

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

Welcome to Beautiful Savior as the joyous celebration of Easter continues! What luscious grapes are pictured on the front cover today! The growth of any fruit is a wonderful work of God, the Maker of heaven and earth. The true children of our God, those who by faith are disciples of Jesus Christ, baptized into His death and resurrection, bear much fruit through our union with Jesus. He who makes us clean by His forgiving Word and continually gives us His words to receive and believe, He is the key to our lives of fruit bearing—He and He alone. May God ever grant it, to His eternal glory and praise! (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)

Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place. Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word, And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford. . LSB 919, sts. 1, 2



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 May 6: Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
Today's Acolyte: Nicholas Little
Acolyte for May 6: Joey Weinstock

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48
Epistle: 1 John 5:1-8
Gospel: John 15:9-17
Psalm: Psalm 98



John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing...and it always comes with some pruning.



Easter V – “[A]part from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5b). This holds as true of any of us as it does of unborn or elderly individuals inhabiting life's edges. “In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us” (1 John 4:10a). Rather than our accomplishments or qualifications, His creating, redeeming, and calling our entire race gives human beings significance. If God so loves us, we also get to love one another (4:11). *God of truth and love, grant us so to know Your devotion that we also delight to show it. Amen.*



Thrivent Choice **UPDATED! Thrivent Choice** - So far in 2018, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church has received \$6,717 through the Thrivent Choice® program. Thank you to everyone who chose Beautiful Savior as the recipient of their Choice Dollars.



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: Chloe Werner, Verna Walsh, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Vince Roberto, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinke, 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 & Wynne Sylvester, and Julie Vogel.



The Flowers adorning our altar today have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Catherine) Pawlak in celebration of their son Henry III's 10th birthday.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 08:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
 06:00 p.m. School Open House and Bump Up Night
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 Sunday, 5/6: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class

At Worship, April 22: 87 Communed: 75



Our church is supporting the Wolf Family during their Mission in Africa. Please prayerfully consider any financial contribution you could make to help them spread the Word of God. Thank you.



Ladies, do you know what a Godly man looks like? Come to the adult Bible class in the sanctuary to find out how the Bible describes him. Come to the Adult Bible Class in the sanctuary at 10:30 to learn more. It will be taught by Dan Adams. Feel free to attend.



Trash Bags Needed: We are in need of the **45-48 gallon** trash bags. That's the only size that will fit the large trash receptacles in the kitchen/fellowship hall. They may be dropped off in the kitchen at any time. Thank you.



The Latest Meditations is out. It can be found on the bookshelf by the main entrance to the sanctuary.



Check Out The Grocery Gift Cards we have for sale. We now have Safeway, 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.



Any Articles for the May Messenger must be submitted to the church office by tomorrow, April 30th.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

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Hymns: 474 633 *768 *629 *919 837

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

A little while, and you will see Me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless His holy name 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.

A little while, and you will see Me no longer;
and again a little while, and you will see Me.

Collect of the Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

First Reading:	Acts 8:26-40
Epistle:	1 John 4:1-11
Gospel:	John 15:1-8
Sermon: <i>"Bearing Fruit in Jesus"</i>	John 15:1-8

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert.

²⁷ So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."

³⁰ So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² The place in the Scripture which he read was this:

"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away,
And who will declare His generation?
For His life is taken from the earth."

³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may."

And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

³⁸ So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached in all the cities till he came to Caesarea.

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 John 4:1-11

⁴ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

John 15:1-8

¹⁵ "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.