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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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2024**

The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48-49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to “shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD.” He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39-45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

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 Elder: Brien Lindstrom

The Ushers: E. Hohnstein, C. Janssen, B. Kramp

The Organist: LeEtta Luce

The Acolyte: Miles Lindstrom

The Counters: Todd & Steve

*Flowers are placed to the Glory of God by Dennis & Bonnie Hartman
in celebration of their 53rd Anniversary*

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

(Please stand)

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - 1 Samuel 2:16, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47



My soul magni- | fies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.
My mouth derides my | enemies,*
because I rejoice in your sal- | vation.
There is none holy | like the LORD;*
there is none besides you; there is no rock | like our God.
The barren has borne | seven,*
but she who has many children | is forlorn.
The LORD kills and | brings to life;*
he brings down to Sheol and | raises up.
The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;*
he brings low and | he exalts.
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.
My soul mag- | nifies the Lord,*
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

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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)

THE OLD TESTAMENT: Micah 5:2-5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he shall be their peace.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL - Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 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: Hebrews 10:5:10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’”

⁸When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

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

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

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of

your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “O Come, O come, Emmanuel ” LSB # 357

SERMON “Advent Visitations” (Luke 1:39-45)

(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.)

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION page 160-164

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS LSB #'s 636, 358, 637

(Please stand)

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CLOSING HYMN“Once He Came in Blessing” LSB # 333

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 22, 2024	
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. - D.S. I 10:45 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children’s Sunday School
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Svc. Lessons & Carols 11:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Divine Service Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Divine Service Office Closed
THURSDAY	Office Closed
FRIDAY	Office Closed
SATURDAY	
UPCOMING EVENTS	12/31 - New Years Eve Service 7:00 p.m. 1/1 - Office Closed 1/2 - Middle/High School youth gathering 12:00 1/6 - Epiphany Service at BSLC

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: December 15 2024	
OFFERING: \$	ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 143
SPECIAL: \$	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:
PRESCHOOL: \$	YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL:
SUNDAY SCHOOL: \$	
TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$	

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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY - JOIN US!

- **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** - Pastor is leading us in a study on The Book of Romans
- **Women's Bible Study** - Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room. *Starting January 7th, we'll begin a new study on the book of Ezekiel.*
- **Men's Bible Study** - Second Saturday of the month, 8-9 a.m., in the fellowship hall. We are studying the book of Proverbs.

CONGREGATIONAL

- **Church Phone Directory** - Plans are to print an updated phone directory in January. If you have any changes, please leave a note with your information at the church office. Thank you!
- **The 2025 Flower Chart is now up.** Sign up early for your special Sunday(s)!
- **We now have a "Kitchen Remodeling Committee"** and are looking at ways to expand and improve our church's outdated kitchen to better serve the needs of our congregation today and into the future. God willing, by early Spring we will

have a project proposal to submit to the church council and voters for consideration. Committee members include Linda Howard, Cheryl Diekmann, Mark Reetz, Lori Schill, Beth Boyd, and Bonnie Hartman. Any and all suggestions are welcome! Feel free to contact any committee member with your ideas.

PRESCHOOL

- **Beautiful Savior Preschool** continues with open enrollment. Questions can be directed to Kathy Heddlesten, Director.

YOUTH

- **Youth After Christmas Party! Thursday, January 2nd, 12 to 2:30 pm at BSLC for: Middle School & High School Youth**
Lunch will be provided! But please bring a favorite ice cream topping to share if you can. Come join us for some fun games that will include playing the White Elephant Game. Bring an item new or old, that is no more than \$3.00 value. There will be a sign-up sheet over the drinking fountain to get a head count. If you have questions, please contact Linda Howard at (253) 380-1584

STEWARDSHIP

- **Stewardship Committee Announces Winter Outerwear Need:** As the weather turns colder, the Fife School District offers warm outer clothing for distribution to students demonstrating need. For the next several months, warm clothing, new or used and clean, delivered to the Church and placed in one of the donation boxes in the Narthex or outside the church office, will be taken to Fife School District Headquarters and added to their clothing locker.

FELLOWSHIP

- **THANK YOU** for your donations for the two memorial services we had in the last week. And thank you to the volunteers who helped setting up, organizing food and serving...and the clean up. Your help was very much appreciated!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL . . .** In today's lesson, "Mission Wonders," Jesus gathers seventy-two followers and sends them out to the surrounding towns and villages. Taking nothing with them, these disciples depend on the willing welcome of local residents. There they remain, healing and spreading God's Word. Returning from their mission, the seventy-two rejoice in the many miracles they witnessed. Jesus reminds them to rejoice in their salvation.

LWML

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

DAILY LUTHERAN CHAPEL SERVICE... You can listen to LIVE chapel services weekdays at 9 a.m. Central from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne, IN. You can listen live at issuesetc.org and on-demand at issuesetc.org/kramerchapel.

IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

- **Steve Ostrom** (Miller) - terminal cancer
- **Kai** (Carol Raphael) - Carol's grandson, 9 years old, stage 4 cancer
- **Keela** (M. Gulbranson) - in maintenance treatment for breast cancer, and dealing with side effects from treatment
- **Karen Kramp** (member) - prayers for healing after cancer surgery
- **Joe Kelly** (Kramp) - prayers for continued healing after cancer treatment
- **Warren** (Schliebe) - thyroid cancer has returned
- **Marion** (De La Paz) - breast cancer
- **Dorthe-Lind Thornton** (Schill) - breast cancer
- **Jon Dotson** (L. Miller) - Terminal cancer
- **Jeff Horne** (K. Kramp) - cancer has returned
- **Veronica** (Mendes) - diagnosed with breast cancer
- **John** (Westmark) - diagnosed with acute leukemia
- **Lenise R.** (L. Howard cousin) - cancer is in remission, will continue on cancer maintenance medication
- **Shanna Davis** (Young) - battling cancer
- **Mike Ramsey** (brother of C. Ramsey) - diagnosis of pancreatic cancer, which has spread to other organs
- **Angela Firman** (Jannsen) - stage 4 breast cancer
- **Ron Schill** (member) - prostate cancer
- **Don Schill** (R. Schill brother) - diagnosed with bladder cancer
- **John Bratek** (M. McNally brother) - diagnosed with liver cancer

SICK AND HEALING

- **Nancy Crady** (member) - fell and tore her hamstring, no surgery was necessary, treatment is physical therapy
- **Ed Hohnstein** (member) - sudden hearing loss in one ear accompanied by dizziness
- **Danny Dahlquist** (Clemans) - under doctor's care for a serious illness
- **Michael Fogt** (member) - healing from hip surgery
- **Kari** (Jaana Fogt's brother) - healing from hernia surgery
- **Michael Gagne** (Hunsberger) - 2 hip surgeries within 6 weeks of each other
- **Kristen Frazier** (Heddlesten) Kathy's daughter-in-law, health issues
- **Shirley Lucas** (Kathi Boyer's sister) recovering at her daughter's home in Straud, Oklahoma
- **Carol Raphael** (member) - fell and cracked her pelvis, also head and ear injury

STRENGTH & GUIDANCE

- **Patty Edwards** (Bill Boyer's sister) - fell & broke her hip, she lives in Palm Springs

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

- **Tom Mayfield** (Clemans) - Thanks to BSLC for all the prayers for his knee surgery
- **Cheryl Rogers** (Kittinger) - Doctors have found a solution for her atrial fibrillation complications. She thanks BSLC for all thoughts and prayers.
- **Karen Kramp** (member) - Thankful for all the prayers, calls & best wishes. They have meant so much
- **Bonnie Blinsmon** (member) - Thankful that God healed her tibia in such a manner that knee replacement surgery is not needed
- **Emil Augustine** (member) - safe travel to Tanzania to settle a land issue, and for protection for family in this season
- **Louise Dunn** (member) - guidance while in Zambia

BEREAVMENT

- **Steve Pelissier** (member) - passed away on November 28th
- **Irene Feller** (member) - passed away November 30th
- **The Shepard Family** (Gordon) - at the loss of Dave's sister Sandy. Prayers for her husband Jim, children and grandchildren

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

- Ken Giese
- Judy Rittierodt
- Helen Meyer

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
- Anna Grace Adams (member)

US MARINES

- Chaplain Mario Ancira, Lt.

US AIR FORCE

- Aime Medici (Blinsmon)
- Devvin Cruz (Blinsmon)

- Jasmin Rodriguez (Blinsmon)
- Jacob Goucher (Blinsmon)
- Ana Correa (Blinsmon)
- Curtis Sinewe, Pilot
- Greg Adams, II (member)
- Michael Broch, Major (Hunsberger)
- David Brumbaugh, 1st Lt.
- Robert Paz, Col. (DeLaPaz)
- Casi Soto (DeLaPaz)
- Sean Wilson, Captain (member)
- Kirsten Bibel (Schill)
- Braden Bibel (Schill)

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 Eve
7:00 p.m. ~ Lessons & Carols
11:00 p.m. ~ Divine Service
Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. ~ Divine Service