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September 16, 2018

Welcome to Beautiful Savior. We are glad that you are here. If you are a spiritual superman, you may find today's Divine Service of little interest. But if like Paul you see yourself as the "chief of sinners" (see today's opening hymn) or if you experience your own great weakness in your Christian life (see the man in today's Gospel who cried to Jesus, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24)), then expect to find strength and encouragement from Christ in His Word this day. God is good—may He bless you who seek Him and cry to Him this day! A special warm welcome to the John Wolf family, missionaries to Africa. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to your presentation in the Bible study hour. (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)

We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found. LSB 720, sts. 1, 3

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. 23:

Today's Acolyte:

Acolyte for Sept. 23:

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:

Epistle:

Gospel:

Psalm:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Bradley Dittrich

Damien Dittrich

Jeremiah 11:18-20

James 3:13-4:10

Mark 9:30-37

Psalm 54



Mark 9:24 – Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Haven't we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, He still blesses the man as His Lord. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith – as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.



Pentecost XVII – Ancient societies often avoided demon-possessed persons (Mark 9:17-18, 22). "It's your problem, not my business. Don't bother me, deal with it yourself." The modern mantra, "Your body, your choice," tells the same lie. When we keep silent and still on life issues, we only confirm this devilish deception. Christians get to speak with Christ's courage and reach out in God's compassion: "You matter. We'll help" (Isaiah 50:4). *O Lord, loose our tongues to declare Your mighty deeds. Amen.*



Door Offering for John Wolf Family. John Wolf, LCMS missionary to Africa, will be with us today. You are invited to bless the Wolf family with a cash gift to be received after the service as a door offering. This will help the Wolf family with their travel and associated expenses as they journey around to their supporting churches this summer. We are excited to see John and Jenn and family this morning!



Prayer Partners Program 2018 - 2019

In an effort to exercise our faith, our school children's faith, and to teach them about intercessory prayer, we are starting the "Prayer Partners" program again in our church/school for this school year. We are asking the members of Beautiful Savior Church to begin to pray daily for at least one child or possibly all the school children in one family. We will also be asking that each of the children (or their parents) make a commitment to pray daily for their adult prayer partner.

A form has been created that has each student's name and grade on it for you to take home. Attached to each will be another colored form that is for you to sign, which will then be given to the student. The forms will be passed out after the offering.

Each family is asked to take a form for a child (or children) and then put their names on the colored form. We will then come forward to put it in the basket that is on the table. Those colored forms will be given to Mr. Jim Woodburn (Principal) to be hand delivered to each student.

Please take the white form (with the child's name) home and put it up in a conspicuous place in your home as a reminder to pray for your student for the rest of the school year. God bless you in this important endeavor.

1 Samuel 12:23-24 As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right. But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He had done for you.



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:

Pastor Groth @ 303 469-1785 or email tedgroth1970@comcast.net or Mike Brown @ 303 438-5766 or E-mail: mbrown_presbslc@comcast.net.

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, Roberta Nigon, Ron & Jeannie Savage, Elaine Brinkey, Pat Kubat, James Nuoffer, Dixie Cassily, Gerd Crandall, Marta Bannigan, Alyssa Stephenson, and our homebound members: Wilda Davenport, Hub Diedrichs, Linda Frederking, 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 loving memory of Gretchen's mother, Alice Iversen.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today:	10:30 a.m. Bible Class with John Wolf
Monday:	07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
Wednesday:	08:30 a.m. Chapel
Thursday:	10:00 a.m. Bible Class
Saturday:	10:00 a.m. Pillar Project Event at State Capitol
Sunday, 9/23:	09:00 a.m. Divine Service
	10:30 a.m. Bible Class

At Worship, Sept. 9: 211



Gene and Wynne Sylvester were very excited to receive the outpouring of kind thoughts and sentiments for their 70th wedding anniversary and they would like to thank the congregation for the numerous cards that were mailed. Check out the bulletin board for a picture of the lovely couple with their vases of 70 red roses.



Provide A Meal? At University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, every week during the academic year various groups or individuals can sign up to provide a student meal either Sunday after the 10 a.m. service or Tuesday at 7 p.m. after the prayer service. You are encouraged to attend the service and the meal if you so desire. If it is for a Sunday it can be either brunch or lunch and is usually for 15-20 people attending so plan to bring enough for that many plus those providing the meal. If you are interested you can go to ULC's website to sign up at Universitylutheranchapel.com. Thank you.



Add your voice **It's Time To Get Those Vocal Chords Warmed Up!** Choir Practice begins Sunday, September 30, at 12:00 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to come. If you are unable to come but would like to join, please contact Marc Bower at 720-272-1115.



The September Messenger is out. Pick up your copy from the bookshelf by the main doors to the Sanctuary or one of the tables in the lower Narthex.



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 works too; just attach your check and the bill will be reposted for the balance. Thank you again for your generous giving!



New Directory – A new church directory (not the one with pictures) with updated addresses and phone numbers is now available. Pick up a copy from the bookshelf just outside the main doors to the sanctuary. Please notify the church office if your information is incorrect.



The Regular Voters' Assembly will meet Sunday, September 23rd, at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you are 18 years old or older, and a communicant member of Beautiful Savior, you are eligible to become a Voter. If interested, please notify one of the Elders, or Pastor Groth, and pick up and read a copy of the Constitution of Beautiful Savior before the meeting.



A Glimpse of God's Work in Africa with the Wolf family is coming after the service today during the Bible study hour. Take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear directly from Missionary John Wolf and his family about their life in Africa these past couple of years. IT TAKES PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT 10:30AM. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



This Month's Hymn, "Be Strong in the Lord" (LSB #665), is another hymn text by contemporary English hymn writer Timothy Dudley-Smith, whose hymn "When to Our Word the Savior Came" (LSB #551) we sang throughout July. September's hymn treats the "Armor of God" theme with which the apostle Paul concluded his epistle to the Ephesians. "The Armor of God" will be our special theme at Beautiful Savior Lutheran School for this 2018-19 school year. We hope that learning new hymns will be enjoyable for all, and will enrich our worship of God, the Holy Trinity.



Learn and Live More Deeply THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. On Saturday, September 29th at 9AM our pastor will begin a class for those interested in the faith we teach and confess here at Beautiful Savior. This class prepares people for Baptism or for communicant membership at Beautiful Savior. It is also useful as a review for our church members, or as an informational experience for parents/grandparents wishing to become familiar with the doctrine taught in our classrooms Monday through Friday. For more information about this class please call the Beautiful Savior church office at (303) 469-1785.

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

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THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

But I trust in you, O LORD;

I say, "You are my God."

My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

Make your face shine on your servant;

save me in your steadfast love!

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

all you who wait for the LORD!

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Isaiah 50:4-10

Epistle:

James 3:1-12

Gospel:

Mark 9:14-29

Sermon:

Mark 9:14-29

Isaiah 50:4-10

⁴“The Lord GOD has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to him who is weary.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened My ear;
And I was not rebellious,
Nor did I turn away.
⁶I gave My back to those who struck Me,
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.
⁷“For the Lord GOD will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced;
Therefore I have set My face like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed.
⁸He is near who justifies Me;
Who will contend with Me?
Let us stand together.
Who is My adversary?
Let him come near Me.
⁹Surely the Lord GOD will help Me;
Who is he who will condemn Me?
Indeed they will all grow old like a garment;
The moth will eat them up.
¹⁰“Who among you fears the LORD?
Who obeys the voice of His Servant?
Who walks in darkness
And has no light?
Let him trust in the name of the LORD
And rely upon his God.

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.**

James 3:1-12

³ My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. ² For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. ³ Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. ⁴ Look also at

ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. ⁵ Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸ But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

Mark 9:14-29

¹⁴ And when He came to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes disputing with them. ¹⁵ Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?”

¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit. ¹⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not.”

¹⁹ He answered him and said, “O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me.” ²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And when he saw Him, immediately the spirit convulsed him, and he fell on the ground and wallowed, foaming at the mouth.

²¹ So He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?”

And he said, “From childhood. ²² And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

²³ Jesus said to him, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

²⁵ When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” ²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, “He is dead.” ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”

²⁹ So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”