

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. This Sunday's readings direct our attention to the God whose thoughts are not our thoughts and whose ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55), and who is good, gracious, and generous (Matthew 20). As we continue this week with our stewardship emphasis, God invites us to reflect upon our calling as His servants, whose lives are devoted to Him and to His Son, in whom we have the gift of salvation. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

"Since Christ has full atonement made And brought us to salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed, For You have paid my ransom. LSB 555, st. 6



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 Oct. 1:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Today's Acolytes:

Henry Pawlak III and Payton Pawlak

Acolyte for: Oct. 1:

Damien and Bradley Dittrich

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-4 (5-13) 14-18

Gospel:

Matthew 21:23-27 (28-32)

Psalm:

Psalm 25:1-10



Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God – and surely one of the foundations of God's being is His generosity.



Pentecost XVI – God's plans and actions don't always look good (Isaiah 55:8-9), especially when unforeseen events saddle us with panic and labor (Philippians 1:22). But He provides purpose and worth even in times of trouble (Philippians 1:20-21). Great reward awaits all who settle themselves into His generosity (Matthew 20:9, 15). *Lord Most High, lead us to speak the Word without fear, for the sake of all our fellow laborers. Amen.*



Food Pantry – We would like to start collecting items for our food pantry now. Currently we are looking for canned fruit and canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.) and packaged dinners. Every few weeks we will be asking for different foods. Items may be dropped off in the kitchen. Thank you.



The Bill Board Is Back. 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.



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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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, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Pat Hanket, Vince Roberto, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, Iola Park, Orville Kubat, Jamie Brandt, Jordan Dittrich, Art Albrecht, Daluss Seiwert and also our homebound members: Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Rowena Davis, Doris Hintz, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Vee Rotvold, Don & Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and Linda Frederking.



The Flowers adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Jaci) Brown in memory of Jaci's mom Ruth Ewing.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today: 10:30 a.m. Bible Class & Sunday School Kick-Off Rally
 Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
 04:15 p.m. 8th 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. Divine Service
 Saturday: 01:00 p.m. Adult Information Class
 Sunday, 10/1: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service (LWML Sunday)
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class

At Worship, Sept. 17:	<u>80</u>	Communed:	<u>71</u>
Thursday Attendance:	<u>8</u>	Communed:	<u>8</u>



Add your voice **It's Time To Get Those Vocal Chords Warmed Up!** Choir Practice begins next Sunday, October 1, at 12:00 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to come. If you are unable to come on the 1st but would like to join, please contact Marc Bower at 720-272-1115.



Thank You to those who donated large trash bags for our kitchen. We should be good to go for quite a while thanks to your generosity.



We're Running Low On Coffee. This is not a good thing. People need their coffee. The Sweet 'n Low is about to run out also. Some folks like their coffee sweet. Donations of coffee, regular and decaf, and Sweet 'n Low would be greatly appreciated. They may be dropped off in the kitchen. Thank you.



Please Note: Due to the Pastors' Conference in Taos, New Mexico, the October 5th Thursday evening service will be cancelled. Services will resume the following week on October 12th.



\$1,460.00 Gift Sent! To God be the glory, our gifts to aid victims of this season's hurricanes totaled \$1,460.00—thank you everyone! This amount was contributed by our Beautiful Savior family to the hurting in Texas and Florida through the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's Disaster Response office. May God continue to bring healing and comfort, and especially the clear witness of His free salvation in Christ Jesus.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Hymns: 757 #555 *565 *742 784

All sing 1st and 10th sts. Women sing even sts. Men sing odd sts.

* Distribution Hymns

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

What shall I render to the LORD
for all His benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,

Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints.

O LORD, I am Your servant;

I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant. You have loosed my
bonds.

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.

Collect of the Day

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything
we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to 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:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon:

Pastor Groth

Isaiah 55:6-9

⁶ Seek the LORD while He may be found,
Call upon Him while He is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
Let him return to the LORD,
And He will have mercy on him;
And to our God,
For He will abundantly pardon.

⁸ "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.

⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

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.

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

¹² But I want you to know, brethren, that the things which happened to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁹ For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, ²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

²⁴ Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you.

²⁵ And being confident of this, I know that I shall remain and continue with

you all for your progress and joy of faith, ²⁶ that your rejoicing for me may be more abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming to you again.

²⁷ Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, ³⁰ having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

Matthew 20:1-16

²⁰ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. ⁵ Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.'

⁸ "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' ⁹ And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. ¹⁰ But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. ¹¹ And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' ¹³ But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. ¹⁵ Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."