

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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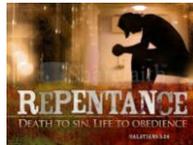
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Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2016

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in the name of Jesus. With our fellow Christians we follow our Lord this Lent on His journey to cross and resurrection, hearing His Word and receiving His Supper for our nourishment and strengthening. Our special emphasis at Beautiful Savior on the Sundays of Lent this year is stewardship. Today we hear the next in our series of "Consecrated Stewards" sermons: "Giving with a Cheerful Heart" based on 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. The blessing of Almighty God be upon you, His people, this day! (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me! LSB # 809, st. 1



TO THOSE DESIRING TO COMMUNE TODAY: The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold to a doctrinal position differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. (Re: 1 Cor. 11:26-29)

Today's Elders: Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
Elders for Mar. 2: Rick Mericle
Elders for Mar. 6: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Today's Acolytes: Johnathan Acker & Joey Weinstock
Acolyte for Mar. 6: Nicholas Little

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings.

Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Psalm: Psalm 32



Luke 13:3 "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." The season of Lent is all about repentance: turning back to the Lord, away from our sins, in faith. We know that it is only in the Lord that we can find salvation. So we do well in this season of repentance to examine ourselves, asking questions like, "What is trying to keep me away from Jesus? What is a temptation I face? What is a sin I need to repent of and leave behind?" Then we turn to the Lord for the strength to leave these sins behind, and for the courage to follow Him in faith and faithful living.



Third Sunday in Lent – Temptations to idolatry exist today as they did in biblical times. The great idol "Death" draws many to its altar. They look to death for rescue from a crisis pregnancy or chronic disease or pain. Death's allure is so great he even tempts Christians to bow before him. But we have a way out of such temptations to faithlessness: "God is faithful" (1 Corinthians 10:1-13). Christ our "Rock" never leaves us (10:4). We can trust in Him. Prayer: Rock of our salvation, may Your faithful service to us through Your cross and resurrection move us to be faithful to You. Amen.



Member in Need of House/Apartment: One of our Beautiful Savior members is in need of a small house or apartment to rent. She needs a place to live for herself and her three young children. If you can help in any way, please call the church office or Pastor Groth at (720) 737-1283. Thank you for your kindness.



A Word of Greeting to Our Guests We welcome you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are honored to have you with us today and pray that this celebration of God's love and grace through Jesus Christ will be a blessing to you.

If you would like additional information, please contact:
 Pastor Groth @ 303 469-1785 or email tedgroth1970@comcast.net or
 Mike Brown @ 303 438-5766 or E-mail: mbrown_presbslc@comcast.net.
 We are a family that has been called together in faith through the Gospel of our Lord Jesus and we invite you to worship with us as often as you can.



Prayers Let's all remember the following people in our prayers this week: Jansen Jones, Chloe Werner, Pastor Brennan, Verna Walsh, Dan Eggers, Joey Thompson, Patty Bemis, Allen Schmelz, Roy & Lillian Bemis, Henry Bonder, Nan Cribbs, Ben Zwibecker, Brianna Simmons, Linda Frederking, Karl Duchrow, Maxine Stewart, Marianne Burnworth, Gene Wilson, Bob & Charlotte Davis & Family, and also our homebound members: Melva Anderson, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Rowena Davis, Doris Hintz, Irene Lombardi, Laila Luhman, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Wanda Renzelman, Vee Rotvold, Don & Pat Sall, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, and Julie Vogel.



The Flowers Placed On Our Altar This Morning are given by Mrs. Jackie Dittrich in thankfulness to God for blessings received.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop-in Volleyball
 Tuesday: 09:00 a.m. Pastors' Winkel at Messiah, Longmont
 04:15 p.m. 6th Grade Confirmation Class
 Wednesday: 08:20 a.m. Chapel
 04:00 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Class
 05:30 p.m. Youth Group
 05:45 p.m. Soup Supper
 07:00 p.m. Vespers
 Saturday: 09:00 a.m. LWML
 10:00 a.m. – Noon Prayer Vigil
 Sunday, 3/6 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes

At Worship, Feb. 21:	<u>101</u>	Communed:	<u>79</u>
Wednesday Attendance:	<u>34</u>	Communed:	<u>31</u>



There Are 3 more soup suppers during Lent. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for set-up, clean-up, soups, breads, crackers, etc. Please consider signing up to help clean up after at least one of the soup suppers.



Beautiful Savior Members are invited to the Installation of Pastor Greg Thompson as Associate Pastor at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 500 Drake Street, Denver this afternoon, Feb. 28th, at 2 pm. A reception will follow.



Prayer Partner Needed – We have a new student in 3rd grade and are looking for someone to be a Prayer Partner for her. Please contact Dan Adams or Pastor Groth if you are interested.



Movie Night - Come join us for a night at the movies at Beautiful Savior on Saturday, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m. The movie is "Do You Believe?" from the creators of the movie "God's Not Dead". This will be a free showing – donations are greatly appreciated.



Join Prayerful, Peaceful Vigil outside Denver Planned Parenthood March 4. Pastor Groth will be leaving church at 12:30 p.m. to spend the hours of 1:00 – 3:00 in vigil at the clinic. If you would like to ride along, please call the church office or Pastor's cell.



Please Attend Our Next Prayer Vigil. Please set aside some time to attend our next Prayer Vigil, scheduled for Saturday, March 5th, from 10 am – noon. A prayer sheet will be provided to assist and direct your prayers.



Thank You to those who have paid bills from our Bill Board. This has been a big help and is greatly appreciated. The Bill Board will remain up in the church office for anyone who may be inclined to give further help in this way.



The New Meditations has arrived. It can be found on the bookshelf by the main entrance to the sanctuary.



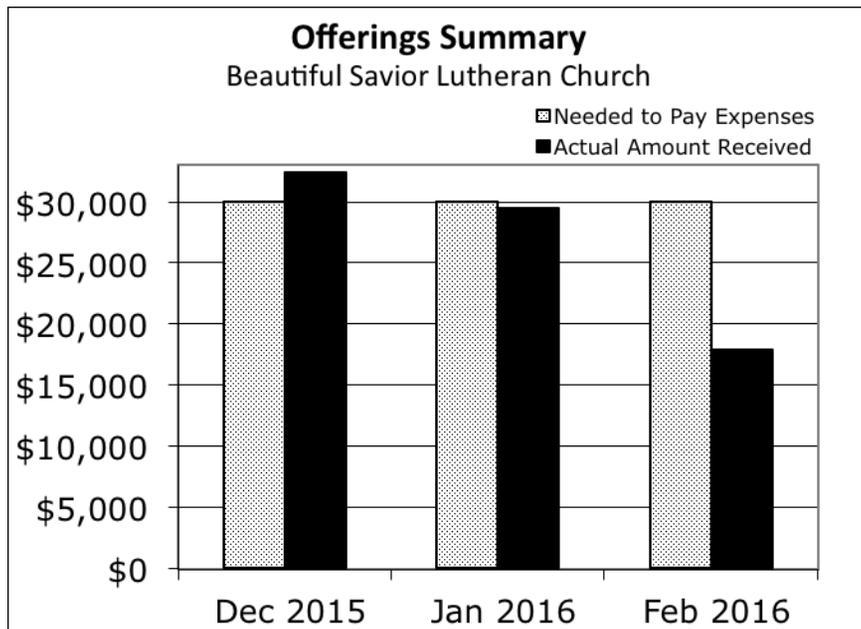
Easter Cards – Check out the Book Nook for Easter Cards. They are available individually, or by the box or ½ box.



Our Good Samaritan Fund is in need of help. This fund is used to help others, primarily by providing grocery certificates for their use in purchasing food. Checks may be written to Beautiful Savior with “Good Samaritan Fund” indicated on the memo line. Thank you for your help.



Easter Food Baskets: Beautiful Savior will be giving out food baskets for Easter. If you or someone you know (family or neighbor) would accept the gift of a food basket, please contact Pastor Groth at (303) 469-1785, by Sunday, March 20th.



THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Four

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Hymns: 431 437 *627 *692 809
* Communion Hymns

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.
For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.
The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.
You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.
But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.
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.
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Collect of the Day

O God whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Ezekiel 33:7-20

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Gospel:

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon:

"Giving with a Cheerful Heart"

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷“So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me.

⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you shall surely die!’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“Therefore you, O son of man, say to the house of Israel: ‘Thus you say, “If our transgressions and our sins lie upon us, and we pine away in them, how can we then live?”’ ¹¹Say to them: ‘As I live,’ says the Lord GOD, ‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’

¹²“Therefore you, O son of man, say to the children of your people: ‘The righteousness of the righteous man shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall because of it in the day that he turns from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able to live because of his righteousness in the day that he sins.’ ¹³When I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, but he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, none of his righteous works shall be remembered; but because of the iniquity that he has committed, he shall die. ¹⁴Again, when I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ if he turns from his sin and does what is lawful and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has stolen, and walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of his sins which he has committed shall be remembered against him; he has done what is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet the children of your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ But it is their way which is not fair! ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. ¹⁹But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair.’ O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways.”

Gradual

**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising
the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹⁰Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ²all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” ⁸Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹²Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Luke 13:1-9

¹³There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

⁶He also spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ ⁸But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.”