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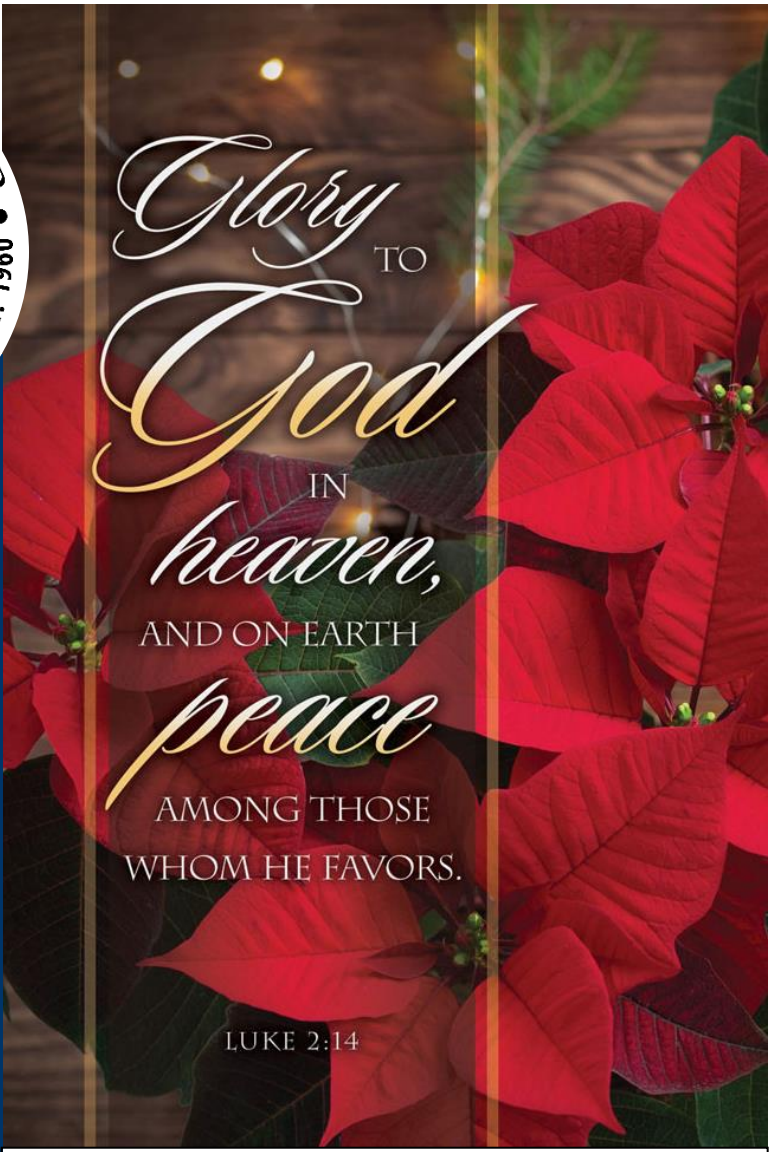

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church is a traditional Lutheran Church, faithful to God's Word and His Sacraments. We equip God's people to serve, love, and encourage one another as we grow in our personal relationship with Christ. We reach out to the community as beacons of light, sharing the love of God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

CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS
December 24, 2024

The Word of the Lord Is Fulfilled in the Flesh of Jesus

Though Ahaz would not ask, the Lord gives a sign to the house of David that "the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Is. 7:14). With this promise, He signifies that salvation is by His grace alone; it is no work or achievement of fallen humanity, but the Lord's own work and free gift. The promise is fulfilled as the Son of God is conceived and born of the Virgin Mary, and the sign is received in faith by the house of David in the person of Joseph (Matt. 1:20–24). "Incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary" (Nicene Creed), God is with us (Immanuel) in the flesh of Jesus, Mary's Son. Joseph believes that Word of God and so demonstrates a marvelous example in his immediate and quiet obedience, taking Mary to be his wife and caring for her in faith and love. He loves her because the love of God is manifest in this, that "the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world," "to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:9–10, 14)

SERVING AMONG US TODAY
The Organist: LeEtta Luce
The Elder: Brien Lindstrom
The Acolyte: Issac Lindstrom

A SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Vespers

If you are unable to, or have trouble standing, please feel free to remain seated at the times we stand.

GREETINGS

(Stand)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN . . . . . .“Once in Royal David's City” LSB #376

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CAROL . . . . . “O Sing of Christ” LSB #362

FIRST LESSON – Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

8And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of
the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD
God among the trees of the garden. 9But the LORD God called to the man and said
to him, “Where are you?” 10And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden,
and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” 11He said, “Who told you
that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to
eat?” 12The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me
fruit of the tree, and I ate.” 13Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this
that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”
14The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you
above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and
dust you shall eat all the days of your life. 15I will put enmity between you and the
woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.” 17And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened
to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat
of it all the days of your life; 18thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and
you shall eat the plants of the field. 19By the sweat of your face you shall eat
bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

CAROL. . . . . .“It Came upon the Midnight Clear” LSB #366

SECOND LESSON – Genesis 22:15-19

15And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven 16and
said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and

have not withheld your son, your only son, [17]I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, [18]and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice." [19]So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beersheba. And Abraham lived at Beersheba.

CAROL . . . ."What Child Is This" LSB #370

THIRD LESSON – Isaiah 9:2-7

[2]The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. [3]You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. [4]For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. [5]For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. [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. [7]Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

CAROL . . . . . ."O Come, All Ye Faithful" LSB #379

FOURTH LESSON – Isaiah 11:1-9

[1]There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. [2]And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. [3]And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, [4]but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. [5]Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. [6]The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. [7]The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. [8]The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the

weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. [9]They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL . . . . . "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" LSB #359

FIFTH LESSON – Luke 1:26-38

[26]In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27]to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. [28]And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" [29]But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. [30]And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. [31]And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. [32]He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, [33]and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."
[34]And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"
[35]And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. [36]And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. [37]For nothing will be impossible with God." [38]And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

CAROL . . . . . ."Away in a Manger" LSB #364

SIXTH LESSON – Luke 2:1-7

[1]In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2]This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3]And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4]And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5]to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6]And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. [7]And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

CAROL . . . . . ."O Little Town of Bethlehem" LSB #361

SEVENTH LESSON – Luke 2:8-20

8And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over
their flock by night. 9And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of
the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. 10And the angel said
to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be
for all the people. 11For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who
is Christ the Lord. 12And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in
swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

15When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one
another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which
the Lord has made known to us." 16And they went with haste and found Mary and
Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17And when they saw it, they made known
the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18And all who heard it
wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured up all these
things, pondering them in her heart. 20And the shepherds returned, glorifying and
praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

CAROL . . . . . ."Angels We Have Heard on High" LSB #368

EIGHTH LESSON – Matthew 2:1-12

1Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,
behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2saying, "Where is he who has
been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to
worship him." 3When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all
Jerusalem with him; 4and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the
people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5They told him,
"In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
6"'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.'"
7Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what
time the star had appeared. 8And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and

search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." [9]After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. [10]When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. [11]And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. [12]And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

CAROL . . . ."Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" LSB #380

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NINTH LESSON – John 1:1-14

[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.

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CAROL . . . . . "Joy to the World" LSB #387

SERMON . . . . . "A Christmas Quest"

OFFERING

CAROL . . . . . "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" LSB #377

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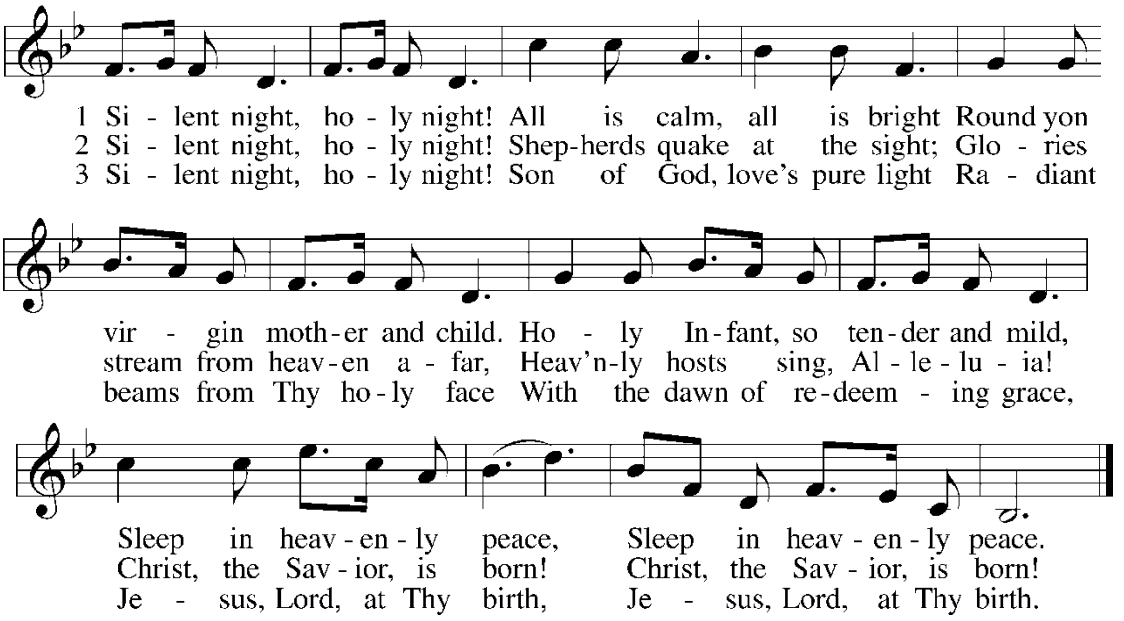
CAROL . . . . . ."Silent Night" LSB #363



4 Silent night! Holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing
"Alleluia" to our King:
"Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born."

Please extinguish your candles.