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Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018

Welcome in the name of Jesus, our Lord. What a powerfully renewing season Lent is! During this forty-day season the Holy Spirit desires to renew all Christians in their faith—a faith which is in one Savior: Jesus Christ the crucified. Yes, our faith is in God's incarnate Son, the bearer of our sin, who was dead, buried, and raised again. Our faith is in the Gospel of the forgiveness of sins through Jesus. We must learn to believe this: that the power and the wisdom of God are exhibited in Christ on the cross. The Holy Spirit teaches us this very thing! This very day! Christ has died and is risen, all for us. Our faith is in Jesus, in Him alone! God grant it to one and all! (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of your bulletin.)

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of Gory died, My richest gain I count but loss And pour contempt on all my pride. LSB 426 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:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Elders for Mar. 7:

Mike Brown

Elders for Mar. 11:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Today's Acolyte:

Joey Weinstock

Acolyte for Mar. 11:

Damien and Bradley Dittrich

Readings for the following Sunday

Old Testament:

Numbers 21:4-9

Epistle:

Ephesians 2:1-10

Gospel:

John 3:14-21

Psalm:

107:1-9



John 2:16 – “And he told those who sold the pigeons, ‘Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.’” The Lord's House is not a place to sell, but a place to receive and a place to give. It's not a place for our schemes and plans. Instead the Church is a place for the Lord's gracious giving and our faithful sacrifices in response.



Lent III – God made a human body – even one crucifixion destroyed – His sanctuary (John 2:19). Is this why He bluntly forbids murder (Exodus 20:13), because every human body belongs to Him (Exodus 20:2)? Indeed, He has chosen what is weak, low, labeled “not a life” (1 Corinthians 1:27-28) to be His own forever. Neither sin nor flesh's shortcomings nullify it. *Jealous God, possess us heart, body, and life that we may build up. Amen.*



The Sunday School Students study the account “Daniel in the Lions' Den” today. Jesus, who saved Daniel, would Himself be given over to the satanic lion to save the world. Parents could ask, “Who did God use to keep Daniel safe? How does God keep us safely with Himself?”



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, 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 & Wyonne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, Dan Anderberg and family on the death of his father and Cliff Evans and family on the death of his step-father.



The Flowers adorning our altar today have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Lou (Martha) Vinquist in thankfulness to God for answered prayers.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Tuesday: 09:00 p.m. Pastors' Winkel at ULC Boulder
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel (Pastor Hayes)
 04:15 p.m. 8th Grade Confirmation Class
 05:45 p.m. Soup Supper
 07:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Vespers
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
 Friday: Portrait Sessions/by appointment only
 Saturday: Portrait Sessions/by appointment only
 Turn your clocks ahead tonight!!
 Sunday, 3/11: 09:00 a.m. Matins/Communion
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, Feb. 25: 92 Communed: 73



This Morning we welcome into membership Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Mary) Acker and Ms. Janet Rosera. Please take a moment to welcome them to our family here at Beautiful Savior.



Matins Next Sunday. Next Sunday, March 11, we will worship God using the order of Matins. Before the start of Matins we will have Confession and Absolution from one of the Divine Service orders. Also, the Service of the Sacrament will follow Matins, so we will still have the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper next week.



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

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

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* Communion Hymns

Introit

For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.
Deliver me from sinking in the mire;
let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.
Let not the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up,
or the pit close its mouth over me.
Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good;
according to Your abundant mercy, turn to me.
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.
For zeal for Your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of 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:

Exodus 20:1-17

Choral Anthem: *"We Need You"*

The Senior Choir

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel:

John 2:13-25

Sermon: *"Christ Crucified—The Power and Wisdom of God"* 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Exodus 20:1-17

20 And God spoke all these words, saying:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³“You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.”

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.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.”

²⁰Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. ²²For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; ²³but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— ³¹that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

John 2:13-25

¹³Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. ¹⁵When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers’ money and overturned the tables. ¹⁶And He said to those who sold doves, “Take these things away! Do not make My Father’s house a house of merchandise!” ¹⁷Then His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up.”

¹⁸So the Jews answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You do these things?”

¹⁹Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

²⁰Then the Jews said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?”

²¹But He was speaking of the temple of His body. ²²Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

²³Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. ²⁴But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, ²⁵and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.