

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Nativity of St. John the Baptist

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior. We are glad that you are here. The normal liturgical church year is punctuated today by a special day, the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Today we celebrate the birth of the forerunner of Christ. Zechariah and Elizabeth's son John was set apart to preach repentance and to baptize for the forgiveness of sins, assisting the people of Israel in preparing for the coming of Jesus, God's Son, their Messiah. On this Sunday morning a half year before our celebration of our Savior's birth, we have the opportunity to hear the Word of God once proclaimed by John, so that we too might be kept in the spirit of repentance, relying day by day for our salvation upon the grace of God in Christ Jesus, in whom alone we trust. The Lord be with you and bless you on this festive day. (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: Cliff Evans & Cal Meisner
Elders for July 1: Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Today's Acolyte: Damien & Bradley Dittrich
Acolyte for July 1: Nicholas Little

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22-33
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15
Gospel: Mark 5:21-43
Psalm: Psalm 30



Mark 4:40 – “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’” Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn't it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn't it fear that stops us from following the Lord's Word to give generously toward His work in the Church? Well ... “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.



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.



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, Iola Park, Bob and Charlotte Davis, Linda Duchrow, Pat Kubat, James Nuoffer, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, and our homebound members: Wilda Davenport, Hub Diedrichs, Linda Frederking, 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.



The Flowers adorning our altar today have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Gretchen) Lee in thankfulness to God for blessings received.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today: 1:00-3:00 p.m. Open House Celebration
 Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Tuesday: 06:30 p.m. Care Callers
 Thursday: 10:00 p.m. Bible Study
 Sunday, 7/1: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, June 17: 89 Communed: 66



You are invited the open house today at Beautiful Savior 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.



The Memorial Service for Mr. Richard Acker will be held here at Beautiful Savior on Saturday, June 30th at 11:00 a.m.



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. 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 another week due to various conflicts. The class, taught by Dan Adams, will resume on July 1st.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting One

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Hymns: 347 346 *936 *619 654

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

Behold, I send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me.

And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple.

Blessèd be the Lord God of Israel,

for He has visited and redeemed His people.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

for you will go before the Lord to prepare His ways,

to give knowledge of salvation to His people

in the forgiveness of their sins,

because of the tender mercy of our God,

whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Behold, I send My messenger and he will prepare the way before Me.

And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-5

Second Reading: Acts 13:13-26

Gospel: Luke 1:57-80

Sermon: *"Prepare His Way, Day by Day"* Isaiah 40:1-5

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⁴⁰ “Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” says your God. ² “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’s hand Double for all her sins.”

³ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; ⁵ The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Gradual

**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.
Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.**

Acts 13:13-26

¹³ Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. ¹⁵ And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, “Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.”

¹⁶ Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, “Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: ¹⁷ The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it. ¹⁸ Now for a time of about forty years He put up with their ways in the wilderness. ¹⁹ And when He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He distributed their land to them by allotment.

²⁰ “After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’ ²³ From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus— ²⁴ after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his course, he said, ‘Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.’

²⁶ “Men and brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the word of this salvation has been sent.

Luke 1:57-80

⁵⁷ Now Elizabeth’s full time came for her to be delivered, and she brought forth a son. ⁵⁸ When her neighbors and relatives heard how the Lord had shown great mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ So it was, on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him by the name of his father, Zacharias. ⁶⁰ His mother answered and said, “No; he shall be called John.”

⁶¹ But they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by this name.” ⁶² So they made signs to his father—what he would have him called.

⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, “His name is John.” So they all marveled. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. ⁶⁵ Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ And all those who heard them kept them in their hearts, saying, “What kind of child will this be?” And the hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

⁶⁸ “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel,
For He has visited and redeemed His people,
⁶⁹ And has raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of His servant David,
⁷⁰ As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets,
Who have been since the world began,
⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies
And from the hand of all who hate us,
⁷² To perform the mercy promised to our fathers
And to remember His holy covenant,
⁷³ The oath which He swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴ To grant us that we,
Being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
Might serve Him without fear,
⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.
⁷⁶ “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest;
For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,
⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation to His people
By the remission of their sins,
⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;
⁷⁹ To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

⁸⁰ So the child grew and became strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his manifestation to Israel.