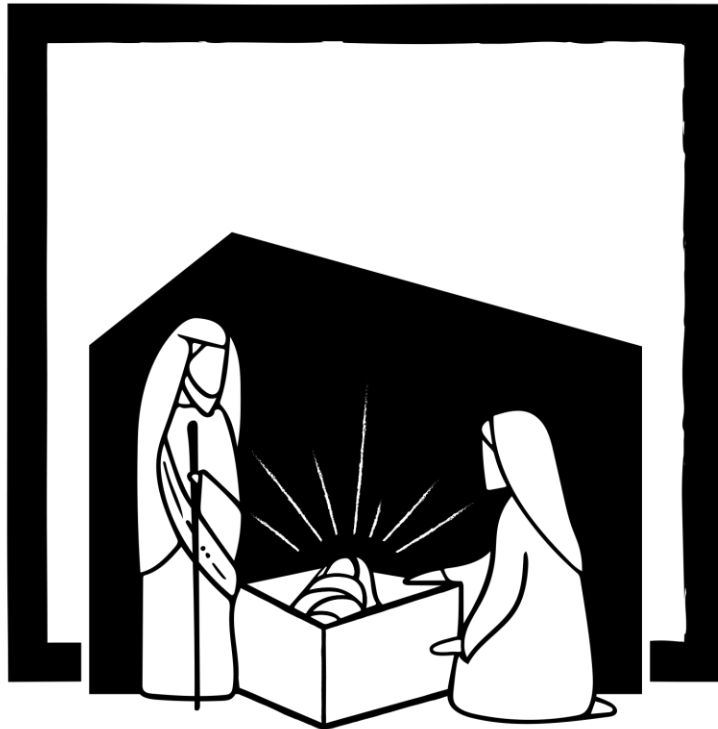


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



A SAVIOR IS BORN

January 1, 2023 – First Sunday after Christmas

SERVICE THEME: A SAVIOR IS BORN TO BE THE TRUE SON

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

Heavenly Father, at the start of this new year, I bring you thanks for the blessing of the past year. You have been with me in good times and in bad, and I thank you for your promises to never leave me or forsake me. In the year to come, draw me closer to you through your Word. I ask for your blessing upon this year, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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362 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

CW 362 sts. 1-4



1 Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the
2 Christ, from heav'n to us descending and in
3 Ja - cob's Star in all its splen - dor beams with
4 From the bond - age that op - pressed us, from sin's



Lord with glad - ness prais - ing; loud - ly sing his
love our race be - friend - ing, in our need his
com - fort sweet and ten - der, forc - ing Sa - tan
fet - ters that pos - sessed us, from the grief that



love a - maz - ing, wor - thy folk of Christ - en - dom.
help ex - tend - ing, saved us from the wi - ly foe.
to sur - ren - der, break - ing all the pow'rs of hell.
sore dis - tressed us, we, the cap - tives, now are free.

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In the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
 I am sinful by nature
 and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
 I have not loved you with my whole heart;
 I have not loved others as I should.
 I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
 But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
 with his innocent suffering and death.
 Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

362 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

CW 362 sts. 5-6

5 Oh, the joy be - yond ex - press - ing when by
 6 Gra - cious Child, in mer - cy hear us, from your
 faith we grasp this bless - ing, when, O Christ, we
 low - ly man - ger cheer us, gent - ly lead us
 come ad - dress - ing thanks to you and high - est praise!
 and be near us till we join th' an - gel - ic choir.

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Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; 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

Isaiah 63:7-9

⁷I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.
⁸He said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will be true to me”;
and so he became their Savior.
⁹In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them.
In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

355 Let All Together Praise Our God

CW 355 sts. 1-4



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore his
2 He leaves his heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, is born an
3 He veils in flesh his pow'r di - vine a ser - vant's
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, puts on our



high - est throne; to - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain and
in - fant small, and in a man - ger, poor and lone, lies
form to take, in want and low - li - ness must pine who
hu - man frame, and in re - turn gives us his realm, his



gives us his own Son, and gives us his own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, lies in a hum - ble stall.
heav'n and earth did make, who heav'n and earth did make.
glo - ry, and his name, his glo - ry, and his name.

Gospel

Matthew 2:13–23

¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸“A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

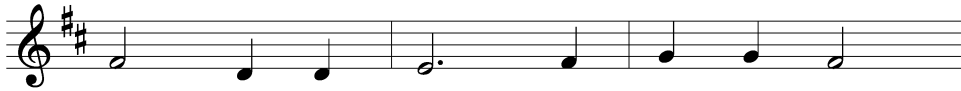
²¹So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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.*

342 O Jesus Christ, Your Manger Is

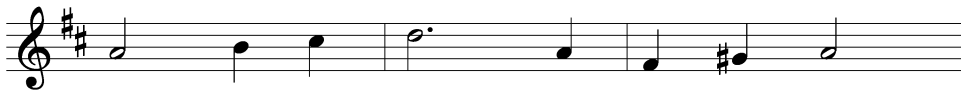
CW 342



1 O Je - sus Christ, your man - ger is
 2 He whom the sea and wind o - bey
 3 Dear Chris - tian friend, on him de - pend;
 4 Pon - der a - gain what glo - ry then
 5 The world may hold her wealth and gold;



my par - a - dise at which I am re - clin - ing.
 comes down to serve the sin - ner in great meek - ness.
 be of good cheer and let no sor - row move you.
 the Lord will give you for your earth - ly sad - ness.
 but you, my heart, keep Christ as your true trea - sure.



For there, O Lord, we find the Word
 Now God's own Son with us is one
 For God's own Child in mer - cy mild
 The an - gel host can nev - er boast
 To him hold fast un - til at last



made flesh for us— your grace is bright - ly shin - ing.
 and joins us and our chil - dren in our weak - ness.
 joins you to him— how great - ly God must love you!
 of great - er glo - ry, great - er bliss or glad - ness.
 a crown is yours and hon - or in full mea - sure.

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Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

“God gives the perfect gift!”

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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*

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)

**V.1 O holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might
Your glory, earth and heaven, In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy, Receive our fervent cry.**

**V. 2 Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming, to set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation, and with his blood outpoured
Deliver us from bondage, Hosanna Mighty Lord.**

Words of Institution

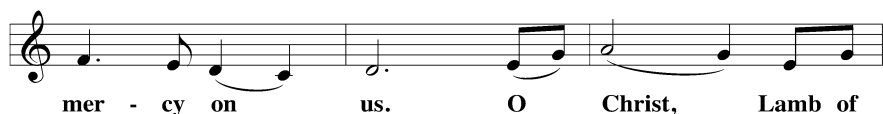
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



Distribution *(When we come to the Lord's Supper, we receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the personal assurance of forgiveness. But the Lord's Supper is also a confessional act, by which we confess a oneness of faith. We therefore ask only those who are confirmed members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church or of sister Wisconsin Synod Lutheran churches to approach the altar. If anyone has a question about our communion practice or would like to become a communicant member of Beautiful Savior, please speak with the pastor after the service.)*

320 As Angels Joyed with One Accord

CW 320



1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord up - on the
 2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty nor pow'r that
 3 This done, he soared to God's right hand, yet or - phaned
 4 In ev - 'ry age— let praise a - bound— he comes; we



ad - vent of our Lord, so let us glad - ly
 suits his de - i - ty. In low - ly state he
 not his cho - sen band, for he, not bound in
 hear his voice re - sound. His glo - rious gos - pel



praise the name of him who from the Fa - ther came.
 walked till he in dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
 grace and pow'r, at - tends his own each day and hour.
 does not cease to bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.

- 5 He comes in water to the child
 and cleanses it, from birth defiled.
 This washing seals his pard'ning grace
 and shows the Father's kindly face.
- 6 He comes to us in bread and wine
 to give himself and gifts divine.
 O praise him for this sacrament,
 redeeming love's great testament!
- 7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
 shall vanish when he comes again.
 Where we shall see him face to face,
 there joy alone shall have a place.

Text: Werner H. Franzmann, 1905–1996, abr., alt.
 Tune: Latin, 15th cent., adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Communion Blessing

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

Amen.

Prayer

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

356 God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

CW 356



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;
2 From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came
3 "Fear not," then said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ, our Sav - ior, was born on Christ - mas Day
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought ti - dings of the same,
this day is born a Sav - ior, the true and ra - diant light,
and in true love and fel - low - ship each oth - er now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray.
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas is filled with heav'n - ly grace.

Refrain



O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,



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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: “*Jesus appears as the Anointed One.*” Our readings will be: Isaiah 42: 1-7, acts 10: 34-38, and Matthew 3: 13-17. We will sing the following hymns: 375 Arise and Shine in Splendor, 377 To Jordan’s River Came our Lord, 374 The Star Proclaims the King is here, and 950 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† **Today**

10:30am Worship
12 pm Bible Information Class

† **Sunday**

9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
12 pm Confirmation Class
12 pm Bible Information Class

One by One Bible Study starts Next Sunday!

One by One is a Bible study based on Pastor David Rosenau’s keynote presentation at the *WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership* in January of 2020. Using powerful personal stories and drawing from his wealth of experience both as a detective and a parish pastor, Pastor Rosenau helps Christians understand why it is so important to see every soul as a treasure and why we want to be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to share the gospel with each one. This video-based Bible Study will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30.

Welcoming Guests and Creating a Sense of Belonging

On two Sundays, January 22 and Sunday, January 29, we are needing your help! We will be brainstorming ways that we as a congregation can make guests feel like part of our Beautiful Savior family. Everyone is needed for the best input! We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30 am on those two Sundays. And it comes with an assignment: Ask yourself this question: "If I were a first-time guest to Beautiful Savior, what did I notice?"

No Sunday School or Confirmation Class this week

Schedules for Sunday School and Confirmation Class will resume next week after the Christmas and New Year's break. Sunday School for all ages will be at 9:30. Confirmation Class begins after Sunday service.



Jesus Appears—Worship Series

The Gospels tell only a little about Jesus' life as an infant. Then, St. Luke briefly discusses the desire of the boy Jesus to be in the temple. Then, Scripture falls silent, telling us nothing about almost two decades of Jesus' life. For most of Jesus' adult life, he lived quietly in Galilee, practicing the carpentry he had learned from his adoptive father, Joseph. Jesus had no followers. Jesus was not famous. But at the exact time God the Father had appointed, Jesus left that obscurity behind. The word epiphany means "appearance." In the Season of Epiphany, we watch Jesus begin his public ministry. Jesus makes his first appearances. And in those appearances, it quickly becomes clear that this is more than a random carpenter's son. As Jesus appears, we see exactly who he is and what he came to do. Our worship for three weeks will follow this pattern:

Jesus Appears as the Anointed One— Sunday, January 8

Jesus Appears as the Lamb of God— Sunday, January 15

Jesus Appears as the Light in the Darkness— Sunday, January 22

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: Marlys Donner, mother of Tim Donner (declining health); 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); Stacy Schroeder, daughter of Jeff & Eileen Cleveland (melanoma diagnosis); 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); and Gidget Tate (Health issues). 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: Mike Rathge, Trey Church

Greeters: Jeff and Eileen Cleveland

Kitchen: Gail I, Loretta W, Mary D

Piano: Deb White

Fellowship: A-G

Serving next week:

Ushers: David Johnson, Ernie Rautter

Greeters: Doris Harvey, Mac McCoo

Kitchen: Ingeborg Haught, Mary Daniel

Piano: Barb Noon

Fellowship: H-M

