

## Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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### Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 23, 2018

Welcome to Beautiful Savior. We are glad that you are here to join God's people in worshiping the "Lord of glory" who has "bought us with [His] lifeblood as the price" (LSB #851, st. 1, today's sermon hymn). Today's reading from James uncomfortably identifies for us many aspects of our universal human sinfulness. In this we are directed to repentance, to a humble return to the God who "gives more grace" (James 4:6). This grace is grace in and through God's own Son, Christ crucified for us. True wisdom and understanding (v.13), given by the power of the Holy Spirit, is that we repent and believe this Gospel. O God, grant it this day! (Note: Today's service information can be found on the back of the service folder.)



*Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling. Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.*  
LSB 761, st. 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. 30:

Today's Acolyte:

Acolyte for Sept. 30:

Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle

Damien Dittrich

Joey Weinstock

#### Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament:

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Epistle:

James 5: (1-12) 13-20

Gospel:

Mark 9:38-50

Psalm:

Psalm 104:27-35



**Mark 9:32** – "But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask him." The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear.



**Pentecost XVIII** – Everyone who loves the Lord God also loves His little ones (Mark 9:37). Every child is a treasure. Every person, especially the vulnerable, is our neighbor. Every life, even the feeblest, is gift and privilege from above. Life-or-death situations allow opportunity for us to receive them—see them, be seen with them, meet their needs. The Gospel of Jesus Christ means life with a Father and His family. *Father in heaven, assist us to receive Your little ones. Amen.*



**Thank you** to all who signed up to be a Prayer Partner for one or more of our school children. We have the great privilege of lifting them up to the Lord. The faith of everyone involved will be strengthened. Eleanor also keeps a list of all current Prayer Partners in case you lose the information about your partner. Please look forward to having your partner put something special for you into your church mailbox.



**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, Rachael Ethridge, 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. Larry (Jerre) Kappel in thankfulness to God for blessings received.

**THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR**

Today: 10:30 a.m. Voters' Assembly  
 Monday: 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball  
 Wednesday: 08:30 a.m. Chapel (Cliff Evans)  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Bible Class  
 Friday: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Back to School Night  
 Sunday, 9/30: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service  
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class  
 12:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
 02:00 p.m. Circuit Forum at Mt. Calvary, Ft. Lupton

At Worship, Sept. 16: 84 Communed: 71



**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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.



**Children's Message:** Psalm 54:6 "With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to You; I will give thanks to Your name, O LORD, for it is good."



**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Who?** The response for Prayer Partners was awesome! However, we need to know who received Olivia Bland as their prayer partner. Would that person please let Pastor Groth, Dan Adams, or Eleanor know who you are? Thank you.



**Provide A Meal For ULC?** Hello Everyone, First, thank you to all who have volunteered to serve a meal this semester. Your support does not go unnoticed and we are truly grateful! Second, it is time that I again send out a plea for more volunteers. We have about half of the Sunday meals covered this semester but would love to see them all full! The biggest difference this semester is that our Sunday service is now at 10:00 a.m. with the meal following at 11:00 a.m. We know this could be problematic as it may conflict with your own church's service time. We also have provided the option to provide a meal on Tuesday evening after our prayer service at 7:00 pm. All of the available meal times are on the website which is current. I hope that some of you consider volunteering and please reach out with any questions you may have!

In Christ,  
Kim Bower  
Church Council Secretary Website: [Universitylutheranchapel.com](http://Universitylutheranchapel.com).



**Add Your Voice** **It's Time To Get Those Vocal Chords Warmed Up!** Choir Practice begins **next 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 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!

THIS MORNING'S LITURGY & HYMNS

Divine Service, Setting Four

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Hymns: 665 851 \*438 \*547 725

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

**Introit**

**Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and He will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in Him, and He will act.  
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.  
Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!  
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.  
Delight yourself in the LORD,  
and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

<b>Old Testament:</b>	<b>Jeremiah 11:18-20</b>
<b>Epistle:</b>	<b>James 3:13-4:10</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>Mark 9:30-37</b>
<b>Sermon:</b>	<b>James 3:13-4:10</b>

### **Jeremiah 11:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> Now the LORD gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings. <sup>19</sup> But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more."

<sup>20</sup> But, O LORD of hosts,  
You who judge righteously,  
Testing the mind and the heart,  
Let me see Your vengeance on them,  
For to You I have revealed my cause.

### **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 3:13-4:10**

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**4** Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? <sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?

<sup>6</sup> But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:  
"God resists the proud,  
But gives grace to the humble."

<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

### **Mark 9:30-37**

<sup>30</sup> Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know it. <sup>31</sup> For He taught His disciples and said to them, "The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

<sup>33</sup> Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, "What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who would be the greatest. <sup>35</sup> And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup> Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."