

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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### First Sunday after Christmas

December 31, 2017

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Christmas is here! The church celebrates Christmas for many days, since great joy has come to the world through the birth of God's Son in human flesh. He was sent "when the fullness of time had come...to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons" (Galatians 4:4-5). With Simeon and Anna, Mary and Joseph, we rejoice greatly in Jesus this day. We also rejoice, on this final day of the calendar year, in the Baptism of Nora Ellington Ulrich! (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

*Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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. Nunc Dimittis LSB 182*



#### 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.

Today's Elders: Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle  
Elders for Jan. 7: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown  
Today's Acolytes: Damien & Bradley Dittrich  
Acolyte for Jan. 7: Joey Weinstock

#### Readings for the following Sunday

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-5  
Epistle: Romans 6:1-11  
Gospel: Mark 1:4-11  
Psalm: 29



**Luke 2:39** "And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord. . ." The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins: but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. But the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live – as Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living, as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.



**Christmas** – Since God has come born of a woman under the law to redeem (Galatians 4:4-5), neither age nor appearance nor ability nor any other illegitimacy will be able to separate from the love of Christ (Romans 8:38-39) and the right to life as His children (Galatians 4:5-6). In this fullness of time, let us not keep silent or stand still about it (Isaiah 62:1)! *Christ Jesus our Lord, raise us up as banners and lamps testifying to righteousness. Amen.*



**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 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.



**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 the family of Vee Rotvold.



**The Poinsettias** adorning our altar today have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Lou (Martha) Vinquist in thankfulness to the Lord for our many, many blessings.

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

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  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class  
 Saturday: 09:00 a.m. LWML  
 Sunday, 1/7: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, Dec. 24:	<u>68</u>	Communed:	<u>52</u>
Candlelight Service:	<u>164</u>		
At Worship Dec. 25:	<u>45</u>	Communed:	<u>33</u>



**This Morning** we usher into the Kingdom of God by the washing of Holy Baptism Nora Ellington Ulrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Hillary) Ulrich. The sponsors are Arthur and Sarah Mears.



**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.



**Faith in Action.**



**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.



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

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Four

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\* Communion Hymns

**Introit**

The 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.  
Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.  
The LORD has made known His salvation;  
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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
The 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.

**Collect of the Day**

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the  
incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant  
that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever.

**Old Testament:**                    **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**  
**Epistle:**                                **Galatians 4:4-7**  
**Gospel:**                                **Luke 2:22-40**  
**Sermon:**                                *Pastor Groth*

### **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

<sup>10</sup> 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.  
<sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>62</sup> For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace,  
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
And her salvation as a lamp that burns.

<sup>2</sup> The Gentiles shall see your righteousness,  
And all kings your glory.

You shall be called by a new name,  
Which the mouth of the LORD will name.

<sup>3</sup> You shall also be a crown of glory  
In the hand of the LORD,  
And a royal diadem  
In the hand of your God.

### **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!**

### **Galatians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His  
Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were  
under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.  
<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into  
your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a  
slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

### **Luke 2:22-40**

<sup>22</sup> Now when the days of her purification according to the law of  
Moses were completed, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to  
the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens  
the womb shall be called holy to the LORD"), <sup>24</sup> and to offer a sacrifice  
according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two  
young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup> And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was  
Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of  
Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup> And it had been revealed to him  
by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the  
Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the  
parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom  
of the law, <sup>28</sup> he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:

<sup>29</sup> "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,  
According to Your word;

<sup>30</sup> For my eyes have seen Your salvation

<sup>31</sup> Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup> A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,  
And the glory of Your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup> And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which  
were spoken of Him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His  
mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in  
Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against <sup>35</sup> (yes, a sword will  
pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may  
be revealed."

<sup>36</sup> Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of  
Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a  
husband seven years from her virginity; <sup>37</sup> and this woman was a widow of  
about eighty-four years, who did not depart from the temple, but served  
God with fastings and prayers night and day. <sup>38</sup> And coming in that instant  
she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for  
redemption in Jerusalem.

<sup>39</sup> So when they had performed all things according to the law of  
the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. <sup>40</sup> And the  
Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of  
God was upon Him.