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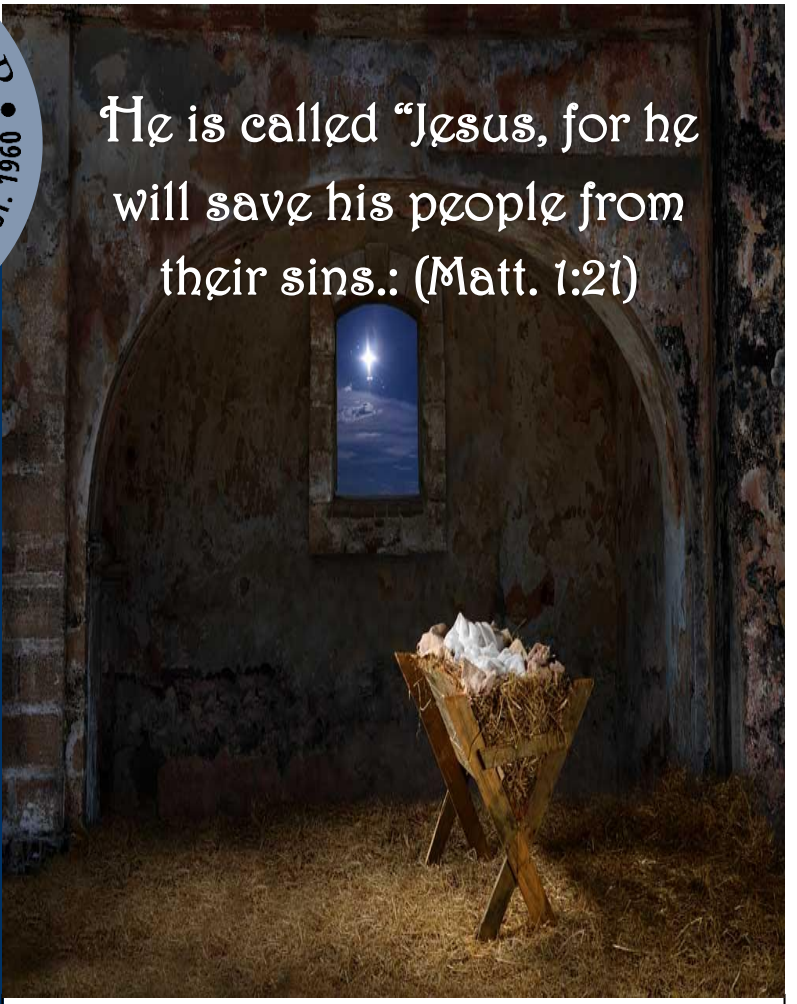

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a traditional Lutheran Church, faithful to God's Word and His Sacraments. We equip God's people to serve, love, and encourage one another as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We reach out to the community as beacons of light, sharing the love of God in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2025

God's Word Is Fulfilled for Us in the Flesh and Blood of Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the Nativity of Our Lord. With the blessed Virgin Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Word and Spirit of God. This fulfillment of the sign once given to the house of David, that "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son" (Is. 7:14), is now given to us in the Gospel. It declares that salvation is by His grace alone, entirely His work and a free gift. It also is the way and means by which the Lord our God is Immanuel, "God with us." The almighty and eternal Son of God is conceived and born of Mary, and is thus "descended from David according to the flesh" (Rom. 1:3–4). He comes in this way to save us with His own flesh and blood; wherefore, He is called "Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). As Joseph received this sign in faith and immediately "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Matt. 1:24), we also live by faith in this Holy Gospel

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: Charlie Jannsen & Bob Kramp
The Organist: Carl Kishline
The Acolyte: Madeline House
The Counters: Todd Waetzig & Steve Loy

Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dennis & Bonnie Hartman in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary

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 . . . . . .“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord” LSB # 352

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM . . . . . page 268-271
Baptized in our service this morning is Isaak William Ward, son of William and Elizabeth Ward

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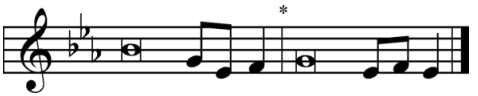
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION . . . . . page 184-185

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT – *Psalm 130:5-8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1*

Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.
I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,*
and in his | word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the | morning,*
more than watchmen for the | morning.
O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,*
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.
And he will redeem | Israel*
from all his in- | iquities.
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.

Oh that you would rend the heavens | and come down,*
that the mountains might quake at your | presence.

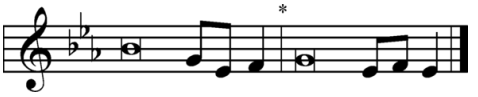
KYRIE . . . . . page 186-189
SALUTATION . . . . . page 189

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 – Isaiah 7:10-17

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, 11 "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be
deep as Sheol or high as heaven." 12 But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not
put the LORD to the test." 13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too
little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord
himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey when he
knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the boy knows
how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you
dread will be deserted. 17 The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people
and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that
Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria."

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 – Romans 1:1-7

[1]Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, [2]which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, [3]concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh [4]and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, [5]through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, [6]including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
[7]To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)
ALLELUIA and VERSE . . . . . page 190

HOLY GOSPEL – Matthew 1:18-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 1st chapter.
C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary
had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be
with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and
unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he
considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a
dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for
that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and
you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All
this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

> 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
> and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the
angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until
she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED . . . . . page 191

(Please be seated)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN . . . . . "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" LSB # 357

SERMON . . . . . "Holy Words – Holy Names" (Matthew 1:18-25)

(Please stand)
OFFERTORY . . . . . page 192-193

(Please be seated)
OFFERING

(Please Stand)

DOXOLOGY. . . . . page 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

How do we receive Holy Communion at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church?
Welcome! We are glad you are here with us.

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 in, with, and under the visible elements of bread and wine. Scripture gives clear instructions about Holy Communion. 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 is to be approached with sincere faith and a Biblical understanding.

If you are a confirmed member in good standing in the LCMS and wish to come forward for Holy Communion, please let the pastor or an elder know you are a LCMS member. Out of love for our neighbor, we follow this Biblical practice because Holy Communion is also a testimony of our oneness in what we believe (1 Corinthians 10:17).

If you are not a current member of this congregation, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing at the altar during Holy Communion. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest at the communion rail or simply remain seated during Holy Communion.

If you are not a member but are interested in becoming a member and receiving Holy Communion here at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, we invite you to speak with the pastor after the service about becoming a member of Beautiful Savior.

For more information on what God's Word teaches us about Holy Communion you'll find a helpful pamphlet in the entryway of the church titled, "A Simple Explanation of the Fellowship of the Altar." If you have any questions, please talk to the pastor after service or schedule an appointment.

(If you are unable to kneel, please remain standing. If you take the individual cup please wait for the pastor or elder with the common cup to say, "Take, drink," before drinking.)

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION . . . . . page 194-198

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS . . . . . .LSB #'s, 637, 332, 639, 356

(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS . . . . . page 199-200
SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS . . . . . .pages 201-202

BENEDICTION . . . . . .page 202
CLOSING HYMN . . . . . "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB # 350
(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025	
SUNDAY	9:30 a.m. – D.S. III 11:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study & Children's Sunday School
MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	**Church Office Closed** 7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve. Lessons and Carols Service 11:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve. Divine Service
THURSDAY	**Church Office Closed** Christmas Day Svc. 10:00 a.m.
FRIDAY	**Church Office Closed**
SATURDAY	
UPCOMING EVENTS	12/31 – New Year's Eve. Service 7:00 p.m. 1/6 – Epiphany Service @ Good Shepherd in Tacoma 1/10 – Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 1/14 – Church Council Meeting 1/22 – Stewardship Meeting 1/25 – Voter's Meeting 2/8 – Youth Spaghetti Feed 2/18 – Ash Wednesday Services

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE FOR: December 14, 2025	
OFFERING: $8,670.00	**ATTENDANCE CHURCH SERVICE: 131**
SPECIAL: $18.10	**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 28**
PRESCHOOL: $5,778.95	**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 8**
SUNDAY SCHOOL: $0	
TOTAL DEPOSIT: $14,467.05	

ELDER ASSIGNMENTS	
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Ron Schill (253-293-8176)	**Adams – Crady**
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)	**Roemer – Young**

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – JOIN US!

- **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class – The Book of Acts**
- **The Women's Bible Class** meets at 10:00 AM on Tuesday mornings September through May in the conference room. Please join our group as we study the Book of Ephesians.
- **Men's Bible Study** – Second Saturday of the month, 8-9 a.m., in the fellowship hall. We are studying the book of Ephesians. Next meeting is January 10, 2026.

CONGREGATION

- This morning's music selection:
  Prelude: Sleepers Awake … J.C. Bach
  Offering: Veni Emmanuel … David P. Dahl
  Postlude: If Saviors of the Gentiles Come … J.S. Bach
- Linda Howard will be available to take pictures for the Narthex picture board this morning. She'll be in the Narthex after service.
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is seeking an individual with a mature Christian faith, and strong computer and interpersonal skills to serve as a part-time Administrative Assistant position; 20-25 hours/week with salary $20-

$25/hour. GSLC is located at 140 East 56th Street, Tacoma, WA 98404. If you know someone who might be interested, please contact Pastor Joel Schuldheisz at (253) 473-4848 or email at: Pastorjoel@gslcTacoma.com.

- **2026 Offering Envelopes** will be available on December 24th**.** You may contact Todd Waetzig if you have questions or need some envelopes.
- **Coming up in January….**The 2026 Church Directory will be printed. If you have any changes, please contact the church office via email, phone, or written note.

PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED –

A teacher is needed for the Pre-K class. Hours are 8:30am-12:30pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

A teaching assistant is needed for the 3-year-old class. Hours are 8:30am-12:00noon Mondays and Wednesdays.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity. It's such a blessing to be able to teach these sweet little ones about Jesus, and how much He loves them. If you would like more information, please reach out to Kathy Heddlesten via Email at preschool@mybslc.com, or phone 253.218.4918.

- *Beautiful Savior Preschool continues with open enrollment*. Questions can be directed to Kathy Heddlesten, Director. Registration forms for the 2025-2026 school year are available from Kathy Heddlesten and the church office.

YOUTH

- Mark your calendars for a spaghetti feed put on by the BSLC youth. The date/time is February 8th at 5:00. Free-will donations will go toward expenses for the youth that are attending the conference in June 2026.

LWML

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

LUTHERAN RESOURCES

- SACRED MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON… "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come," "O Jesus Christ, Thy Manger Is," "Once in Royal David's City," "Silent Night, Holy Night," "Joy to the World." Beginning Christmas Eve, you can listen to sacred music for the Christmas season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

IN OUR PRAYERS

CANCER

- **Richard DeLaPaz** (Brent's father) – early diagnosis of prostate cancer
- **Molly Meek** (Schill) – multiple myeloma
- **Jan Whittig** (member) – cancer treatment
- **Jim Stilley** (Heddlesten) – lung cancer
- **Adeline Henning** (Hunsberger) – undergoing cancer treatment
- **Christina** (DeLaPaz) – cancer diagnosis
- **Marylin** – (LaMonte) - breast cancer
- **Kristi Ancira -** (former member) - breast cancer, melanoma
- **Michael Roach** (Hunsberger) - undergoing cancer treatment
- **Marie Byarlay** (member) - started maintenance chemotherapy in November
- **Steve Ostrom** (Miller) – terminal cancer
- **Joe Kelly** (Kramp) - prayers for continued healing after cancer treatment
- **Dorthe-Lind Thornton** (Schill) – breast cancer
- **John** (Westmark) – diagnosed with acute leukemia
- **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

- **Shirrell** (Cook) – fungus infection in her lungs
- **Mike Reed** (Clemans) - in hospital with multiple serious health issues
- **Lynnsie** (Kramp) – has severe chronic neck pain, testing for MS
- **Jeff Billingsley** (Schiebe) – upcoming heart valve replacement
- **Aaron** (T. Hall) – praying for the medical team to properly diagnose him and for healing
- **Cyndy Schliebe** (member) – recovering from back surgery
- **Carol Raphael** (member) – * As of 12/16, New Address: Village Concepts of Fairwood, 17010 140th Ave. SE, Renton, WA 98058

STRENGTH & GUIDANCE

- **David Mason** (Hunsberger) - health concerns
- **Ilandis** (Crady) – hospitalized since September with pancreas problems
- **Pat Allison** (member) – had hip surgery on December 1

- **Dorothy** (Rogers) – had hip surgery on November 25th
- **For the Christians in Africa and worldwide, enduring persecution & suffering**
- **Joel Carbone** (member) – home recovering from aortic valve replacement
- **George Height, Master Gunnery Sgt.** (Clemans) - several ongoing ailments, caring for his wife Donna
- **Donna Height** (Clemans) - serious heart and liver problems. Heart stopped once, prayers also for the physicians who care for her
- **The Leighton family** (Blinsmon) - prayers for healing and strength for Miles after being in a serious car accident. Good News, Miles is now officially on the liver transplant list. He no longer has the NG tube and is able to eat on this own. Prayers for his wife Aki, children Vincent and Remilia, while they care for him and adjust to his hospitalization
- **Louise Dunn** (member) – guidance while in Zambia
- **For all affected by the flooding in our area and state**

SHUT-IN MEMBERS – Ken Giese Judy Rittierodt Sally Bartels, Carol Rafael

BEREAVEMENT

- **The Mendez Family** (member) – at the loss of Jim's father on December 7th
- **The Schliebe Family** (member) – at the loss of Mike on December 7th

MEN & WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY

US ARMY

- **Gerad Nelson** (Lee) Special Forces
- **Jimmy Soto** (De La Paz)
- **Sean Sobus** (Smith)
- **Anna Grace Adams** (member)

US MARINES

- **Chaplain Mario Ancira,** Lt.

US AIR FORCE

- **Aime Cox** (Blinsmon)
- **Devvin Cruz** (Blinsmon)
- **Jasmin Rodriguez** (Blinsmon)
- **Jacob Goucher** (Blinsmon)
- **Ana Correa** (Blinsmon)
- **Greg Adams, II** (member)
- **Michael Broch**, Major (Hunsberger)
- **David Brumbaugh**, 1st Lt.
- **Robert Paz**, Col. (DeLaPaz)
- **Sean Wilson**, Captain (member)
- **Kirsten Bibel** (Schill)
- **Braden Bibel** (Schill)

US NAVY

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

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