

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6, 2019

Welcome to Beautiful Savior. On this day of the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, we praise God not only for sending His Son but also for revealing to us, through His Word, the salvation and everlasting life that are given to us in Jesus' name. The wise men rejoiced as God led them by a star to the Christ child; we too rejoice that God has led us to Christ, who meets us today in Word and Sacrament. Warmest welcome is extended today to Beautiful Savior's former pastor, Pastor Craig Thomas, who is with us today to serve us and administer Christ's gifts to us. May the Lord bless Pastor and Bernice and their family. (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 Jan. 13:

Today's Acolyte:

Acolyte for Jan. 13:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Joey Weinstock

Aaron Brechbuhl

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:

Isaiah 43:1-7

Epistle:

Romans 6:1-11

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-22

Psalm:

Psalm 29



Matt. 2:11 – “And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”

Worship and the giving of gifts go together. This makes sense because God is the great Giver of every good gift, and we worship Him and desire to grow into His image. We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to the likeness of His image, we imitate His generosity.



Epiphany of Our Lord – The Heavenly Father welcomed outsiders into His household at Christmas (Matthew 2:1, 11). He even escorted them toward His nativity and incarnation by an extraordinary gesture. His loving grace held the magi as precious as His own Son, regardless of their origin and location. God's favor shines the same way upon unborn ones, even in their sometimes unfavorable circumstances. And His forgiveness embraces all sinners—even those with histories checkered by violence against life.



The 2019 Flower Chart is now up and there are a number 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.



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.



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 Vinquist, 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 Mrs. Beverly Baldwin in loving memory of Jim and Gloria.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop In Volleyball
 Tuesday: 09:00 a.m. Pastors' Winkel at Eternal Savior, Lafayette
 05:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
 Saturday: 09:00 a.m. Christian Doctrine Class
 11:00 a.m. Board of Elders
 01:00 p.m. Celebrate Life Rally & March at State Capitol
 Sunday: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class

At Worship, Dec. 30: 89 Communed: 76



Bible Class Leader Today Is Dan Adams. In Pastor Groth's absence, Dan Adams will be leading the Adult Bible class this morning. The class takes place in the Fellowship Hall, and all are welcome to attend as Dan leads us in a study of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).



Hymn of The Month. This month's hymn, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" (LSB #394) is a fine hymn for the Epiphany season. In this season the Scripture readings reveal Jesus as the Son of God in human flesh, come for our salvation. The closing line of each of the five stanzas of this great hymn says, "God in man made manifest." The word *manifest* means visible; it means that God has shown Himself and revealed Himself for all people to see—not in His bare (and unbearable to us!) majesty, but humbly clothed in our very same human flesh and bone. In this flesh and blood God's eternal Son preached and taught, healed and drove out demons, performed miracles, and finally laid down His life for ours, then rose in glory.



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 Groth and family are on vacation through January 8. If you have need of pastoral care during this time, Pastor Thompson is on call. You may reach him at 303-438-1333 or 303-518-5297.



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



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.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Introit

I will cause Your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;*

therefore nations will praise You forever and | ever.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of Your kingdom is a
scepter of up- | rightness;*

You have loved righteousness and hated | wickedness.

Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond
Your com- | panions;*

Your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and | cassia.

I will cause Your name to be remembered in all gener- | ations;*

therefore nations will praise You forever and | ever.

Collect of the Day

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the
Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your
divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Epistle:

Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel:

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon:

Pastor Craig Thomas

Isaiah 60:1-6

60 Arise, shine;
For your light has come!
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.
3 The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.
4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see:
They all gather together, they come to you;
Your sons shall come from afar,
And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.
5 Then you shall see and become radiant,
And your heart shall swell with joy;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.
6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land,
The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
All those from Sheba shall come;
They shall bring gold and incense,
And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

Gradual

Praise the Lord, all | nations!*

Extol Him, all | peoples!

For great is His steadfast | love toward us,*

and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for- | ever.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory | due His name;*

bring an offering, and come in- | to His courts!

Ephesians 3:1-12

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶ that the Gentiles should be

fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷ of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

Matthew 2:1-12

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

⁵ So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

⁶ 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;
For out of you shall come a Ruler
Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "

⁷ Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. ¹¹ And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.