

# Good News!

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Caroling: A Year Long Activity?  
by The Rev. Leah R. Lawson

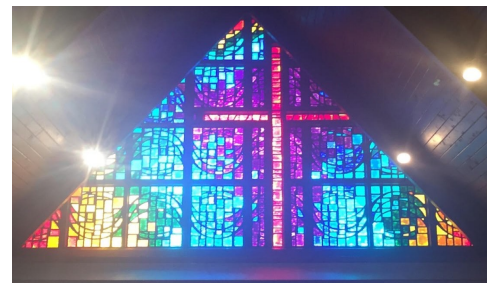
Christmas Caroling is a wonderful way to share hope, peace, joy, and love with family and friends. A group from Beautiful Savior went caroling on December 20 and shared the Christmas spirit with our homebound members. We sang traditional Christmas carols, visited, and brought goodies. It was a beautiful way to spend time with our church family members who can't worship with us in person.

Could we get a small group to go caroling throughout the year? We could sing Easter hymns in the spring, sing the great hymns of the church in the summer, and sing hymns of thanksgiving during the fall. I wonder?

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## Worship

*Sundays Mornings*



**Office Hours -**  
**Monday - Thursday,**  
9:00AM-12:00PM, 1:00-3:00PM  
(closed during the noon hour)  
Friday, 9:00AM- 12:00 PM

### Staff:

**Leah Lawson, Pastor**  
**Cheryl Hall, Office Manager**  
**Marsha Moller, Music Director**



Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

## Treasurer's Report November Fiscal Year 2025

Month

### INCOME

#### OFFERINGS

	Actual	Budget
GENEERL FUND ENVELOPE	19,028.94	19,333.33
GENERAL FUND LOOSE	116.00	83.33
OTHER RECEIPTS		
BUILDING USE	940.00	458.33
MISCELLANEOUS	30.00	20.83

Total Income      20,114.94      19,895.82

#### EXPENSE

Total Expense      19,248.73

### General Fund Offering and Attendance

#### December 7

general fund: 3605 attendance: 56

#### December 14

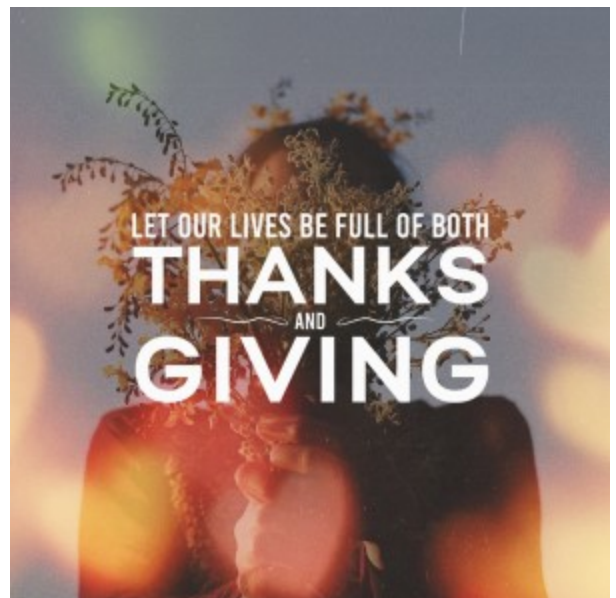
general fund: \$1305; attendance: 65

#### December 21

general fund: \$1932 attendance: 72

#### December 28

general fund: \$6018 attendance: 49



## Meetings & Misc. Calendar

- Epiphany Brunch** will be on Sunday, January 4 after worship.
- Keenagers** meet on Wednesday, January 7 at noon.
- The Women's Study Group** meets January 13 & 27 at 10 am.
- The Wired Word** will meet on Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22 & 29.
- **Council** meets Monday, January 19 at 7 pm
- **Congregational Meeting** will be January 25 following the Sunday Worship Service.

**Noisy Offering and Election** – On Sunday, November 30, the children of our congregation collected a noisy offering during the Children's Message. The youth did some research on various non-profit organizations and narrowed the list down to 5. The congregation was invited to vote for the organization that should receive the noisy offering and the winner is...The BSLC Food Pantry! Thank you all so much for participating in the election and your participation in the noisy offering. We raised \$132.04!

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### For our members

Audrey Holman, Sonia Sanchez, Ann-Marie Shadduck

Please keep Cheryl and her family in your prayers upon the passing of her husband, Jerry.

### For our family members and friends

Elizabeth, Erin, Allen & Rhonda, Deborah W., Aiden, Lana K., Steve, Nickie, Mark, Donnie, Cynthia, Mike, Sharon, Brant, Holly, Wayne, Melissa, Monica, Judy L., Mary L., Hattie, Lauren, and Jessica.

Please keep Pr. Naomi Olson Hartman and her family in your prayers as they mourn the death of her father. Pr. Naomi is the granddaughter-in-law of Rita & Art De Mar.

### For our homebound members

Kenneth Huckabee, Beverly Roush, Donna Nuss, Jon Edler, Betty Loomis, Beatrice Kirkeeng, and Bill Tietgens

### For those serving in the military – Major Erik Lawson

### Prayers of Thanks

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01/03 Matt Rosenthal  
01/06 Lucille Longhofer  
01/15 Gregg Johnson  
01/28 Fred Snyder  
01/31 Jeff Antle  
Greg Rohloff

Pastor Leah, Cheryl, Marsha and Rachel wish to express a huge thank you to our church family! We are so grateful for your love, support, and the generous Christmas gift. May you have a blessed 2026!

**Toy Drive for Caprock High School** – Thank you to everyone who donated toys to Sanborn Elementary this past month. It brought much joy to the hearts of so many children this Christmas season. The glory of God and the Holy Spirit truly shown through your hearts. Thank you from Caprock High School & Mary Eckert

If you need pastoral care of a visit or phone call, contact the church office at 359-9483 (Pastor Leah's office hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday – Thursday) .

To add prayer requests into the church's prayers in the weekly bulletin and/or the prayer chain call/email the church. To join the prayer chain by email, contact the church office at [beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com](mailto:beautifulsavioramarillo@gmail.com)

# Sunday Scripture Readings

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## Sunday, January 4

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14**

*God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock.*

*Young women will express their*

### **Psalm: Psalm 147:12-20**

*Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. (Ps. 147:12)*

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

### **Gospel: John 1:[1-9] 10-18**

*John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.*

## Sunday, January 11

### **First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

### **Psalm: Psalm 29**

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

### **Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter's preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

### **Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

## Sunday, January 18

### **First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7**

*Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.*

### **Psalm: Psalm 40:1-11**

*I love to do your will, O my God. (Ps. 40:8)*

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

*Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### **Gospel: John 1:29-42**

*John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

## Sunday, January 25

### **First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4**

*The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.*

### **Psalm: Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation. (Ps. 27:1)*

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.*

### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

*Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.*

If you are not sure how to pronounce some of the names in the readings, below is a link to help you and also a link to look up readings from the NRSVUE Bible. <https://biblespeak.org/>  
NRSVUE Bible Online: Bible Gateway.com

# January 2026

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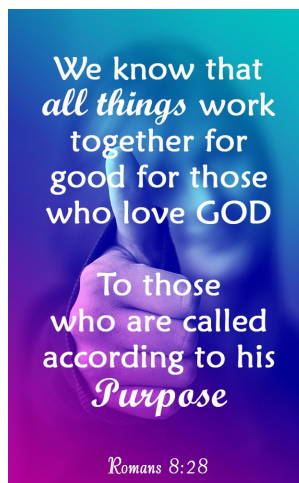
Sat

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4 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Epiphany Brunch	5	6	7 FP 10-12 12 pm Keenagers	8 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	9	10
11 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship -Choir	12	13 10 am Women's Study	14	15 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	16	17
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 -Fellowship -Choir	19 7 pm Council	20	21	22 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	23	24
25 9:30 Worship Congregation meeting fol- lowing the service	26	27 10 am Women's Study	28	29 10 am & 7 pm Wired Word	30	31



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**FYI - Our worship services are now live streamed on Beautiful Savior's Facebook page: [Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church-Amarillo](#) Pass it along.**