



## **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 - *Prophets*** **November 27, 2022 9:00 a.m.**

The prophets sang of the future coming of the Savior of the world. We are filled with anticipation 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

*“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”*

J. S. Bach

### 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

*“Blessed Be the God of Israel”* vv. 1 & 2

**ELW 250**

- 1 Blessed be the God of Israel  
who comes to set us free  
and raises up new hope for us:  
a Branch from David’s tree.  
So have the prophets long declared  
that with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies  
and all who wish us harm.
- 2 With promised mercy will God still  
the covenant recall,  
the oath once sworn to Abraham,  
from foes to save us all;  
that we might worship without fear  
and offer lives of praise,  
in holiness and righteousness  
to serve God all our days.

*(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.)*

## HYMN 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 your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father 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

*"Blessed is the Lord"*

Dan Forrest

*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.*

*Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome his Incarnate Word.*

*Chosen first among the priests to serve within the temple walls,  
Zacharias stood in awe when he heard the angel call.*

*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.*

*Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome his Incarnate Word.*

*Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, will come to raise salvation's horn.  
God Incarnate, Word made flesh shall be born.*

*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.*

*Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome his Incarnate Word.*

*Christ brings light to sin's dark night: Our Dayspring, Jesus from on high,  
saints and angels sing God's praise. All the earth and heaven's reply:*

*Benedictus, Benedictus, blessed is our Lord.*

*Benedictus, Benedictus, welcome his Incarnate Word.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karyn Parker, Children's Ministries Coordinator

## MEMORY VERSES

*Psalm 96:1-2*

Nancy Geik

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, O COME, EMMANUEL

### SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 52:7-15*

Nancy Geik

<sup>7</sup>How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” <sup>8</sup>Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. <sup>9</sup>Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup>The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. <sup>11</sup>Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of it; purify yourselves, you who carry the vessels of the Lord. <sup>12</sup>For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard. <sup>13</sup>See, my servant shall prosper; he shall be exalted and lifted up and shall be very high. <sup>14</sup>Just as there were many who were astonished at him —so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of mortals—<sup>15</sup>so he shall startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which had not been told them they shall see, and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

### MEDITATION

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

### CAROL

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* vv. 1, 2, 7

ELW 257

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.
- 2 O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
embracing all things far and nigh:  
in strength and beauty come and stay;  
teach us your will and guide our way.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

## PRAYER

Nancy Geik

A: Lord of the Advent, we look with expectation for your arrival. We know that you are already in our lives. Still, we ask that you affect us in new ways, and that you show us ways you are already present, and we have yet to discover. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son, and our Lord.

C: Amen.

## PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

### SCRIPTURE

*Isaiah 57:13-15*

<sup>13</sup> When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you! The wind will carry them off; a breath will take them away. But whoever takes refuge in me shall possess the land and inherit my holy mountain. <sup>14</sup> It shall be said, "Build up, build up, prepare the way; remove every obstruction from my people's way." <sup>15</sup> For thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite.

### MEDITATION

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

### CAROL

*"Prepare the Royal Highway"* vv, 1, 3, 4

ELW 264

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!
  
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
their voices join your singing:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!

- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding:  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!

## **PRAYER**

A: Almighty God, we thank you that Jesus's kingdom is not of this world, and that he points to something better – a better way in this world and a better world to come. Help us remember the whole reason for Jesus being here, and help us remember the way of the cross, as we celebrate Jesus's birth while keeping an eye on his death and resurrection. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son, and our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## **COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS**

### **SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 1:26-38*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

### **MEDITATION**

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

1. 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.

**PRAYER**

A: God of Grace and God of Glory, thank you for sending Jesus to set us free. Thank you for the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Thank you for the power to become better people. We invite your Holy Spirit into our lives to transform us for the better. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son, and our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Nancy Geik

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: God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite all people in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



A: God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving our neighbor. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus's birth (*and other places of conflict we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*).  
God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to unexpected opportunities for mission. God, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We trust that you will bring us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. 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.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **What is the Sharing of the Peace?**

The sharing of the peace is more than a time to say, "Hello." It is an ancient tradition, dating back to the time of Jesus. Its purpose is to provide us with a chance to be at peace with one another before sharing Holy Communion. Also, it reminds us that Jesus brings us closer together in Holy Communion, and that the unity he gives is stronger than anything that can divide us.

### **How Do We Share the Peace?**

At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" or "God's peace." Afterwards, we are seated for the offering.

**STEWARDSHIP READING***Proverbs 28:27*

Whoever gives to the poor will lack nothing, but one who turns a blind eye will get many a curse.

**OFFERING***“Christians, Awake”*

David Cherwien

*(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***“Behold a Branch is Growing”*

John Leavitt

## 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!

**SENDING HYMN**                    *“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”* vv, 1, 2, 4

**ELW 244**

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;  
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;  
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.
- 4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

## 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

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Page C. Long

*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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## **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – The 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. worship services will be livestreamed through our website and YouTube pages. People can gather with us in the Sanctuary at 9 a.m. to worship in a more traditional style in person. We offer a more contemporary style worship service at 11:15 a.m. People can also worship in their homes with the livestream at 9 or 11:15 a.m., as well as access the recording of either service any time after worship concludes.

On the third Sundays of the month, we will offer a Service of the Word for Wholeness at 10:15 in our Chapel. This twenty-minute service gives you an opportunity to receive and give support for wholeness and strength. The Word will be spoken with laying on of hands and anointing with oil. We will pray for those in need by name, receive personal prayer, and share in the fellowship of others in need.

### **SERVING THIS MONTH**

#### **Readers**

November 6	Simon Stefaniak
November 13	Shelley Beck
November 20	Laura Hall
November 27	Nancy Geik

#### **PowerPoint**

November 6	Tim Jehowski
November 13	Gwen Fitzgerald
November 20	Nancy Geik
November 27	Karen Brant

#### **Ushers**

November 6	Ann Hussar & Dennis Eurich
November 13	Dennis Eurich & Jay Herbst
November 20	Jay Herbst & Ray Green
November 27	Ann Hussar & Ray Green

#### **Communion Assistants**

November 6	R. Green/L. Green/S. Siems
November 13	S. Beck/ C & K Biebelhausen
November 20	A. Venola/K. Barrett/B. Hoffman
November 27	N. Geik/A. Bazil/M. Turowski

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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"*

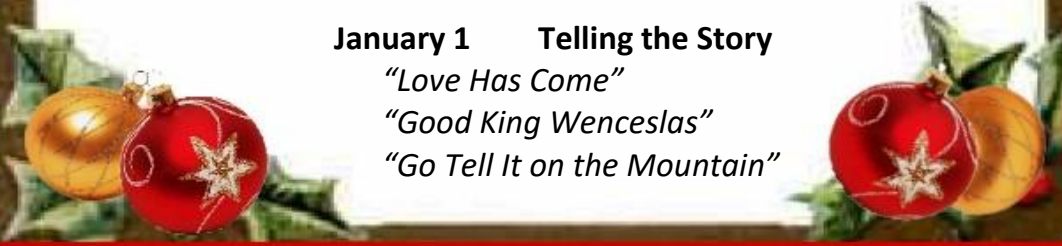
### **December 25 The Birth of Jesus**

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

*"Love Has Come"*

*"Good King Wenceslas"*

*"Go Tell It on the Mountain"*





# Motor City Chorale

Friday, December 2, 2022 7:30 p.m.

Come celebrate the Christmas season with family and friends and enjoy an evening of music and merry-making.

Director – Eric Miller

Accompanist – Robert Foster

**This is a non-ticketed event, but there will be a freewill offering.**

YOUR SEAT AWAITS

# ADVENT *by* CANDELIGHT

*A Place at the Table*

MONDAY | **5** | 7 pm

Join us for  
**Christmas Music with Friends**

*Please help us support the Ladies of Charity  
Clothes Closet and Food Pantry by donating  
personal hygiene items on the day of the event.*

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