

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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### Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2017

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Christmas is here—almost. This morning's service brings us the readings appointed for the Fourth Sunday in Advent. We hear of the angel Gabriel's visit to the virgin Mary, in which Gabriel, sent by God, announces that Mary will conceive and bear the Christ child. "With God," affirms Gabriel, "nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37). God's unlimited power to save will be displayed before us today in the Baptism of Jessica Diane Ludwig. With St. Paul we cry, "To God...be glory through Jesus Christ forever! Amen!" (Romans 16:27). (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

*A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure: The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure! Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth!" LSB 383 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, in repentant faith, 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.

<u>Today's Elders:</u>	Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
<u>Elder for Dec. 24:</u>	7 p.m. Cliff Evans
<u>Elders for Dec. 25:</u>	Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
<u>Elder for Dec. 31:</u>	Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
<u>Today's Acolyte:</u>	Nicholas Little
<u>Acolytes for: Dec. 24:</u>	7 p.m. Damien & Bradley Dittrich
<u>Acolyte for: Dec. 25:</u>	Nicholas Little
<u>Acolytes for Dec. 31:</u>	Damien & Bradley Dittrich

#### Readings for the following Sunday

Old Testament:	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Epistle:	Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel:	Luke 2:22-40
Psalm:	110:1-4



**2 Samuel 7:4** "But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan ..." Nathan thought David's idea was great, so he blessed it with the Lord's name. But later that night, the Word of the Lord set him straight. The Word of the Lord must be the basis for what we think, say, and do in God's Kingdom: not our own desires or whims.



**Advent IV** – Jesus brought God delicately amidst sinners, as humble in crucifixion as He was helpless in conception. Yet this estate did not hinder but in fact heralded the full realm and reign of God for us. And thereby He reaffirmed the worth of even the feeblest human beings. God's gift of life arrives all the better for the plain packaging He habitually hides it behind. *Lamb of God, make our taking hold of You to cradle Your little ones as well. 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:

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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 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 the family of Vee Rotvold.



**The Poinsettias** adorning our altar today have been placed by the following individuals/families: *Dan & Jackie Adams, Beverly Baldwin, Jackie Ruck, Lou & Martha Vinquist, Anneliese Kropp, Rick & Jeanne Mericle, Bobbi Schasny, Mike and Jaci Brown, Mani & Patrisha Boniek and family, Ginny Smith, Carolyn Lehenbauer, Fred & Dory Breckbuhl, Dave & Gretchen Lee, Bob & Charlotte Davis, Sue Rada, Eleanor Bower, Amber Mericle, and Larry & Jerre Kappel.*

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

Today: 07:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
 Monday: 09:00 a.m. Christmas Day Divine Service  
 Sunday, 12/31: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, Dec. 17: 91 Communed: 73  
 Midweek Advent Att: 24



**This Morning** we usher into the Kingdom of God by the washing of Holy Baptism Miss Jessica Diane Ludwig. Jessie will also be received as a confirmed member through Adult Confirmation. Please take a moment to welcome her family into our church family.



**Thank You** to everyone from our church who has been so thoughtful of me during this period of recuperating. I pray God's blessings for a happy Christmas for everyone. Charlotte Davis.



**Mrs. Verna (Vee) Rotvold** passed away earlier this week. The funeral for her will be Thursday, December 28 at 1:30 p.m. here at Beautiful Savior.



**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.



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

## Bible Study



**The Thursday Morning Bible Class** will NOT meet December 28 or January 4. Class will resume January 11.



**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.

## Offering Envelopes



**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.



**Thank You** to everyone for all the food items received for our food pantry. We were able to provide nice Christmas Baskets for three families (10 people total). Thank you for your contributions.



**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.

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## THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting One

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\* Communion Hymns

### Introit

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.  
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

In them He has set a tent for the sun,  
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,  
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.  
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,  
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

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.

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;  
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

### Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Epistle:

Romans 16:25-27

Choral Anthem: *"Angels are Making Their Rounds"*

The Senior Choir

Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: *"WGNWBI"*

Luke 1:37

Choral Anthem: *"Christmas Communion"*

The Senior Choir

(During Communion)

## **2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16**

7 Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, <sup>2</sup> that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."

<sup>3</sup> Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

<sup>4</sup> But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? <sup>6</sup> For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" <sup>8</sup> Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. <sup>9</sup> And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. <sup>10</sup> Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, <sup>11</sup> since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.

<sup>16</sup> And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

### **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.**

## **Romans 16:25-27**

<sup>25</sup> Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began <sup>26</sup> but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— <sup>27</sup> to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

## **Luke 1:26-38**

<sup>26</sup> Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

<sup>29</sup> But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For with God nothing will be impossible."

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.