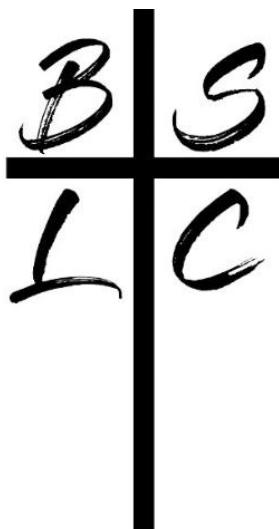


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*January 6, 2026
Epiphany
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Pastor James Peterson*

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THE PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETINGS

FELLOWSHIP FORMS

OPENING HYMN *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* LSB # 395

1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with - in
3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in Your Son You loved us when

own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!

Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him

ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
with heav'n-ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo-ri-ous, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing

Rich in bless-ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

5

O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!

6

What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins
and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and
justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the
sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and
merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 72:1–2, 10–11

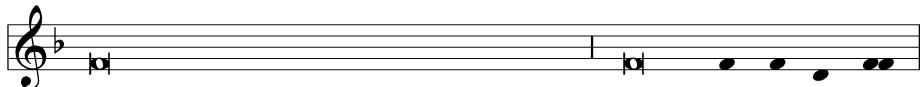
P: Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
C: **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.**
P: Give the king your justice, O God,
C: **and your righteousness to the royal son!**
P: May he judge your people with righteousness,
C: **and your poor with justice!**
P: May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
C: **may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!**
P: May all kings fall down before him,
C: all nations serve him!
ALL: **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.**
P: Behold the Lord, the ruler, has come,
C: **and the kingdom and the power and the glory are in his hand.**

Kyrie

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



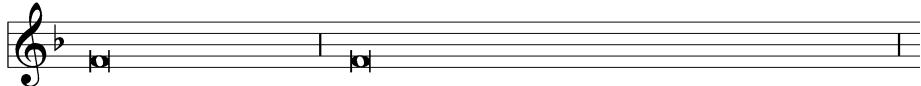
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



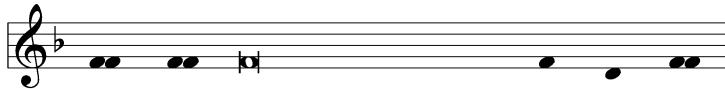
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray

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.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴Lift 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 carried on the hip.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can

perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
 who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And 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. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

LSB # 394



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign;
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - them be to Thee ad-dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
Thou by all wilt be con-fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: O Lord, You have redeemed us in Christ and declared us righteous and holy in Him. Graciously grant that we may offer You our very selves as living sacrifices, that we may glorify You in all we think, say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, prosper Your Church. Bless Matthew, our Synod president; our district president; our circuit visitor; our pastor(s); all church workers; and those preparing for vocations in Your service. Make them wise unto salvation and faithful in all the duties and responsibilities assigned to them for our benefit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have adopted us into Your family through Holy Baptism. Renew the fathers of Your Church after Your own likeness, that they would proclaim Your faithfulness to the next generation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Omnipotent Lord, all the might of man is nothing before You. Bless all who serve in government, as first responders, in disaster relief and in the armed forces. Give them compassionate hearts for service, and lead them by Your Word to know and do what is right and in accordance with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, You sent Your Son as the Servant who preserves the bruised reed and the faintly burning wick. Hear us on behalf of those in need of healing and deliverance *[including _____]*. Provide healing, restoration and justice according to Your good and gracious will, and grant that we rejoice in Your Son's everlasting faithfulness toward us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, give us grateful hearts as we approach Your Son's table, that we would receive the blessing of Christ's body and blood to our benefit and manifest in our daily lives the righteousness of faith. Hasten the day when all earthly divisions cease and we will be one people in doctrine and fellowship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, You raised Your Son from the dead, never to die again. We give thanks to You for all the saints whom You kept in their baptismal grace in life and in death. As You have granted us to be born again by water and the Spirit, preserve our lives in Christ by Your Word and Supper, that we would rejoice with all the faithful in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERING LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB # 839



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
 wan - d'lers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

WE GIVE THANKS & PRAISE TO GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS: We ask for beneficial rains and the safety of all travelers.

Anniversary: **Dean & Cathy Nutt (28yrs), Jeff & Chandra Boeka (41yrs)**
And Rusty & Deedra DeGarmo (20 yrs)

WE PRAY FOR GOD'S COMFORT for the family of Robert Reigan at his graduation to heaven.

***WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING TOUCH:** ***WE PRAY** for those who struggle with chronic conditions or effects of aging; **Art Little**, father of Mark & Vicki Goforth; **Lanny Moore**; **Jean Niedan**; **Paul Wathen**, Brother-in-Law of David & Shirley Steele; **Rose McNulty**; **Don Richert**; **Mildred Gurkin**.

***WE PRAY for those who battle cancer:** **Brenda Ott**, daughter of Loren & Mary Babcock; **Matt Moorhead**, friend of the Huebner's; **Erin**, Mark Cullinan's sister; **Lori Potter**, Lisa Parish's sister; **Richard Smith**, friend of Bonnie Van Cura; **Holly**, Janelle Onderkirk's sister in law; **Bruce Tiedeman**; **Kate Mohr**, daughter of Chris & Bruce Reinboth; **Holly Roesser**, friend of Kerrin Tallmon; **Jeff Crymble**, friend of the Parish's; **Gail Warren**; **Keary Ryan**; **Rachelle Kowalski**; **Deb Murdock**; **Beth Janecek**; **John Browers**; **Pat Hoagland**; **Lana Gibbs**; **Vickie Kauffold**.

***WE PRAY** for those with a variety of health concerns: **Pastor Stubenrouch**; **Annie Wilcox's father**, he had a stroke; **Vern Lantis**, brother -in-law of Sharon Lantis; **Robert Stevenson**, friend of Bonnie VanCura; **Heather Axtell**, friend of Bonnie Van Cura; **Byron Fritz**; **Angela Richards**, friend of Gena and Mark Cullinan; **Bret Skiles**, Son of Denise and Duane Skiles; **Carol Mahnken**; **Shirley Nielson**; **Dennis Young**; **Jeanne Brott**; **Lavonne Fleer**, Aunt of Raegan Anderson; **Harlan Grunden**, Uncle of Raegan Anderson; **Tom P**; **Shelley Kleewein**; **Mike DeBolt**, family of Bonnie Van Cura; **Max Wallace**; **Brian Mahler**; **Hayden & Landon**, friends of the Babcock's; **Kylar Smith**; **Marie Gordon**; **Connie Langhofer**; **Brian McFarland**; **Rick Heglin**; **Mike Waggener**; **Mary DeRiese**.

***WE PRAY** for our expectant mothers and the children they carry.

***WE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES OR MISSION PROJECTS:**

***WE PRAY** that we would be deliberate sharers of Jesus' word, grace, and love.

WE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL PETITIONS:

***WE PRAY for the LCMS**, Synod President Harrison, and District President Snow & other officers of our Synod.

***WE PRAY for** Pastor Hahn, Church leaders and Vacancy Pastors.

***WE PRAY** for our nation and its leaders and the men and women serving in our military: **Jordan Harris**, US Army in Colorado Springs; **Bailey Hutton**, US Army in Fort Hood, Tx; **Jed Wiley**, US Army; **Colton Hughes**, US Navy; **Mitchell Parish**, US Army; **Matthew Russell**, US Marine Corp.; **Benjamin Reehl**, US Army; **D. Logan Miles**, US Marines, MSAU, Quantico, VA.

Happening this month:

January 6th 8am Men's Bible Study
 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study
 3:00pm Linden Court Service
 5:30pm Dinner
6:30 Worship Service

January 8th 1pm LWML Afternoon Circle

January 10th 9am Un-decorating the church

January 11th 9:45am Bible Study
 10am Board of Ed Meeting
**11am Worship Service- Communion
LWML Officers Installation**

January 12th 4pm LWML Ex. Board
 5pm LWML Evening Circle
 7pm Elder's Board Meeting

January 13th 8am Men's Bible Study
 10am Book Club
 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study
 5:30pm Dinner
6:30 Worship Service

January 15th 1:30pm Book Club

January 18th 9:45am Bible Study
 10am Sunday School
11am Worship Service-
 2pm Church Council

January 19th 5:30pm BOOM Meeting
 7pm Trustee Meeting

January 20th 8am Men's Bible Study
 1:30pm Ladies Bible Study
 5:30pm Dinner
6:30 Worship Service



We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 10th at 9am., please come join us.

Tree of Love

Donations will go to 3 local food pantries:
Salvation Army
Grace Ministries
NP High School

- *Take an envelope off the tree,
- *Take out the candy cane and
- *Put your donation in the envelope in the box under the tree.



We will collect donations through the month of December

Thank you for donating to these very needed food pantries.

Thank you for all of your prayers, gifts, cards, goodies and Christmas blessings. It is an honor and privilege to help with your vacancy. God's peace in the New Year. Darla and Pastor John.

LWML Registration and Dues for 2026: Envelopes will be available on the LWML table for ladies wishing to join LWML in the coming year. Registration will continue through January, and new information booklets will be completed in February. Dues are \$3.00 plus \$7.50 for quarterly, if desired.

LWML MISSION OUTREACH: There is no question Jesus had plenty to do while here on earth, but he gave us a great example of putting first things first. One day Jesus spent until well after sundown healing people in Capernaum, yet He rose early the next morning and went alone to a place to pray privately to His Heavenly Father. Make it your priority each day to spend quiet time with God— (New Year's resolution?)

LWML Prayer Partners: If you did not attend the December LWML Quarterly Meeting, you missed a chance to choose a "Prayer Partner" for 2026. Contact Lisa Parish to participate.



"Knowing and Being Known in a New Year"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: [Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler](#)
God invites us to speak with Him in prayer and hear

from Him in the Bible, to know Him and to love as we are loved.
John 17:3

In Service to the Lord

Organist: Sherry Roehrs

Reader:

Elders: Rod Christmann, Jeff Boeka, Larry Wallace & Jim Parish

Ushers : Leroy Gellerman, Bob Lantis, Charles Boettcher & Allen Huff

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>1 Yr. Ago</u>
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Christmas Eve	218	215
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Christmas Day	38	13
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December 28 th	86	97
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Offering

General Fund	\$8,1047.25	\$ 6,494.00
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Synodical Mission	\$ 0.00	\$.00
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Sunday School	\$ 0.00	\$.00
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Dedicated Others	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budgeted Expense Needed Monthly for 2026	\$ 39,115.22
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Year to Date Income ending December 2025	\$ 291,083.11
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Year to Date Expenses ending December 2025	\$ 280,717.39
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Bible Lesson for Sunday January 11th

Series A Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 Romans 6:1- 11 Matthew 3:13-17

1-yr Series Joshua 3:1-17 or Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 85

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 3:13-17

*Pastor John follows Series A. Pastor Peterson follows the 1yr Series

Each Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church (BSLC) Member is:
Beautifully Saved to Lead to Christ

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ we take immense joy in welcoming you to our worship service today!

If you are a **visitor**, please complete the attendance form in your pew or fill out a Welcome Card in the pew and place it in the offering plate. **We are glad the Lord led you here today!**

We ask all attending **members** to complete the attendance form as it helps us track attendance for our computer records. There is an opportunity on the Welcome card to make us aware of your prayer request.

***Assisted listening devices are available for those who need them.**

**** A nursery is available for small children.**