave you exactly the talent and the blessings and has in mind the purpose for His Kingdom that He has intended through you, you will go about your daily tasks with joy and contentment and you will rejoice to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" May God fill your heart and life with this trust and joy going about the stewardship of your Master's business.

IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

- **Joe Kelly** (K. Kramp brother-in-law) - cancer has returned
- **Kyra** (L. Lindstrom) - diagnosed with brain tumor
- **John Porter** (B. Nettin brother) - recently diagnosed with cancer of the ear
- **Chuck Lundin** (member) - now under hospice care
- **Tami Wyatt** (K. Gulbranson) - battling ovarian cancer and infection; upcoming treatments
- **Veronica** (Mendes) - newly diagnosed with breast cancer
- **Doug Pittelko** (M. Mantey uncle) - running out of treatment options after a 16-year battle with prostate cancer; prayers also for his two young kids as he is the only reliable parent
- **John** (Westmark) - diagnosed with acute leukemia
- **Cindy Linnemann** (wife of Pres. Paul Linnemann) - recent cancer diagnosis
- **Leniece R.** (L. Howard cousin) - cancer has returned after 13 years, now in the spine
- **Shanna Davis** (Young) - battling cancer
- **Brett Nirider** (Schuldheisz) - recently diagnosed with B-cell lymphoma, and will be starting treatment soon
- **Mike Ramsey** (brother of C. Ramsey) - diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, which has spread to other organs
- **Keela** (M. Gulbranson) - recent breast cancer diagnosis
- **David Pittelko** (M. Mantey uncle) - continuing treatment for pancreatic cancer
- **Angela Firman** (Jannsen) - stage 4 breast cancer
- **Ron Schill** (member) - prostate cancer

- **Bishop Bielec** (Boyer son-in-law) - is home and continuing treatment for infections and lymphoma leukemia
- **Don Schill** (R. Schill brother) - diagnosed with bladder cancer
- **John Bratek** (M. McNally brother) - diagnosed with liver cancer

SICK & HEALING

- **Bonnie Lamonte** (member) - various ailments and waiting on diagnostic results
- **Susan Wolf** (member) - undergoing shoulder replacement surgery on 11/16; prayers for success and healing
- **Lynn Wagner** (member) - recovering from surgery to remove bones in her foot

STRENGTH & GUIDANCE

- **Louise Dunn** (member) - family matters
- **Leona Kritsonis** (Lamonte) - expecting a baby
- **Emil Augustine** (member) - safe travels to visit sick brother in Africa

BEREAVEMENT

- **Family of Eugene Vetter Jr.** (D. Vetter brother) - as they mourn his passing

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

- **The Loy Family** (members) - as they celebrate the wedding of Kymberlee Loy and Logan Vieira

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- **Matt & Lynette Perkovich** - November 22nd

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

**Ken Giese
Carol Myers**

Marilyn Bauer

Judy Rittierodt

MEN & WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

US ARMY

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

US MARINES

- **Chaplain Mario Ancira**, Lt.

US AIR FORCE

- **Curtis Sinewe**, Pilot
- **Michael Broch**, Major (Hunsberger)
- **David Brumbaugh**, 1st Lt.
- **Robert Paz**, Col. (DeLaPaz)
- **Casi Soto** (DeLaPaz)
- **Sean Wilson**, Captain (member)

US NAVY

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

Youth Toy Collection

The youth will once again be collecting toys for children ages Birth to 5 years old for Christmas. These donations will be going to Care-Net. Last year was a great success and they were so appreciative of our congregation helping them out with gifts. There will be a box in the narthex to put them. We will be collecting through Sunday, December 17th. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Howard.



*Thanksgiving
Service*

November 23rd
10:00am

*Praise the LORD! Oh give thanks to the LORD,
for he is good, for his steadfast love
endures forever!*

-Psalm 106:1