

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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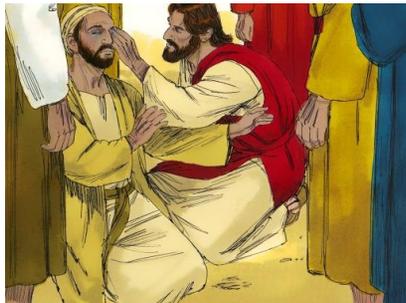
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2017

Welcome to Beautiful Savior! With eyes fixed on Jesus, His cross, and His resurrection, we are gathered today by the Holy Spirit, as the people of God, to hear His Word in this holy season of Lent. In our readings today we find very prominently the theme of light, signifying God's gracious salvation, brilliantly shed upon us. Blessings on your worship today, dear people of God. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see! LSB 744, st. 1



To Our Visitors: About Holy Communion at Beautiful Savior

In the pew rack is a Friendship Pad which includes an explanation of what this congregation believes and teaches concerning Holy Communion.

We understand participation in Holy Communion to be a sign of unity and agreement in the Scriptural faith and doctrine which is taught and confessed in this church, and we care deeply about the spiritual welfare of all who worship with us. For these reasons we request that any who are not communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, but who are interested in receiving this Sacrament at Beautiful Savior, would first meet with the pastor to discuss our faith and doctrine in more detail. It is our desire to administer this holy Sacrament in a manner that both honors our Lord's Word and brings blessing to all who commune. Those not receiving the Sacrament today are welcome to come forward to receive a personal blessing at the altar rail. Simply fold your arms across your chest as you kneel at the rail to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.

Today's Elders: Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Elders for Mar. 29: Rick Mericle & Cliff Evans

Elders for April 2: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Today's Acolyte: Nicholas Little

Acolyte for Mar. 29: Henry Pawlak III

Acolyte for April 2: Henry Pawlak III

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: John 11:17-27, 38-53

Psalm: Psalm 130



Psalm 142:5 — I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living." The Lord is our portion, our refuge, our everything. His mercy preserves through all our days in the land of the living. This confidence frees us from the fear that so often leads to sins of greed and coveting. We have the Lord, we have a Father, He is in control – so we can follow His Word in confidence.



Fourth Sunday in Lent – The God who is Jesus Christ displays His miraculous compassion especially amid ailments and inabilities (John 9:2-3). Though we occupy evil days (Ephesians 5:16), we ought not give up on anybody before God does (Isaiah 42:16). After all, He never forsakes us (Ephesians 5:8)! *Merciful Master, teach us and lead us to walk with Your children in light. Amen.*



Greeters – Our Board of Evangelism is looking for people interested in welcoming our Sunday morning worshipers. If this is something you would like to do, talk to Jackie Ruck, Jackie Brown or Pete Valdez



The Flower Chart has a couple of empty Sundays coming up; April 2 and 9. The cost is \$25 or \$12.50 if two families/individuals sign up. You may take the flowers with you after the service if you wish. Thank you.



There Will Not Be a soup supper this Wednesday, March 29th.



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.



No Adult Bible Study. Take note that there will be no Adult Bible Study this morning. Sunday morning Bible class will resume on April 2nd with Pastor Joshua Hayes (campus pastor at ULC Boulder) as our guest pastor.



Easter Lilies It's time once again to sign up for Lilies to adorn our altar on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10.00 each. Lilies may be picked up following the 10:30 Worship Service. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board near the church office. Thank you.



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Food Pantry – in order to be better prepared to provide food baskets in the future, we will be asking each month for several different items with an additional list just prior to providing the baskets. **This month's items:** Tuna, Pudding/Jell-O, Spaghetti/Sauce, Mac 'n Cheese, or if you prefer, gift cards can always be useful or contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund. Thank you very much.



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 remember the following people in our prayers this week: Jansen Jones, Chloe Werner, Pastor Brennan, Verna Walsh, Allen Schmelz, Lillian Bemis, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Pat Hanket, Vince Roberto, Alice Iversen, Ron Savage, and also our homebound members: Melva Anderson, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Rowena Davis, Doris Hintz, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Wanda Renzelman, Vee Rotvold, Don & Pat Sall, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and Linda Frederking.



The Flowers adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Ginny Smith and Carolyn Lehenbauer in loving memory of their parents.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

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| Today: | Pastor leaves on vacation |
| Monday: | Beautiful Savior School on Spring Break all week 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball |
| Tuesday: | 06:30 p.m. Care Callers |
| Wednesday: | 07:00 p.m. Divine Service (Pastor Joshua Hayes) |
| Thursday: | 05:30 p.m. Youth Group |
| Sunday, 4/2: | 09:00 a.m. Divine Service (Pastor Joshua Hayes) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class |

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| At Worship, Mar. 19: | <u>77</u> | Communed: | <u>68</u> |
| Midweek Lenten Attendance: | <u>33</u> | | |

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

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Hymns: 421 571 *606 *697 *422 744

*Communion Hymns

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to
gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon
a rock.

And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Isaiah 42:14-21

Epistle:

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel:

John 9:1-41

Sermon: *"The Works of God, Displayed in Our Lives"*

John 9:1-41

Isaiah 42:14-21

¹⁴“I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. ¹⁵I will lay waste the mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, and I will dry up the pools. ¹⁶I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them. ¹⁷They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, who trust in carved images, who say to the molded images, ‘You are our gods.’

¹⁸“Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see. ¹⁹Who is blind but My servant, or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is blind as he who is perfect, and blind as the LORD’s servant? ²⁰Seeing many things, but you do not observe; opening the ears, but he does not hear.”

²¹The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness’ sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

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.**

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴Therefore He says:

“Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”

John 9:1-41

⁹Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ²And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

⁸Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?” ⁹Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.” He said, “I am he.”

¹⁰Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

¹¹He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

¹²Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

¹⁶Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.”

Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

¹⁷They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

²⁰His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”

²⁵He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

²⁶Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

²⁷He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

⁸Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. ²⁹We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.”

³⁰The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³²Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

³⁴They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

³⁶He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

³⁷And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”

³⁸Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

³⁹And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

⁴⁰Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”

⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.