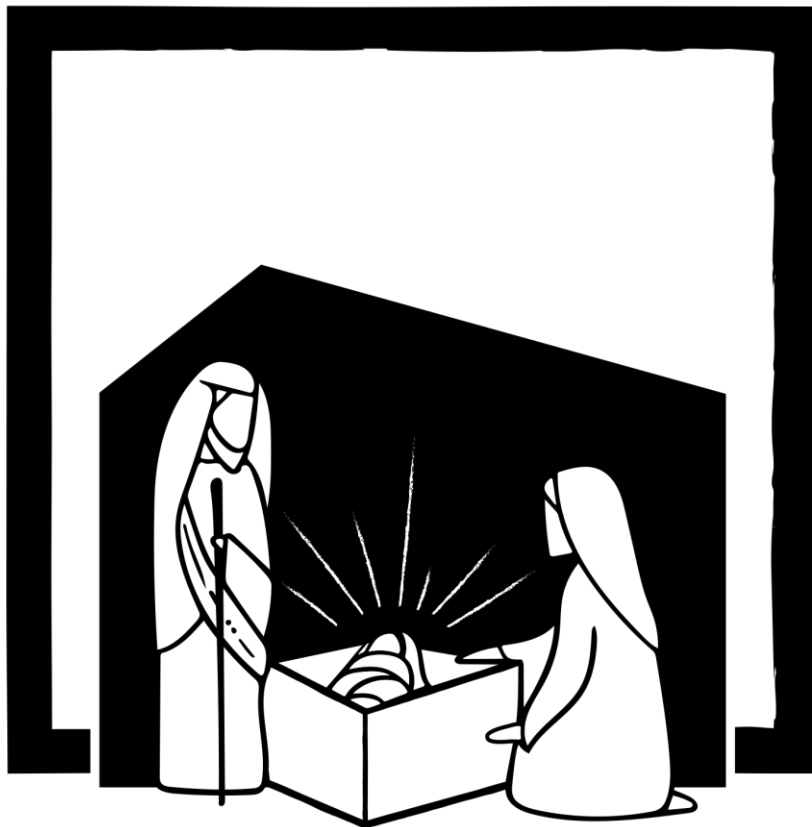


# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



## A SAVIOR IS BORN

*December 25, 2022-Christmas Day*

**SERVICE THEME: A SAVIOR BORN TO DWELL AMONG US**

# ***Beautiful Savior***

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Serving all people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

**Welcome**-- We are glad you could join us today! It is our hope that this service is a blessing to you. Please join us for worship again soon.

- Please save the last two rows of pews for parents with small children.
- Parents with little ones: If your child becomes restless during the service, that's okay... We're glad they're here, and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word: "Let the little children come to me." If you need to be with your child in the Fellowship Hall, the service can be heard through a speaker.
- Five minutes before the worship service begins the usher will light the candles. This is our signal to quiet down and prepare our hearts for worship.
- Restrooms are conveniently located to the left as you exit the sanctuary.
- Please silence your cell phone before the start of the service.

## **PRAYER FOR WORSHIP**

**Father, open my heart to hear and believe your word, so that through faith your Son may take his rightful place not just in the manger, but also within my heart. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.**

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# 354 O Come, All Ye Faithful

CW 354 sts. 1, Ref, 2-3



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,



come ye, O come\_ ye to Beth - le - hem!  
 born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes!  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:  
 On - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther:  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
**Glory to God in the highest!**

The angels sang praise to God the night of Jesus' birth. But by right, we should have nothing to sing about. We do not deserve God's love. He created humankind in his perfect image to live with him in peace forever. But Adam and Eve sinned against him, and we have sinned against God no less than they.  
**We confess our sins, O Lord.**

O Lord, we have fallen in so many ways. Our eyes behold your glory, but we confess we have lusted for what you forbid. Our lips praise you, but we confess we have spoken evil again and again. Our hearts are to be filled with love for you, but we confess we have often loved others more than you.  
**For the sake of Jesus, forgive us for sinning against you, O Lord.**

Heavenly Father, remind us that Christ came into the world to free us from the guilt of sin. Proclaim to us that his life and death cover our sins. Keep us from being attracted to sin. Spare us from being enslaved by sin.  
**Deliver us from sin's power, O Lord.**

Glory to God in the highest! In love that astounds us, the eternal God sent his one and only Son to live among us, to obey as we could not, and to suffer what we deserved. In Christ there is indeed peace on earth. In him God extends his good will to all people. Because of Christ, I say to you what God says: In Christ your sins are forgiven!  
**Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

## 354 O Come, All Ye Faithful

CW 354 st. 4

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;  
Je - sus, to thee\_ be all glo - ry giv'n!  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

Hebrews 1:1–9

<sup>1</sup>In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. <sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup>So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son;  
today I have become your Father”?

Or again,

“I will be his Father,  
and he will be my Son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

<sup>7</sup>In speaking of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels spirits,  
and his servants flames of fire.”

<sup>8</sup>But about the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;  
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

<sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;  
therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions  
by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

# 347 Angels from the Realms of Glory

CW 347 sts. 1, Ref, 2-4



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing  
 3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing



flight o'er all the earth; once you sang cre -  
 o'er your flocks by night, God with us is -  
 vi - sions beam a - far; seek the great de -  
 long in hope and fear, sud - den - ly the



a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 sire of na - tions, you have seen the Sav - ior's star.  
 Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.

## *Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,



wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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## Gospel

John 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Children's Devotion** *Ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.*

**Children's Church** *During the service, parents may choose to take their children (ages 2-5) to Children's Church. There they will hear a Bible story, and sing songs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering.*





# 330 Peace Came to Earth

CW 330



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho-sen night when an - gels  
2 And who could be the same for hav-ing held the in - fant  
3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen, in flesh and  
4 How else could I have known you, O my God! How else could



clove the sky with song and light and God em - bod - ied  
in their arms and lat - er felt the wound - ed hands and  
blood you bore our griefs and pain, in bread and wine you  
I have loved you, O my God! How else could I em -



love and sheathed his might— Who could but gasp: Im-man-u - el!  
side, all doubts dis-pelled— Who could but sigh: Im-man-u - el!  
vis - it us a - gain— Who could but see: Im-man-u - el!  
brace you, O my God! Who could but pray: Im-man-u - el!



Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!  
Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

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## Sermon

Isaiah 52: 7-10

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful on the mountains  
are the feet of those who bring good news,  
who proclaim peace,  
who bring good tidings,

who proclaim salvation,  
who say to Zion,  
“Your God reigns!”  
<sup>8</sup>Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;  
together they shout for joy.  
When the LORD returns to Zion,  
they will see it with their own eyes.  
<sup>9</sup>Burst into songs of joy together,  
you ruins of Jerusalem,  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
<sup>10</sup>The LORD will lay bare his holy arm  
in the sight of all the nations,  
and all the ends of the earth will see  
the salvation of our God.

**“How beautiful is the message of Christmas!”**

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offering** *“We love because he first loved us.” 1Jn 4:19 God’s love in sending Jesus to live, to suffer, and to die for each of us motivates the members of Beautiful Savior to show their love and thanks by returning a portion of their income to the Lord. Through these free will offerings, this congregation and its ministries are maintained.*



*\*If you would like to give your regular offering envelope, you can mail it to the church. If you would like to give securely online, scan this code or follow this link: [bslclarksville.com](https://bslclarksville.com)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Eternal Father, we give you thanks and praise on this holy day for sending your one and only Son to share our humanity, carry our guilt, and become for us the perfect Lamb who takes away the sin of the world.

**Lord, we praise you.**

Keep our faith in your Son alive and strong. Nourish us with your Word and sacraments and by your Holy Spirit give us strength to overcome Satan’s power and empty promises. Help us to withstand the temptations the world and our sinful nature put on our path.

**Give us faith and courage.**

Remember ministers of the gospel throughout the world who on this day are proclaiming that a Savior has been born. We especially commend to your care the missionaries we have called as members of our Synod. Since they cannot enjoy the fellowship of their extended families this Christmas, grant to them the inner joy that comes with service in your kingdom.

**Protect all those who proclaim the gospel in our place.**

Fill us with kindness and arouse us to do good to all people, especially those who are less fortunate than we. Bring your healing to those who are sick or diseased in body or mind and comfort those who are mourning the death of someone they love. We especially pray for brothers and sisters who are setting aside their celebration today to care for the sick and stand at the side of the dying.

**Sustain those who endure the troubles of life.**

Be a source of strength to all your people and fill them with your power and peace. If any are among us today who have lost the true meaning of this festival, let them rediscover the joy that comes from Christ alone.

**Let your peace reign in the hearts of all.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

As you sent your Son to bring peace to all people on earth, so we pray for all people, those known and those unknown to us.

**We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## 345 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

CW 345



1 Where shep-herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,  
2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they said:  
3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,  
4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange - ly stirred;  
sweet new - born babe, how frail! And in a man - ger bed:  
his proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound - ing heart I stare:  
its way in - to my heart— un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



but there is room and wel - come there for me,  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me,  
a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,  
to die, to live, and not a - lone for me,



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## Closing Prayer

Dear Lord, on a wondrous night you sent your son to take on frail human flesh in order that all who believe in Jesus might be saved. You sent angels to herald his birth in Bethlehem and a star to proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Send us now as messengers of your good news and proclaimers of your peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

## 353 Joy to the World

CW 353 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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### Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: “*A Savior Is Born to be the True Son*” Our readings will be: Isaiah 63: 7-9, Galatians 4: 4-7, and Matthew 2: 13-23. We will sing the following hymns: 355 Let All Together Praise Our God, 362 Come, Your Hearts and Voices, 342 O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is, 320 As Angels Joyed with One Accord, and 356 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen.

### THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† Today	10:30am Worship
† Saturday	6:00 pm New Year's Eve Vespers Service
† Sunday	10:30am Worship

### New Year's Eve

We will ring in the New Year and give thanks for the past with a special Vespers service on New Year's Eve. There will be time for prayer, time in the Word of God, and time to receive the Lord's Supper. The service will be at 6pm.

### Sunday School/ Bible Study Schedule

There will not be youth or adult Sunday School Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Prayer List

Thank the Lord for the safe return of all the soldiers who recently came home and all soldiers and their families who are facing deployment. Please keep in your prayers this week all soldiers who are currently deployed. Please also remember: Mark Lenz, father of Pamela Holz (recovery from tumor surgery); Caleb Westra, friend of the Holz family (Surgeries on his leg and foot after accident); Pat Bray, father of Allison Johnson (skin cancer and surgery); Josh Carter, friend of Adam Holz (recovery from car accident); Ed Scarano (cancer diagnosis and treatment); Stacy Schroeder, daughter of Jeff & Eileen Cleveland (melanoma diagnosis); Andy Hudson, friend of Mac McCoo (pneumonia & Covid); Autumn Potter & family, friends of Jessica Boulter (death of sister); Aimee Gerhardt, sister in law of Jessica Church (breast cancer); Roger Chism, friend of Hilde Fox (diverticulitis); Steven Owens, father of Mark Owens, (cancer); Kathy Temple (cancer reoccurrence); Eric Smith, friend of Tim Donner (kidney surgery & complications); Brandon Vannoy, friend of Mac McCoo (seizures); Sheila Lynch, sister of Gayle Brooks (unable to walk); Drake Robideau, friend of Mary Daniel (strength & wellness); Mike LaFave (back problems); Linda Thomas, sister of Gayle Brooks, (physical rehab after injury); Ruth Amorth, twin sister of Hilde Fox (seriously ill); Gary Davis, husband of Angela Davis (seizures); Gidget Tate (Health issues); Maria Sauer, Friend of Karin Galvin. If you would like to have a name or situation included or if you would like to give an update on a prayer request, please contact Pastor Holz or call the church office at 931-905-1400.

#### Serving in God's House

**Ushers:** Mac McCoo, Art Ebinger  
**Greeters:** Loretta Wilder, Ernie Rautter  
**Kitchen:** Margareta Smothers, Mary Daniel  
**Piano:** Deb White  
**Fellowship:** (T-Z)

**Ushers:** Mike R, Trey C  
**Greeters:** Jeff & Eileen Cleveland  
**Kitchen:** Gael I, Loretta W, Mary D  
**Piano:** Deb White  
**Fellowship:** A-G