

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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### The First Sunday after Christmas

December 30, 2018

Welcome to Beautiful Savior as the Christmas season continues. Christmas is not one single day, but a joy-filled season. For twelve days Christians ponder the “marvelous things” that the LORD has done (from today’s Introit and Gradual) in sending us His Son. We “let the Word of Christ dwell in [us] richly” (Colossians 3:16) and we “sing to the LORD a new song” (Psalm 98:1). On this First Sunday after Christmas we again gather for worship, for salvation has come to us in the holy Child of Bethlehem. Again this day we, like believers before us, shall find wonder after wonder in God’s Word. May this blessing be for each of us! (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. 31:

Elders for Jan. 6:

Today’s Acolyte:

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Acolyte for Jan. 6:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

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Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Aaron Brechbuhl

Bradley Dittrich

Joey Weinstock

#### Prepare for Next Sunday’s Readings

Old Testament:

Epistle:

Gospel:

Psalm:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Psalm 72:1-11

#### STEWARDSHIP

Luke 2:38 – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do.



**Christmas I** – Simeon had to wait for the consolation of Israel (Luke 2:25). No doubt his unfulfilled longings robbed him of dignity in the eyes of observers. But his extended approach toward death gave uplifting witness to the Lord’s relentless faithfulness. Equipped with this greater dignity, Simeon offered even his sufferings as sacrifice to serve the Lord’s will and the wellbeing of others. As we also die with Christ, He dignifies our deaths as well. *Ancient of Days, we commend our lives and our deaths into Your hands. 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.



**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, 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 Vinqvist, Shirley Ehlers, Carla Salazar, Ruby Stolz, and our homebound members: Wilda Davenport, Hub Diedrichs, Linda Frederking, Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, Verna Walsh, and Maxine Craiger.



**The Flowers** adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Jaci) Brown in celebration of their 52<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

Monday: 07:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Divine Service  
 Tuesday: Pastor on Vacation through January 8  
 Saturday: 09:00 a.m. LWML  
 Sunday: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service (Pastor Craig Thomas)  
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class

At Worship, Dec. 23:	<u>102</u>	Communed:	<u>80</u>
Christmas Eve Att:	<u>137</u>		
Christmas Day Att:	<u>45</u>	Communed:	<u>36</u>



**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 \$5,350.00.) 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!



**Pastor Groth** (and family) will be on vacation January 1-8. If you have need of pastoral care during this time, Pastor Thompson will be on call. You may reach him at 303-438-1333 or 303-518-5297.



**Dear families of Beautiful Savior,**

As some of you may know, Carla Salazar, administrative assistant for the school, had 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.

Thank you all for help and support!

Lisa Finks

<https://mealtrain.com/rnmq0d>



**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**

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:**

**Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15**

**Epistle:**

**Colossians 3:12-17**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 2:22-40**

**Sermon:**

*Pastor Groth*

### **Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15**

<sup>13</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine.”

<sup>3</sup> And Moses said to the people: ... <sup>11</sup> “And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, <sup>12</sup> that you shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males shall be the LORD’s. <sup>13</sup> But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. <sup>14</sup> So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, ‘What is this?’ that you shall say to him, ‘By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.’”

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

### **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!**

### **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.