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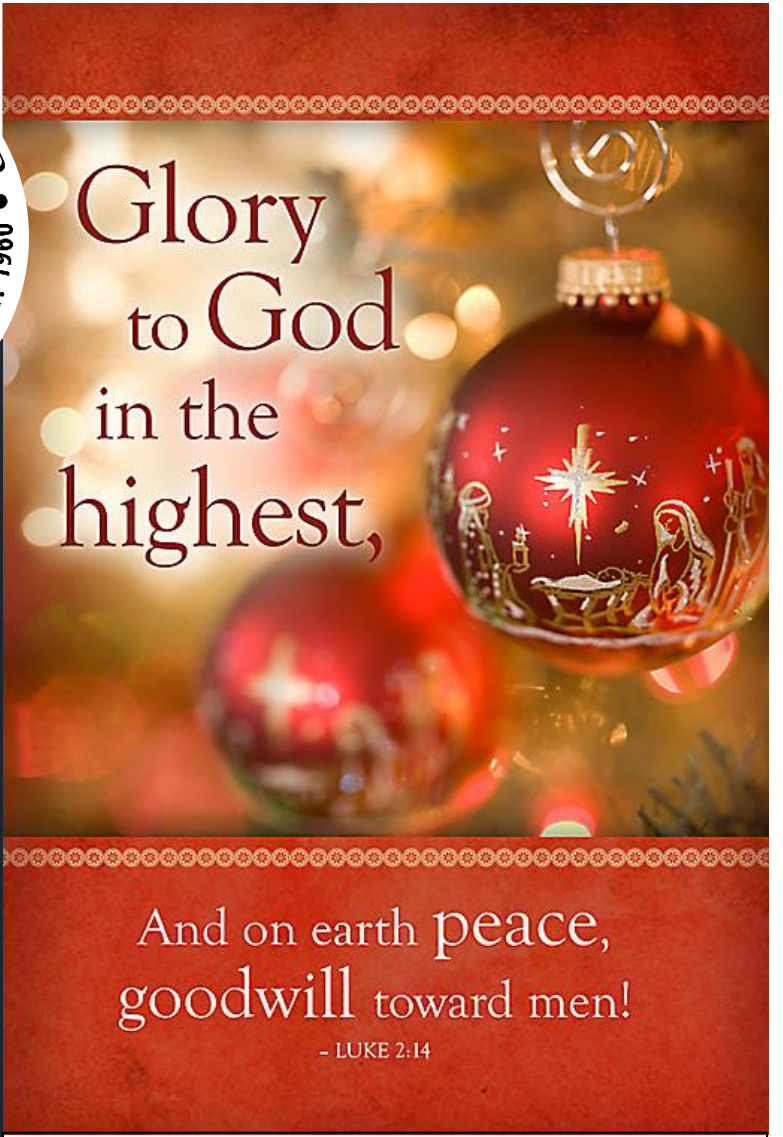

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a traditional Lutheran Church, faithful to God's Word and His Sacraments. We equip God's people to serve, love, and encourage one another as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We reach out to the community as beacons of light, sharing the love of God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

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2021

The Living and Life-Giving Word of God Dwells among Us in the Flesh

The Lord sends out His ministers of the Gospel to make disciples *"of all the nations,"* so that *"all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."* For the Lord has *"bared his holy arm"* in the incarnate Christ (Is. 52:7, 10). The Child in the manger, born of the Virgin Mary, is the very Word of God, the only begotten Son of the Father, *"whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world"* (Heb. 1:2). As *"all things were made through him"* (John 1:3), so are all things redeemed and made new in Him. In His body of flesh and blood, we behold *"the radiance of the glory of God"* (Heb. 1:3), *"glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:14). He dwells among us in peace that we might have life and light and salvation in Him. For by His Word of the Gospel, we are born again as the children of God, bearing His name and sharing His eternal life.

PLEASE NOTE - Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church offers assisted listening devices for our members and guests this evening. If you would like to use one, please speak with an usher.

Attendance Register: Please sign the register placed in the rack at the end of the pew, and pass it to your neighbor. If you are a visitor please include your address and phone number, and the church you are a member of. If you have a message for our pastor, please include it. We give attention to these sheets early in the week. Also, if you are a visitor, please sign our guest book on the cabinet below the tract display in the entryway. Thank you!

SERVING AMONG US TODAY

The Organist: LeEtta Luce

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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 . . . . . .“O Come, All Ye Faithful” LSB #379

(Please stand)

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT - Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 9:6

For to us a child is born, to us a | son is given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done | marvelous things!*
His right hand and his holy arm have worked salva- | tion for him.
The LORD has made known his sal- | vation;*
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.*
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;*
break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!
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.
For to us a child is born, to us a | son is given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful | Counselor,*
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY
P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

(Please be seated)
OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 52:7-10
7How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news,
who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes
salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." 8The voice of your watchmen—
they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the
return of the LORD to Zion. 9Break forth together into singing, you waste places
of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed
Jerusalem. 10The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the
nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

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

GRADUAL - Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

To us a child is born, to us a son is | given;*
and the government shall be upon his | shoulder.
And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, | Mighty God,*
Everlasting Father, | Prince of Peace.
Sing to the Lord a | new song,*
for he has done | marvelous things!

EPISTLE READING – Hebrews 1:1-6
1Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the
prophets, 2but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he
appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3He

is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4]having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[5]For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son,
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,

"I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son"?

[6]And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."

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

(Please stand)
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HOLY GOSPEL – John 1:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st Chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2]He was in the beginning with God. [3]All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. [4]In him was life, and the life was the light of men. [5]The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

[6]There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. [7]He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. [8]He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

[9]The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. [10]He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. [11]He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. [12]But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, [13]who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

[14]And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Please be seated)
SERMON HYMN . . . . . .“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” LSB #380

SERMON . . . . . .“A Child Changes Everything” (John 1:1–14)

(Please stand)
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OFFERING

HYMN . . . . . .LSB #368

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
P: Let us pray to the Lord:
C: Lord, have mercy.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

This evening 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.)

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(Please be seated)
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CLOSING HYMN . . . . . .“Joy to the World” LSB #387

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