Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



January 15, 2023 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

SERVICE THEME: JESUS APPEARS AS THE LAMB OF GOD

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

Lord God, thank you for giving me an eternal inheritance in heaven through baptism. You have clothed me in the righteousness of Christ through the washing of water with God's Word. Forgive me for taking my baptism for granted and let me find joy in the renewal and rebirth you have given me. Amen.

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

Confession CW 154

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.

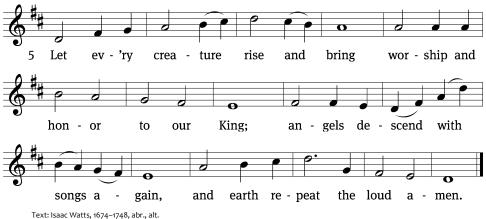
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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The Word

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading Isaiah 49:1–6

¹Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength— ⁶he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept.

I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,

that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

Refrain



Tone



I waited patiently / for the LORD;

he turned to me and / heard my cry.

Many, LORD my God, are the wonders / you have done; were I to tell of your deeds, they would be too many / to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did / not desire;

burnt offerings and sin offerings you did / not require.

Then I said, "Here I am, I have come—it is written about me / in the scroll.

I desire to do your will, my God; your law is with- / in my heart." Refrain

Do not withhold your mercy / from me, LORD; may your love and faithfulness always pro- / tect me. You are my help and my de- / liverer; you are my God, do / not delay.

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. Refrain

Tune: Mark Haas Setting: Mark Haas Music: © 2016 Mark Haas. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 716626 ⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

⁹For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority. ¹¹In him you were also circumcised with a circumcision not performed by human hands. Your whole self ruled by the flesh was put off when you were circumcised by Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.

¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

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

525 The Lamb CW 525



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Gospel John 1:29–41

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

³²Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. ³³And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

³⁵The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

³⁷When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" ³⁹"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

⁴⁰Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

"His name is the Lamb!"

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

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again. **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.

530 Praise Be to Christ

CW 530



- 1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see the im-age of the
- 2 Praise be to him whose sov-'reign sway and will up-holds cre-
- 3 Praise be to him who, Lord Most High, the full-ness of the



Fa - ther shown, the first-born Son re - vealed and known, the truth and a - tion's plan; who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan and when our God-head shares; and yet our hu-man na - ture bears, who came as



grace of de - i - ty; through whom cre - a - tion came to birth, world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head, man to bleed and die. And from his cross there flows our peace



whose fin - gers set the stars in place, the un - seen pow'rs, and re - demp-tion's price and source and theme, a - live, the first - born who chose for us the path he trod, that so might sins and



this small earth, the fur - thest bounds of time and space. the dead, reign all su - preme. from to as all - in sor - rows cease and all be rec - on - ciled God. to

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Closing Prayer

God, our heavenly Father, you have fashioned us to praise and to serve you. Help us to live our lives so that in all things we fulfill your plan and purpose for us. We know that it is easy to place our own interests and desires ahead of your will, so keep us focused on doing what is pleasing to you. Reach into our hearts through your Word today, so that from week to week we may more joyfully and more consistently devote our time and energies to those things which will be of value for eternity. Send your Holy Spirit to work on and in our hearts that our joy of salvation might also spill into our daily lives. Hear our prayer through Jesus, who has brought about our eternal salvation.

Amen.

Blessing

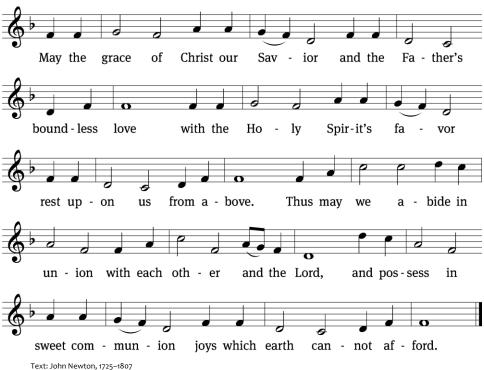
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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.**

928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928



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Setting One from Christian Worship

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No Lunch Bunch This Month

Due to the pipe break in the fellowship hall, there will be no monthly lunch bunch for the month of January.

Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: "Jesus Appears as the Light in Darkness." Our readings will be: Isaiah 8: 19-9:4, John 2: 3-11, and Matthew 4: 12-23. We will sing the following hymns: 381 The People Who in Darkness Walked, 515 Christ Is the World's Light, 904 O Christ, Our True and Only Light, and 528 the Word of God Incarnate.

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 Class12 pm Bible Information Class

Pastor Holz Out of Town

Pastor Holz will be out of the office from Monday, January 16th through Wednesday, January 18th. Pastor will be attending the WELS National Leadership Conference in Chicago. He will be back in the office on Thursday morning.

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?"

One by One Bible Study starts Today!

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.

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 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 Gerkhardt, 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: Daniel L, Josh G **Greeters:** Art & Sandy E

Kitchen: Charmaine S, Mary D

Piano: Deb White **Fellowship:** N-S

Serving next week:

Ushers: Mac M, Art E

Greeters: Loretta W, Ernie R **Kitchen:** Margareta S, Mary D

Piano: Barb Noon **Fellowship:** T-Z