

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday after Christmas

January 3, 2016

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in the name of Jesus! On this Second Sunday after Christmas we continue to bask in the brilliant light of Christ. The Holy Gospel for today brings us ahead twelve years from Bethlehem. Our Lord is now a boy, and during a family pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Passover Jesus utters His first words recorded in the Gospels: "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49). Today's sermon zeroes in on those words "I must". (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

"Within the Father's house The Son has found His home, And to His temple suddenly The Lord of life has come." LSB 410 st. 1



TO THOSE DESIRING TO COMMUNE TODAY: The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a doctrinal position differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. (Re: 1 Cor. 11:26-29)

Today's Elders: Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
Elders for Jan. 10: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Today's Acolyte: Nicholas Little
Acolyte for Jan. 10: Damien Dittrich & Joey Weinstock

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings.

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7
Epistle: Romans 6:1-11
Gospel: Luke 3:15-22
Psalm: Psalm 29



Luke 2:40 "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him." At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?



Second Sunday after Christmas – Solomon asked for the wisdom to "discern between good and evil" (1 Kings 3:9). In the name of Jesus, who grew in wisdom and accomplished His Father's will, may His people today have the wisdom to discern between good and evil when it comes to the sanctity of life. Prayer: Wisdom from On High, in a culture where good and evil are blurred, help Your people be discerning of the truth and then share it boldly. Amen.



Note on the Hymn of the Day: Hymn #410, "Within the Father's House," by James R. Woodford (1820-85) is a fitting hymn for this Sunday, drawing as it does on St. Luke's account of the boy Jesus in the temple. This hymn also anticipates the Epiphany Season, which begins Wednesday. In Epiphany, Jesus of Nazareth is revealed as the Son of God and the Savior. As Woodford's hymn notes, it is not with our eyes or by our reason but by God's gracious revelation alone, through His Word, that the truth about Christ is made known to us, which faith believes and trusts.



A Word of Greeting to Our Guests We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are honored to have you with us today and pray that this celebration of God's love and grace through Jesus Christ will be a blessing to you.

If you would like additional information, please contact:
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 We are a family that has been called together in faith through the Gospel of our Lord Jesus and we invite you to worship with us as often as you can.



Prayers Let's all remember the following people in our prayers this week: Jansen Jones, Chloe Werner, Pastor Brennan, Verna Walsh, Dan Eggers, Joey Thompson, Patty Bemis, Allen Schmelz, Roy & Lillian Bemis, Henry Bonder, Nan Cribbs, Ben Zwi Becker, Brianna Simmons and also our homebound members: Melva Anderson, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Rowena Davis, Doris Hintz, Irene Lombardi, Laila Luhman, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Wanda Renzelman, Vee Rotvold, Don & Pat Sall, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, and Julie Vogel.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday:	08:00 p.m.	Adult Drop-in Volleyball	
Tuesday:	09:00 a.m.	Winkel @ Eternal Savior, Lafayette	
	04:14 p.m.	6 th Grade Confirmation Class	
	05:00 p.m.	Board of Christian Education	
Wednesday:	08:20 a.m.	Chapel	
	04:00 p.m.	8 th Grade Confirmation Class	
	05:30 p.m.	Youth Group	
Thursday:	10:00 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	
	07:00 p.m.	Divine Service	
Friday:	03:30 p.m.	BLS Basketball Scrimmage	
Sunday, 1/10	09:00 a.m.	Divine Service	
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Classes	
	11:45 a.m.	Life Team Lunch Out	
At Worship, Dec. 27:	<u>55</u>	Communed:	<u>50</u>
Thursday Attendance:		Communed:	



Flower Chart -The 2016 Flower Chart is now up. It is on the wall by the door to the copy room just to the left of the bulletin board. As always, one or two may sign up for a Sunday. The cost is \$25, or if two sign up, it is \$12.50 each. Just sign up, let the church office know what the occasion is, and drop a check in the offering plate with "flowers" indicated on the memo line. You may pick up your flowers following Worship Service, or anytime early in the week following.



The 2016 Offering Envelopes are in your mailbox in the narthex. (Please note that there is a special envelope each month designated for the school; it has blue markings on the border.) If anyone did not receive envelopes and would like to have them, please let the church office know and we will see that you get a set. Thank you.



Card Shower – One of our dear members, Mrs. Irene Lombardi, will celebrate her 100th birthday on January 25th. We believe she would really enjoy getting birthday cards from her fellow members. Her address is: 225 Waneka Parkway, Apt. 283, Lafayette, CO 80026.



Thank You to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree. We had a very good response and the items will be greatly appreciated.



Coffee, Coffee, and More Coffee. Thank you to all those who brought in coffee for the kitchen. We should be all set for quite a while.



Thank You to the LWML ladies for the lovely Christmas Basket and to all others for the cards and prayers. God bless you all. Dixie Cassily



Thank You to those who have paid bills from our Bill Board. This has been a big help and is greatly appreciated. The Bill Board will remain up in the church office for anyone who may be inclined to give further help in this way.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

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Hymns: 382 410 *900 *725 376

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

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.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word.
Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

1 Kings 3:4-15

Epistle:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel:

Luke 2:40-52

Sermon *"I Must"*

Luke 2:40-52

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴ Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask! What shall I give you?”

⁶ And Solomon said: “You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. ⁷ Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹ Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?”

¹⁰ The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹ Then God said to him: “Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, ¹² behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³ And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. ¹⁴ So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.”

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Gradual

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!**

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Luke 2:40-52

⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it; ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously.”

⁴⁹ And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?” ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.