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Welcome to Beautiful Savior. We are glad that you are here as God gathers us together and welcomes us into "the habitation of [His] house...the place where [His] glory dwells" (from today's Introit). God makes this sanctuary to be a holy place of healing and joy for you today. He does it through His Word and Sacrament which bring to you the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, together with the forgiveness and life that come to us in Jesus' name. God's grace and peace be with you, and welcome to God's house. (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:
Elders for Sept. 2:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown
Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Today's Acolyte:
Acolyte for Sept. 2:

Joey Weinstock
Aaron Brechbuhl

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:
Epistle:
Gospel:
Psalm:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
Mark 7:14-23
Psalm 119:129-136



Mark 7:11 – "But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)." Each one of our vocations, in the home, in the church, and in society have a claim on our resources. The Pharisees thought that they could use the Kingdom of God as an excuse to shirk their duty to their parents. But they were wrong. Of course, doing it the other way around would also be wrong. God has called us to be supportive of our families, our churches, and our communities each in the proper proportion.



Pentecost XIV – Matters of marriage, sexuality, and procreation are not marginal to the Christian message. Husband, wife, and children capture the heart of the Gospel in their unconditional acceptance and self-sacrificing servanthood (Ephesians 5:31-32). Indifference or abuse to family structure diminishes our life-saving witness. Celebrating and exercising these gifts will strengthen all other social institutions as well. *Heavenly Bridegroom, charm us into enthusiastically submitting to Your will. Amen.*



Today's Adult Bible Class Hour will study and discuss the teaching of Jesus about the separation of the peoples on Judgment Day "as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats" (Matthew 25:32). What is the meaning of Jesus' words, "As you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me" (v.40)? Join us at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



Thank You to those who signed up to help with flowers for those vacant Sundays. It is greatly appreciated.



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, Charlotte Davis, Pat Kubat, James Nuoffer, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Marta Bannigan, Alyssa Stephenson, 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.



The Flowers adorning our altar this morning have been placed by Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Gretchen) Lee in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class – Revelation Video
 Saturday: 09:00 a.m. LWML
 Sunday, 9/2: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

At Worship, Aug. 19: 69 Communed: 61



Calling All Ladies- Come join us on Saturday, September 1 from 9-11 at our first LWML meeting of the season to find out all about our mission.



Beautiful Savior Founding Members Gene and Wyonne Sylvester will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on September 7th. Everyone is encouraged to send them a card. Their address is 2425 S. Miller Court, Lakewood, CO 80227.



Children's Message: *Psalm 14:2 "The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God."*

REVELATION Video about the Book of Revelation.

This Thursday at 10AM we will conclude our study of the book of Revelation by watching, from start to finish, the video that has guided us in our study of this great book of the Bible. All are welcome to come and learn, and enjoy some popcorn while we're at it.



This Month's Hymn, "O gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near" (LSB #599), was written by LCMS pastor and hymn writer Steven P. Starke, who serves at St. John Lutheran Church, Bay City, Michigan. Pastor Starke is the author of numerous hymns in LSB. This month's hymn is a prayer that our most gracious God would bless His gathered children. The words, well-suited for a Confirmation day, are most appropriate for any and every day. 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

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Hymns: 599 865 *563 *862 *582 644

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around Your altar, O LORD,
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

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.

O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error
that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in
Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Isaiah 29:11-19

Epistle:

Ephesians 5:22-33

Gospel:

Mark 7:1-13

Sermon:

Ephesians 5:22-33

Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹ The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, "Read this, please."

And he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed."

¹² Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, "Read this, please."

And he says, "I am not literate."

¹³ Therefore the Lord said:

"Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths

And honor Me with their lips,

But have removed their hearts far from Me,

And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

¹⁴ Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work

Among this people,

A marvelous work and a wonder;

For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,

And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden."

¹⁵ Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from the LORD,

And their works are in the dark;

They say, "Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?"

¹⁶ Surely you have things turned around!

Shall the potter be esteemed as the clay;

For shall the thing made say of him who made it,

"He did not make me"?

Or shall the thing formed say of him who formed it,

"He has no understanding"?

¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while

Till Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,

And the fruitful field be esteemed as a forest?

¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book,

And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.

¹⁹ The humble also shall increase their joy in the LORD,

And the poor among men shall rejoice

In the Holy One of Israel.

Gradual

Fear the LORD, you His saints,

for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Ephesians 5:22-33

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the

body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Mark 7:1-13

⁷ Then the Pharisees and some of the scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. ² Now when they saw some of His disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. ³ For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other things which they have received and hold, like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches.

⁵ Then the Pharisees and scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?"

⁶ He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

'This people honors Me with their lips,

But their heart is far from Me.

⁷ And in vain they worship Me,

Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

⁸ For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men—the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

⁹ He said to them, "All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. ¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' ¹¹ But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban"—' (that is, a gift to God), ¹² then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, ¹³ making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."