

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Beautiful Savior. We are glad that you are here. Our being together today furnishes the opportunity for us to do what the writer to the Hebrews encouraged in today's epistle: "But exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin (Heb. 3:13). Sin is deceitful, but God is truthful, and in His Gospel God offers us the glad promise that for Christ's sake we are regarded as His own, forgiven and holy, now and eternally. With this true and sure promise let us encourage one another this day, and every day, until the Last Day dawns, Amen! (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 Oct. 21:

Cal Meisner & Rick Mericle
Cliff Evans & Mike Brown

Today's Acolyte:
Acolyte for Oct. 21:

Damien Dittrich
Bradley Dittrich

Prepare for Next Sunday's Readings

Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
Epistle: Hebrews 4:1-16
Gospel: Mark 10:23-31



Hebrews 3:18-19 – "And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief." Unbelief leads to disobedience – that is, every sin expresses the opposite of faith. True and living faith guides us into the Lord's way and the Lord's plan. And when we fall into sin it's because we are not trusting the Lord's goodness and provision.



Pentecost XXI – God's favor teaches us to number our days as gifts from Him (Psalm 90:12). He lovingly fixes the times and manners of our living and dying. This wisdom relieves us of worry about "quality of life" or "death with dignity." Jesus Christ's resurrection means we need neither cut deals with death nor run in fear from it. When afflictions and evils befall our bodies, we may still rest and rejoice in His glorious power. *Lord God, let anxious hearts dwell secure in You throughout all generations. Amen.*



This Month's Hymn, "Listen, God Is Calling" (LSB #833), originates in Kenya in east Africa (the same country where John Wolf and family are living and serving the LCMS as missionaries). The style of the hymn is a call and response. "Listen!" calls the leader. And the people reply, "God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy." Our lives as forgiven children of God are entirely a response to the call of God through the Gospel. When our Lord speaks, we cheerfully listen, for He bestows salvation through His Word. As we continue our Hymn of the Month program at Beautiful Savior, we hope that learning new hymns will be enjoyable for all, and will enrich our worship of God, the Holy Trinity.



Church Council will meet Tuesday, October 16, at 7:00 p.m.



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, 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.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Today: 12:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 Monday: Beautiful Savior Prays
 05:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education
 07:00 p.m. Adult Drop in Volleyball
 Tuesday: 07:00 p.m. Church Council
 Wednesday – Friday: Church Workers' Conf.--No School-- Child Care by appt.
 Sunday, 10/21: 09:00 a.m. Divine Service
 10:30 a.m. Bible Class
 12:00 p.m. Choir Practice

At Worship, Oct. 7: 91 Communed: 76



Children's Message: Psalm 90:12 "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."



The October Messenger is now available. Pick up a copy from the bookshelf by the main sanctuary doors or from one of the tables in the lower narthex.



The Next Topic we will study is "Five Tools That Skeptics Use to Shame You for Being Christian." Adults and students need to know what the tactics are and how to counter them. We will learn about "The Science Thumper", "The Indoctrination Informer", "The Miracle Mocker", "The Self-Sufficient Scoffer" and "The Tolerance Enforcer". Come and learn, everyone is invited to the sanctuary after service.



Abortion: Simplify the Issue: Lutherans for Life Denver invites you to our one-day seminar: **Making Abortion Unthinkable** on Saturday, November 3, 2018, here at Beautiful Savior. Registration: 8:30-9:00; Seminar on all topics: 9:00-4:00 with manual, boxed lunch, (\$10.00) and free will offering.
Register Today: email Jude Donavon at Heyjude264@aol.com or Lyndsay.johnson101@yahoo.com.



Beautiful Savior Prays October 15 -Tomorrow take time to pray for God's people at Beautiful Savior, for the church and our world, for your family and relationships, and for those who do not yet confess Jesus as Lord. We have begun a new prayer initiative in which the mid-point of each month, the 15th, is a day of prayer for the whole Beautiful Savior family. A list of prayer suggestions is available in the church office.



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

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Hymns: 833 694 *622 *733 557

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE DAY

Introit

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in His commandments!

Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

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who greatly delights in His commandments!

Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament:

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Epistle:

Hebrews 3:12-19

Gospel:

Mark 10:17-22

Sermon:

Hebrews 3:12-19

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶ Seek the LORD and live,
Lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
And devour it,
With no one to quench it in Bethel—
⁷ You who turn justice to wormwood,
And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!
¹⁰ They hate the one who rebukes in the gate,
And they abhor the one who speaks uprightly.
¹¹ Therefore, because you tread down the poor
And take grain taxes from him,
Though you have built houses of hewn stone,
Yet you shall not dwell in them;
You have planted pleasant vineyards,
But you shall not drink wine from them.
¹² For I know your manifold transgressions
And your mighty sins:
Afflicting the just and taking bribes;
Diverting the poor from justice at the gate.
¹³ Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time,
For it is an evil time.
¹⁴ Seek good and not evil,
That you may live;
So the LORD God of hosts will be with you,
As you have spoken.
¹⁵ Hate evil, love good;
Establish justice in the gate.
It may be that the LORD God of hosts
Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Gradual

**He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

Hebrews 3:12-19

¹² Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; ¹³ but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, ¹⁵ while it is said: “Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

¹⁶ For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? ¹⁷ Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

Mark 10:17-22

¹⁷ Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”

²⁰ And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth.”

²¹ Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.”

²² But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.