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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

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## BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

*West Des Moines, IA*

*Sunday, January 16, 2022*

### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise. We also assemble to hear God's holy and powerful word and celebrate his life---giving sacraments. Through these means, God strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with him. We pray that this hour of worship fills you with the peace of God that transcends all understanding through our Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a visitor and have any questions, please speak to an usher, pastor, or any of our members. Thank you, and we hope you enjoy your time here at Beautiful Savior! We invite you to worship with us again soon!

### **TRUE WORSHIP**

**True worship** is more than the speaking or singing of words from a printed page. It takes place in the heart of each believer as we hear the Bible read, explained, and applied to our lives, and as we respond in grateful adoration to God for His great love and mercy in Jesus Christ. It is helpful to arrive early to look over the service and to spend time in prayer. While worship may take various forms, the use of standardized orders of worship ("liturgies") dates back to the early Church, as a means of reinforcing Biblical beliefs and actively involving the congregation in worship.

### **THE SACRAMENT (2ND AND LAST SUNDAY)**

In this Sacrament, Christ not only gives us bread and wine, but His holy body and blood, for the forgiveness of those who believe this (Matthew 26:26-28), but to the judgment of those who do not so believe. (1 Corinthians 11:27-31). Nothing is more sacred. Scripture requires that Pastors, as "stewards of the mysteries of Christ" (1 Corinthians 4:1), commune only those who are spiritually prepared and in full doctrinal agreement. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17, Romans 10:17, Hebrews 13:17, James 3:1, 1 Timothy 4:11-16, 2 Timothy 4:1-5). We therefore ask that you please speak with the pastor before you receive the Lord's Supper at Beautiful Savior for the first time. Thank you.

**SERIES THEME**  
**UNCOVERED**

We are in the season of the Church called Epiphany, a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. In Epiphany, the Church explores everything that Christ makes apparent about God. You see, we need God to appear to us and make himself known to us. For not only is God beyond our understanding, his works and his ways are contrary to mankind's natural assumptions about him. In other words, the truth about God cannot possibly be discovered by us. Rather, it needs to be uncovered for us. That's what the Spirit is doing for us during this season of Epiphany. Week after week, surprising truths about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom will be uncovered.

**THEME OF THE DAY**

**DELIGHT UNCOVERED: GOD DELIVERS MORE THAN WE ASK, NOT LESS**

Is the pursuit of God and the pursuit of pleasure two separate paths? Many make that assumption—that life with Jesus is a boring, sterile experience. They are dead wrong. Jesus came to undo everything that is wrong with our world as a result of sin's curse. He also came to multiply our joy and deliver delight beyond our wildest dreams. Note that when Jesus begins to reveal his glory, it isn't by going to a hospital to cure every ailment. Instead, he starts at a local wedding, one of the greatest sources of joy in this life. The truth uncovered for us this week is that life with Jesus is not a life with less delight, but infinitely more.

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**The Common Service—Page 15**

**Lay Leader—Andrew Wagner**

**OPENING HYMN     THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT**

1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious  
2 To us a child of hope is born, To us a  
3 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -  
4 His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver

light have seen; The light has shone on them who long In  
son is giv'n, And on his shoul - ders ev - er rests All  
last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The  
all ex - tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His

shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.  
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.

5 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us yours alone,  
For you are with the Father and  
The Spirit ever one,  
The Spirit ever one.

STAND

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** ♪ *Amen.*

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*

**C:** ♪ *Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.*  
**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C:** ♪ *Amen.*

**PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**GLORY BE TO GOD**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

**C:** ♪ *Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise*

*you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.*  
*O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.*  
*For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**


**M:** The Lord be with you.  
**C:** ♪ *And also with you.*  
**M:** Let us pray  
Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns , one God, now and forever.  
**C:** ♪ *Amen.*

**THE WORD**

**FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 62:1-5 (NIV84)**  
For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem’s sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. 2 The nations will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. 3 You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord’s hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. 5 As a young man marries a maiden, so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.


PSALM OF THE DAY 145

*Refrain*



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*Psalm tone*



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;\*  
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;\*  
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall\*  
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

*Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food at the proper time.\*  
You open your hand  
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,\*  
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;\*  
he hears their cry and saves them.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 3:14-21 (NIV84)

For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

C: ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

THE GOSPEL: John 2:1-11 (NIV84)

M: The Holy Gospel is written in the 2nd chapter of John, beginning at the 1st verse

C: ♪ Glory be to you, O Lord!

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2 and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." 4 "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though

the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” 11 This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

**M:** This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
**C:** ♪ *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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BE SEATED

SERMON DELIGHT UNCOVERED EPHESIANS 3:14-21

STAND

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

BE SEATED

OFFERING

*We did not pass the offering plate this morning. If you desire, your offering may be placed in the plate at the back of the sanctuary after worship, or consider using Vanco Online as linked on our website.*

GOOD NEWS FOR KIDS

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:  
**C:** **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:  
**C:** **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

**M:** Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

*(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*(Silent prayer.)*

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C: Amen.**

**LORDS PRAYER**

**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.**

**BE SEATED**

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**or**

Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**





Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -  
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

## God's Word for This Week:

### Jesus Is Our Miraculous Savior

In today's Gospel, Jesus performs his first miracle: He turns 120 gallons of water into wine. Jesus doesn't touch the water. It's no trick. It's a real miracle. He does it because the Father now wants him to go "public" and reveal his glory. As a result, his disciples trust in him as the Son of God.

#### First Lesson – Isaiah 62:1-5

- ♦ Who is speaking in these verses through the prophet Isaiah? For instance, who's the "I" of verse one?
- ♦ For whose sake would Jesus do what he did as our Savior?
- ♦ What is the result of Jesus' gracious work for his people?

#### Second Lesson – Ephesians 3:14-21

- ♦ Jesus came to visit a wedding in Cana. What does Paul pray for the Christians in Ephesus, by contrast? (See 3:17.)
- ♦ Nobody knew how Jesus turned water into wine. Likewise, what does Paul want Christians to know? (See 3:19.)
- ♦ How much is God able to do? (See 3:20-21.)

#### Gospel – John 2:1-11

- ♦ What problem arose at the wedding in Cana to which Jesus and his disciples were invited?
- ♦ How did Jesus react when Mary told him that they had run out of wine? Why did he react this way?
- ♦ What did Jesus do to resolve the problem?

## God's Word for This Week: [Answers from last Sunday](#)

### First Lesson – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Whom had God rejected as the King of Israel?**

*God had rejected Saul.*

**When Samuel went to anoint a new king, did he and the Lord agree on who would be the “perfect” king?**

*They did not agree. Samuel was impressed with the oldest sons of Jesse because they were big and handsome. But the Lord had different ideas, as he explained: “The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”*

**Whom did the Lord finally choose as Israel's new king?**

*God chose the youngest son of Jesse—David—the forefather of our perfect Savior, Jesus. Jesus, too, would seem like an unlikely choice to be our perfect Savior (cf. Isaiah 53:2-3).*

### Second Lesson – Titus 3:4-7

**According to St. Paul, why did God save us?**

*Paul plainly states that God did not save us because of righteous things we had done (our good works) but because of his mercy. In other words, our salvation depends entirely upon God's love for us and not our love for him, a concept that seems unlikely to human reason.*

**According to St. Paul, how did God save us?**

*Paul explains that God saved us “through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.” The Christian church has always understood this to be a reference to Holy Baptism, where God washes away our sin through this water connected to his Word of promise.*

### Gospel – Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**What was the purpose of the baptism given by John?**

*The purpose was the same as the baptism we have today: it was “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Mark 1:4).*

**If Jesus was sinless, why was he baptized?**

*In Jesus' baptism, God commissioned him to “go public” and save us, and the Father anointed him with the Holy Spirit and power (Acts 10:38). Also, though Jesus did not have any personal sin, Jesus was not aloof. In his role as Savior, he carried the world's guilt. He had come to be our perfect substitute and to identify with every sinner.*

**Which three special persons were present at the baptism of Jesus?**

*The Father spoke from above and sent the Spirit to the Son. Likewise, we were baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19). We are all sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26).*

## CENTRAL AFRICA MEDICAL MISSION

January 2022

### Greetings and a Happy New Year!

I am Lusungu Mwambeye, the clinic administrator-in-training taking over from Gary Evans at the Lutheran Mobile Clinic (LMC). I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in public health, and I am currently pursuing master's degree in healthcare systems management. I am a Christian from St. Peters Lutheran church in Lilongwe, Malawi.

In 2022, after 52 years of operating in Malawi, CAMM will turn the day-to-day management of LMC to Malawian nationals. As a result, LMC hired myself as the clinic administrator in training and Violet Chikwatu as Nurse in charge in training to take over when Gary and Beth Evans, the current administrator and nurse in charge respectively, leave Malawi in June 2022.

As an administrator in training for Lutheran Mobile Clinic, I am so humbled and delighted for this opportunity and being part of the team that is doing great things in terms of reaching out to the people in the hard-to-reach areas in the central region of Malawi with healthcare and spiritual guidance. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world which affects its' ability to deliver quality health care. Most residents reside in the remote areas where they face many challenges in accessing any kind of healthcare service - government or private, and even when they do find a facility, most government hospitals do not have drugs. It's sad and challenging for most Malawians who live below the poverty line and cannot afford to pay for drugs in the private hospitals.

With the help from you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, LMC reaches out to thousands of people with affordable medical treatment and preventive health services. Our Christian staff gives care that patients fail to find in the government hospitals. They also have access to quality water through the boreholes LMC brought to the clinics, and food supplements for malnourished children and orphans. Our staff includes health education daily, with topics such as hygiene, nutrition, prevention of Covid-19 and other infectious diseases, hypertension, malaria, and prenatal care.

As the rains finally come to Malawi, farmers are working hard in the fields, planting their various crops, mainly maize, or corn as it is known in America. This is used to make flour for Nsima which is a staple food and eaten with a relish (Ndiwo) of meat or vegetables. In some areas, mostly near the lakeshore, farmers go for rice and cassava as their most grown crop. We are hoping the government distributes a lot of coupons for fertilizer subsidy to the farmers as the fertilizer prices have gone up which will risk most farmers not applying fertilizer if they miss the subsidy. This will risk low crop yields and food insecurity. We pray for the right amount of rain to water the crops, since it started late this year. A good thunderstorm helped welcome in





the new year in Lilongwe and it was an answered prayer.

We are very thankful for your continued support for Lutheran Mobile Clinic. I pray that through God's grace and your support, our clinic will continue to provide both spiritual and physical care to every patient that comes to our four clinic sites. Join me in praying that the Lord continues to bless LMC with dedicated and professional staff, and provides continued safety for our patients, our staff, and our supporters in America.

May the Lord bless you and keep you well in these trying times where Covid-19 has and is roaring globally. May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Best regards.

Lusungu Mwambeye.  
Clinic administrator in training.

## Christ Centered Healthcare Supporting the Gospel Ministry

Donations may be made by Check: Payable to **Central Africa Medical Mission** and Mailed to:  
*WELS/CAMM*  
*PO Box 64064*  
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The CAMM Stateside Committee is looking for two new volunteers to help our organization continue to grow and prosper under the Lord's care. God willing, CAMM intends to increase our exposure to WELS members worldwide and also to potentially expand our Medical Mission into new areas starting in Africa and potentially going beyond. With that in mind, we are looking to add two volunteers with experience in any the following areas:

- Marketing - including graphic design or social media management
- Operations
- Healthcare administration
- Global/international health
- Public Health
- Non-for-Profit Fundraising/development

If you are interested, have a passion for this type of mission work and want to serve in this way, please contact Chair Shelly Sievert at [chairman.camm@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.camm@gmail.com).

# 2022 WELS Women's Ministry Conference

July 21 - July 23



SAVE THE DATE

## 2022 WELS Women's Ministry Conference July 21-23, 2022

*Plan now to join us for the WELS Women's Ministry Conference at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI on July 21-23, 2022. We will dig into Ephesians and learn about the richness of God's grace. Grace that moved Jesus Christ to the cross and won us by his blood. Grace that reconciled us with our heavenly Father. Grace that now unites us as one body to serve Him by the power of the Holy Spirit. We have been won to be one! Find out how that truth shapes and impacts us as women in the church, home, and workplace.*

# THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Sunday	January 16	9:00 AM	Worship (also Zoom, YouTube)
		10:15 AM	Voters Meeting
		10:15 AM	Sunday School
		10:30 AM	Adult Bible Class
Sunday	January 23	9:00 AM	Worship (also Zoom, YouTube)
		10:15 AM	Adult Bible Class, Sunday School

Zoom:<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6801341226?pwd=aGJPYzlyK2FSaG5PZndpY0VuNEtDUT09>

## The Ideal Congregation In the Light of Holy Scripture

This new 11-week Bible Study  
begins **TODAY**

## Voters Meeting Sunday, January 16th 10:15am

Thursday Jan 27 6:30 PM 2022 Monthly Out-to-Dinner K-Group



Compelled by Christs love, the members of Beautiful Savior glorify God by

**Growing in the faith, Gathering together as believers,  
and Going to our neighbors with the gospel**

If you are new to the area or looking for a church to call your own, please accept our invitation to meet our pastor (after the service, or by appointment at your convenience). Please come and worship with us again.

Beautiful Savior is part of a group of more than 1300 churches congregations united by a common faith in Christ’s saving love, called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico & Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work.

We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the Wisconsin Synod as well as the churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), and the broader Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference (CELC).

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