

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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### The Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 23, 2018

Welcome to Beautiful Savior as the season of Advent is soon to give way to the celebration of Christmas. For one more day, though, we keep a foot in Advent as we wait and watch for Jesus the Christ. We mark time this morning with Mary, who spent her first trimester at the home of her relative Elizabeth, who was in her third trimester. We sing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and exclaim with Mary in humble wonder, “My soul magnifies the Lord” (Luke 1:36). Our eyes and hearts are toward Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), birthplace of our Savior who at the cross offered His body “once for all” (Hebrews 10:10). Welcome to God’s house as we gather in Jesus’ most holy name. (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. 24:

Elders for Dec. 25:

Elders for Dec. 30:

Today’s Acolyte:

Acolyte for Dec. 24:

Acolyte for Dec. 30:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Cliff Evans

Cal Meisner & Mike Brown

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Damien Dittrich

Damien Dittrich

Aaron Brechbuhl

#### Prepare for Next Sunday’s Readings

Old Testament:

Epistle:

Gospel:

Psalm:

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:22-40

Psalm 111



**Luke 1:45 – “And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”** The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord’s own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord’s commands in the face of the world’s anger and resistance. The same faithfulness in God gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.



**Advent IV –** Mary’s visitation to Elizabeth (Luke 1:44) provides proof that unborn ones have life in the womb. This joyful Gospel also proclaims that human beings have utmost value even before birth. Micah’s oracle (Micah 5:2) likewise confirms that the Lord loves little ones, and Hebrews 10:10 explains that the infant Immanuel consecrates us all so sacred and special to God. *Messiah of Bethlehem, move us to embrace the least of these in Your tenderness. Amen.*



**Altar Flowers** **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.



**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](https://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.



**Dear families of Beautiful Savior,**

As some of you may know, Carla Salazar, administrative assistant for the school, will be having surgery on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, and we would like to help support her and her family. We have set up a Meal Train for dinners for the family. To sign up, you need to pick a date that you can do, cook something yummy and deliver it to the address on the website. If you can't make a meal, there is a way to donate money for food to be delivered. All the information is at the link below. But if you should have any questions, please contact me at the school office at 303-469-2049 or at [bsls.acctsmanager@gmail.com](mailto:bsls.acctsmanager@gmail.com).

Thank you all for help and support!

Lisa Finks

<https://mealtrain.com/rnmq0d>



**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](mailto:tedgroth1970@comcast.net) or Mike Brown @ 303 438-5766 or E-mail: [mbrown\\_presbslc@comcast.net](mailto: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, 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, Marta Bannigan, Alyssa Stephenson, our ELC teacher Janis Abts, Charlotte Davis, Martha Vinquist, Shirley Ehlers, Carla Salazar, and our homebound members: Wilda Davenport, Hub Diedrichs, Linda Frederking, Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wynne Sylvester, Verna Walsh, and Maxine Craiger.

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

Monday: 07:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
 Tuesday: 09:00 a.m. Christmas Day Divine Service  
 Sunday: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service  
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class

At Worship, Dec. 16: 84 Communed: 75  
 Children's Program Att: 250

**Christmas Eve**

**December 24, 7:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols**

**Christmas Day**

**December 25, 9:00 a.m. Divine Service**

**New Year's Eve**

**7:00 p.m. Divine Service**



**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 has been focusing 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. (To date we have received \$5,150.00.) 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.



**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!



**The Poinsettias** adorning our altar today have been placed by the following individuals/families: **Bobbi Schasny, Jackie Ruck, Dan & Jackie Adams, Bev Baldwin, Rick & Jeanne Mericle, Dave & Gretchen Lee, Carolyn Lehenbauer, Mike & Jaci Brown, Ginny Smith, Art & Geri Albrecht, Cliff & Sue Evans, The Ludwig Family, Megan Keeling, Sami Acker, Sue Rada, Dixie Cassily, Roger & Dorothy Ruff, The Brechbuhl Family, Walter & Belva Beyer, Mani & Patrisha Boniek & Family, Patricia Kubat, and Larry & Jerre Kappel.**



**Chanting the Introit and Gradual.** Now that we've had a couple of Sundays to get used to chanting these parts of the Divine Service, we're going to simplify things going forward by having everyone, congregation and pastor, chant both of these parts of the liturgy in unison (rather than responsively).



**The 2019 Offering Envelopes** are in the mailboxes. 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.



**March For Life**, Saturday, January 12, 1:00. Please join Lutherans for Life on the lawn in front of the west steps of the Colorado State Capitol at the **Celebrate Life Rally** with many other Life Affirming people. We'll be holding the blue LFL sign, so come find us.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

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**Introit**

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

My mouth derides my | enemies,\*  
because I rejoice in Your sal- | vation.

There is none holy | like the LORD;\*  
there is none besides You; there is no rock | like our God.

The barren has borne | seven,\*  
but she who has many children | is forlorn.

The LORD kills and | brings to life,\*  
He brings down to Sheol and | raises up.

The LORD makes poor and | makes rich;\*  
He brings low and | He exalts.

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.

My soul magni- | fies the Lord,\*  
and my spirit rejoices in God my | Savior.

**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:**

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

**Epistle:**

**Gospel:**

**Sermon:**

**Choral Anthem:** *"Christmas Communion"*

(during Communion)

**Micah 5:2-5a**

**The Senior Choir**

**Hebrews 10:5-10**

**Luke 1:39-56**

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**The Senior Choir**

### **Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup> “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,  
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me  
The One to be Ruler in Israel,  
Whose goings forth are from of old,  
From everlasting.”  
<sup>3</sup> Therefore He shall give them up,  
Until the time that she who is in labor has given birth;  
Then the remnant of His brethren  
Shall return to the children of Israel.  
<sup>4</sup> And He shall stand and feed His flock  
In the strength of the LORD,  
In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God;  
And they shall abide,  
For now He shall be great  
To the ends of the earth;  
<sup>5</sup> And this One shall be peace.

### **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.**

### **Hebrews 10:5-10**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:  
“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,  
But a body You have prepared for Me.  
<sup>6</sup> In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin  
You had no pleasure.  
<sup>7</sup> Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—  
In the volume of the book it is written of Me—  
To do Your will, O God.’ ”  
<sup>8</sup> Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings,  
and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which  
are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then He said, “Behold, I have come to

do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the  
second. <sup>10</sup> By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the  
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

### **Luke 1:39-56**

<sup>39</sup> Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with  
haste, to a city of Judah, <sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and  
greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting  
of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with  
the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed  
are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> But why  
is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> For  
indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe  
leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who believed, for there will be  
a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said:

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

<sup>48</sup> For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant;  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.

<sup>49</sup> For He who is mighty has done great things for me,  
And holy is His name.

<sup>50</sup> And His mercy is on those who fear Him  
From generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with His arm;  
He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
And exalted the lowly.

<sup>53</sup> He has filled the hungry with good things,  
And the rich He has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped His servant Israel,  
In remembrance of His mercy,

<sup>55</sup> As He spoke to our fathers,  
To Abraham and to his seed forever.”

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months, and returned to  
her house.