

## **W**elcome to Beautiful Savior!

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**IN JESUS'S NAME, WE:**

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling  
worship.**

**Serve God's people, both within our  
congregation and without.**

**Learn about the Lord's will for us  
through sharing and teaching.**

**Connect within our membership and  
reach out to connect with others.**

## **“Carols of Christmastime – *Bethlehem*”**

**December 11, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

The people of Bethlehem heard the songs of others as they celebrated the birth of the King of kings. We are filled with the spirit of community as we sing with them today as we lift our voices with carols.

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P: Pastor

C: Congregation

A: Assistant Minister

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

*“Angels We Have Heard on High”*  
Guest Artist: Robyn Myers

Smith/Snyder

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

C: Amen.

### GATHERING HYMN

*“Fling Wide the Door”* vv. 1 & 3

**ELW 259**

- 1 Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;  
the King of glory comes in state;  
the Lord of lords and King of kings,  
the Savior of the world who brings  
his great salvation to the earth.  
So raise a shout of holy mirth  
and praise our God and Lord,  
Creator, Spirit, Word.
  
- 3 Oh, happy towns and blessed lands  
that live by their true king's commands.  
And blessed be the hearts he rules,  
the humble places where he dwells.  
He is the rightful Son of bliss  
who fills our lives and makes us his,  
creator of the world,  
our only strength for good.

*(Please kneel as you are able during a time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

## ADVENT LITANY OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: O God, in the fullness of time you sent your son Jesus in a manner that confounded kings, yet moved shepherds and peasants and magi.

**C: Guide us now as we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace.**

P: As we make our family plans for Advent and Christmas,

**C: We commit to hold central the One whose birth we celebrate.**

P: As we feel the pressure to buy and buy and buy,

**C: We commit to resist our temptations to find you in material things.**

P: As we consider all of the waste generated in our celebrations,

**C: We commit to set limits on what we will consume and throw away.**

P: As our plans do not include those who are hungry, sick, lonely, and imprisoned,

**C: We commit to seek you in the spirit of humility.**

P: As we make our Christmas lists for family and friends,

**C: We commit to remember our reason to celebrate.**

P: Together, we confess:

**C: O God, forgive us when we forget who you are and why you have come. As we prepare for the Prince of Peace to be born in our midst, help us to bring peace to a troubled world and people. As the shepherds and peasants looked for you in a stable, let us look for you among those you came to serve. We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## SONG OF PRAISE

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

P: Although as individuals we are unique in many and various ways, we gather as a congregation for a common mission.

C: **In Jesus's name, we:**

**Bring Glory to God through fulfilling worship,**

**Serve God's people, both within our congregation and without,**

**Learn about the Lord's will for us through sharing and teaching, and**

**Connect within our membership and reach out to connect with others.**

*(Please be seated)*

## CHORAL ANTHEM

*"An Advent Alleluia"*

Dana Mengel

*Alleluia! The angels will sing. Alleluia! The heavens will ring.  
When the Lord will descend from the heavens above,  
and establish the Kingdom of God by His love.*

*Alleluia! We soon will be free, Alleluia, from captivity.  
When the Lord will descend from the heavens above,  
and establish the Kingdom of God by His love.*

*Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon! Alle, alle, allelu!  
Soon the darkness will turn to light,  
and everywhere the people will shout a joyful Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Our crying will cease. Alleluia! We'll soon live in peace.  
When the Lord will descend from the heavens above,  
and establish the Kingdom of God by His love.*

*Alleluia! We soon will be saved, Alleluia, from man's evil ways.  
When the Lord will descend from the heavens above,  
and establish the Kingdom of God by His love.*

*Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon! Alle, alle, allelu!  
Soon the darkness will turn to light,  
and everywhere the people will shout a joyful Alleluia!*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children's Ministries Coordinator

## MEMORY VERSES

*Psalm 96:1-2*

Louise Green

A: Together, let us recite verses 1 and 2 from Psalm 96:

C: **O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

## O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

## SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 61:10-11*

Louise Green

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my whole being shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

## MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

## CAROL

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* vv. 1-3

**ELW 283**

- 1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come and behold him, born the king of angels:

### *Refrain*

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ the Lord!

- 2 The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*
- 3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*

## PRAYER

Louise Green

A: Faithful God, may we be faithful to you and to the mission of your Son, Jesus, who came to save this world from our sin and from ourselves. Teach us faithfulness to you and to one another, that we may be witnesses to your love in this world. We pray this in the name Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

C: Amen.

## O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

### SCRIPTURE

*Philippians 2:1-11*

Louise Green

<sup>1</sup>If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

### CAROL

*“O Little Town of Bethlehem”* vv. 1, 3, 4

**ELW 279**

- 1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
- 3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

## PRAYER

Louise Green

A: Lord God of Heaven and Earth, as your Son, Jesus, was born in the little town of Bethlehem yet changed the large world for the better, inspire us to change the world for the better no matter the origins or circumstances in which we came into this world. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

C: Amen.

## ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

### SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 2:1-12*

Louise Green

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, <sup>4</sup> and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.' " <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

### MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Niklaus C. Schillack, Senior Pastor

### CAROL

*"Once in Royal David's City" vv. 1-3*

ELW 269

- 1 Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

## PRAYER

Louise Green

A: Gentle and Loving Parent of All, we pray that we might teach children to have faith in Jesus, and to do so in ways that are easy for them to understand. Similarly, we ask that after years of intense study, when the faith still poses challenges for us, that you would open our hearts to Jesus's teachings so they might permeate our beings. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son and our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Louise Green

A: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

A: Gracious God, we rejoice in the gifts of your Spirit. Equip the global church to magnify your love and peace in every land. We pray for the work of the Lutheran World Federation and ELCA Global Mission. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Abundant God, we rejoice in your creation. Revive lands we have squandered and depleted. Make gardens flourish in cities and neighborhoods. Cleanse polluted air and water so living things may breathe, drink, and praise you. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Righteous God, we rejoice in your justice. Teach us to view all people as your children. Deliver all who are unjustly imprisoned or persecuted. Reconcile nations and peoples in conflict (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Help us pray for our enemies. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Healing God, we rejoice in your compassion. Comfort any in distress because of worry, illness, or loss (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Strengthen and protect health care workers, rescue teams, crisis counselors, and all who risk themselves to keep others safe. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Abiding God, we rejoice in your company. Give us calm and patient hearts as we gather with family and friends. Keep us mindful of those for whom this season is not joyful or happy. Console the grieving and surround them with loving support. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Faithful God, we rejoice with Mary, Mother of our Lord, and with all the saints, that your mercy endures for all generations. Look with favor on those who have died (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*) and lead us to joyfully sing of your everlasting promises. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus's name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**STEWARDSHIP READING**                      *1 Chronicles 29:9*

Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly.

**OFFERING**                                      *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*                                      Brent Olstad

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Together, let us pray:

**C: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C: Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER** – sung to the tune of *Away in a Manger*

Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!  
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same;  
by mortals and angels, come, Lord, reign alone;  
oh hear us and bless us from heaven’s high throne.  
The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;  
as we forgive others, our sins take away;  
in times of temptation, to lead us be near;  
from evil deliver your children most dear.  
For yours is the kingdom; o’er all things you reign.  
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.  
To you be the glory, resounding again,  
From all of creation, forever. Amen.

*(Please be seated.)*

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*“Mary, Did You Know?”*

Joel Raney

**POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

P: Together let us pray:

**C: Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** – sung to the tune of *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Now may the good Lord bless and keep, his love in us increase;  
Lift up his face with shining grace, and grant eternal peace.  
To Father, Son, and Spirit, Eternal One-in-Three.  
Be thanks and praise through all our days. And to eternity!

- 1 People, look east. The time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.
- 2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
- 4 Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east, and sing today—  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, and share the Good News, for Christ is near.

**C: We will! Thanks be to God!**

P: And next time ...

**C: ... we'll invite a friend!**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Lift Up Your Heads”*

John A. Behnke

*We thank you for worshiping with us today.*

*We hope to worship with you again in the near future!*

*Many thanks to all those on our tech team  
for making this livestream service possible.*



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## **CAROLS OF CHRISTMASTIME**

### **November 27 Prophets**

*"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

*"Prepare the Royal Highway"*

*"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

### **December 4 Shepherds**

*"What Child is This?"*

*"The First Noel"*

*"Away in a Manger"*

### **December 11 Bethlehem**

*"O Come, All Ye Faithful"*

*"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

### **December 18 Angels**

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

*"Silent Night"*

*"Joy to the World"*

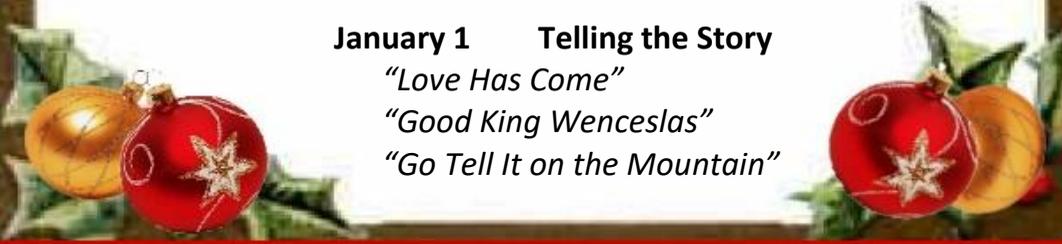
### **December 25 The Birth of Jesus**

### **January 1 Telling the Story**

*"Love Has Come"*

*"Good King Wenceslas"*

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*





***Invite a friend!!***

Sunday, December 18, 9:00 a.m.  
Youth-led service, including a play,  
***"I'm Too Busy"***

## **Beautiful Savior Christmas Week Service Schedule**

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24

4:00, 7:00, and 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25

10:00 a.m.

New Year's Day, Jan. 1

10:00 a.m.

