

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior on this joyous Easter Day!

Welcome Home!

Our overall theme for this Lenten Season has been “Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey.” Every journey has a unique beginning and ending, and this journey has proven to be unique as well. Today, Easter Day, that journey is completed. From the Mountain of Transfiguration to the empty tomb, we have come a long way. We have journeyed through gardens, looked upon trees, explored mountains, traveled through the wilderness, and crossed rivers. We have eaten meals and descended into pits, but now we have arrived at the end of our journey—the fulfillment of our journey. However, while the empty tomb points us to our final destination, that destination does not end at the tomb. Although the tomb is empty, it is not now and will never be our home. Heaven is our home because Christ has risen and ascended, and where He is, there also we shall be! Heaven is our home where we gather around the throne of the Lamb in His kingdom.



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.

<u>Today's Elders:</u>	8 a.m. Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
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<u>Elders for April 8:</u>	Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
<u>Today's Acolyte:</u>	8 a.m. Joey Weinstock
<u>Today's Acolyte:</u>	10:30 a.m. Damien and Bradley Dittrich
<u>Acolyte for April 8:</u>	Nicholas Little

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:	Acts 4:32-35
Epistle:	1 John 1:1-22
Gospel:	John 20:19-31
Psalm:	Psalm 148



John 20:1 – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Saturday Sabbath to the Lord's Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new: He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, a new outlook toward God: all this comes from our Risen Lord's grace.



Resurrection of Our Lord – “Who will roll away the stone for us?” (Mark 16:3). Does abortion solve surprise pregnancies or only add death to sin? Does assisted suicide settle incurable conditions or only pile guilt upon grief? Death offers no answers but only deepens despair with darkness. Christ is risen for just such situations! Jesus brings life and salvation, hope and joy, peace and purpose. His dying and rising rolls back the stone, revealing a forgiving Father and a gracious Savior! *Lord Jesus Christ, work out Your resurrection within and among us. Amen.*



We Celebrate Easter in Sunday School today. Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! As a family, practice this back-and-forth response. Discuss these questions: *Why did Jesus have to die? What does it mean that He rose from the dead?* Take turns suggesting Easter hymns, and sing them together.



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, Verna Walsh, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Vince Roberto, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, Linda Frederking, Iola Park, Jordan Dittrich, Charlotte Davis, Daluss Seiwert, Linda Duchrow, and also our homebound members: Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Hub Diedrichs, Roberta Nigon, James Nuoffer, Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, and Julie Vogel.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- Monday: Church and School Offices Closed
08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
- Tuesday: 09:00 a.m. Pastors' Winkel at Mt. Hope, Boulder
- Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
- Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class
- Saturday: LWML Zone Bible Study at Mt. Calvary, Estes Park
- Sunday, 4/8: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class (Mike Brown)

At Worship, Mar. 25: 126 Communed: 94



The Easter Lilies adorning our altar this morning have been placed by the following: *Jackie Ruck, Dan & Jackie Adams, Beverly Baldwin, Bobbi Schasny, Ginny Smith, Carolyn Lehenbauer, Mani & Patrisha Boniek & family, Mike & Jaci Brown, Rick & Jeanne Mericle, Anneliese Kropp, Craig Ludwig, Bob & Charlotte Davis, Lou & Martha Vinquist, Verna Walsh, Megan Keeling, Judy Werner, and Karl & Linda Duchrow.*



Thank You to everyone who contributed food to our Food Pantry. Due to your generosity, we were able to provide Easter Food Baskets to 4 families.



We Are About To Embark on an in-depth study of some Christian doctrines that we will call Christianity 101. We will cover such things as: Definition of a True Christian, Biblical Manhood, Wisdom in Proverbs, Anger, and Conflict Resolution. These will be focused mostly at young adults (teenagers on up) but everyone is invited to attend. The class will start on April 8th and will be held in the sanctuary during Bible Study Hour. It will be taught by Dan Adams. Feel free to attend.



The April Messenger is out. It can be found on the bookshelf by the main entrance to the sanctuary and also on the tables in the lower narthex.



If You Are In Need of Pastoral assistance between April 8 and April 15, while Pastor Groth is on vacation, Pastor Hayes will be on call. He may be reached at 720-897-6829.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymns: 478 461 *633 *488 457

*Distribution Hymns

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and He has become my salvation;

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;

You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,

the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.

The LORD will reign forever and ever.

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.

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the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Choral Anthem: *"Easter Anthem"*

The Senior Choir

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel:

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: *"Welcome Home!"*

Mark 16:1-8

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ And in this mountain

The LORD of hosts will make for all people

A feast of choice pieces,

A feast of wines on the lees,

Of fat things full of marrow,

Of well-refined wines on the lees.

⁷ And He will destroy on this mountain

The surface of the covering cast over all people,

And the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever,

And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces;

The rebuke of His people

He will take away from all the earth;

For the LORD has spoken.

⁹ And it will be said in that day:

“Behold, this is our God;

We have waited for Him, and He will save us.

This is the LORD;

We have waited for Him;

We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹⁵ Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James,

then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. ¹¹ Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Mark 16:1-8

¹⁶ Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

⁸ So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.