

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 – Traditional
11:15 – Contemporary style
3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15—
Service of the Word for Wholeness

Impossibly Possible *“Love Made Possible”* 9:00— December 14, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING WORSHIP MUSIC

<i>“O Come All Ye Faithful”</i>	E. Brinker – Double Bass
<i>“Silent Night”</i>	J. Cunningham – Piano
<i>“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”</i>	B. Luck – Violin
<i>“The First Noel”</i>	P. Luck - Piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

“Love Has Come”

ELW 292

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| <p>1 Love has come—a light in the darkness!
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;
hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.</p> <p>2 Love is born! Come, share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;
what is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.</p> | <p>3 Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!</p> |
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THE GREETING

PRAYER OF THE DAY

G. Jehowski

L: Let us pray. Our Father, your love for humankind was demonstrated in sending your only Son to live in this world as Emmanuel—God with us. By sending us a Savior, you did for us what we could not do for ourselves as Jesus lived a sinless, perfect life. Thank you for this season of joyful expectation of the greatest love of all. As we worship this day, may your Spirit inspire us to love others in ways that bring glory to you. We pray in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR MISSION STATEMENT

V. Krussman

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

C: Beautiful Savior is a biblically grounded community who unites to follow and share the way of Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

Luke 1:37

M. Henry

A: Together, let us recite the memory verse from the book of Luke. Chapter 1. Verse 37:

C: For nothing will be impossible with God.

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDENT PROGRAM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"Do All Things with Love"

HYMN OF THE DAY

"He Came Down"

ELW 253

YOUTH ONLY

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| 1 He came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have love;
hallelujah forevermore. | 3 He came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have peace;
hallelujah forevermore. |
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CONGREGATION JOINS IN

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| 2 He came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have light;
hallelujah forevermore. | 4 He came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
he came down that we may have joy;
hallelujah forevermore. |
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MEDITATION

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

APOSTLES' CREED

R. Wensky

L: Creeds are belief statements that summarize what the Bible teaches. What creeds do is cover basic beliefs for when Christians want to state what we believe. Some Christian denominations, like Lutherans, use creeds to publicly confess our beliefs. The word

“creed” originates with the Latin word “credo,” which means “I believe.” Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

G. Shaw and T. Luck

L: Our high school students worked together to craft today’s prayers of the church. Please join us as we pray.

A brief silence.

L: God of Glory; Throughout the Christmas season, despite a constant barrage of the secular connotations of the Christmas season, allow us to see through its mirage and remind us of its true meaning. Remind us of the glory of the coming of your Son, and the love and joy that he brings to us. As you and your Son show unto us love, implore us to show much of the same towards our neighbors and unto our peers. God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of creation, help us keep nature balanced. Bring new life from things that have died. Help us to protect the flowers of the fields, trees of the forests, and waters of lakes and oceans. Help us to keep the air of the sky pure and clean. God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord of life, work to bring about peace amidst the wars and battles being fought. Turn our thoughts and hearts towards making and keeping the peace with others. God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God of community, strengthen and unite our church family to achieve amazing things. Protect those we love. Provide your wisdom and leading in finding the additional pastor you have chosen for Beautiful Savior. God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Eternal God, we thank you for your kindness and delight in your presence in our lives. Draw near to us as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in you to be with us in this world and the next. God of love,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for the Call Committee as they continue to recruit and engage with pastoral candidates, we pray for clarity of vision, unity of Spirit, and a clear pathway to the additional pastor you have chosen for Beautiful Savior. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L. Galdes

L: 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. So how do we Share the Peace? At their own discretion, people greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying something like, “Peace be with you” or “God’s peace.” Afterwards, we are seated for the offering. Let’s take time to do this now. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

L: Let’s share that peace with one another.

STEWARDSHIP READING *Galatians 6:9-10*

So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

OFFERING *“O Come All Ye Faithful”*

Clarinet: K. Turowski and M. Lochner

Guitar: D. Lochner

OFFERING PRAYER

B. Fouty

L: Let us pray. Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come.

C: Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD’S PRAYER

J. Stepanian-Bennett

L: Prayer is a way of talking to God in words and thoughts. It can be done in many ways. Silently. Spoken. Through poetry or song. Individually or collaboratively. The Lord’s

Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his disciples and to all believers. Please join in as we sing the Lord's Prayer to the hymn "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.

HOLY COMMUNION *"Of the Father's Love Begotten"*
Flutist: Lisa Wade

Mazzoni

POST HOLY COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

S. Tognetti

L: Together let us pray:

C: God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. 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*“People, Look East”* v. 1, 3, 4**ELW 248**

- 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.
- 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east, and sing today—
Love, the Star, 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

V. Krussman

L: Go in peace. Do all things with love!

C: We will! Thanks be to God!

L: And next week...

C: ...invite a friend!**POSTLUDE***“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Joel Raney

Youth in Student Program

Anders	Evelyn	Lucy
Anthony	Ezra	Marley
Athena	Gareth	Paul
Betsy	George	Perseus
Bobby	Helen	Quinn
Bradley	Jackson	Rosalia
Brigid	Julia	Sadie
Charlotte	Kate	Samantha
Claire	Kathryn	Stella
Connor	Layla	Tristan
Cooper	Lilah	Vanessa
David	Lizzie	Vanna
David Paul	Logan	Vera
Declan	Lucy	Xander
Ellie		

Youth Musicians

B. Luck – Violin
E. Brinker – Double Bass
J. Cunningham – Piano
K. Turowski – Clarinet
P. Luck – Piano

Youth Worship Servants

D. Cunningham	Usher
Q. Newell	Usher
D. Rann	Crucifer
H. Strobel	Acolyte
C. Hall	Acolyte
J. Hutson	Communion Assistant
W. Hutson	Communion Assistant
J. Turowski	Communion Assistant
V. Henry	Communion Assistant
T. Luck	Reader
G. Shaw	Reader
Z. Shaw	Barista
M. Tognetti	Barista
B. Fouty	Reader
L. Galdes	Reader
M. Henry	Reader
G. Jehowski	Reader
V. Krussman	Reader
J. Stepanian-Bennett	Reader
S. Tognetti	Reader
R. Wenskay	Reader

FIVE LAKES SILVER BAND



CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**THURS.
DEC. 18
7 PM**

**NO TICKET
NECESSARY
FREE WILL
OFFERING**

Celtic Christmas Eve Worship featuring Finvarra's Wren

**Wed.
Dec. 24
4 pm**

Families welcome!



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 P.M. | 7:00 P.M. | 10:00 P.M.

* 4 P.M. CELTIC CHRISTMAS EVE FEATURING
GUEST MUSICIANS FINVARRA'S WREN *

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 @ 10:00 A.M.

SPECIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 @ 10:00 A.M.

* SPECIAL TIME, ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY *



IMPOSSIBLY POSSIBLE