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The Day of Pentecost

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior on this festive Day of Pentecost. “I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you” (John 16:7). So spoke Jesus to His disciples on the night when He was betrayed. Jesus kept His Word! At Pentecost the risen Christ sent the Holy Spirit from the Father to His disciples. How do we fit in to this picture? The eternal Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Holy Trinity, through the means of grace, God’s Word and Sacraments, is present and active today to make all of us holy by bringing us to faith in Christ and so purifying us from sin so that we may serve one another in love, as God’s forgiven children. In celebration of God the Holy Spirit’s work through the Word, after the conclusion of today’s service Mike Brown will present from Beautiful Savior a special gift of Bibles to this year’s Kindergarten children. A warm welcome to all, especially Kindergarten families present with us today! (Note: Today’s service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)



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 are mindful of the Bible’s warning that those who receive the Sacrament unworthily receive it to their harm (1 Cor. 11:27). Caring deeply about the spiritual welfare of all who worship with us, Beautiful Savior abides by the ancient and biblical practice of closed Communion. Communicant members in good standing of congregations of the LCMS are invited to commune at our altar today. We respectfully request that any who are not at this time communicant members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod would refrain from communing today. If you are interested in receiving this Sacrament at Beautiful Savior in the future, Pastor Groth would be pleased to meet with you and discuss our faith and doctrine in greater detail. It is our desire to administer the holy Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus in a manner that both honors our Lord’s Word and also 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: Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
Elders for May 27: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Today’s Acolyte: Nicholas Little
Acolyte for May 27: Joey Weinstock

Prepare for Next Sunday’s Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8
Epistle: Acts 2:14a, 22-36
Gospel: John 3:1-17
Psalm: Psalm 29



Acts 2:1 – “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost was the Old Testament harvest festival: a time of thanksgiving, bounty, and the giving of gifts. How appropriate that in the New Testament it takes on the meaning of a new harvest: the ripe fields of the nations, bringing in the elect of every tribe and tongue to sing the Lord’s praise. Every farmer knows that it is God who gives the increase and that the harvest calls for thanksgiving.



Pentecost – “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh” (Acts 2:17a). The Lord embraces sons and daughters, young and old. Every human being, whatever her shape and size, exists to reflect the goodness of God’s will that made her. Every human being, no matter his faculties or functions, witnesses to the authority of God’s Word that brought him forth. May this incontrovertible truth issue also from our lips and our lives! *Lord and Giver of Life, breathe Your Spirit into us. Amen.*



Today In Sunday School, the children study “The Conversion of Paul” and learn that as God did with Paul so God does with us. Through the Law, we are crushed by the weight of our sin and are helpless. As God revived Paul through Ananias (Acts 9:1-31), He revives us through our pastors with the proclamation of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments granting forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who believe. Talk to your children about how the Sacraments and God’s Word revive you so that you may live as God’s child.



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 Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, Linda Frederking, Iola Park, Jordan Dittrich, Charlotte Davis, Linda Duchrow, Richard Acker, 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 Melissa Werner in celebration of Judy Werner's birthday.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today: 10:30 a.m. Voters' Assembly
 Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Wednesday: 06:30 p.m. Care Callers
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
 07:00 p.m. End of School Closing Ser. & 8th Grade Graduation
 Friday: 08:30 a.m. Closing Chapel
 11:15 a.m. Early School Release and School BBQ
 Sunday, 5/27: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service (Holy Trinity)
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

At Worship, May 13: 98 Communed: 88



The Regular Voters' Assembly will meet **today**, May 20th, 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. 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 20th. 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.



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.



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 Four

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Hymns: 795 497 *618 *658 503

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;
the earth is full of Your creatures.

These all look to You,
to give them their food in due season.

When You give it to them, they gather it up;
when You open your hand, they are filled with good things.

When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,
and You renew the face of the ground.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.

Collect of the Day

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Second Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

Gospel:

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

Sermon:

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. **2** Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. **3** And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! **5** Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. **6** I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.'"

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. **8** Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

9 Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'"

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

11 Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'
12 Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. **13** Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. **14** I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD."

Gradual

**I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.
With the heart one believes and is justified,
and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.**

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. **2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. **6** And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. **7** Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? **8** And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and

Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." **12** So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. **15** For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. **16** But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,

That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in heaven above
And signs in the earth beneath:
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

21 And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the LORD
Shall be saved.'

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

26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. **27** And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning...

4b And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5 "But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. **8** And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: **9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; **11** of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.