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The Third Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2018

Welcome to Beautiful Savior as the season of Advent continues. Today is another day of prayerful, penitential, and hope-filled Advent waiting, but with something extra: This Third Sunday in Advent brings the note of joy, as signified by the rose or pink candle lit today on the Advent wreath. The Scripture readings, in particular today's Epistle lesson, Philippians 4:4-7, bring forward this theme of joy—joy "in the Lord" (v. 4). May that same Lord, our dear Savior and King, Jesus Christ, grant you true joy as He blesses you this holy day. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)



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 are mindful of the Bible's warning that those who receive the Sacrament unworthily receive it to their harm (1 Cor. 11:27). Caring deeply about the spiritual welfare of all who worship with us, Beautiful Savior abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. Communicant members in good standing of congregations of the LCMS are invited to commune at our altar today. We respectfully request that any who are not at this time communicant members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod would refrain from communing today. If you are interested in receiving this Sacrament at Beautiful Savior in the future, Pastor Groth would be pleased to meet with you and discuss our faith and doctrine in greater detail. It is our desire to administer the holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus in a manner that both honors our Lord's Word and also 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:

Elders for Dec. 19:

Elders for Dec. 23:

Today's Acolyte:

Acolyte for Dec. 19:

Acolyte for Dec. 23:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

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Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Joey Weinstock

Bradley Dittrich

Damien Dittrich

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:

Epistle:

Gospel:

Psalm:

Micah 5:2-5a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-56

Psalm 80:1-7



Phil. 4:5b-6 – “The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.



Advent III – The sinful world condemns unborn children and elderly persons because of inadequate age or unacceptable appearance or impaired abilities. The Lord clears away these enemies (Zephaniah 3:15) with His unconditional love. Law and conscience convict us of promoting and even participating in violence against life. The Lord also takes away these judgments with His forgiveness and redemption. *Prince of Peace, make us not offended by Your Word of life. Amen.*



Poinsettias! We only need 5 more to sign up for poinsettias to adorn our altar for Christmas. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex near the church office. The cost this year for a poinsettia is \$10.00. Make checks payable to Beautiful Savior and indicate “poinsettia” on the memo line. Drop your check in the offering plate or leave in the church office. Poinsettias will be placed on the altar Sunday, December 23rd and may be taken home following the Service on Christmas day.



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: Chloe Werner, Judy Werner, Jan Meisner, Mary Acker, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Vince Roberto, Robert and Nancy Snurka, Roberta Nigon, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Pat Kubat, James Nuoffer, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Charlotte Davis, Marta Bannigan, Alyssa Stephenson, our ELC teacher Janis Abts, and our homebound members: Wilda Davenport, Hub Diedrichs, Linda Frederking, Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, and Verna Walsh.



The Flowers adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Sherrie) Woodburn in celebration of their 51st 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
 06:00 p.m. BSLs Christmas Program
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 Sunday: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service (Fourth Sunday in Advent)
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class

At Worship, Dec. 9:	<u>95</u>	Communed:	<u>83</u>
Midweek Advent Att:	<u>23</u>	Communed:	<u>20</u>



The 2019 Flower Chart is now up and there are a lot of openings.

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.



Lutheran Witness – Last Chance to start or renew your Lutheran Witness Subscription. The cost for 1 year (11 issues) is \$22.56. 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.**



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.



Chanting the Introit and Gradual. Last Sunday the choir assisted us in chanting the Introit, and it went very well. This week we'll chant the Introit again, and also chant the Gradual to the same tone. The Introit will be chanted responsively between the pastor and the congregation. The Gradual will be chanted in unison. Especially on this "joy" Sunday, the use of chanting enlarges and elevates our Christian joy as we worship our divine, eternal Savior.



The Beautiful Savior Giving Tree is set up with Angel and Candy

Cane decorations. The Angels will have either men's socks, gloves or hats for the Denver Rescue Mission and the Candy Canes are for Gift Cards for to help Hope House teen moms and their children with food, clothing, or gas. Please take time to check out the Giving Tree. The Angel gifts should be placed (unwrapped) in one of the boxes near the tree. The Candy Cane gift cards should be left in the care of the church or school office. The deadline for the gifts is December 21st. Thank you.



A Note About The School Christmas Program at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, December 19. For this advent service, come see the birth of Jesus reenacted by our Toddlers through Fifth Graders.



Nominations Now Open for LCMS Officers: In preparation for the election of officers to be held at the 2019 LCMS Convention all members of an LCMS congregation are eligible to nominate ordained/rostered ministers for the following positions: *President *1st Vice President *West-Southwest Regional Vice-President. Please contact Mike Brown if you would like to submit a nomination(s) for one or more of these positions or if you have any questions. Thank you.



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



Children's Message: "You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin." (Psalm 85:2)



Hymn of The Month. This month's hymn, "God Loves Me Dearly" (LSB #392), was written in German ("Gott Ist Die Liebe") by August Rische, who lived from 1819 to 1906. The hymn first appeared in our LCMS hymnal for our day schools, *All God's People Sing* (© 1992). It is now included in *Lutheran Service Book* in the Christmas section. Throughout this month of December this hymn will focus our minds on the Gospel's message of God's love for us in Christ.



Blessings Abound! As 2018 draws to a close, let's join together as a church family of God's redeemed sons and daughters and contribute, as we are able and as the Spirit moves us, to our "Blessings Abound" fund. Please prayerfully consider making an "over and above" donation to help Beautiful Savior continue and expand our Word and Sacrament ministry in Broomfield. Thank you in Jesus' name!



Large Print Scripture Reading — Copies of today's Scripture readings in large print can be found on the bookshelf by the main doors to the sanctuary.



The Regular Voters' Assembly will meet **today**, December 16th, 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.



Pastor Is Starting Fresh with a Church Email List. Pastor Groth requests that every member who would like to be included on a Pastor's Email List beginning in the new year would kindly **fill out a short form with your name and email address. The forms and box to drop them in are available on the table in the narthex by the steps.** Even if you believe Pastor already has your correct email address, it will be much appreciated if you will nevertheless take the time to fill out this form. THANK YOU!



As You Are Finishing Christmas Shopping, please think of our Church and School. If you purchase items online through Amazon go to Amazon Smiles at smile.amazon.com and designate Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Broomfield, CO. We will then receive 0.5% in donations!



We Want To Thank the anonymous gift given last Sunday to help pay for a child's tuition that is in need. It helped the family pay for a portion of their December tuition and they are overjoyed by the support. We wanted to let you know how much the school appreciated this help! We also wanted to ask and pray that you consider the school in the future with your charitable donations. If you are in need of donating to a charitable organization, please consider Beautiful Savior Lutheran School.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

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Introit

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob,*
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is | in them,*
who keeps faith for- | ever;
who executes justice for | the oppressed,
who gives food to the | hungry.*

The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the |
righteous.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

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:	Zephaniah 3:14-20
Epistle:	Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel:	Luke 7:18-35
Sermon:	Philippians 3:14-20

Zephaniah 3:14-20

¹⁴ Sing, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!
¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your judgments,
He has cast out your enemy.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
You shall see disaster no more.
¹⁶ In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Do not fear;
Zion, let not your hands be weak.
¹⁷ The LORD your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing.”
¹⁸ “I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly,
Who are among you,
To whom its reproach is a burden.
¹⁹ Behold, at that time
I will deal with all who afflict you;
I will save the lame,
And gather those who were driven out;
I will appoint them for praise and fame
In every land where they were put to shame.
²⁰ At that time I will bring you back,
Even at the time I gather you;
For I will give you fame and praise
Among all the peoples of the earth,
When I return your captives before your eyes,”
Says the LORD.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

**Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.**

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

From the house of the Lord we | bless You.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Luke 7:18-35

¹⁸ Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. ¹⁹ And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

²⁰ When the men had come to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?’ ” ²¹ And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

²² Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them.

²³ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.”

²⁴ When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶ But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is written:

‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.’

²⁸ For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

²⁹ And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. ³⁰ But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

³¹ And the Lord said, “To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying: ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep.’

³³ For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’ ³⁴ The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ ³⁵ But wisdom is justified by all her children.”