

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday in Lent

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Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Many of us have been watching Olympic glory these past weeks. What a thrill it must be to win the gold and know that you are the best of the best! Yet one's trust must never be in oneself, but in the Lord Jesus Christ, who suffered and died on the cross to redeem us sinners. "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Mark 8:36). No profit at all. But the Holy Spirit has called us by the Gospel to humble faith in Jesus, and to a life focusing on the cross—the cross of our precious Savior. His cross becomes the focal point of our lives, daily shining new light upon our way, until the day when we at last lay down our cross and receive the crown of everlasting life. God bless your hearing of the Word this day. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide. LSB 685 st. 1



To Our Visitors: About Holy Communion at Beautiful Savior

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. Communicant members of congregations of the LCMS are invited to commune at our altar today. We request that any who are not communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, but are interested in receiving this Sacrament at Beautiful Savior in the future, would 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, in repentant faith, 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 Feb. 28: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
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Today's Acolyte: Damien and Bradley Dittrich
Acolyte for Feb. 28: Nicholas Little
Acolyte for Mar. 4: Joey Weinstock

Readings for the following Sunday

Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Gospel: John 2:13-25
Psalm: 19



Mark 8:32 – "And He said this plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him." Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.



– **Lent II** – Some among us seek to sidestep suffering by being ashamed of Jesus' words (Mark 8:32, 38) about life issues. But sharing in His cross has a hopeful purpose because it leads to eternal life (Mark 8:31, 35). Christ prevails with grace for those who are weak (Romans 5:6). So we rejoice even in our sorrows (Romans 5:3-5) and join others in theirs. *Dear Christ, take up our crosses that we may ease the burdens of the weak. 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 Sunday School will be working on Faith in Action today.



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, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Pat Hanket, Vince Roberto, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, Iola Park, Jamie Brandt, Jordan Dittrich, Charlotte Davis, Daluss Seiwert, Norm Anderberg, Linda Duchrow, Jan Meisner, Hub Diedrichs, Art Groth, Dorothy Baldwin, and also our homebound members: Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Linda Frederking, Doris Hintz, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wynne Sylvester, and Julie Vogel.



The Flowers adorning our altar today have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Nancy) Ruckman in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary and in observance of their granddaughter Juno's 3rd birthday.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
- Tuesday: 06:30 p.m. Care Callers
- Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel (Pastor Hayes)
- 04:15 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Class
- 07:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Divine Service
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
- Saturday: 09:00 a.m. LWML
- Sunday, 3/4: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, Feb. 18: 98 Communed: 72



The Next Soup Supper during Lent is March 7, with one more following on March 21. The suppers will begin at 5:45 p.m. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Please consider bringing food or helping to set up or clean up. Thank you.



Thanks For The Great Response to financial need for the Fellowship Hall floor replacement. There are some expenses that remain for the demolition and installation. If you feel so inclined to help, any donations will be greatly appreciated.



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Have You Cracked Open That New Catechism Yet? There is a 50-Day Reading Plan available to get you started. Copies of the Reading Plan are available on the bookshelf by the main doors to the sanctuary.



Check Out The Grocery Gift Cards we have for sale. We now have King Soopers, Wal Mart, and various other gift cards in the school office during the week and after church service in the narthex on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, talk to Cliff Evans.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymns: 437 708 *438 685

* Communion Hymns

Introit

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us;

He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron;

He will bless those who fear the LORD,

both the small and the great.

We will bless the LORD

from this time forth and forevermore. 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.

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

Collect of the Day

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16

Epistle: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Sermon: *"The Cross in Focus"* Mark 8:27-38

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

¹ When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ² And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly."

³ Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: ⁴ "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

¹⁵ Then God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her."

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.**

Romans 5:1-11

⁵ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?"

²⁸ So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets."

²⁹ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ."

³⁰ Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

³⁴ When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."