

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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### Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Historically the Fourth Sunday in Lent went by the Latin name *Laetare*, meaning “rejoice”. It was a rather more joyful Sunday amid the rigorous, penitential season of Lent. Our special worship today will reflect that joy through the use of the order of Matins, with its bright canticles of praise. Note that the liturgy of Matins will be preceded by Confession and Absolution (p. 184), and that the Service of the Sacrament will conclude the service. In this hour may the good and gracious will of God be done among us, His redeemed people! (Note: Today’s service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

*By grace God’s Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.. LSB 566 st. 3*



#### 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:

Elders for Mar. 14:

Elders for Mar. 18:

Today’s Acolytes:

Acolyte for Mar. 14:

Acolyte for Mar. 18:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

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Damien and Bradley Dittrich

Nicholas Little

Joey Weinstock

#### Readings for the following Sunday

Old Testament: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Psalm: 119:9-16



**Ephesians 2:10** – “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ

Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Even the good we do in this world is a gift from God, prepared beforehand for us to do. And this too is a gift! For isn’t doing good also a good thing for the one who does it? So from first to last, from the Lord’s free salvation given to us to the good works He’s prepared for us to walk in, it is all a gift of God’s grace.



**Lent IV** – “You were dead in trespasses and sins...like the rest of mankind” (Ephesians 2:1, 3b). One’s own capacities or activities don’t give human life its value (Ephesians 2:9). The love of God in Christ does that, and it does so universally and infinitely (John 3:16). The very heart of the Gospel holds human life precious, even when impaired by infection or immaturity (Numbers 21:8). We rest refreshed in this grace! *Gracious God, cause fountains of Your grace to flow through us. Amen.*



**“God’s People Go Home”** is the focus for this week’s Sunday School lesson. God used unbelieving kings to restore His exiled people to Jerusalem according to His will. God sent Jesus, the King of kings, to Jerusalem to restore His wayward people to Himself forever. As a family, discuss, “*What preparations did the people need to make before they returned to Jerusalem? How can you prepare for worship each week?*”



**Mrs. Gerd Crandall** would like to thank those that helped her with her move to a new apartment and also a thank you for the food she received from Beautiful Savior. The support from our congregation is greatly appreciated.



**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, 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, Linda Duchrow, Jan Meisner, Hub Diedrichs, and also our homebound members: Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Linda Frederking, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyanne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and the families of Doris Hintz and of Art Groth, both of whom passed away this week.



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

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

- Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
- Tuesday: 05:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education  
07:00 p.m. Board of Elders
- Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel  
04:15 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation  
07:00 p.m. Divine Service
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
- Friday: 09:00 a.m. 40 Days for Life @ Planned Parenthood
- Saturday: 10:00-noon Opportunity for Individual Absolution  
04:00 p.m. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner/Auction
- Sunday, 3/18: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service  
10:30 a.m. Voters' Assembly

At Worship, Mar. 4: 91 Communed: 72



**Doris Ruth (Thomas) Hintz** died March 5, after years with dementia, having lived the last 8 years at Clear Creek Care Center in Wheat Ridge. Doris has been a parishioner here since the days when her husband, Bob, was one of our organists. Her poor health kept her from attending many services. But Pastor Groth visited with Doris many times over the years, at the nursing home. She received many cards from our parishioners over the years, often from the school kids. A service will be held sometime in the near future.



**There Is 1 More Soup Supper** during Lent on March 21. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office for set-up, clean-up, soups, breads, crackers, desserts, etc. It is extremely helpful to know beforehand what is being provided and who is helping. Thank You.



**The March Messenger** is out. Pick up your copy from the bookshelf by the main doors to the sanctuary or from one of the tables in the lower narthex.



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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.



**The Latest Meditations** has arrived. Pick up your copy from the bookshelf by the main doors to the Sanctuary.



**Please Note:** April 1, Easter Sunday, we will have **services** at **8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** There will be Breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30.



**Danny Anderberg** and family would like to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers and expressions of love and concern that they received at the time of Danny's father's death.



**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 one of the boxes provided in the upper and lower narthex. Listed below are items needed:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups           | Jelly/Jam | Canned Raviolis |
| Cereal                               |           | Breakfast Bars  |
| ***** No expired items, please ***** |           |                 |



**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 25<sup>th</sup>.



**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**

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| <b>Order of Worship:</b>   | <b>Matins (modified)</b>                     | <b>Page 219</b>         |
| <b>Opening Hymn:</b>   | <i>"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"</i>           | <b>702</b>              |
| <b>Confession and Absolution:</b>  |  | <b>Pages 184-185</b>    |
| <b>Matins</b>  |  | <b>Page 219</b>         |
| <b>Office Hymn:</b>  | <i>"God Loved the World So That He Gave"</i> | <b>571</b>              |
| <b>Following the Te Deum:</b>  |  |                         |
| <b>Offering</b>  |  |                         |
| <b>Prayer of the Church</b>  |  |                         |
| <b>Service of the Sacrament</b>  |  | <b>Page 194</b>         |
| <b>Distribution Hymns:</b>   |  |                         |
|  | <i>"By Grace I'm Saved"</i>                  | <b>566</b>              |
|  | <i>"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior"</i>    | <b>619</b>              |
| <b>Closing Hymn:</b>   | <i>"The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"</i> | <b>580</b>              |
| <b>Collect of the Day</b>  |  |                         |
| 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. |  |                         |
| <b>First Reading:</b>  |  | <b>Numbers 21:4-9</b>   |
| <b>Second Reading:</b>   |  | <b>Ephesians 2:1-10</b> |
| <b>Third Reading:</b>  |  | <b>John 3:14-21</b>     |
| <b>Sermon:</b>   | <i>"Grace"</i>                               | <b>Ephesians 2:1-10</b> |

### **Numbers 21:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup> And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." <sup>6</sup> So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

<sup>8</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." <sup>9</sup> So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

### **Ephesians 2:1-10**

<sup>2</sup> And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, <sup>3</sup> among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

<sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### **John 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

<sup>18</sup> "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

<sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."