

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome in the name of Jesus, the Christ, the Son of the Living God. In today's Holy Gospel Jesus asks His disciples who they say He is, and Peter responds with a confession made possible because God the Father had revealed it to Peter. Our faithful confession of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, is also made possible by our Father in heaven, who has revealed this truth to us for our salvation. This confession is still the solid rock upon which Christ builds His Church, "and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

"Built on the Rock the Church shall stand Even when steeples are falling. Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land; Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the souls distressed, Longing for rest everlasting. LSB 645 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 Sept. 3: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Today's Acolyte: Joey Weinstock
Acolyte for: Sept. 3: Damien Dittrich

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament: Jeremiah 15:15-21
Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28
Psalm: Psalm 26



Matthew 16:27 - "For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done." St Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in I Cor. 3, and Jesus says more about this "repaying" in Matt 19:27-30. Bottom line: your good works can't buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter, they're pleasing your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words: your sacrifices for the Lord's Kingdom are not in vain, they are not unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.



Pentecost XII – Utilizing death to address disappointment makes sense to our sinful minds. Certain circumstances don't feel worth living, and God's ways often seem unsearchable (Romans 11:33). Yet even amid pain the very gates of hell cannot prevail against Christ's righteous will (Matthew 16:18-19, Isaiah 51:5). His Gospel alone comforts what all others dismiss as waste places (Isaiah 51:3). *Son of the Living God, transform our people into Your heavenly kingdom by renewing our minds in Christ. Amen.*



The New Meditations is here. You may pick up a copy from the bookshelf by the main entrance to the Sanctuary.



The 23rd Annual Adult Gathering will be held September 18th and 19th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lakewood. A packet with detailed information on all the speakers as well as an agenda and a registration form can be found on the bookshelf by the main doors to the sanctuary.



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, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, Lola Park, Orville Kubat, Jamie Brandt, Bill Schierkolk, Jordan 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 & Wyonne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and Linda Frederking.



The Flowers adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Gretchen) Lee in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
 04:15 p.m. 8th Gr. Confirmation Class
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 05:30 p.m. Youth Group
 07:00 p.m. Divine Service
 Saturday: 09:00 a.m. LWML
 Sunday, 9/3: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Class

At Worship, August 20:	<u>71</u>	Communed:	<u>60</u>
Thursday Attendance:	<u>6</u>	Communed:	<u>6</u>



One of Our Charter Members, Mrs. Harriet Couillard, passed away this week. Her memorial service will be held Tuesday, August 29th at 10 a.m. at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 88th and Field Street, Arvada.



Consecrated Stewards Phase II. This fall we will have another month-long stewardship emphasis with materials provided by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Please join in prayer that our gracious Lord will bless this endeavor to His great glory; September 17 is the kickoff Sunday. On Tuesday, September 5th at 7PM Pastor Roger Krause will visit Beautiful Savior to meet with our leadership team. This meeting is open to any interested members, so please talk to Pastor Groth if you would like to attend. Thank you very much.



A New Church Directory is now available. You may pick up a copy from the bookshelf by the main entrance to the sanctuary.



Needed – Large Trash Bags (40-45 gal.) for the large kitchen/fellowship hall trash cans. If you are willing to purchase some, please drop them off in the kitchen. Thank you.



Our Bill Board Is Back Up. Any extra help you can give toward paying our bills will be greatly appreciated. It will remain up in the church office for anyone who may be inclined to give further help in this way.



Check Out The Grocery Gift Cards we have for sale. You can purchase King Soopers, Safeway, Whole Foods, Sprouts, Wal Mart, Starbucks, and Red Lobster/Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse/Bahama Breeze gift cards in the school office during the week and after church service in the narthex on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please drop by or call the school office.

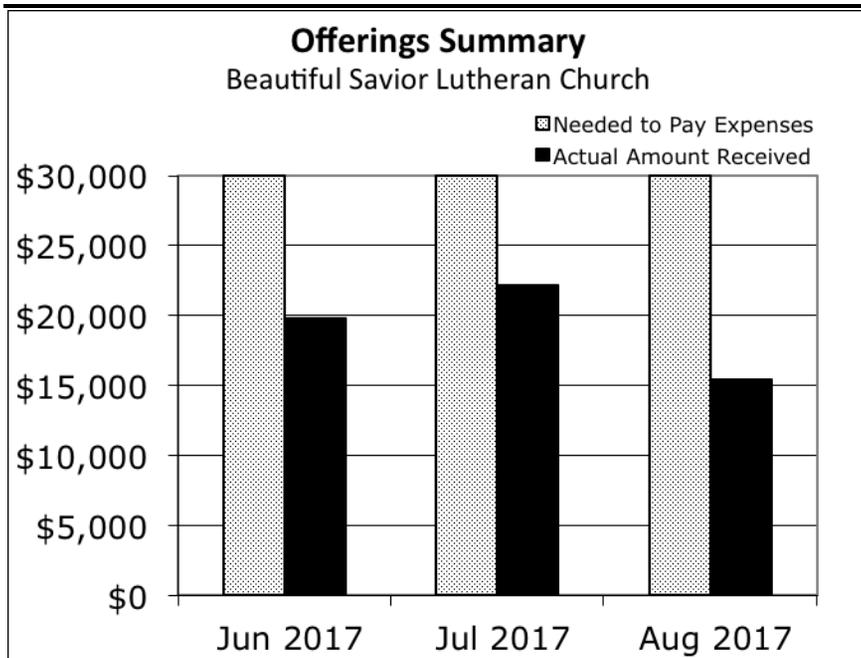


We Have Several Sundays available where no one has signed up yet for flowers to adorn our altar: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, 15, 29, and Nov. 12. The cost is \$25 or \$12.50 if two parties sign up. Just write your name on the flower chart and let the church office know if it is for a special occasion or for blessings received or some other reason. Thank you.



Please join us in a Day of Remembrance. *“Do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven”* Matthew 18:10.

Jesus uses a child to show how precious life is. Those in need are known and valued by our heavenly Father. God exalts the lowly. This is what He calls us to do. So Cherish the Children ... Join us **Saturday, Sept. 9, 1:00 at Ascension Lutheran**, 1701 W. Caley, Littleton. This is a 30 minute service with prayers of remembrance, repentance, music and a Life Message. More info: Ascension 303 794 4636, LFL: Jude Donovan 303 972 0873



THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting One

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* Distribution Hymns

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

But we will bless the LORD
 from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!
 As for me, I have set my King
 on Zion, my holy hill.
 I will tell of the decree:
 The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."
 Praise the LORD, all nations!
 Extol him, all peoples!
 For great is his steadfast love toward us,
 and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!
 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.
 But we will bless the LORD
 from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:
Second Reading
Gospel:
Sermon:

Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 11:33-12:8
Matthew 16:13-20
Pastor Groth

Isaiah 51:1-6

51 "Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him."

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

⁴ "Listen to Me, My people; and give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed from Me, and I will make My justice rest as a light of the peoples. ⁵ My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands will wait upon Me, and on My arm they will trust.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will grow old like a garment, and those who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not be abolished.

Gradual

**Fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

Romans 11:33-12:8

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the LORD?
Or who has become His counselor?"

³⁵ "Or who has first given to Him
And it shall be repaid to him?"

³⁶ For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

¹² I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Matthew 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" ¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.