

*As the bridegroom  
rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God  
rejoice over you*

Isaiah 62:5

# Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### Our Mission

“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

### Our Vision

Educate, Equip and Encourage ourselves and our families through worship and study, and engage our community through discipleship, example and Acts of Kindness, using the unique gifts bestowed on each member of our congregation by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### Worship Information

**Parents with Young Children:** We encourage families to worship together.

**Worship Bulletin:** Our order of service is printed out in your worship folder.

**Worship Form:** There are 5 “Movements” in our Worship.

- God grants us the gift of forgiveness.
- God speaks to us from His Word.
- God receives our offerings and prayers.
- God offers us His real presence in Holy Communion.
- God blesses us and sends us out.

**Communion:** Please read the Statement of Communion below.

(If you are *gluten intolerant* please speak with Pastor or an elder prior to the worship service so we can accommodate you.)

### STATEMENT OF COMMUNION

#### BECAUSE THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES THAT:

- We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.
- Jesus is our only Savior from sin through His death and resurrection.
- The True Body and Blood of Christ is present in the Sacrament of the Holy Communion



**Please see Pastor if you have any questions about this or do not believe in the Lord's Supper in this way. You are welcome to come forward for a blessing if you are not communing.**

- **Please see Pastor if there is something going on in your life that needs the attention of Christ in private confession *and* absolution.**


**AS WE GATHER--** The miracle of water turned into wine is a surprising one. It is marked by the fact that this is the choicest of wines, that the sheer amount of wine was embarrassingly extravagant, and that the full benefit of this miracle was limited to the servants who did what Jesus said, Mary, and the disciples who were with Jesus. It is the mark of what is to come. Jesus' whole ministry is one of goodness beyond compare, of extravagant mercy beyond what we deserve or even dare ask, and of grace hidden in ordinary things like words, water, bread, and wine. This is then a precursor of what is to come, the first of many manifestations of His mercy and the rich and overflowing provision of His grace to supply salvation to a world that otherwise knows no joy.

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**WITNESS AND OUTREACH--** John 2:1-11: Jesus' first miracle was done to meet a need: the wedding feast had run out of wine. How has Jesus met a need of yours? We all have a story to tell about how Jesus has and continues to meet our needs. Your own unique story can share Christ with someone and give witness to others about how Jesus meets their needs through His life, death, and resurrection.

**WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS**

Hymns will be from the Lutheran Service Book (LSB).

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

 **OPENING HYMN** "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" LSB 399

**INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People:** **Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 117:2; 36:7*

**Pastor:** Great is His steadfast love toward us,  
**People:** **and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.**  
**Pastor:** How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!  
**People:** **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**  
**Pastor:** Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**People:** **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.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and 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.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

### ✠ WORD ✠

 **HYMN OF PRAISE** “All Glory Be to God Alone” LSB 948, vs.1-3

### SALUTATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 62:1–5* (“As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.”)

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalms 128* (Blessed Is Everyone Who Fears the Lord)

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 12:1–11* (The Spirit bestows many gifts but for one purpose—that God may be glorified and His church edified.)

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

 **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**VERSE***John 2:11*

Pastor: Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory.

People: **And His disciples believed in Him. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *John 2:1–11* (The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned water into wine.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

**HYMN**

“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”

LSB 408

**SERMON****CREED***Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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 sits at the right hand of the Father. 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 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Silence for prayer and meditation.*

Pastor: Merciful Father, You have richly restored Your people, stained by sin and marked by death. Fill us with Your grace that we may rejoice in the mercy You have shown to us and be kept holy and blameless in Christ all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessed Lord Jesus, in Your compassion, You visited a wedding in Cana of Galilee and placed Your blessing upon every Christian home and family. Uplift us by Your Spirit that our homes may be places of blessing and peace where forgiveness is asked and granted without limit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, You have established Your church as Christ's Bride and clothed her in His own righteousness. Give to us faithful pastors and church workers who will proclaim Your goodness and lead us to sing Your praises within Your church and to give faithful witness before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mighty Father, You have ordered all things by Your grace. Continue to bless us and our land with an abundance of resources, generous hearts, and faithful leaders, that Your name may be preserved and we may be governed according to Your Word and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You make glad the hearts of men with the choicest of wine. Keep us always from turning Your gifts into burdens or using them in ways that would harm us and our life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Compassionate Father, You bear our burdens and have saved us by Your grace. Help the afflicted to bear in faith the burdens of their illnesses, and grant them healing and comfort according to Your will. [*Especially do we name before You . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You bore the weakness of our human flesh even to death and the grave so that we might be raised in You, never to die again. Deliver the grieving from their sorrows and restore us who live in the shadow of death with the

promise of life everlasting. [*Hear us especially for the family of . . .*] Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of love, You daily and richly supply us with more than we deserve or dare ask. Grant to us a grateful heart and a generous spirit, that we may sacrificially support the work of the Kingdom here and throughout the world, and give assistance to the poor and needy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Additional petitions may be included here.*

Pastor: We praise You, O Lord, for giving us Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His own gift of this bread of His body and this cup of His blood. Bless our communion at this altar, and bring us at last into the fullness of the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**OFFERTORY** (in offering plate at entrance to sanctuary)

 **HYMN** "Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789, vs.3

Father, providing Food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share  
One with another, So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others May know Your care.

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE** 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

 **SANCTUS** LSB 507, vs. 1

Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**    *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor:            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.”

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**    *1 Corinthians 11:26; Rev. 22:20*

Pastor:            As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:**            **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor:            O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD’S PRAYER**    *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**People:**            **And also with you. Amen.**



**AGNUS DEI** “Lamb of God”    LSB 210

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

See LSB 329: Christian Questions with Their Answers prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.





**NOTE: Pastor will come around again, offering the COMMON CUP.**



## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure”    LSB 533

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”    LSB 395

## **COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

**Pastor:**            Now this, the Body and Blood of Christ, crucified, risen and ascended, strengthen you, nourish you and keep you steadfast in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**People:**            **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**    *Psalm 118:1*

**Pastor:**            Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

**People:**            **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**Pastor:**            Let us pray. O Lord, as once Your Son brought gladness to Cana of Galilee by His presence and the first of His miracles, continue to grant us the gladness of Your presence that we may rejoice in the manifold gifts of Your mercy by which we have been saved and be brought to the marriage feast on high without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:**            **Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

**Pastor:**            Let us bless the Lord.

**People:**            **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**            *Numbers 6:24–26*

**Pastor:**            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.

**People:**            **Amen.**



## **HYMN**

“The Star Proclaims the King Is Here”

LSB 399

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

**Pastor:**            Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**People:**            **Thanks be to God.**

**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

**EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 4:16-30

**TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord**

Our “**tithe**” are our first fruits returned to God in proportional, joyful, thankful and faithful response to His grace. “**Offerings**” are special gifts for ministries, memorials and needs over and above the tithe.

*(If you are a guest, we welcome you as a guest. Please do not feel obligated to give an offering unless you feel moved to do so by the Spirit.)*

**December Financial Recap:**

December Givings (Thank you!) \$23,803.75

Monthly Need: \$22,050.20

Overage: \$ 1, 753.55

Parking Lot Project:

\$65,040.00

Goal: \$100,000

Scrip profit from 12/30/24 - 1/12/25: \$12.00

**Life Quotes: January 19** “No amount of scientific progress can defeat death. No political ruler can promise eternal life. Only Jesus can make and keep that promise. The promise of hope and life is ours to proclaim. It is the promise that a world without hope needs to hear. In Jesus we have hope for the future, the living hope of life in His presence forever.” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**CALENDAR:**

**Mondays**—6:30pm Women’s Bible Study

**Tuesdays**—9am Orphan Grain Train packing

**January 24**—10-11:30am, Friday morning Bible study



**Friday morning Bible Study:** January 17<sup>th</sup> we began a six week study of the time between the Old and New Testaments, known as the Inter-Testamentary Period (363 BC-94 AD). This week we will look at the individual books of the Apocrypha. See you Friday at 10am.

**Biblical Stewardship Principles:** God's Stewards are Served and Serving. God's stewards recognize that their stewardship involves a Gospel-powered style of life which is demonstrated in servanthood within all the arenas of life. See Phil.2:5-8, Matt. 20:26b-28, Matt. 25:31-46, and John 13:3-5, 15-17.

**Calling all middle school and high school youth:**

Please see Megan DeYoung concerning a Super Bowl fundraiser. This will help fund the National Youth Gathering trip in July of 2025.



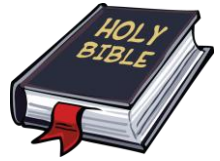
**Bible in a Year Binder?** It's not too late. Sign up in the narthex if you'd like one! How are your daily readings going? Stick around for Bible class after church to discuss the readings so far. Let's grow together in the Word.

**Call Process:**

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting with Pastor Lueck on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. In the narthex are Nomination Forms for Pastors for Consideration. If you know of an LCMS Pastor you feel would be a good fit for Beautiful Savior, you are encouraged to fill out one of these forms and return it to the office by January 26<sup>th</sup>.

January 19-25, 2025

**Week 4 “Bible in a Year” Questions:**



**Genesis 20-26:**

1. What became of Hagar and Ishmael (Gen.21)?
2. What was, perhaps, the greatest trial of Abraham’s faith (Gen.22)? How did Isaac respond?
3. How did Abraham obtain a wife for Isaac (Gen. 24)?
4. Describe the differences between Jacob and Esau (Gen. 25).

**Nehemiah 9-Esther 2:**

1. When the walls of Jerusalem were finally finished, how were they dedicated (Neh. 12:27-30)?
2. When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem, what evils did he discover (Neh.13)?
3. Why was King Ahasuerus seeking a new wife (Esther 1)?
4. How did Esther become Queen (Esther 2)?

**Matthew 19-25:**

1. When Jesus speaks to the rich young man in Matthew 19:16-30, what was this man’s greatest stumbling block? Is Jesus saying that wealth is always bad?
2. In the parable of the wedding feast (Matt.22), what is meant by verses 11-14?
3. What would Jesus have us learn from the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt.25)?
4. What would Jesus have us learn from the Parable of the Talents (Matt.25)?

**General Questions to consider:**

1. What did you learn from this week’s readings?
2. Is there something in these readings that surprised you?
3. What is one passage that encourages or challenges you? How?

## **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Prayer List : 1/19/2025 – 1/25/2025**

### **Ongoing prayers for Grief & Loss: (Named & Not Named)**

#### **Loved Ones –**

Family of Elaine Idsvoog; Erin Stroede (mother passed away); family of Art Holford; Heidi Gross at the loss of her aunt, Hildegard Scheske); Schultz Family; Kubisiak family (Roy's mother passed away); Karen Holman (mother, Rose Janke, passed away); Charlene Kawleski (sister, Kathy, passed away)

#### **Situations:**

Suicide Attempts, Cancer, Christian Parenting, Caregivers, AODA (those struggling with alcohol and other substance abuse)

#### **Military:**

Devante; Emily; Nick

#### **Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:**

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); Paula; Phil Idsvoog; BSLC friend, Sarah, cancer; Jane Dubois; Brayden and Aryanna Mitchell (Twins of Jonathan and Cheryl Mitchell and Grandchildren of Don & Heather Kich, born premature and are in medical crisis)

**Hospitalized/Recovering:** Sharon Hughes—Hospice

#### **Circuit 17:**

St Luke-Rapids (continuing the Call process for a Pastor); Bethlehem-Nekoosa (starting the Call process for a Pastor); Beautiful Savior as we begin the Call process

**Shut-ins:** Mary S.; Anita C.

#### **Birthdays:**

1/22 Ember Cummings

1/25 Paula Pratt

#### **Baptism Birthdays:**

1/19 Rachel Crozier

#### **Anniversaries:**

#### **Missions:**

First Choice Resource Center

Camp Luther

Peace Campus Center & Pastor Andy

Weden

St. Paul Lutheran Elementary School

Immanuel Lutheran School

Future Lutheran High School

Wycliffe & Lutheran Bible Translators

& Linda Jordan

J.P. & Aimee Cima & Family

Orphan Grain Train Center

Christ Care / Carpenter's Crew

\*\*\*Please let us know if you  
have any prayer requests –  
Thank you! \*\*\*

## Old Testament Reading:

### Isaiah 62:1–5

- 1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be  
quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as  
brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- 2 The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- 3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the  
hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of  
your God.
- 4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be  
termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in  
Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- 5 For as a young man marries a young  
woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the  
bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

### Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who

empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

### Holy Gospel: John 2:1–11

<sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.



**About the Cover:** In instituting marriage, the Lord created a picture of the kind of love that He has for His people. Christ's love and commitment to His Bride, the Church, led all the way to Him giving Himself for her upon the cross to make her pure, blameless, and holy. He rejoices over us, His Bride, and continues to share His eternal life with us.