Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschoo

Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.

...the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was Called them in his own language. ACTS 2:6, ESV

Pentecost Sunday

May 23, 2021 8:00 & 10:45 am, 6:00pm

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.

If you have any questions, please seek out one of the ushers who will be happy to assist you. **Pastor Schultz & Pastor Ada look forward to meeting you at the end of the service**.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available. Please talk to an usher.

YOUNG CHILDREN We believe that young children need to be brought to Jesus (Mark 10:14); and what better way than to include them in the regular worship life of the congregation! We **DO NOT** have a staffed nursery during church because we **encourage families to worship together**. Children's bulletins and worship activity bags are available to help quietly occupy those children too young to listen to the sermon. Please ask an usher for assistance. Please feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR

Adult Bible Class: Please join us for our series on "Worship." It will take place at 9:30am in the sanctuary or on-line streaming.

Sunday School: Classes are offered for children who have turned 3 by September 1 through high school. Please ask an usher for assistance in locating Sunday school classrooms.

Nursery: Until further notice there WILL NOT be a staffed nursery during the Sunday School hour.

HOLY COMMUNION In Holy Communion we celebrate the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His true body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. In love for God's Word and in love for God's people, we do not want anyone to receive this blessed gift to their spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:27-29). **Therefore, anyone who wishes to commune here for the first time and who is not a member of Beautiful Savior or a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is asked to speak with Pastor Schultz or Pastor Ada before receiving Holy Communion. Those not communing are still welcome to come receive a blessing.**



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Order of Service: Divine Service 2

AS WE GATHER

The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends "the Helper" to His Church, that is, "the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father." The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says "Amen" to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by "this sound," that is, by the preaching of "the mighty works of God" in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son "on all flesh" (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Light Divine
Kevin Hildebrand

PASTORAL GREETING

→ THE PREPARATION →

Stand

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. Matthew 28:19b

PSALM PSALM 139:1–12

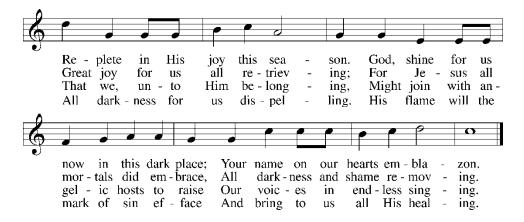
- P ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
- ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- P ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
- P ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand up on me.
- ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
- P ⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- 8If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
- ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- 12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

All: 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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Day Full of Grace LSB 503





5. When we on that final journey go That Christ is for us preparing, We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow, All joy of the heavens sharing, And walk in the light of God's own place, With angels His name adoring.

BAPTISM (8:00) – **Sophia Rose Flores** – (turn to <u>page 21</u> for the Baptism Liturgy.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 1 John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have

mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

LSB 171

- P Almighty God in His mercy... and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. [John 20:19-23]

★ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ★

HYMN OF PRAISE





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray:

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Come Now, Spirit of God Adult Choir Lauran Delancy, director EPISTLE Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions. and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Common John 6:68



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

On this festival day of Pentecost, a procession brings the reading of the Gospel into the midst of the worshippers reminding us that the Gospel belongs to all of God's people. By faith, we recognize the Lord's voice as the pastor reads.

Turn to follow the cross from the chancel to the middle of the sanctuary.

HYMN

We Know that Christ Was Raised LSB 603

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold;
 And our despair He turned to blazing joy.
 Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

^{15:26}"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4}But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless,

I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

We Know that Christ Was Raised LSB 603

- We share by water in His saving death. Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!
- 3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In LSB 913

- 1. O Holy Spirit, enter in,
 And in our hearts Your work begin,
 Your dwelling place now make us.
 Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
 Around and in us brightly shine,
 To joy and gladness wake us
 That we may be
 Truly living,
 To You giving
 Prayer unceasing
 And in love be still increasing.
- Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
 That in our hearts from this good hour
 As fire it may be glowing,
 That in true Christian unity
 We faithful witnesses may be,
 Your glory ever showing.
 Hear us, cheer us
 By Your teaching;
 Let our preaching
 And our labor
 Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.
- 3. O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
 Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
 In us be strongly burning
 That we be faithful unto death
 And live in love and holy faith,
 From You true wisdom learning.
 Your grace and peace
 On us shower;
 By Your power
 Christ confessing,
 Let us see our Savior's blessing.

SERMON

Outpouring and Overflowing
Acts 2:1-21
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLE'S CREED (10:45am & 6:00pm only)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life

everlasting. Amen.

Sit

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- **P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P Gracious Lord, Your Spirit fills the world and gladdens Your Church with the remembrance of all Christ Jesus has spoken. Glorify His name among us in every word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- P Almighty God, by Your Spirit You have established Your Holy Church on the proclamation of Christ, our Savior. Sustain the apostolic preaching to the ends of the earth, that in every tongue the mighty works of God in Christ may be heard. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- God of comfort, give hope to Your people in the midst of this world of death and despair. Bless all who have received the Holy Spirit in Holy Baptism so that we may believe, live, and serve according to Your promises and commands into life everlasting. Lead our homes to confess our confidence in Your power to raise the dead now and at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, Your Son acknowledged Satan as ruler of this world and its ways, yet one whose reign is judged and whose time is short. Beat back his lies and deadly work, that the order of Your creation may be seen. Give us good government and leaders who are both honest and faithful. Even so, let us look eagerly for Your Son's return, and let that be quickly. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We call on Your name, O Lord, praying in Your Spirit to help and save all who are in need of comfort or healing [especially ______]. Renew the face of the earth, look with favor on Your creatures and fill the hearts of Your faithful, kindling in them the fire of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Lord, send Your Holy Spirit upon Your faithful people, that convicted of their sin they may also be convinced that the righteousness of Christ is theirs, and in such repentance and faith receive the things of Christ declared in this Supper: His holy body and precious blood for the forgiveness of sins. Unite us by Your Spirit of truth in faith and confession, and comfort us with the knowledge that this world's prince is judged. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God, heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised Your Holy Spirit, who would convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. Enlighten our hearts so that we confess our sins, obtain everlasting righteousness through

faith in Christ and, through every trial and temptation, abide in the consolation that Christ is Lord over the devil, death and all things, and that He will graciously deliver us from all affliction to make us partakers of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

+ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-11

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;

give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI~~(Latin: Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

(The pastor here makes a <u>declaration</u> of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen!



Sit

DISTRIBUTION

VISITORS, please read the statement concerning Holy Communion on page 2.

Personal Examination Before Communing

- 1. Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- 2. Do I believe Christ's true body and blood to be present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins?
- 3. Do I earnestly intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

Instructions for Communing

The congregation will be ushered forward to stand/kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. When you have sufficiently reverenced the altar, return to your seat for meditation and prayer. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine in located in the center of each tray and should only be used by those with medical conditions prohibiting the use of wine.

Gluten-free wafers are available from the pastor when you come forward.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Called and Gathered CW 396

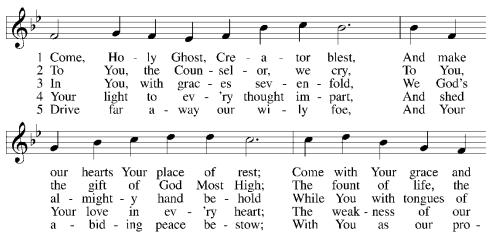


DISTRIBUTION HYMN

- Holy Spirit, light divine,
 Shine upon this heart of mine;
 Chase the shades of night away,
 Turn the darkness into day.
- Let me see my Savior's face, Let me all His beauties trace; Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.
- 3. Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine; In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.
- 4. Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine; Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.
- Holy Spirit, all divine,
 Dwell within this heart of mine;
 Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
 Reign supreme, and reign alone.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest LSB 498





- 6. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 And You, from both, as Three in One
 That we Your name may ever bless
 And in our lives the truth confess.
- 7. Praise we the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, with them One,
 And may the Son on us bestow
 The gifts that from the Spirit flow! Amen.

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord. Psalm 103:1

Thanks be to God.

C Amen.

- Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
 In the holiest realms of light;
 Holy Spirit, ever brooding
 O'er a world of gloom and night;
 Holy Spirit, ever raising
 Those of earth to thrones on high;
 Living, life-imparting Spirit,
 You we praise and magnify.
- 2. Holy Spirit, ever living
 As the Church's very life;
 Holy Spirit, ever striving
 Through us in a ceaseless strife;
 Holy Spirit, ever forming
 In the Church the mind of Christ:
 You we praise with endless worship
 For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3. Holy Spirit, ever working
 Through the Church's ministry;
 Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
 Setting captive sinners free;
 Holy Spirit, ever binding
 Age to age and soul to soul
 In communion never ending,
 You we worship and extol.

POSTLUDE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

David Cherwien

★ THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM ★

Sophia Rose Flores

8:00am

BAPTISMAL PROMISES

ADDRESS TO PARENTS, SPONSORS & CONGREGATION

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- Because this child cannot answer for herself, we shall all, together with sponsors, and parents, faithfully speak on her behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- **C** Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- Yes. I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty
- Yes, believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
- Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
- Sophia Rose Flores, do you desire to be baptized?
- Yes, I Do

THE BAPTISM

THE BLESSING

THE RECEIVING OF THE BAPTISM CANDLE

PRAYER

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted **Sophia Rose Flores** the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

- In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven.
- We welcome you into the Lord's family and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light. Amen.

Baptismal Party may return to their seats.

Service continues on <u>page 5</u> with the Confession & Absolution.

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Divine Service Two from Lutheran Service Book

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Serving the Lord and Us Today:

Preaching / Celebrant	Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist	Vicar Luke Elowsky
Organist	Deb Miller
Anthem	Adult Choir, Lauran Delancy, director
Acolytes (8:00) Kaylee Bahr 8	Timothy Schlef (10:45) Carter Clark, & Anna Herrs
Crucifer	(8:00) Cora Delancy (10:45)
Elder Assisting with Baptism	(8:00) Kurt Norem
Altar Guild Carolyn Clarke, Karer	n Benz, Mary Jane Rees, Angela Hodge, Pat Brackin
Counters	Todd Scheumann, Bob Welsh, Eric Domsch
Altar Flowers	Chris & Mary Martin and Brett & Bobbie Clark

ALTAR FLOWERS that adorn our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by Chris & Mary Martin in celebration of the 24th wedding anniversary; and by Brett & Bobbie Clark in celebration of their 19th wedding anniversary.

BAPTISM – Sophia Rose Flores, infant daughter of Eddie & Julie Flores, will be baptized this morning in the 8:00 am service. Sophia's sponsors are Patrick Younger and Hannah Younger.

Voice of the Martyrs prayer request

Former Muslim Tortured and Driven from Home - Uganda

Geoffrey is a former Muslim who confessed Christ as his Savior earlier this year. When Geoffrey's father learned of his newfound faith, he tortured him so badly that local police authorities intervened to stop the torture. His father also involved local clan members who cursed Geoffrey and tried to bribe him to recant his Christian faith. When he would not recant, his father chased him from his house and land on his father's property. Despite this persecution, Geoffrey is determined to follow Christ. "I cannot be convinced otherwise. I have seen the power of God in my life," he said. "They took away the house and land and threw us out, but they cannot take away our Jesus." Geoffrey is married and has two young daughters. Pray that they continue to stand firm in Christ. Pray also that Geoffrey would be able to provide for his family and that their physical needs would be met.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Sophia Rose Flores**, infant daughter of **Eddie & Julie Flores**, as she becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism this morning.

For Michelle Wibe who will be having knee replacement surgery on Monday, May 24th.

For Helen Claudy, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

For **Barb Gossen** who is still in the hospital with pneumonia.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For our high school graduates: **Michael Buckendahl, Carson Maack, Senna McMullen, Isaiah McMullen** and **Emma Schempp.** For our college graduates: **Austin Raetzel, Meg Voigt, Nora Voigt, Allayna Scheumann, Jacob Martin** and **Rachel Norem.** For **all teachers and students** to finish the school year strong and to be safe on summer vacations.

For **Lloyd Harfst**, grandfather of Matt Riechers, who has been re-hospitalized with complications of his back surgery.

For Jim & Patti Adams, prayer for reconciliation with their younger son.

For **Rachel Hanrahan**, daughter of Becky Hanrahan, suffering from a broken collar bone, broken ribs, punctured lung and many lacerations to her face and head after an ATV accident.

For **Kendra Bremer**, daughter-in-law of Steve & Marilyn Bremer, who is in ICU in Baton Rouge with COVID.

For John Willey, Andrew Willey's father, diagnosed with COVID.

For our expectant mothers: **Stephanie (Seutter) Thomas** and their unborn children. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

For Susan Mountain, Mary Rinne, Eric Hundley, Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, Karen Lentz, John Mahnken, Brandon Ryan, Pat Brackin, Ashley Hung, Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, and Moriah Obermueller continuing treatments for cancer; for Sherri Webb as she continues to recover from her stroke and foot surgery.

For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala: Pray the God would help those with Covid. Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

For all those who are unemployed or under-employed, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving.