

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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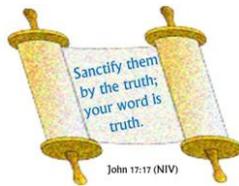
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### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

Welcome to Beautiful Savior on this final Sunday of the joyous season of Easter. Having celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord, the church now anticipates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. On this in-between day, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we gather in God's house, confident of His promises to bless us through His means of grace. May God bless Pastor Thompson who is serving us today, and Mrs. Thompson. May God bless all mothers and women of God on this Mother's Day. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)

*You are the truth; Your Word alone True wisdom can impart; You only can inform the mind And purify the heart. LSB 526, st. 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 20:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Today's Acolyte:

Damien and Bradley Dittrich

Acolyte for May 20:

Nicholas Little

#### **Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings**

Old Testament:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Epistle:

Acts 2:1-21

Gospel:

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Psalm:

Psalm 139:1-12



**1 John 5:12** – “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world. But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.



**Easter VII/Mother's Day** – “[T]he testimony of God is greater” (1 John 5:9a), like a mother's reassurances counteracting the bully's ridicule. “[His] Word is truth” (John 17:17), like a mother's comforting correcting emotional assumptions. The world's abortive ways say, “You can't endure.” The Son of God says, “I will undertake for you.” The devil's suicidal deceptions say, “Take control.” The Son of God says, “Trust me.” The sinful flesh says, “No, the burden's too heavy.” The Son of God says, “Yes, the blessing is abundant!” *Holy Father, sanctify our lives and our neighbors in the testimony of Your truth. Amen.*



**In Sunday School Today**, the children learn that as Jesus came to the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26-40), He comes to us in our weakness, for we cannot by our own reason or strength come to Him. In your family faith talks, discuss how the Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies us, keeping us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.



**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: 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 & Wynne Sylvester, and Julie Vogel.



**The Flowers** adorning our altar today have been placed by Mrs. Bobbi Schasny in loving memory of her mom.

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball  
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Lutherans For Life - Ascension, Littleton  
 07:00 p.m. Board of Elders  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
 Sunday, 5/20: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service (Pentecost)  
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 Voters' Assembly

At Worship, May 6: 98 Communed: 83



**The Regular Voters' Assembly** will meet Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you are 18 years old or older, and a communicant member of Beautiful Savior, you are eligible to become a Voter. If interested, please notify one of the Elders, or Pastor Groth, and pick up and read a copy of the Constitution of Beautiful Savior before the meeting.



**Military Bible Stick Appeal.** May is National Military Appreciation Month. Beautiful Savior is again supporting our troops by supplying them with God's Word on Military Bible Sticks. (See bulletin insert for details.) If you wish, you may donate "In Honor Of" and/or "In Memory Of" a member of the military dear to you, and a corresponding certificate will be posted on the wall across from our mail boxes. The deadline for donations is May 20<sup>th</sup>. Checks need to be made out to Beautiful Savior with Military Bible Stick on the memo line. During May, all donations will be matched 100%. Putting God's saving Word into the hands of our military—what a great way to love and honor them!



**The May 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.



**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.



**We Are Continuing Our Study** of Biblical Manhood by applying the three truths of Genesis 2 to a facet of life called "A Vision offor Manhood". Everyone is invited to attend in the sanctuary at 10:30.



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

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

**Introit**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,

but the LORD will take me in.

Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

**Collect of the Day**

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**First Reading:**

Acts 1:12-26

**Epistle:**

1 John 5:9-15

**Gospel:**

John 17:11b-19

**Sermon:** *"The Chosen Ones"*

Acts 1:12-26

## **Acts 1:12-26**

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. <sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

<sup>15</sup> And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, <sup>16</sup> "Men and brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."

<sup>18</sup> (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. <sup>19</sup> And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.)

<sup>20</sup> "For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

'Let his dwelling place be desolate,  
And let no one live in it';  
and,  
'Let another take his office.'

<sup>21</sup> "Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection."

<sup>23</sup> And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." <sup>26</sup> And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

## **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 5:9-15**

<sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. <sup>10</sup> He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

<sup>14</sup> Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

## **John 17:11b-19**

<sup>11b</sup> Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.