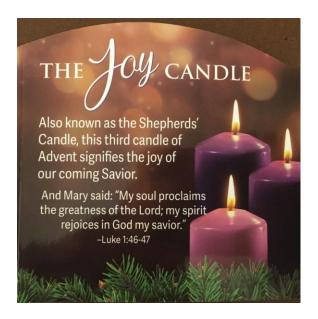
# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Lord's Supper: Our congregation practices "Close Communion" in that only those who are united with us in our teachings, are invited to commune with us. This is based on the fact that Christ wants His Church united in its teachings based solely upon His written Word, and communing at an altar is a public statement that we accept the teachings of that congregation. Therefore, we invite all communicant members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to receive The Lord's Supper with us. If you have questions about this practice or would like to learn more about the teachings of our church, please speak with an Elder or the Pastor

## **WELCOME & GREETINGS**

### **FELLOWSHIP FORMS**

## OPENING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB # 349

- Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
   The Savior promised long;
   Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
   And ev'ry voice a song.
- He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.
   The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To\_enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim, And heav'n's eternal arches ring With Thy belovèd name.

## INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by

what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## INTROIT

Psalm 71:14-18; Philippians 4:4

- P: Rejoice in the Lord always;
- C: again I will say, Rejoice.
- P: I will hope continually
- C: and will praise you yet more and more.
- P: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day,
- C: for their number is past my knowledge.
- P: With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;
- C: I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.
- P: O God, from my youth you have taught me,
- C: and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
- P: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me,
- C: until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.
- 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: Rejoice in the Lord always;
- C: again I will say, Rejoice.

## **KYRIE**

LSB 152

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.

- 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 mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 35:1-10

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;

the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

<sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly

and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,

the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,

the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,

and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,

"Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you."

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>And a highway shall be there,

and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;

the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there.

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE James 5:7-11

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 11:2-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew eleventh chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>4</sup>And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight and

the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face,

who will prepare your way before you.'

<sup>11</sup>Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. <sup>12</sup>From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup>For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup>and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup>He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

- 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.

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 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

**HYMN** The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns LSB # 348

- The King shall come when morning dawns
   And light triumphant breaks,
   When beauty gilds the eastern hills
   And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child, To bear and fight and die, But crowned with glory like the sun That lights the morning sky.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn When Christ, victorious, rose And left the lonesome place of death Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn Shall dawn upon our race The day when Christ in splendor comes And we shall see His face.
- The King shall come when morning dawns
   And light and beauty brings.

   Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
   Come quickly, King of kings!

**SERMON** Rejoice: God Changes Everything Isaiah 35:1–10

Sermon Theme: When God comes to save, everything changes.

**Sermon Goal:** That the hearers rejoice in God changing everything when he comes to save in Jesus.

**INTRODUCTION**: Sometimes, something happens, and it changes most everything.

- Isaiah talks about creation being changed.
- II. But when will this happen?
- III. It has happened, it is going on now, and will continue to happen.
- IV. Jesus changed people.
- V. Jesus' cross and resurrection changes everything.
- VI. Your baptism...changed you.
- VII. The Lord's Supper...changes you.
- VIII. The Word...strengthens and changes you.

**CONCLUSION:** God in Jesus has come to save us, and we rejoice because everything has changed. Amen.

## **OFFERING**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

- P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P: Lord, You are the source of all joy. Even the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad at Your appearance. Sustain us in the time of waiting for Your will and purpose to unfold in these latter days. Give us patience under trials and hope that endures the changes and chances of this mortal life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: O God, You have sent messengers to prepare the way of Your Son's coming. Grant us ears to hear and hearts to believe the words delivered by pastors and all who bear Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Gracious Lord, You have instituted the home to be a refuge for husbands and wives and a place of growth and safety for children. Look with favor upon the homes of our land, and grant that the faith might be delivered from one generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, give guidance to those entrusted with positions of leadership in government. Protect service men and women who defend us against the enemies of our nation, and those who enact and enforce laws that protect us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Lord, our God, the prophet Isaiah looked for the day when blind eyes would see, deaf ears would hear, lame legs would leap and mute tongues would sing. Until the final day of restoration, draw near to all who have requested our prayers, and give them healing according to Your gracious will. Bind up those who grieve, that they may look for the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, You give strength to those who are anxious. Give us hearts that trust in You at all times. Grant us courage to confront our doubts and fears with Your Word, and give us strength to fulfill our vocations of worship, witness, prayer and works of mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: With great jubilation, O Lord, we rejoice at Your Son's gracious visitation in His body and blood in the fellowship of this altar. Grant us faith to receive Him worthily as He comes in this foretaste of the Lamb's marriage feast. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God, Your love invites us to rejoice in Your goodness. In every circumstance of life, teach us the joy that comes from knowing Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and eagerly expecting His gracious visitation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

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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.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

## When All the World Was Cursed LSB # 346

- When all the world was cursed By Moses' condemnation, Saint John the Baptist came With words of consolation. With true forerunner's zeal The greater One he named, And Him, as yet unknown, As Savior he proclaimed.
- Before he yet was born,
   He leaped in joyful meeting,
   Confessing Him as Lord
   Whose mother he was greeting.
   By Jordan's rolling stream,
   A new Elijah bold,
   He testified of Him
   Of whom the prophets told:
- 3 Behold the Lamb of God
  That bears the world's transgression,
  Whose sacrifice removes
  The devil's dread oppression.
  Behold the Lamb of God,
  Who takes away our sin,
  Who for our peace and joy
  Will full atonement win.
- 4 O grant, dear Lord of love, That we receive, rejoicing,

The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him
In His eternal day.

## O Lord, How Shall I Meet You LSB # 334

- O Lord, how shall I meet You, How welcome You aright?
   Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!
   O kindle, Lord most holy, Your lamp within my breast
   To do in spirit lowly All that may please You best.
- Your Zion strews before You Green boughs and fairest palms; And I too will adore You With joyous songs and psalms. My heart shall bloom forever For You with praises new And from Your name shall never Withhold the honor due.
- I lay in fetters, groaning;
   You came to set me free.
   I stood, my shame bemoaning;
   You came to honor me.
   A glorious crown You give me,
   A treasure safe on high
   That will not fail or leave me
   As earthly riches fly.
- Love caused Your incarnation;
   Love brought You down to me.
   Your thirst for my salvation
   Procured my liberty.
   Oh, love beyond all telling,
   That led You to embrace
   In love, all love excelling,
   Our lost and fallen race.

- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Cannot His love erase; Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace. He comes, for you procuring The peace of sin forgiv'n, His children thus securing Eternal life in heav'n.
- He comes to judge the nations,

   A terror to His foes,
   A light of consolations
   And blessèd hope to those

   Who love the Lord's appearing.

   O glorious Sun, now come,
   Send forth Your beams so cheering,
   And guide us safely home.

O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild LSB # 546

- O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! For sinners You became a child. You came from heaven down to earth In human flesh through human birth. O Jesus so sweet. O Jesus so mild!
- O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! With God we now are reconciled. You have for all the ransom paid, Your Father's righteous anger stayed. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!
- 3 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! Joy fills the world which sin defiled. Whate'er we have belongs to You; O keep us faithful, strong, and true. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LSB # 357

 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

- ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee. O Israel!
- O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain
- O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Refrain
- O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain

### THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

## POST -COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## BENEDICITION

LSB 166

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

C Amen.

## **HYMN** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB # 338

- Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
   From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
   Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
   Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king! Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone; By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### **POSTLUDE**



## Our Preschool Christmas Program is Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Prior to the program at 5:30pm, we are inviting you and the families of the preschoolers to a Ham and Potato dinner hosted by the preschool staff.

If you have been praying for one of our preschoolers, we are asking you to consider being a table host for their family.

Then plan on staying for their program to encourage them and their families.

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

Anniversary: Lanny & Alfie Moore (58 yrs.), and Rick & Kathy Palmer (29 yrs.)

\*WE PRAY FOR GOD'S HEALING TOUCH: \*WE PRAY for those who struggle with chronic conditions or effects of aging; 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; Erin & 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 Ouderkirk'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: Emmitt, great nephew of the Frerichs'; Zach Parish; Vern Lantis, brother -in-law of Sharon Lantis; Lisa Parish; Robert Stevenson, friend of Bonnie VanCura; Heather Axtell, friend of Bonnie Van Cura; Pastor Stubenrouch; Kassie, Jim Parish's niece; 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; Robert Reigan; 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 our Pastor Hahn, our 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:

December 14th 9:45am Bible Study

10am Board of Ed Mtg

11am Worship Service- Communion

2pm LWML Quarterly Mtg.

7pm Compassionate Friends Candle Service

December 15th 5:30pm BOOM meeting

7pm Trustee meeting

December 16th 8am Men's Bible Study

1:30pm Ladies Bible Study

5:30pm Preschool Dinner and Program

December 21st 9:45am Bible Study

10am Sunday School

11am Worship Service

December 23<sup>rd</sup> No Bible Studies or evening service

December 24th 5pm Christmas Eve Service - Communion

December 25<sup>th</sup> 11am Christmas Day Service - Communion

December 26<sup>th</sup> No Preschool – Church Office Closed December 28<sup>th</sup> 9:45am Bible Study

11am Worship Service- Communion

December 29th No Preschool

December 30th 8am Men's Bible Study

1:30pm Ladies Bible Study

5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm Worship Service – Communion

January 1<sup>st</sup> Happy New Years
January 4<sup>th</sup> 9:45am Bible Study

11am Worship Service- Communion



Beautiful Savior is hosting the local **Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting** on the 2nd
Sunday in December that unites family and friends
around the globe in lighting candles for one hour to

honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. As candles are lit on *TONIGHT*, **December 14th, 2025 at 7:00 pm** local time, hundreds of thousands of people commemorate and honor the memory of all children gone too soon.



Join us as the Preschool classes present their Christmas program on **December 16**<sup>th</sup>. We will be hosting the students and their families dinner at 5:30pm and are encouraging prayer partners to come

be table hostess. Then at 6:30pm the program will begin with cookies and hot chocolate to follow.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: It is time to order a poinsettia to be placed on the altar during the Christmas season in memory or honor of a loved one. Please complete a form and place in the offering plate or call the church office to place your poinsettia. Cost \$16



Billie Piller will be celebrating her 99th birthday on December 21st. Let's all shower her with birthday wishes. 4000 W. Philip Ave. Room #106, North Platte, NE 69101

Blue Christmas, A space to grieve. A space to hope.

December 21<sup>st</sup>. 7pm North Platte Berean Church. Christmas can be a complicated season as we try to make room for both joy and sorrow in our hearts. NP Berean invites you to join them for the Blue Christmas gatheringon the longest, darkest night of the year. It will be a time to acknowledge the losses and sadness we feel, and be reminded of the HOPE we have because of Jesus.



## "Pictures of Patience"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: <u>Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler</u>
Patience can be practiced, tested, strained, and lost.

Christians are called to return the patience God in His mercy has shown us, in Christ. (James 5:7-8)

**LWML MISSION OUTREACH** Esther was content with the idea she may have to sacrifice her life for her people if it was God's will. She loved God and was ready to take action at His command. We are guilty of surrendering part of our life to God, not all of it. We are greedy with our time, finances, and prayers. We overlook those around us who need salvation. We need to take a closer look at the sacrifices we make and continue to ask Lord what we can do to serve Him today.

## <u>In Service</u> to the Lord

Organist Shary Asher

Elders Bob Lantis, Leland Poppe, Larry Wallace & Allen Huff

Reader

Ushers Mike Steele, David Steele, Josh Thompson & Zach Parish

<u>Attendance</u>	Last Week		<u> 1 Yr. Ago</u>	
	186		139	
<u>Offering</u>				
General Fund	\$ 7,71	7.00	\$	5,414.00
Synodical Mission	\$	0.00	\$	25.00
Sunday School	\$	0.00	\$	5.00
Dedicated Others	\$ 13	3.00	\$	20.00

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Budgeted Expense Needed Monthly for 2025	\$ 32,893.00
Year to Date Income ending November 2025	\$ 262,614.86
Year to Date Expenses ending November 2025	\$ 262,495.29

## Bible Lesson for Next Sunday December 21st

Deut. 18;15-19	Psalm 111	Phil. 4:4-7	John 1:19-28
			or Luke 1:39-56

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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.