

Epiphany Sunday

Where The Light Brings Us

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

January 7th, 2024

10:00am.



AS WE GATHER

If Christmas celebrates the Father's giving of the gift of Christ Jesus to us sinners, then Epiphany might be said to be the Father unwrapping this gift for us, making His Son known to the world. In the words of the Apostle Paul, what has been kept secret for the ages is now revealed: "When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it is has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (Ephesians 3:4-6). The coming of the Magi,

these strange pilgrims from the east who are guided by a star to the bed of the infant King, are the first of an unending procession from all nations who will come to worship the one who is born in the city of David, our Savior, Christ the Lord.”

PRELUDE

“March of the Magi Kings” -Theo. Dubois

PASTORAL WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Oh Lord, it's always been about the light with you, hasn't it? Magi, braving distance and desert to find you, and bewildered shepherds, compelled by an angel's invitation, allowed light to be their guide. It is still the light that calls us to you; the light of beauty that whispers its truth in surprising ways and places; the light of compassion that kneels, and washes road-soiled, life-battered feet; the light of joy that glows even in the darkness of grief and suffering; the light that seeks to shine within us, and through us into the dark corners of our world. It's always been about the light with you, Jesus; may it always be about your light for us. Please lead us, now and always, out of darkness and into your marvelous light. In your holy name we pray.

People: Amen.

Stand

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, in the midst of this Epiphany, and the celebration of the Magi visiting the Christ child, we see

many people missing out on Christ's presence among them. Yet we know that even today, we often miss out on Christ's presence here among us. We still sit in darkness even as Christ's light has come to us. We confess the darkness of our world, and we confess the darkness in our hearts and in our lives seek God's forgiveness for the times we do not notice Him.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Heavenly father we confess to you all the darkness in our lives that refuses to fade away easily...

People: The darkness of pride and the half-truths that we have masqueraded as wisdom;

Pastor: We confess the darkness of the entrenched evils in us that hate Your light and try to dispose of it;

People: The darkness of our apathy to the brokenness of Your world, and the times when we cannot be bothered to open our hearts to others...

Pastor: Let us make our confession together,

People: Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you that we are creatures who either through our foolishness or our own willfulness often choose darkness instead of Your light. Here and now, we surrender that darkness, foolishness and wickedness to you. We confess to you our fears and assumptions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep-seated sins and our apathy towards Your Spirit's ability to change and renew us. Forgive us O Lord, for the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore our souls. "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pastor: God's Light and Life has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's

mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is the Light that gathers you in, now and always.

People: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray,

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 60:1–6

60 Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.

³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

AN EPIPHANY MUSICAL PRESENTATION

THE STAR SHINES IN THE EAST

READING:

Matt. 2:1-2

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Choir:

“Behold That Star”-Spiritual

KING HEROD SENDS THE WISE MEN TO FIND THE BABY JESUS

READING:

Matt. 2: 3-8

When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it was written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the

wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again that I may come and worship him also.

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "O Little Town of Bethlehem". **LSB 361 V. 1**

**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.**

PROCESSION OF THE MAGI

READING:

Matt. 2:9-11

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

Choir and Congregation:

"We Three Kings of Orient Are" (WOV #646)

**1. (All) We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder
star.**

**Refrain: Star of wonder, star of night, Star of royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy
perfect light.**

**2. (Women) Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, GOLD I bring to
Crown Him again, King forever, ceasing never,**

Over us all to reign. REFRAIN

- 3. (Men) FRANKINCENSE to offer have I, incense owns a Deity
nigh. Pray'r and praising, All men raising, Worship Him,
God most high. REFRAIN.**
- 4. (Women) *MYRRH is mine, its bitter perfume Breathes of life of
gathering gloom; Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb. REFRAIN.***
- 5. (Men) Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and
Sacrifice. Alleluia, Alleluia, Earth to heav'n replies.
REFRAIN.**

MARY, JOSEPH AND CHILD JESUS ESCAPE TO EGYPT

READING:

Matt. 2:12-15

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way. Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Choir and Congregation: "This Little Light of Mine" (TOSB #235)

- 1. This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let is shine, let it shine.**
- 2. Don't you try to blow it out; I'm going to let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let is shine, let it shine.**
- 3. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm going to let it shine (repeat)
Let it shine, let is shine, let it shine.**

4. All around the neighborhood; I'm going to let it shine.

(repeat)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

5. Hold it high so all can see; I'm going to let it shine; (repeat)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

NICENE CREED:

**People: 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Brightest & Best of the Stars of the Morning” LSB #400, St. 1-5

- 1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**
- 2 Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining; Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall; Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.**
- 3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion, Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine, Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?**
- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation, Vainly with gifts would His favor secure. Richer by far is the heart's adoration; Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**
- 5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning, Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid; Star of the East, the horizon adorning, Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.**

SERMON: “Long Live The King” (Matthew 2:1-15)

OFFERTORY (*Sing*) **Page 192**

- C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Pastor: Having been bidden by the Spirit, let us pray to the Lord of light on behalf of all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: O Light of light, shine with the brightness of the one true light, that those who live in darkness may be granted the light of life. Embolden Your Church that we with confidence and joy proclaim this saving Gospel to all the world and bring together the divided into the one people of Your grace in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of power and might, shine Your light into the nations and give to all peoples wise and faithful servants to govern with integrity and mercy. Raise up people of honor to serve us on Your behalf and give Your blessing to those who protect us at home and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of grace, You made Your Church from many to be one people and in Christ united them from all nations and tribes. Give unity of faith and doctrine to Your Church and able servants who will preach and teach faithfully the Good News of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of mercy, You forgave us in Christ and still forgive us of all our sins. Give to us hearts of repentance, and fill us with faith that we who know Christ may walk worthy of Him who is our righteousness and be kept blameless and holy until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord of love, You sought us out when we had nothing to commend us. Continue to seek out and comfort the sick and those who grieve, the dying in their final hours, and those

troubled in mind, . . . Give them grace sufficient for their need and faith to sustain them in their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Lord of hope, You create us anew in the waters of Baptism. The divisions that once marked us have been overcome in Christ. Keep from us, we pray, all bitterness, doubt, and fear, and bring us at last into Your eternal presence, with those who lived and died in Christ and now rest in their labors. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Grant to us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful, O Lord, for we trust in Your goodness and in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB 208

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.**

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all

the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 209

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

People: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

LSB 209

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

People: 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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“(Piano) “Before the Throne of God Above” -Vikki Cook

Hymn 1: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” **LSB #411, St. 1-3**

**1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life
is Jesus. Refrain**

**Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day
are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

**Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father. Refrain**

- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. Refrain**

Hymn 2: "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" **LSB #640, St. 1-5**

- 1 Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, Who in Thy Sacrament
art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.**
- 2 In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord, Thou dost Thy body and
Thy blood afford: Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee,
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.**
- 3 Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood, Didst pierce Thyself to
give us living food; Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to
win Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.**
- 4 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;
Increase our faith and love, that we may know
The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.**
- 5 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, May what we thirst
for soon our portion be: To gaze on Thee unveiled and see
Thy face, The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.**

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

**People: O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace: A
light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill, The glory
of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be, God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT.

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be To God.

Pastor: May the Word that Mary brought to birth carry you into new and abundant life. May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms enfold you with love and strength. May the Word that angels proclaimed in song bring harmony to our world. May the Word that shines as the Light and Life, which drew the magi, draw you now into his presence. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "As With Gladness Men of Old" **LSB #397, St. 1-5**

**1 As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming
bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by
Thee.**

2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed,

**There to bend the knee before Thee, whom heav'n and earth
adore; So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.**

**3 As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly
King.**

**4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls
at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy
glory hide.**

**5 In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not
down; There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.**

POSTLUDE

"In Thee Is Gladness" -J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Join us for Sunday Bible study on the book of Revelation. We
resume on Jan. 7th at 8:30AM.**

**January 8, Monday, 10 AM GLORIA Worship Team Meets in
Fuerbringer Hall**

**Women's Weekly Bible Study will begin again in January 2023. Our
next meeting will be Monday, January 8th at noon. We will study
Elizabeth.**

**Beautiful Savior Serve Day: Jan 14th at 11:00am. Learn more
about all the ministries of Beautiful Savior as each of our
ministries will have a display and will talk about what it is we do
here at church and how you can be a part of it.**

**Chosen Premiere at the Movies: Join us on Sat. Feb. 3rd for the
Season 4 of Chosen premiering in local cinemas. Plan to see the
movie sometime around 4:00pm and then we will go get dinner**

together and discuss what we saw. More information is coming soon.

Blessing of the Animals & Pet Adoption: This February at Beautiful Savior we will once again work with local humane societies to give our furry friends forever homes and bless all pets that visit us that day. More information is coming soon.

To the Beautiful Savior Congregation:

We send a giant "Thank You" to the Beautiful Savior congregation for the very generous gifts which you presented to us on Christmas Eve.

It's such a pleasure to serve a congregation willing to share treasures along with the sharing of God's message of good news for all people.

May the New Year bless Beautiful Savior with continued growth in membership and spiritual gifts!

Pastor Tim Anderson, Office Manager Marsha Beetham, and Music Director, Ellen Brown.

Planet Green recycle container is in the fellowship hall by the thermostats.

Fellowship Hour: If you would like to bring something in to share during fellowship, please sign your name on the date you would like. The schedule is on the fellowship board. Questions, talk to Pastor Tim.

Church Members and others who wish to "give electronically" can now do so by going to: easytithe.com/BSLCTempe.

On the giving page, click on "Fund" and select the appropriate fund from the drop-down list. The funds are: General budget, LWML, Missions, La Mesa & Staff Continuing Education.

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SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY:

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| Lector: | Charlotte Grefe |
| Greeter: | Marsha Beetham |
| Assisting Elder & Acolyte: | Don Calender |
| Altar Care: | Charlotte Grefe & Bobbie Littou |

Visitors, please sign (with a complete address) our **Guest Book** on the podium in the entryway before you leave and/or complete a **grey/cream “Worship Information” card** found in the pew in front of you. **Members** are also encouraged to complete a “Worship Information” card (you can update address and phone number, request a pastoral visit)

Pastor Tim's Office Hours: Pastor Tim is available Monday through Thursday, 10am - 3pm as well as by appointment. Cell phone #480-536-2256.

WE CAN ASSIST THOSE UNABLE TO HEAR WELL...We have 3 cordless headsets available to use in the pews. Just let an usher know and they will be happy to bring you one.

Attendance for week: 12-31-2023; 12-31-23 Bible Class—NA; Worship Service—42; NO-12-25-2023 Women’s Bible Study—NA; Christmas Day—45; 12/28 La Mesa meal—88, La Mesa worship—

26; La Mesa Baptism—NA; La Mesa Year end Count: Meals” 4339, Worship 1524.

Income report for 12-31-23: Loose Plate \$155; Weekly Envelopes \$1580; Designated Gifts \$380; Other \$0; Total \$1580; Christmas Day 12-25-2023—\$1749 Total.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

January 7, Sunday

8:30 AM Adult Bible Study

10 AM The Epiphany w/Holy Communion

*(Also, being streamed on Facebook online) (*Login info below to view online)*

Planet Green-Electronics Recycle

January 8, Monday

10 AM GLORIA Worship Team Meets in Fuerbringer Hall

12 PM Women’s Bible Study

5 PM Board of Elder’s Meeting

January 9, Tuesday

9:30 AM Braille Group

7 PM Board of Finance Meeting

January 11, Thursday

12 PM “Brunch & Bibles at

4-7 PM La Mesa

January 12, Friday

Church & Offices Cleaned

January 14, Sunday

10 AM The Baptism of Our Lord w/Holy Communion

Prayer List: We pray for strength, comfort and healing for:

Mary McFadden, Grace Timm, Kathy Held recovering after surgery, **Tressa & her mother** both fell, **Judy Mahr**-broken hip, **Bobbie Littou, Nolan Conley, Blue Sky, Charlotte’s, grand baby, Marianne Lemkau, Nola** vision problems, **Mary Tarsitano, Natalia’s daughter Lara,** also her sister **Adriana, Carol Hurley, Josh, Ken, Jane Schutkowski, Mason Midkiff, Wendy Sievers, Bev Dase, Ken w/MS, Kathy Held** having foot surgery on 12/28;

Pastor Pope in hospice care;

Nicole McClain, Alice, Mindy, Amina Kruck, Annalisa Durnan, Jan Buel, Alice & her husband Randy, Beth Ruettinger, Brenda Frank, Warren, Cheryl, Jim Schutkowski – cancer treatments;

Doris Reith and Len Lacy - memory care;

For the family of Pastor Kosburg, whose son-in-law passed away.

All nations dealing with hardships and for military deployed to areas of conflict.

FOR AT HOME WORSHIPERS WHO MAY VIEW SERVICES ONLINE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE BELOW:

***SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE YOU CAN GO ONLINE & VIEW AT**

1) Open a webpage browser (internet explorer, chrome, Firefox, etc.)

2) Type or paste the following link into your address bar:

www.facebook.com/BeautifulSaviorLutheranChurchTempe/

3) Option 1 - Scroll until you find a post that shows a “Live” feed titled for the Sunday service, or

4) Option 2 - Click on the “Videos” button on the left-hand sidebar (ignore anything asking you to sign up or sign in to Facebook)

5) Look for the video titled for the date of the Sunday service. Video stream will be live starting at or around 10am. If it does not show up, try refreshing the page. The video of the service will remain on the page if you would like to view it at a later time, or to replay it again at your discretion.

January 7 "**As We Forgive**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't. (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)



HOLY COMMUNION. . .OUR UNDERSTANDING

It is the special joy of the baptized and instructed Christian to celebrate Christ in our very midst with the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion). The Scripture clearly and carefully teaches that, in Holy Communion, the very Body and the very Blood of our Lord Jesus are really present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine. It also teaches that "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord (acknowledging the Real Presence of Jesus with the elements) eats and drinks judgment on himself." (I Corinthians 11:28-29).

Communicants, then, are rightfully prepared and "worthy" when they:

- *are truly penitent of their sins;*
- *even now embrace Jesus as their Savior and recognize His Real Presence in the bread and the wine; and*
- *seek to amend their sinful lives, with the assistance of this Meal and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

If you have any further questions, please speak with the Pastor before the service.

Other notes on the distribution of Holy Communion:

- *1) Wine is the Biblical standard for all communicants. However, grape juice is in some glasses and available in the center of each tray for those who have an intolerance to alcohol.*
 - *2) The Blood of Christ, in, with and under the wine, is served in individual glasses.*
- 3) Children and adults not instructed or confirmed are still encouraged to approach The Table to receive a blessing.*