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AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL  
CONCIEVE IN YOUR WOMB  
AND BRING FORTH

A SON



AND SHALL CALL  
**HIS NAME**  
*Jesus*  
LUKE 1:31

*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.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

***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).

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 Laurie Miller in memory of the church members who have passed away.*

**SERVING AMONG US TODAY**

**The Organist: LeEtta Luce**

**The Elder: Ron Schill**

**The Ushers: Ed Hohnstein & Bob Kramp**

**The Acolyte: Emil Augustine**

**Altar Guild: Natasha & Trina**

**DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING I**

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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 . . . . . “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” LSB #356**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

*(Please stand)*

**INTROIT - Ps. 19:1, 4c, 5-6; antiphon: Is. 45:8a, b**



**Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down |  
righteousness;\*  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.  
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his |  
handiwork.\***

**In them he has set a tent | for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his | chamber,\*  
and, like a strong man, runs its | course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the | end of  
them,\***

**and there is nothing hidden | from its heat.**

**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.**

**Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down |  
righteousness;\*  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may | bear fruit.**

*(Please stand)*

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . 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.

*(Please be seated)*

### 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.’”

A: 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: 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.

**A:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*(Please stand)*

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**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38**

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

*(Please be seated)*

**SPECIAL MUSIC . . . . . “Happy Birthday Jesus” (Sunday School Children)**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN . . . . . “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” LSB #357**

**SERMON . . . . . “Not Alone” (Luke 1:26-38)**

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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)*

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## 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 621, 624, 332, 338**

*(Please stand)*

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**CLOSING HYMN . . . . . "What Child Is This" LSB #370**

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2023	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:30 a.m. - D.S. I 7:00 p.m. - Lessons & Carols Service 11:00 p.m. - Divine Service
<b>MONDAY</b>	10:00 a.m. - Christmas Morning Service Office Closed
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Office Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Office Closed
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Office Closed
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Office Closed
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>	1/9 Trustees Meeting @6:30pm 1/16 Council Meeting 1/20 Melina Mantey Baby Shower @2pm 1/28 Voters' Meeting

OFFERING (for 12/6-12/17) AND ATTENDANCE FOR: December 17, 2023	
<b>OFFERING: \$15,782.61</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 99</b>
<b>SPECIAL: \$1,739.59</b>	<b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 24</b>
<b>PRESCHOOL: \$2,805.00</b>	<b>YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 7</b>
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$2.25</b>	
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$20,329.45</b>	

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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

- **The office will be closed through January 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Portals of Prayer for January-March have been distributed into your boxes. There are extra copies out by the church office.**
- **Linda Howard will be taking photos of new members after service each Sunday of the month of January. Photos are used to update the board in the Narthex.**
- **Message from the BSLC Financial Secretary:** Offering envelopes for 2024 are by the mailboxes in the Narthex. We use them to help manage the contributions. If you want more details, take the sheet by the envelopes. Let me know if you need offering envelopes by contacting the office or by adding your name to the notepad by envelopes. (Todd Waetzig)
- **New address directories for 2024 have been put in your boxes in the Narthex.**
- **The Altar Guild ladies are looking for a few more helpers for 2024. Please prayerfully consider joining us in serving BSLC in this role. The commitment is only 2 months a year with some extra help needed during Holy Week. We would love to have you join us!! Please reach out to Trina Foreman (253-380-8221) if you would like to join or just have further questions. Thank you.**

### FELLOWSHIP

- **Mark your calendar for January 20th. Fellowship is hosting a Baby Shower for our church office manager Melina Mantey and her husband Matthew on January 20th at 2:00pm here at Beautiful Savior. Everyone is welcome to come!! If you would like to purchase a gift from the gift registry here is the website: <https://www.babylist.com/list/melina-mantey>. Fellowship has also created a bulletin board located in the narthex with a list of items on the registry. **We are taking donations that will go towards that list of gifts. Please bring a board book instead of cards. There is a sign-up sheet by the drinking fountain. Please sign-up if you know you are coming. Please come even if you didn't sign up.****

### LWML

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

### LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- **SACRED MUSIC & TALK FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON...** You can listen 24/7 to sacred talk and music for the 12 days of Christmas at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, TuneIn, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

- **Thoughts on Witness and Outreach** - Luke 1:26-38: It can be easy for us to fall into the temptation of thinking that God couldn't possibly use us to share His Good News with others. God responds to our doubts of "I'm not a good enough speaker." or "I can't really make a difference." or "What if I say the wrong thing?" with - "For nothing will be impossible with God!" Our God - with whom nothing is impossible - promises to bless our faithful witness to Him!
- **Thoughts on Stewardship** - Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Paul puts two things in opposition to each other: anxiety and prayer. So, trade your worries for prayers! You have a Father who loves you and desires to hear your prayers and bless 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**

- **Natalie Walta** (member) - recovering from a stroke on 12/13
- **Mike** (Howard family friend) - recently diagnosed with ALS

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

**STRENGTH & GUIDANCE**

- Louise Dunn (member) - family matters

**BEREAVEMENT**

- Gulbranson Family (members) - as they mourn the passing of Mike's dad on 12/16

**THANKSGIVING & PRAISE**

- Diane Tiefel (member) - prayers of thanks for safe labor and delivery, and healthy baby Iris Diane, born to Barbara and Logan Tiefel
- Emil Augustine (member) - safe return from Africa; brother still in hospital but doing better
- Cindy Linnemann (wife of Pres. Paul Linnemann) - cancer is in remission

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- Dennis & Bonnie Hartman - December 26<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.*

# Christmas Services

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Lessons and Carols | 7pm

Divine Service | 11pm

December 25<sup>th</sup>

Divine Service | 10:00am

