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AND A VOICE CAME
FROM HEAVEN,
"YOU ARE MY SON,
THE BELOVED;
WITH YOU I AM
WELL PLEASED"

MARK ONE : ELEVEN

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.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JANUARY 7, 2024

In Holy Baptism, the Triune God Reveals Himself and Recreates Us in His Image

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1). Then, as *“the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters”* (Gen. 1:2), God spoke His Word: *“‘Let there be light,’ and there was light”* (Gen. 1:3). In the same way, *“the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ”* (Mark 1:1) brings about the new creation through the waters of Baptism by the same Word and Spirit of God. When John the Baptist came, *“proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,”* Jesus also came *“and was baptized by John in the Jordan”* (Mark 1:4, 9). Although He had no sins of His own, He took His stand with sinners in His Baptism and took the sins and mortality of the world upon Himself. He was baptized into His own death, by which the heavens are opened and the Spirit is given to us. God the Father is well pleased with His beloved Son and raises Him from the dead. As we share His Baptism and are *“united with him in a death like his”* (Rom. 6:5), we also share His resurrection unto *“newness of life”* (Rom. 6:4).

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!

SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Organist: LeEtta Luce

The Elder: Brien Lindstrom

The Ushers: Mark Reetz, Joel Carbone, Andrew Lund

The Acolyte: Miles Lindstrom

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 “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” LSB #404

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

(Please stand)

INTROIT - Ps. 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a



Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.
I will tell of | the decree:*
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,*
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.
You shall break them with a | rod of iron*
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s | vessel.”
Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;*
be warned, O rulers | of the earth.
Serve the | LORD with fear,*
and rejoice with | trembling,
for his wrath is quickly | kindled.*
Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.
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.
Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,*
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

(Please stand)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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: Genesis 1:1-5

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8



Praise the LORD, all | nations!*

Extol him, all | peoples!

For great is his steadfast | love toward us,*
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;*
bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

EPISTLE: Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:4-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷And 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” LSB #405
 SERMON “New Year, New Beginnings” (Mark 1:4-11)
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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)

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB #'s 627, 602, 402

(Please stand)

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CLOSING HYMN “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It” LSB #594

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THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2024	
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. - D.S. I 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 6:30 p.m. - Trustees Meeting
WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m. - Senior Saints
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
UPCOMING EVENTS	1/16 Council Meeting 1/20 Melina Mantey Baby Shower @ 2pm 1/28 Voters' Meeting

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: December 31, 2023	
OFFERING: \$	ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 104
SPECIAL: \$	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 30
PRESCHOOL: \$	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 11
SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$6.00	
TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$	

ELDER ASSIGNMENTS	
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Ron Schill (253-293-8176)	Allison - Davis
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

- **Please mark your 2024 calendar for Senior Saints Potlucks. January will be at noon on Wednesday, January 10th and the theme will be "Winter."** Also, join us on Wednesday February 14th at 1pm, following the noon Ash Wednesday service, for a Senior Saints Valentine's Party. Senior Saints is a great way to get to know others that are retired or semi-retired at the church. Questions? Please ask Ruth Anderson, Mary McNally or Linda Howard.
- **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)
- **Portals of Prayer for January-March have been distributed into your boxes. There are extra copies out by the church office.**
- **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

- **UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS...** Issues, Etc., will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org, Facebook: [facebook.com/issuesetc](https://www.facebook.com/issuesetc), or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.
- **Thoughts on Witness and Outreach** - Mark 1:4-11: As we hear of our Lord's Baptism, we are reminded of our own Baptism. Our Baptism tells the story that others need to hear. In Baptism, we are joined to Christ's death and His resurrection. Because Christ lives, we live. Let your Baptism be the story that gives witness to God's amazing grace.
- **Thoughts on Stewardship** - Mark 1:7 - "And [John] 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.'" John is right – Jesus is immensely greater than any of us, yet behold how He came to serve! That is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner's place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

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

- **Bill Gieck** (member) - recovering at home from a TIA last week
- **Tracy Roberts** (Byarlay) - recovering at home after stroke
- **Lynn Clemans** (member) - healing of left foot and leg due to surgery
- **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

STRENGTH & GUIDANCE

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

BEREAVEMENT

- **Lund Family** (members) - as they mourn the passing of Andy's mom on 1/3
- **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

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

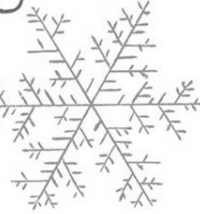
- **Logan Tiefel** (member)
- **Alex Klein** (Schill)

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

January Birthdays &



Anniversaries



1/1 Miles Lindstrom

1/3 Max Hohnstein-Combs

1/4 Olive Janssen

1/8 Sandy Schulz

1/8 Ron Foreman

1/9 Charles Lundin

1/10 Ron Schlaht

1/11 Sarah DeWitt

1/11 Lisa Westmark

1/13 Lisa Breum

1/16 Terry Howard

1/17 Michael Gulbranson

1/17 John Boyd

1/17 Sarah Last

1/18 Jeffrey Stiven

1/18 Steve Loy

1/18 Sam Hibbard

1/19 Ruth Anderson

1/20 Brad Jolly

1/22 Vivian Hohnstein

1/23 Kathy Finnegan

1/23 Terry Lueck

1/24 Lynnette Penkouich

1/25 Olive Lee

1/26 Jackson Young

1/28 Lyndsey Wells

1/28 Kathy Heddesten

1/29 Michael Dunn

1/29 Michael Schliebe



1/15 Jenny & Jan Whittig



You are Invited to a Baby Shower

Saturday, January 20th | 2pm

Our Office Manager is having a Baby Girl in March. Let's help her and her husband celebrate. There is a sign-up sheet by the drinking fountain if you plan on attending.

