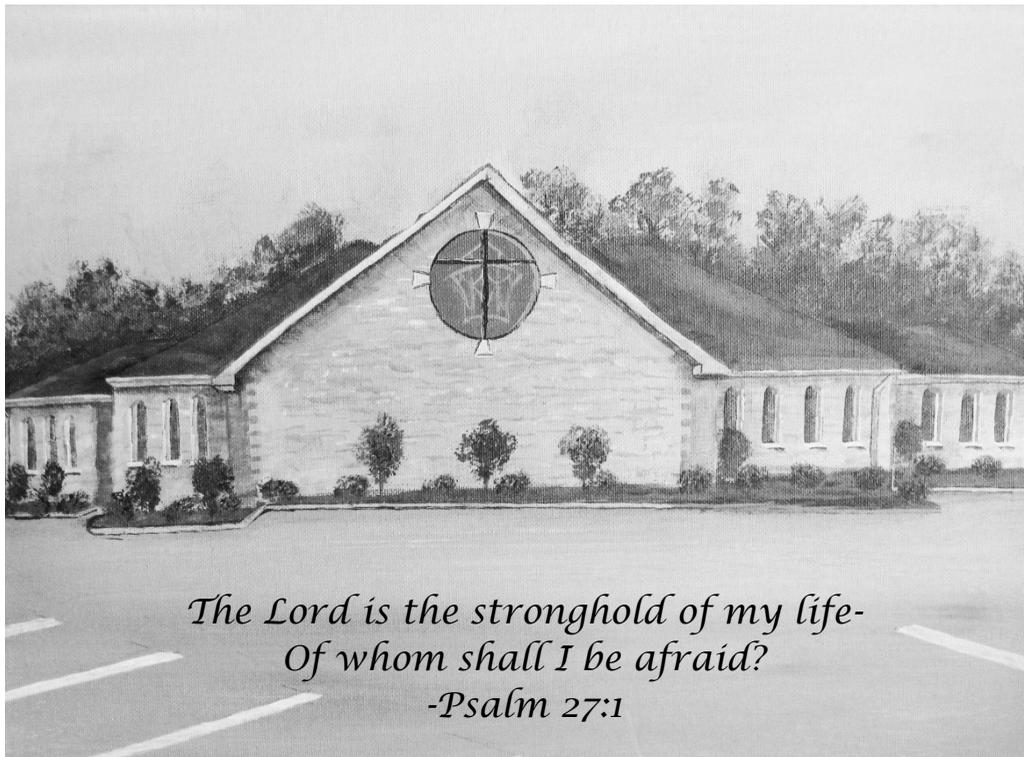


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



*The Lord is the stronghold of my life-
Of whom shall I be afraid?
-Psalm 27:1*

January 6, 2019 – Epiphany

SERVICE THEME:

JESUS IS THE SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS



Our Mission

By grace, the mission of Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church is to proclaim the Word of God so that we may praise his name, grow together in the knowledge of our Savior, and share with others his message of forgiveness and eternal life.

Welcome-- We are glad you could join us today! It is our hope that this service is a blessing to you. Please join us for worship again soon.

- Please save the last two rows of pews for parents with small children.
- Parents with little ones: If your child becomes restless during the service, that's okay... We're glad they're here, and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word: *"Let the little children come to me."* If you need to be with your child in the Fellowship Hall, the service can be heard through a speaker. We also have Children's Church during second service following the Children's message down the preschool hallway.
- Five minutes before the worship service begins the usher will light the candles. This is our signal to quiet down and prepare our hearts for worship. *(There are prayers for worship preparation on page 10 in the front part of the hymnal.)*
- Restrooms are conveniently located to the left as you exit the sanctuary.
- Everyone is invited to join us in the fellowship hall after worship for coffee, snacks, and conversation! Please help to keep the chapel clean by leaving all food and drinks in the fellowship hall.
- Please silence your cell phone before the start of the service.

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OPENING HYMN *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (Hymn 80, v. 1-3)

Please stand.

INVOCATION

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: We have gathered here in God's house to offer him our worship and praise. But as the Bible teaches, we all like sheep have gone astray. We have all sinned against our God with our selfish actions, greedy thoughts and unkind words. We have not loved others as ourselves and have not loved God above all things. We have all fallen short of God's requirements and are deserving only of his wrath and punishment. But our God is also gracious and compassionate. He promises that whoever confesses his sins before Him can be certain of forgiveness. Therefore let us confess our sins to our God.

C: Almighty God, we confess that we are sinners from birth. In more ways than we can count, we have trampled your law. We have not always feared, loved and trusted you above all things. We have not loved others as you have taught us. We have often ignored the hurting and the sick, and have shown no compassion to the lonely and hurting. We have been stingy with sharing your message of forgiveness in Jesus. We confess these and all sins to you and plead for your mercy, for Jesus' sake.

P: Our Lord is a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Maintaining love to thousands and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin. God has been gracious to us and has sent us Jesus to live a perfect life and to suffer, die and rise again for us. Because of Jesus, God announces to us that as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

C: In confidence of this, we say, Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE *Angels from the Realms of Glory* (Hymn 80, v. 4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 60: 1-6

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

RESPONSE Psalm 72 (P. 93)

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 3: 2-12

Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all God’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE *Ages 3 thru grade 5 are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.*

CHILDREN’S CHURCH *During the second service, parents may choose to take their children (ages 2 -6) to Children’s Church. There they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer and do a craft. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering.*

HYMN OF THE DAY *As with Gladness Men of Old (Hymn 83)*

SERMON Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶” “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.” ⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

“Come and seek your Savior!”

THE NICENE CREED *(We join in confession our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANK OFFERING *“We love because he first loved us.” 1Jn 4:19 God’s love in sending Jesus to live, to suffer, and to die for each of us motivates the members of Beautiful Savior to show their love and thanks by returning a portion of their income to the Lord. Through these free will offerings, this congregation and its ministries are maintained.*

Please stand.

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up 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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*)

(Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.)

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| <p>1 O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.</p> | <p>2 Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured
Deliver us from bondage
Hosanna Mighty Lord.</p> |
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P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (Printed on p. 9)

COMMUNION HYMN *As Angels Joyed with One Accord* (Hymn 5)

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *O Jesus, King of Glory* (Hymn 94, v. 1,2,5)

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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship this week: "The Mission of the Messiah: Baptized". Our readings will be: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13, Titus 3: 4-7, and Luke 3: 15-17,21,22. We will sing the following hymns: Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism, 89 To Jordan's River Came our Lord, 709 Christ Your Footprints Through the Desert, 76 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love.

Christmas Decorations

This morning after second service, we will be taking down and storing away our Christmas and Advent decorations following the late service. Please lend a hand if you are able!

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- ✝ **Today** 8 & 10:30am Worship with Lord's Supper
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
12pm Christmas Decoration Removal
No Confirmation Class
- ✝ **Tuesday** 7pm Bible Study
- ✝ **Wednesday** 6:30pm BIC
- ✝ **Sunday** 8 & 10:30am Worship
9:15am Sunday School for all ages
6 pm Confirmation Class

Newest Bible Information Class

Are you interested in growing in the truth of God's Word? Do you have questions about church or God or the Bible? We have a class designed to answer those questions-and many others you may have. Our next Bible Information Class (BIC) starts Wednesday, January 23. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall here at church, starting at 6:30. The class also serves as our pre-membership class if you are interested in membership. Please watch our Facebook page; Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church-Clarksville, for more information or talk to Pastor Holz.

Thanks be to God!

Just a month ago, it looked like we would fall short of our CMO (Congregational Mission Offering) commitment of \$21,500, but through generous contributions of our members, we were able to fulfill our mission pledge. That CMO pledge is very important as those monies go towards mission work and worker training here in the US and around the world. We also were very blessed to finish the year exceeding our total budget commitment by about \$3,000. Thank you for your generous support of our Gospel ministry here at Beautiful Savior!

Prayer List

Thank the Lord for the safe return of all the soldiers who recently came home and all soldiers and their families who are facing deployment. Please keep in your prayers this week all soldiers who are currently deployed. Please also remember: Marianne and Frank Woods (Marianne's aunt passed away); Dawna Brooks, friend of Brenda Schultz-von Hawker (metastatic liver cancer); Dar Brickman (kidney transplant); Fred Benning, brother in law of Dar Brickman (open heart surgery); Ruth Amorth, twin sister of Hilde Fox (seriously ill); Gary Davis, husband of Angela Davis (seizures); Rosalie Dixon, mother of Jennifer Geer (cancer); The Fox family, friends of Caryn McLain (Ed Fox gone to heaven); Joan Haughn (surgery); Jordan Grier, friend of Zach Schilling (cancer); Leon Daniel, husband of Mary Daniel (pneumonia); Terry Thompson, brother in law of Jan Thompson (illness); Reni Karl, friend of Karin Galvin (health issues); Kourtney Dixon, step-sister of Jennifer Geer (illness); The Cutting family (Daughter Kiara Cutting gone to Heaven); The Schroeder family (Recovery); James Smith (cancer); Donna Flowers, mother of Larry Flowers (kidney failure, dialysis); Gidget Tate (Health issues); Maria Sauer, Friend of Karin Galvin; Mychelle Reynolds, daughter of Dann & Mary Reynolds (Health Issues). If you would like to have a name or situation included or if you would like to give an update on a prayer request, please contact Pastor Holz or call the church office at 931-905-1400.

Attendance and Offerings Summary

	Last Week	
Worship	115	
End of Year 12/31/18	Weekly Offerings	
Simply Giving (Vanco)	\$165.93	
General Funds	\$9,244.61	
Special Offerings	\$6.00	
Additional Offerings, Building Funds, Preschool, etc.	\$91.50	
Offerings Total	\$9,508.04	YTD
Available for General Use	\$9,416.54	\$230,927.13
2018 BUDGET NEEDS	\$4,383.21	\$227,926.92

Serving in God's House

Ushers:

(early) Larry Flowers & Mark Owens

(late) Dan Walker & Ernie Rautter

Greeters: Angela Davis & Renata Banks

Kitchen: Ingeborg Haught, Holly Knuth

Piano: Barb Noon

Fellowship: Families H-M

Next week's ushers:

(early) Phil Gordon & Mike Kalagian

(late) Leonard McCoo & Dave Ross

Greeters: Mary Baines & Wally Pajala

Kitchen: Christa Rautter & Charmaine Smith

Piano: Deb White

Fellowship: Families N-S

Preschool Assistant Teaching Position

A position of Assistant Teacher has opened in the 3-4 year old classroom. The position is for Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 8am-12pm. Applicants must have a High School diploma. Experience in Early Childhood field is preferred but not required. Applications are in the office.

Youth Ski Trip

All youth grades 5-12 are invited to this exciting weekend in the Mountains of Gatlinburg on February 1-3. Activities begin Friday night and go through Sunday afternoon. Activities include tubing or skiing, ice skating, games, Bible Study, exploring the mountains, worship, and lots of food. Everything happens right in downtown Gatlinburg with hotel accommodations at the Edgewater Resort and the mountain activities happening at Ober Gatlinburg. The cost for the entire weekend, is all inclusive with all activities, meals, and a t-shirt for \$165. Snowboarding is also available at \$175. Chaperones pay the same price-if a chaperone elects to not participate in an activity, the cost is \$130. The cost listed also includes transportation. The link to register is *southernskiweekend.com*. The link for the hotel is *edgewater-hotel.com*. **The deadline is today!**

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2019 are available on the back table under the Soldier Support Board. Please dispose of any offering envelopes from previous years as the numbers on the envelopes change from year to year. If you did not receive envelopes for the year and would like to use them for your offerings, please inform Dan Walker of Pastor Holz and we will get them to you.

Poinsettias

If you ordered a poinsettia this year to help decorate the church for Christmas, thank you for your help! Please pick out one of the poinsettias after church and take it home with you today.

