

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior. We are glad that you are here. A new prayer initiative began a few months ago at Beautiful Savior called "Beautiful Savior Prays". The 15th day of each month is designated as a special day of prayer for our entire Beautiful Savior family. As today is the 15th of this month, we will mark "Beautiful Savior Prays" today. Also, today's service includes the installation of our officers and Board members. To all, a warm welcome in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)

*Sweet hour of prayer. Sweet hour of prayer. That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known. In
seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief And oft escaped the
tempter's snare By Thy return, sweet hour of prayer.*



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 July 22:

Rick Mericle & Cal Meisner

Today's Acolyte:

Damien Dittrich

Acolyte for July 22:

Bradley Dittrich

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Epistle:

Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel:

Mark 6:30-44

Psalm:

Psalm 23



Amos 7:8 – "And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them." One of the sins for which the Lord condemned the people through Amos was a disregard for the call of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. We can see here how seriously the Lord sees this! And that's no surprise when we consider how God's activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. To act otherwise is to act against the Lord's own nature.



Pentecost VIII – Adoption embodies the whole truth and love of God (Ephesians 1:3-5). He came into our flesh, gave it as lifeblood sacrifice, and raised it up from restful death just to adopt sinners as His own sons and daughters. Christians promote and pursue adoptions not primarily as a solution to infertility but as extension of the grace we've received to our neighbors in need. *Ever-present Lord, open our eyes and our arms to embrace our neighbors as you have embraced us. Amen.*



The July 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.



Today We Are Continuing Our Study on Biblical Manhood. Come and learn more. We will meet after service in the sanctuary. The class is being taught by Dan Adams.



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, Bob and Charlotte Davis, Pat Kubat, James Nuoffer, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Marta Bannigan, 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 prayers for the family of Linda Duchrow who passed away last week.



The Flowers adorning our altar today have been placed by Eleanor Bower in celebration of her granddaughter Emily's 16th birthday.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
- Tuesday: 07:00 p.m. Church Council
- Thursday: 10:00 p.m. Bible Study
- Sunday, 7/22: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, July 8: 94 Communed: 81



The Memorial Service for Linda Duchrow will be Tuesday, July 17th, at 10:00 a.m.



The Acker Family would like to thank all those who called and sent cards, and to everyone who helped with the luncheon in any way. It is all greatly appreciated.



Now Hiring! Our ELC is looking for a quality, Christ-centered assistant teacher to work part-time in our toddler and preschool program. Experience is preferred, however direct experience is not required. If interested please email Megan Keeling at bslselcdirector@gmail.com or call the school at 303-469-2049.



Our Food Bank Shelves Are Empty! Please help with donations of the following items: Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Crackers. Instant Cup of Soups or Mac-N-Cheese. Fruit Cups and Breakfast Bars. Canned Meats, Pastas, Stews, and Chili with Meat.



Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 17, at 7:00 p.m.



Hymn of the Month. This month's hymn, "When to Our World the Savior Came" (*LSB* #551), was written by contemporary English hymn writer Timothy Dudley-Smith, author of sixteen hymns in *LSB*, including "Christ Be My Leader" (#861). Its theme fits well with the Gospel readings for July, in which we behold many of the healing miracles of Jesus. We hope that learning new hymns will be enjoyable for all, and will enrich our worship of God, the Holy Trinity.



The Bill Board is up again. Please stop by the Church Office and see if you can help out with any of the past due bills. Once your decision is made, please remove the bill, attach your check, and drop it on Eleanor's desk. If you want to pay part of a bill that is just fine; just attach your check and the bill will be reposted for the balance. Thank you again for your generous giving!

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Four

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Hymns: 682 743 *580 *655 551

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

for no one living is righteous before You.

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,

for in You I trust.

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.

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Collect of the Day

O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Amos 7:7-15

Epistle:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel:

Mark 6:14-29

Sermon: *"Beautiful Savior Prays"*

Philippians 4:4-7

Amos 7:7-15

⁷ Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord stood on a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?”

And I said, “A plumb line.”

Then the Lord said:

“Behold, I am setting a plumb line

In the midst of My people Israel;

I will not pass by them anymore.

⁹ The high places of Isaac shall be desolate,
And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste.

I will rise with the sword against the house of Jeroboam.”

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying,
“Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said:

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
And Israel shall surely be led away captive
From their own land.’”

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos:

“Go, you seer!

Flee to the land of Judah.

There eat bread,

And there prophesy.

¹³ But never again prophesy at Bethel,
For it is the king’s sanctuary,
And it is the royal residence.”

¹⁴ Then Amos answered, and said to Amaziah:

“I was no prophet,

Nor was I a son of a prophet,

But I was a sheepbreeder

And a tender of sycamore fruit.

¹⁵ Then the LORD took me as I followed the flock,

And the LORD said to me,

‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’

Gradual

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before

Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, “John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.”

¹⁵ Others said, “It is Elijah.”

And others said, “It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets.”

¹⁶ But when Herod heard, he said, “This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!” ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; for he had married her.

¹⁸ Because John had said to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

¹⁹ Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

²¹ Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. ²² And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, “Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.” ²³ He also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

²⁴ So she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask?”

And she said, “The head of John the Baptist!”

²⁵ Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”

²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.