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“prepare THE WAY OF  
THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS  
STRAIGHT,”  
MARK 1:3

*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 10, 2023

### *You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord*

“The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes “proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, “the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together” (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd “will gather the lambs in his arms” (Is. 40:11). He speaks “tenderly to Jerusalem,” and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1-2). What is more, He promises “new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells” (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He “is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

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 Terry and Linda Howard in memory of Linda's parents.*

### SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Organist: LeEtta Luce

The Elder: Brien Lindstrom

The Ushers: Steve Loy, John Schulz, Dave Vetter

The Acolyte: Andrew Vetter

Altar Guild: Natasha & Trina





**EPISTLE: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

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**HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair and

wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

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

**SERMON . . . . . “Advent Redirection” (Mark 1:1-8)**

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*(Please stand)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer

*(Please be seated)*

**OFFERING**

*(Please stand)*

**OFFERTORY . . . . . page 159**

**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.)*

*(Please stand)*

**ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION . . . . .page 160**

*(Please be seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS . . . . . LSB #'s 348, 618, 338**

*(Please stand)*

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**POST COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION . . . . . page 166**

**CLOSING HYMN . . . . . “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” LSB #347**

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<b>THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m. - D.S. I & Sunday School Christmas Program 10:30 a.m. - Christmas Cookie Fest 10:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School 12:00 p.m. - Quilt Display
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:30 p.m. - Confirmation
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10:00 a.m. - Women's Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	12:00 p.m. - Advent Service 1:00 p.m. - Senior Saints Christmas Potluck 6:00 p.m. - Soup and Bread Potluck 7:00 p.m. - Advent Service
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	12/20 Mid-Week Advent Services 12/24 Christmas Eve Services at 7pm & 11pm 12/25 Christmas Day Service at 10am

<b>OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: December 3, 2023</b>	
<b>OFFERING: \$9,462.00</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 116</b>
<b>SPECIAL: \$219.16</b>	<b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 30</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL: \$145.00</b>	<b>YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 17</b>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$0.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$9,826.16</b>	

<b>ELDER ASSIGNMENTS</b>	
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<b>Ron Schill (253-293-8176)</b>	<b>Allison - Davis</b>
<b>Brien Lindstrom (206-300-8955)</b>	<b>DeLaPaz - Hunsberger</b>
<b>Matt Perkovich (253-840-1863)</b>	<b>Ireland - Lund</b>
<b>John Lee (253-653-0388)</b>	<b>Lundin - Riveness</b>
<b>David Vetter (253-240-7289)</b>	<b>Roland - Young</b>



## 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

- **If you see a quilt you are interested in today, please talk with Vivian Hohnstein or LeEtta Luce.**
- **BSLC seniors and friends are invited to join us THIS Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> for the Senior Saints Christmas gathering!** Our afternoon will begin with the 12:00 Advent service. Immediately following the service, we will enjoy a holiday meal; ham will be provided. **Please bring a side dish of your choice; no sign-up is needed. Fun and fellowship will follow! Please bring a wrapped gift (\$5.00 or less) for a special activity.**
- **LAST CHANCE:** Don't forget to submit any changes to your address or contact info by Wednesday of this week for the updated 2024 Directory.
- **Advent Devotionals** are available out in the Narthex.

### FELLOWSHIP

- **Our annual Cookie Fest is TODAY!**

### YOUTH

- **The Higher Things youth conference is coming back to the NW next summer, July 23-26 at Lewis and Clark college just south of Portland.** Higher Things is a RSO (registered service organization) in the LCMS and they provide Lutheran teaching, content and conferences for Lutheran youth. We are excited to be taking a group of youth and adults from our congregation to the conference this next summer. We have a number of families already interested and planning on registering. **If you are interested or know someone who is interested in going to the higher things Lutheran youth conference next summer please let pastor Schuldheisz or Brien Lindstrom know. We hope to be registering everyone before Christmas. If you are interested in going please let pastor or Brien know before Monday December 18th. Thank you!**
- **A youth Christmas Party is being planned for Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am - 1pm.** Lunch will be provided, and the youth will have craft activities for them to keep and card making to do for the residents at The Cottage in Edgewood. Parents are welcome to drop off their children to have a few hours for last minute shopping. **Please sign up to give us an idea to know how many to prepare for. Questions? Please contact Linda Howard.**
- **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.

#### LWML

- Thank you for your November Mite Donations! The total was \$45.16.
- Mite change can be brought anytime and put into the Big Mite Box in the Narthex.

#### LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- **YOUR COMPREHENSIVE SOURCE FOR NEWS, INFORMATION & TRUTH...** This week's topics include: Christian Decision Making & the End of Life; Biblical Inerrancy; Has Evolution Disproved the Creation Account; Gender Fluidity; Pre-Marital Sex and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.
- **Thoughts on Stewardship** - 2 Peter 3:11 - "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?" All the things of the earth have an expiration date: "Good until the last day." On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?
- **Thoughts on Witness and Outreach** - Mark 1:1-8: An elderly man had been fitted with a hearing aid and returned to his doctor's office a week later for a checkup. "How do you like your new hearing aid?" the doctor asked. "Just fine," the man replied. "How does your family like it?" inquired the doctor. "Oh, I haven't told them yet," the man answered, "but I have changed my will three times already." How's your hearing? If we are hearing God's Word, well...it may not be just our will that we change, but our entire lives. God's voice was proclaimed loud and clear through the voice of Isaiah, Peter, and John the Baptist, who all speak the Law and Gospel calling for us to repent of our sin, to be forgiven, and to walk the way of God. By the grace of God, your hearing has changed your life! Ask someone, "How's your hearing?" and tell them what a difference hearing the Word of God has made for you!

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

#### CANCER

- **Jeff Horne** (K. Kramp) - cancer has returned
- **Joe Kelly** (K. Kramp brother-in-law) - cancer has returned
- **Kyra** (L. Lindstrom) - diagnosed with brain tumor
- **John Porter** (B. Nettnin 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

- **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**

- **Sharon Royne** (M. Remick daughter) - upcoming surgery
- **Ronald Gulbranson** (M. Gulbranson dad) - going on hospice with heart issues
- **Virginia Lindstrom** (B. Lindstrom mom) - having spinal surgery on 11/28

#### **STRENGTH & GUIDANCE**

- **Louise Dunn** (member) - family matters

#### **THANKSGIVING & PRAISE**

- **Cindy Linnemann** (wife of Pres. Paul Linnemann) - cancer is in remission

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- **Eric & Melanie Struck** - December 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **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**, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.
- **Robert Paz**, Col. (DeLaPaz)
- **Casi Soto** (DeLaPaz)
- **Sean Wilson**, Captain (member)

##### **US NAVY**

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

*For prayer requests, please contact Linda Howard (253.927.9602) or Kathy Heddlesten (253.691.8292), and the BSLC Prayer Chain will be activated.*



## MID-week services

December 6th  
Genesis 3:1-21

December 13th  
Genesis 37:1-11

December 20th  
Jonah 3:1-10

12PM & 7PM