

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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### Third Sunday in Advent

December 17, 2017

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Today through His Word God shines the spotlight on His Son, our Lord and Savior, as Christ's forerunner, John, testifies about Jesus, "whose sandal strap [John is] not worthy to loose" (John 1:27). Let us listen and hear what God will teach us today in this season of preparation for the coming of Christ. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

*Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say. "Cast away the works of darkness, All you children of the day!" LSB 345 st. 1*



#### To Our Visitors: About Holy Communion at Beautiful Savior

We understand participation in Holy Communion to be a sign of unity and agreement in the Scriptural faith and doctrine which is taught and confessed in this church, and we care deeply about the spiritual welfare of all who worship with us. Communicant members of congregations of the LCMS are invited to commune at our altar today. We request that any who are not communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, but are interested in receiving this Sacrament at Beautiful Savior in the future, would meet with the pastor to discuss our faith and doctrine in more detail. It is our desire to administer this holy Sacrament in a manner that both honors our Lord's Word and brings blessing to all who commune. Those not receiving the Sacrament today are welcome to come forward to receive a personal blessing at the altar rail. Simply fold your arms across your chest as you kneel at the rail to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.

Today's Elders:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Elder for Dec. 20:

Cliff Evans

Elders for Dec. 24:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

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7 p.m. Cliff Evans

Today's Acolyte:

Henry Pawlak III

Acolyte for: Dec. 24:

Nicholas Little

Acolytes for: Dec. 24:

7 p.m. Damien & Bradley Dittrich

#### Readings appointed for Advent 4

Old Testament:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Epistle:

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38

Psalm:

89:1-5 (19-29)



**1 Thessalonians 5:18** - "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.



**Advent III** – Lord Jesus specializes in bestowing dignity upon lives the world views as insignificant or inconvenient (Isaiah 61:1-2). Indeed, He has dealt with each of us according to this graciousness. Therefore we savor participating in it by speaking and showing it to both our neighbors and the culture (Isaiah 61:4). *Light of Life, anoint us with Your voice of grace to bring the poor good news. Amen.*



**The Beautiful Savior LWML** has named the year 2017-2018 the "Mercy Ministry" year. For the month of December the Giving Tree will be set up with angel decorations. Each angel will have an item needed for the residents of Alternatives Pregnancy Center (associated with Lutherans For Life).

Please take time to check out the Giving Tree, find an angel, get the item, and put the item in one of the boxes near the tree. Please do not wrap the gift. If you choose to get a gift certificate, please leave it in the care of the church or school offices. Thank you.



**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:

Pastor Groth @ 303 469-1785 or email tedgroth1970@comcast.net or Mike Brown @ 303 438-5766 or E-mail: mbrown\_presbslc@comcast.net.

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 remember the following people in our prayers this week: Jansen Jones, Chloe Werner, Pastor Brennan, Verna Walsh, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Pat Hanket, Vince Roberto, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, Iola Park, Orville Kubat, Jamie Brandt, Jordan Dittrich, Charlotte Davis, Daluss Seiwert, and also our homebound members: Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Linda Frederking, Doris Hintz, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Don & Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and Vee Rotvold, now in hospice care.



**The Flowers** adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Sherrie) Woodburn in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

Today: 10:30 a.m. Voters' Assembly  
 Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball  
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel  
 04:15 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class  
 07:00 p.m. Vespers  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
 Sunday, 12/24: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service  
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class  
 07:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

At Worship, Dec. 10: 277  
 Midweek Advent Att: 31                      Communed: 24



**Merry Christmas from Lutheran Church Extension Fund. May your holiday be richly blessed!**



**Updated and Expanded Catechism with Explanation ON SALE NOW.** Our synod has just begun to make available this great catechetical and devotional resource—the first updating of the explanation section of Luther's Small Catechism in over 25 years. See the insert in today's bulletin to learn more. If you would like to purchase one or more copies at the special sale price of \$14.49, please do two things: (1) Sign up on the sheet on the church bulletin board; (2) Make a check payable to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church with "2017 catechism" in the memo line. Orders and payment must be received in our church office by January 7. Please contact Pastor or Eleanor with questions.



**Lutheran Witness** – It's time to start or renew your Lutheran Witness Subscription. The cost for 1 year (11 issues) is \$22.01. Checks made out to **Beautiful Savior** can be left in the church office or dropped in the offering plate. Please put "Lutheran Witness" on the memo line. **The deadline is today, December 17.**



**The Latest Meditations** has arrived. Pick up your copy from the bookshelf by the main doors to the Sanctuary.



**Thank You** to everyone for all the food items received for our food pantry. We are now collecting for Christmas Baskets. If a Christmas Basket would be helpful to you or someone you know, talk to Cliff Evans or someone in the church office.



**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.



**The December Messenger** is out. Pick up your copy from the bookshelf by the main doors to the sanctuary.



**Faith in Action.**



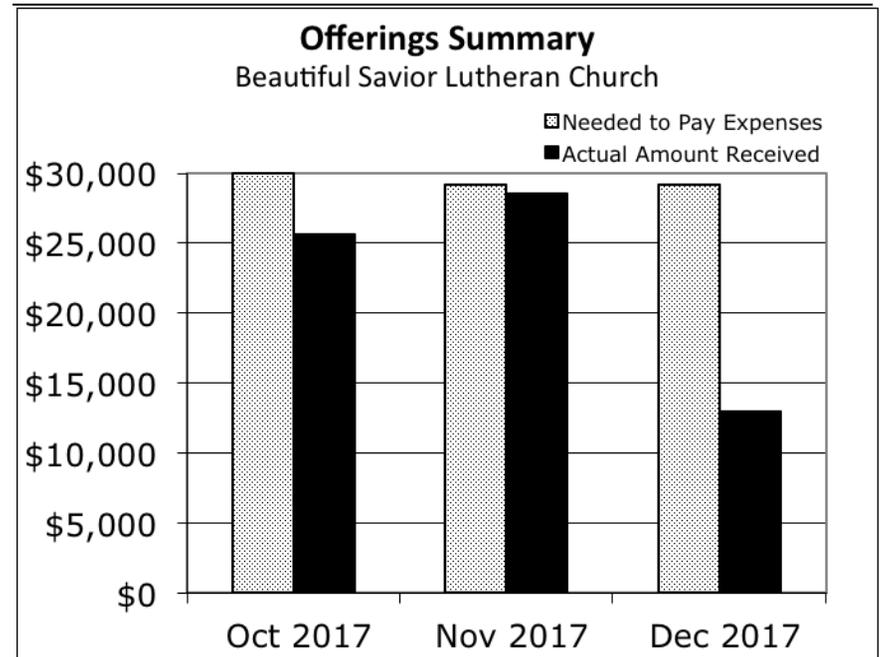
**The Regular Voters' Assembly** will meet today, December 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you are 18 years old or older, and a communicant member of Beautiful Savior, you are eligible to become a Voter. If interested, please notify one of the Elders, or Pastor Groth, and pick up and read a copy of the Constitution of Beautiful Savior before the meeting.



**Flower Chart -The 2018 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 2018 Offering Envelopes** are in the mailboxes. **Please note that if your envelope number was 99 or higher, you have been assigned a new number.** If you did not receive envelopes and wish to have them, please let the church office know and they will be provided for you. Thank you.



THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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\* Communion Hymns

**Introit**

Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us Your salvation.

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn  
back to folly.

Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

Yes, the LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before Him  
and make His foot-steps a way.

Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,  
and grant us Your salvation.

**Collect of the Day**

Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness  
of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament:**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**Choral Anthem:** *"Emmanuel Come Soon"*

Senior Choir

**Epistle:**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

**Sermon:** *"Five Minutes of Fame?"*

John 1:6-8, 19-28

### **Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

61 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,  
Because the LORD has anointed Me  
To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,  
And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,  
3 To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;  
That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."  
4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins,  
They shall raise up the former desolations,  
And they shall repair the ruined cities,  
The desolations of many generations.  
8 "For I, the LORD, love justice;  
I hate robbery for burnt offering;  
I will direct their work in truth,  
And will make with them an everlasting covenant.  
9 Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles,  
And their offspring among the people.  
All who see them shall acknowledge them,  
That they are the posterity whom the LORD has blessed."  
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
My soul shall be joyful in my God;  
For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,  
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
11 For as the earth brings forth its bud,  
As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth,  
So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all  
the nations.

### **Gradual**

**Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.**

**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

**Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.**

**Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> in everything give thanks; for  
this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not despise prophecies. <sup>21</sup> Test all  
things; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup> Abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may  
your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our  
Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

### **John 1:6-8, 19-28**

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> This man  
came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

<sup>8</sup> He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

<sup>19</sup> Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and  
Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

<sup>20</sup> He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

<sup>21</sup> And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

<sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to  
those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

<sup>23</sup> He said: "I am

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Make straight the way of the LORD,"

as the prophet Isaiah said."

<sup>24</sup> Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup> And they asked  
him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the  
Prophet?"

<sup>26</sup> John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands  
One among you whom you do not know. <sup>27</sup> It is He who, coming after me, is  
preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

<sup>28</sup> These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John  
was baptizing.