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Welcome to Beautiful Savior. We are glad that you are here as we gather around Christ's real presence in Word and Sacrament. If this is your first visit to Beautiful Savior, we hope that it will be a richly joyful day for you in Christ. If you have been here in God's house many times, today's sermon will speak to the effect which that familiarity with this place may have on you. For all of us there can flow today a deep God-given gratitude for the wonderful grace of God that is proclaimed to us and bestowed upon us in Word and Sacrament. Welcome to God's house. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)

O Christ, our true and only light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Your voice And in Your fold with us rejoice. LSB 839, st. 1



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:

Rick Mericle & Cal Meisner

Elders for July 15:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Today's Acolyte:

Joey Weinstock

Acolyte for July 15:

Damien Dittrich

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:

Amos 7:7-15

Epistle:

Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel:

Mark 6:14-29

Psalm:

Psalm 85:8-13



2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time as somehow being from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it's hard to see how things like hardships, calamities, and insults will turn out for a blessing: but that is why Paul found this contentment in Christ and not in his own wisdom.



Pentecost VII – The Heavenly Father fashions crowns from thorns (2 Corinthians 12:9). In His steady hands, human pains have sacred purposes. What most would dismiss as burdensome, hopeless, futile, the God of the Cross adopts and adapts into blessing, holy, significant. He Who redeems hearts redeems hurts as well, whether crises or incurable or even crimes against life, to display His forgiving salvation. *Almighty God, shape us into examples of Your power perfected in weakness and place us as its ambassadors. 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.



SOAR Gathering, Monday and Tuesday, September 24 and 25 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dale Meyer, President, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.



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, 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 prayers for the family of Linda Duchrow who passed away this past week.



The Flowers adorning our altar today have been placed by Pastor and Mrs. Theodore (Dawn) Groth in celebration of their 7th wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Tuesday: 05:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
 07:00 p.m. Board of Elders
 Thursday: 10:00 p.m. Bible Study
 Sunday, 7/15: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, July 1: 88 Communed: 70



My Heartfelt Thanks to everyone for all the kind thoughts, prayers and acts of concern we received during Linda's lengthy hospital stay and in the days following her death. To God be the glory. Karl Duchrow



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.



Hymn of the Month. Last month we began something new at Beautiful Savior. Every month we'll learn one new hymn, singing it each Sunday. 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 going 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!



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.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Three

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Hymns: 583 839 *628 *637 551

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!

For the LORD has chosen Zion;

He has desired it for His dwelling place:

“This is My resting place forever;

here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

I will abundantly bless her provisions;

I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Her priests I will clothe with salvation,

and her saints will shout for joy.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Collect of the Day

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

Gospel:

Mark 6:1-13

Sermon: *“Let Familiarity Breed Gratitude”*

Mark 6:1-6

Ezekiel 2:1-5

2 And He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you.” **2** Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. **3** And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. **4** For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ **5** As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse—for they are a rebellious house—yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

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.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

12 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: **2** I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. **3** And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— **4** how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. **5** Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. **6** For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me.

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. **8** Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. **9** And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6:1-13

6 Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. **2** And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! **3** Is this not the carpenter, the Son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” So they were offended at Him.

4 But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country, among his own relatives, and in his own house.” **5** Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. **6** And He marveled because of their unbelief. Then He went about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

7 And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits. **8** He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts— **9** but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

10 Also He said to them, “In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. **11** And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!”

12 So they went out and preached that people should repent. **13** And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.