

*They brought Him
up to Jerusalem*

LUKE 2:22



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The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord

February 2, 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-- Although this day is about the purification of Mary according to the law and the presentation of Jesus as the firstborn of her womb, these are saving acts done on behalf of all of us. This is what Simeon acknowledges when he sings the Nunc Dimittis. Here is the promise of God kept in Christ for his salvation and for the redemption of the Gentiles. Here we see the face of God, the display of His mercy, and the glory long promised. We sing with Simeon in praise of our Savior, while acknowledging that in the Holy Sacrament we see our salvation every bit as much as Simeon saw it in the baby in his arms.

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WITNESS AND OUTREACH-- Luke 2:22-40: Simeon had it right - Christmas has arrived, so that we can celebrate for the rest of our eternal lives, not so that it can be over as soon as we open the gifts, eat the ham, put away the decorations and then put it all behind us for another year. Simeon lifted up the gift that he had waited for all his life and recognized that in it, we had the Gift that would lead us to eternal rejoicing, Christ Jesus our Savior. Don't give in to the "after Christmas letdown." You have the salvation and peace that God promised and promises in His Son. May your celebration continue and may your sharing of the Good News in God's Word be just as bold and vibrant as it was on Christmas Eve and may your peace be ever found in Jesus, who is with you always.

WELCOME to GUESTS & VISITORS

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

 **HYMN** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 84:4; 12*

Pastor: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!
People: **O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!**

Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our merciful Father:

People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have turned away from You and from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent of our sins and humbly beg Your mercy through Jesus Christ to forgive us all that is past and to move us by Your Spirit to serve You faithfully in the days to come. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon You and has sent His only Son, who suffered for us to forgive us all our 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

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

FIRST READING *1 Samuel 1:21–28* (As long as he lives, he belongs to the Lord.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 84*

EPISTLE *Hebrews 2:14–18* (Because He was tempted like us, He is able to help us in temptation.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:22–40* (Jesus is presented in the temple.)

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

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

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



HYMN

“In His Temple Now Behold Him”

LSB 519

SERMON “Hannah—An Example for the Christian Family” 1 Sam.1:21-28

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: Knowing the faithfulness of God, let us come before Him in prayer for ourselves, for the church, and for all people as they have need.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, we give You thanks for Joseph’s watchful care over Jesus, for Mary’s love for her Son, and for the faith of Simeon and Anna, who waited upon You to show them their Savior. Give us such watchful hearts, such love for Jesus, and

such trust in Your Word, that we may wait upon Your will with joy and peace. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Gracious God, we thank You for the faithfulness of Hannah and those who in every generation have loved Your Word and served You. Keep, we pray, those who lead us in Synod and District, our pastor, all church workers, and those preparing for church work vocations. Guard them in Your Word that by their faithfulness we may be blessed and encouraged in faith and life in Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, make us ready like Simeon to depart and be with You, and keep us faithful as Anna in the days that You give us, that whether we live or die, we may rejoice that we belong to You and have seen our salvation in Christ Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Mighty Lord, we live in a world of danger and temptation. Grant us the blessing of good and faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your Word and good government so that the causes of justice and mercy may be accomplished among us. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Faithful Lord, You gave to Hannah the child of promise, and to Mary and Joseph You entrusted the care of Your own Son. Bless all husbands and wives, parents and children, that our homes may be places of blessing and love and preserve the sacred character of life, especially for the aged and the unborn. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Merciful Father, behold in love those who suffer afflictions of body or mind and those whose hearts are weighed low with grief. Grant them a strong and sturdy faith in the days of their trial and deliver them from their troubles according to Your mercy. [*Hear us especially for . . .*] Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, You give food for the body and for the soul. Grant that we may feast upon Your Word by faith and with our lips taste Your goodness in the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, that what we here receive we may keep in holy hearts and lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Giving Lord, from You and to You are all things. Grant us to be wise and faithful stewards of all Your gifts, and fill us with generosity so that we may support the work of Your kingdom with tithes and offerings and care for the poor and the needy in love. Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: These and whatsoever things we should ask, we beg You to grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O almighty God, heavenly Father, from Your love, You ordered all things into being and still preserve them. In Your mercy, You bore with us sinners who deserved only wrath and condemnation and raised up the hope and promise of a Savior to redeem us from sin and death. In the fullness of time, You brought forth Your Son in flesh from the virgin Mary, and He fulfilled all Law for us and paid the full price of

our redemption in His suffering and death upon the cross. Risen from the dead, He presides over His church in mercy, forgiving our sins and restoring the lost to life and hope through the means of grace. Assembled in His name and according to His Word, we pray You to prepare us joyfully to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

People: Amen.

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**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory” LSB 367

“The Infant Priest Was Holy Born” LSB 624

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.

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** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” LSB 643

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 1.

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NEXT WEEK’S READINGS:

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 6:1-8

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

TITHE & OFFERING – our sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord

Our “tithes” 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.)

January Financial Recap:

January Givings (Thank you!)	\$10,297.15
Monthly Need:	<u>\$17,812.08</u>
Shortage:	- \$ 7,514.93

Parking Lot Project: \$65,310.00 Goal: \$100,000
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Scrip profit from 1/13/25 - 1/26/25: \$2.62

Life Quotes: February 2 “All life is sacred. Your life is sacred. Every life has infinite worth and eternal value. Your life matters—from conception to natural death to eternity. The psalmist declares: ‘I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well’ (Psalm 139:14).” *Rev. Robert Mohms, Lutheran Church–Canada – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Bible in a Year: How are your readings going? This week we continue Genesis, Job, and Mark. Stick around for Bible class after church to discuss the readings so far. Let’s grow together in the Word.

CALENDAR:

Mondays—6:30pm Women’s Bible Study

Tuesdays—9am Orphan Grain Train packing

Fridays—10-11:30am, Friday morning Bible study

Feb. 14—6:30, Family Fellowship: Dinner at Legacy

March 4—1pm, Sewing Eye Pockets for Kenya Mission, & Hymnal Ribbons

March 7—6:30, Family Fellowship: Game Night at Church



Friday morning Bible Study: January 17th 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 Jewish religious institutions and concepts arising from this period (the Synagogue, the Sanhedrin, the Messiah). See you Friday at 10am.

Sub Fundraiser for 2025 National Youth Gathering:

Trisha, Marina, and Mason are selling subs now, to be picked up after church on Feb. 9 (Super Bowl Sunday!). **Order forms are due today.** Subs are \$7 each (extra meat or cheese can be added for 50¢). Order forms can be found in the Narthex by the SCRIP table; checks should be made out to B.A.S.I.C.



February Family Fellowship Event: Looking for Valentine's Day plans? Join your church family at the Legacy Feb. 14 at 6:30pm for dinner. Couples, singles, families—everyone is invited. Sign up in the narthex and Kristi will make a reservation for the group. Join your church family that night for fellowship and good food (order off the menu and pay for your own meal).

Sewing Opportunity: March 4th at 1 pm. after the OGT potluck we will have a sewing session for eye pockets. Bring your sewing machine and join us. These eye pockets will be going to Matt Holman (Karen and Joe's son) who will be going to Kenya on May 29th with the Trinity Ablaze group. They conduct eye exams to see if people need glasses. Each person who gets a pair of glasses gets an eye pocket. They also hear about Jesus when they are there. Not a sew-er? Ribbon bookmarks for our hymnals will also be assembled that afternoon.

Call Process:

Thank you to the volunteers serving on our Call Committee:

Karol Harris

Marv Hopp

Lee Loomis

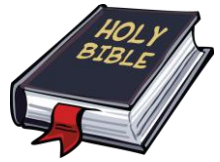
David Lutz

Kristi Philhower

Update: Our Congregational Self-Study paperwork has been completed and mailed into the District Office, along with any Pastor's names who were submitted for consideration. We now wait for the District office to send us names, the call list specifically prepared for Beautiful Savior. Please continue to pray for the man God has already chosen for us. We do not know who that man will be, but God does.

February 2 - February 8, 2025

Week 6 “Bible in a Year” Questions:



Genesis 34-41:

1. Who was Jacob’s favorite son? Why was that and how did he show it (ch.37)?
2. Who were Tamar, Perez, and Zerah (ch.38)?
3. Joseph ends up in Egypt as a slave but how does he end up in prison (ch.39)?
4. What evidence is there that God was with Joseph throughout ch.37-41?

Job 1-7:

1. Describe Job at the beginning of this book (ch.1).
2. Why do Job’s friends think he is suffering so?
3. Describe Job’s response in chapters 6-7? Is he blaming God?

Mark 5-11:

1. Why do you think Jesus says a prophet is not often accepted in his own town and among his own relatives (6:1-6)?
2. In chapter 7, why does Jesus call the Pharisees and Scribes hypocrites? How can we heed this warning, specifically in verses 6-7?
3. What does it mean to receive the Kingdom of Heaven like a child (10:13-16)?
4. Why does Jesus cleanse the temple (11:15-19)? Is there a lesson here for us?

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 : 2/2/2025 – 2/8/2025

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

Family of Elaine Idsvoog; family of Art Holford; 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), those struggling with mental health

Military: Devante; Emily; Nick

Pending Diagnosis & Treatment:

Ken Resch (Father of Julie Barge); 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, in medical crisis)

Hospitalized/Recovering: Sharon Hughes—Hospice; Jack Edgerton (broken arm)

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:

2/5 Donavon Dix
2/5 Curtis Hughes
2/5 ShirleyAnn Schultz
2/7 Julie Kropidlowski

Baptism Birthdays:

2/4 Caleb Schultz

Anniversaries:

2/7 Jason & Jody Cisewski (19 yrs)
2/8 Curtis & Sharon Hughes (62 yrs)

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:

1 Samuel 1:21–28

²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever.” ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, “Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word.” So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, “Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.”

And he worshiped the LORD there.

Epistle: Hebrews 2:14–18

¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that

he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22–32

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”



About the Cover: Mary and Joseph did as the Lord’s Law instructed and brought the Christ Child to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice. Jesus’ whole life was one of fulfilling the Law of the Lord. When He grew, He again went up to Jerusalem to make a sacrifice. But this sacrifice was the once-for-all-time sacrifice of His own body on the cross to atone for the sins of the whole world. So by the gift of faith, we are counted as righteous because of His perfect fulfillment of the Law.