

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior. We are glad that you are here. Today we welcome special guest preacher Rev. Robert Rahn, founder of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, which translates Lutheran works into other languages. May the Lord bless you, Rev. Rahn, and the faithful kingdom labors of LHF. Today again we will sing our “Hymn of the Month,” whose message ties in with today’s Gospel reading and the kingdom mission work of LHF, and of us and all God’s people. Grace, mercy, and peace to you in Christ Jesus, and welcome to God’s house. (Note: Today’s service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)

Your Kingdom, O God, is alive with the power Your Word and Your Spirit bestow. Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour, Enabling Your Kingdom to grow. Empower me, Lord, as I live Your commission, Though humble my service may be, And bring ev’ry planting to perfect fruition, a mustard seed grown to a tree. LSB #654, 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 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: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Elders for June 24: Cliff Evans & Cal Meisner

Today’s Acolyte: Joey Weinstock

Acolyte for June 24: Damien & Bradley Dittrich

Prepare for Next Sunday’s Readings

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-5

Second Reading: Acts 13:13-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-80

Psalm: Psalm 85:1-13



Mark 4:34 – “He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to His own disciples He explained everything.” How blessed we are to be His disciples! The Lord has indeed explained everything to us. He has told us all things plainly. Why then are we ever so foolish as to disobey His clear Word? Our fight against sin in the power of the Holy Spirit is truly a struggle. Therefore let us receive the Lord’s help in His Word and Sacraments – and let us fight the good fight of faith and grow up into His image.



Pentecost IV – Being Gospel-motivated voices for life gets frustrating when we don’t immediately see changed hearts and saved lives. But fathers both know and show that heroes are built over time, not born in a moment. We can take courage from God Himself patiently planting His own kingdom like seeds (Mark 4:26-28) and carefully cultivating it like saplings (Ezekiel 17:22-24). Boys become men, and stems will yield. This Gospel—for us too!—renews our life-affirming enthusiasm and routines. *Ancient of Days, teach us to walk and talk and work by faith and not by sight. Amen.*



The June Messenger is now available. Pick up a copy from the bookshelf by the main entrance to the sanctuary or from one of the tables in the lower narthex.



BIBLESTICK We Have A Military Bible Stick for anyone interested. Inquire at the church office.



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, Travis Little, Greg Iversen, Vince Roberto, Robert and Nancy Snurka, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Jackie Dittrich, Linda Frederking, Iola Park, Bob and Charlotte Davis, Linda Duchrow, Pat Kubat, James Nuoffer, and also our homebound members: Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Wilda Davenport, Hub Diedrichs, Roberta Nigon, Pat Sall, Bill Schierkolk, Ruby Stolz, Gene & Wyonne Sylvester, Julie Vogel, and Verna Walsh and also prayers for the family of Richard Acker who passed away this past Wednesday.



The Flowers adorning our altar today have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Dorothy) Ruff in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Pastor leaves on vacation thru the 21st.
 Sunday, 6/24: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class
 1-3 p.m. Open House Celebration

At Worship, June 10: 72 Communed: 62



Today We Welcome Rev. Robert Rahn, founder of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, as our guest preacher. Join us during Bible class when Rev. Rahn will tell about his travels to churches around the globe, where he has seen with his own eyes how God calls people to faith through the Lutheran literature available in their own language. To support this important mission effort, you may use the special offering envelope attached to the enclosed LHF brochure.



You are invited to an open house at Beautiful Savior on Sunday, June 24th, from 1-3 p.m. as we celebrate Kristi Bower's 24-year ministry at Beautiful Savior as she follows God's call to serve at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Aurora as Director of their Early Childhood Education Center. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. To aid us in planning, a reply would be greatly appreciated, either by phone to 303-469-2049 or by email to bslschool@outlook.com.



Hymn of the Month Begins. This month we've begun something new at Beautiful Savior. Every month we'll try to learn one new hymn, singing it each Sunday. This month's hymn, "Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure" (LSB #654), was written by Dr. David W. Rogner, a professor of English at Concordia University, Chicago. Its theme fits well with the Time of the Church which we have now entered, and especially connects with today's Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34. We hope that learning new hymns will be enjoyable for all, and will enrich our worship of God, the Holy Trinity.



Our Study on Biblical Manhood will be on hold for a couple of weeks due to various conflicts. The class, taught by Dan Adams, will resume on July 1st.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Hymns: 804 654 *725 *830 810

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
The righteous flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.
They still bear fruit in old age;
they are ever full of sap and green,
to declare that the LORD is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.
It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 17:22-24

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

Gospel:

Mark 4:26-34

Sermon: *"The Word Works, Sow It Far and Wide"*

Mark 4:26-32

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it."

Gradual

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.
On Your wondrous works, I will meditate,
and I will declare Your greatness.**

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

⁵ For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴ For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

¹² For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have an answer for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. ²⁸ For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; ³² but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

³³ And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.