

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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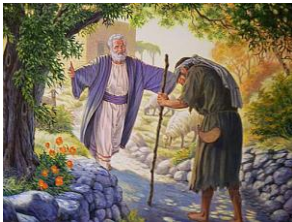
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2016

Welcome to Beautiful Savior! 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 the strengthening of our faith. Our special emphasis at Beautiful Savior in these weeks is stewardship. Today we hear the next in our series of "Consecrated Stewards" sermons: "Risky Living" based on Matthew 25:14-27. May the Lord richly bless you. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save, That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive. LSB # 571, 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)

<u>Today's Elders:</u>	Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
<u>Elders for Mar. 9:</u>	Rick Mericle & Cliff Evans
<u>Elders for Mar. 13:</u>	Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
<u>Today's Acolytes:</u>	Nicholas Little
<u>Acolyte for Mar. 9:</u>	Johnathan Acker
<u>Acolyte for Mar. 13:</u>	Emily Bower & Katelynn Rose

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings.

Old Testament:	Isaiah 43:16-21
Epistle:	Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel:	Luke 20:9-20
Psalm:	Psalm 126



Luke 15:12 - "And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them." This prodigal son only sees the father as a source of wealth: give me my inheritance now! Which is to say: you are better off dead in my eyes. This is the sin at the heart of all greed: valuing things over people. This parable calls us to "come to our senses" as well: to see God as the loving Giver of all good, the true Father to be valued above and beyond all the things of this world.



Fourth Sunday in Lent – The father's compassionate embrace of his dirty, manure-smelling, rebellious son portrays Christ's compassion for all sinners (Luke 15:20). Those crushed by an abortion in their past will identify well with "manure smelling." We need to proclaim to them and be for them Christ's compassionate embrace. Prayer: Father, use us as Your arms to embrace repentant sinners. Amen.



It's Time To Spring Clean!!! Beautiful Savior Lutheran School will be holding its second annual yard sale on Saturday, April 30. **BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Please sort through your house and look for items that you are not needing/wanting and bring them to Donna in the school office. A special room has been designated for donations and we are prepared to take them starting today. Please help us reach our goal of \$2,500 and, remember, all proceeds go to help the school!!!



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 Mr. & Mrs. Dave (Gretchen) Lee in thankfulness to God for blessings received.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop-in Volleyball
 Tuesday: 01:30 p.m. Board of Christian Outreach
 04:15 p.m. 6th Grade Confirmation Class
 05:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
 06:00 p.m. Board of Elders
 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. Divine Service
 Saturday: Turn Your Clocks Up Tonight!
 Sunday, 3/13 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Celebration Luncheon

At Worship, Feb. 28: 92 Communed: 80
 Wednesday Attendance: 29



Thank You to everyone for the cards, prayers, and all the love and support we have received. It means a lot. Bob & Charlotte Davis



Easter Food Baskets – It's time to think about helping to stock our Food Bank so we will be ready to fill Easter Food Baskets for those who have a need for this type of assistance. Food may be dropped off in the box provided in the lower narthex. Listed below are items needed:

Canned Fruit	Mac & Cheese	Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter	Canned Meat (no tuna)	Chili
Jelly		

***** **No expired items, please** *****



There Are 2 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.



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.



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.



The March Messenger is out. It can be found on the bookshelf by the main entrance to the sanctuary and also on the tables in the lower narthex.



If You Know of a family or an individual who would benefit by receiving an Easter Food Basket, please contact Pastor Groth at (303) 469-1785, by Sunday, March 20th.



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.



Don't Forget to turn your clocks up on Saturday night (unless you want to do it “right” and get up at 2 am on Sunday morning to change them).



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.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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* Communion Hymns

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

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:

Epistle:

Gospel:

Sermon:

“Risky Living”

Isaiah 12:1-6

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Matthew 25:14-27

Isaiah 12:1-6

12 And in that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.

² Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.'"

³ Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

⁴ And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵ Sing to the LORD, For He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. ⁶ Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

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.**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

¹⁵ Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. ² And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So He spoke this parable to them, saying: ¹¹ ... "A certain man had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said

to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴ But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

²⁰ "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. ²³ And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; ²⁴ for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.'

²⁸ "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. ²⁹ So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰ But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

³¹ "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. ³² It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"