

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

Welcome in the name of Jesus; He is risen! Again today we lift up the holy name of our risen and living Redeemer, Jesus Christ, as we acclaim His resurrection victory over death and the grave. Today's Holy Gospel brings us Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit. Praise God, the Holy Spirit has been poured out also upon us for faith and for a new life of walking in the way of Jesus' teachings. Bless us, O Lord, in this hour! Amen! Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

"Now to My Father I depart, From earth to heav'n ascending, And, heavn'ly wisdom to impart, The all Holy Spirit sending; In trouble He will comfort you And teach you always to be true And into truth shall guide you.." LSB 556 st. 9



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 May 28: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Today's Acolyte: Damien Dittrich
Acolyte for May 28: Nicholas Little

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:12-26
Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11
Gospel: John 17:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10



John 14:15 - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well, "She was forgiven much, so she loved much" (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins – and this causes love to well up in us, which in turn causes us to keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is "Love."



Sixth Sunday of Easter – Paul reasoned with his deceived neighbors rather than ridiculing them (Acts 17:17, 22ff.). They must have frustrated him, but he believed them just as much coveted creatures of God as himself. May our speaking truth give voice to Gospel hope, show divine gentleness, and share respect received from Jesus (1 Peter 3:15). *Lord Jesus, fill our words with Your own. Amen.*



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 is out. Pick up a copy from the bookshelf by the main entrance to the Sanctuary.



Please Check your mailbox for your triannual contribution statement. You may contact Dan Anderberg if you have questions – 303-280-6997.



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:

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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, Neil LaVoy, Millie Johnson, Tom Rose, Elaine Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, and also our homebound members: Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Rowena Davis, Doris Hintz, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Vee Rotvold, Don & Pat Sall, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyanne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and Linda Frederking.



The Flowers adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Mr. & Mrs. Cliff (Sue) Evans in observance of Sue's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today: 10:30 a.m. Voters' Assembly
 Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Tuesday: 08:15 a.m. Tuesday Prayer
 Wednesday: 04:14 p.m. 7th Grade Confirmation Class
 06:30 p.m. Care Callers
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 05:30 p.m. Youth Group
 07:00 p.m. End of School Year Closing Service
 Friday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
 Last Day of School – Dismissal & BBQ 11:15
 Sunday, 5/28 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class

At Worship, May 14: 87 Communed: 81



The Regular Voters' Assembly will meet **today, May 21**, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you are 18 years old or older, and a communicant member of Beautiful Savior, you are eligible to become a Voter. If interested, please notify one of the Elders, or Pastor Groth, and pick up and read a copy of the Constitution of Beautiful Savior before the meeting.



The May Messenger is out. Pick up your copy from the bookshelf by the main doors to the Sanctuary or one of the tables in the lower Narthex.



Rocky Mountain District, LCMS

Support Our District (and Synod!) Who Supports Us.

Beautiful Savior's current financial commitment to the Rocky Mountain District is \$125/month (an amount set by us last year). Our financial support, combined with that of the other LCMS congregations in the RMD, funds the District Office's operations in Aurora and permits the District to carry out an array of important functions, including counsel and support given to the member congregations of the District. In addition, since the RMD forwards on to the national Synod a sizeable portion of the congregational offerings it receives, our contributions to the District also help fund the national Synod in its significant and important endeavors on a national level! At the present time we are unable to pay our commitment for June, so would you please consider a special offering? If you are able, please consider writing an extra check on a certain Sunday of each month, so that our commitment can be met in an ongoing fashion. Thank you very much for all your gifts of love, given in faith and gratitude for God's rich mercy in Christ!



Be an Advocate for People living with Developmental Disabilities. Join Bethesda's Mark Hagen, Director of Public Policy, 10 am on Saturday May 27th, at the McGregor Ctr., 3500 South Lincoln, Englewood. Mark will address the funding issues surrounding closures of critical support services affecting people living in Colorado. The Federal ACHA will also be a topic for discussion. For more information contact DCE Sue Hart, Ministry Consultant, susan.hart@mailblc.org www.BethesdaLutheranCommunities.org

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting One

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* Distribution Hymns

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Forever, O LORD, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.

If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.

I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.

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.

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

Collect of the Day

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sermon: John 14:15-21

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. ¹⁷ Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbling man want to say?"

Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection.

¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak?" ²⁰ For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."

²¹ For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:

TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

**God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ And who is he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." ¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷ For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

John 14:15-21

¹⁵ "If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."