

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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

Therefore,
if anyone is in Christ, the
new creation has come:



The old has gone,
THE NEW IS HERE!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

8:00 & 10:45 am & 6:00 pm

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping 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.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION Members and visitors, please scan this QR code and register your attendance with us today. Thanks!



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 feel free to use the narthex as a cry room when needed. Monitors and speakers will assist in your participation.

EDUCATION HOUR (9:30-10:30am)

Adult Bible Class: Today we will be studying the signs that bear witness to Jesus from our Lenten Sermon Theme.

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 classrooms.

Nursery: There is a nursery during education hour located in the lower level.

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.

Order of Service: Divine Service 1

AS WE GATHER

Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father
God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were “still a long way off,” He saw us and “felt compassion” (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making “him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we “will trust, and will not be afraid” (Is. 12:2).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Glory Be to Jesus

John A. Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
LSB 686

Stand

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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

(A moment of silence to confess our specific sins.)

P Let us together confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

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

(During the penitential season of Lent, the Hymn of Praise is omitted.)

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Let us pray:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 READING

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

God Loved the World So That He Gave
arr. Delancy
Bass Bell Quartet

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

Lent

Joel 2:13



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound-ing in
 stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].

²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable:

¹¹And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a

young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him! ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

READING THE FAITH *(as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)*

P THE LORD'S PRAYER: 6th Petition

C **And lead us not into temptation.**

P What does this mean?

C **God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

P THE LORD'S PRAYER: 7th Petition

C **But deliver us from evil.**

P What does this mean?

C **We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.**

P THE LORD'S PRAYER - THE CONCLUSION

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

P What does this mean?

C **This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means “yes, yes, it shall be so.”**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us
LSB 915

SERMON

A Whole New View
2 Corinthians 5
Pastor Joel Schultz

Stand

APOSTLES CREED (*located on the back cover of the hymnal*)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Give us a proper knowledge of the evil we have done in Your sight, move us to confess our offenses against You, and justify us by Your holy absolution. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, You welcome us into Your family for the sake of Your Son. Call us to repentance when we wander from Your ways or believe we have earned a place in Your household by our works, and return us to the confident joy that in Christ alone we are found and alive. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have made Your deeds known among us. Bless pastors, teachers, musicians and all church workers in their daily labors to make known Your deeds among the peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, we are brought forth in iniquity and conceived in sin. Make us ever grateful that in Holy Baptism You forgive and enliven even the smallest child, and that for Jesus' sake You wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, in Christ You were reconciling the world to Yourself. Watch over our nation and all whom You have placed in authority. Give them wisdom and prudence, that Your people might live in peace and freely make known the message of reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for all who cry out to You for mercy, healing and help [*including _____*]. Deliver them according to Your will and, as You have made them a new creation in Christ, keep them mindful of the day when sorrow and sickness will be no more. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, who visits us this day with His body and blood! Give to all who partake of this holy communion penitent hearts that properly receive Christ Jesus as their strength and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of glory, fill the hearts of Your people in all their various callings with the joy of Your salvation, that they may make it known in all the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



G And al - so with you.

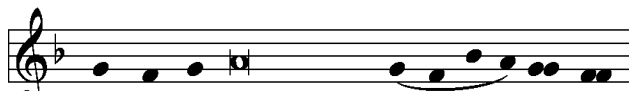


P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



G We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]



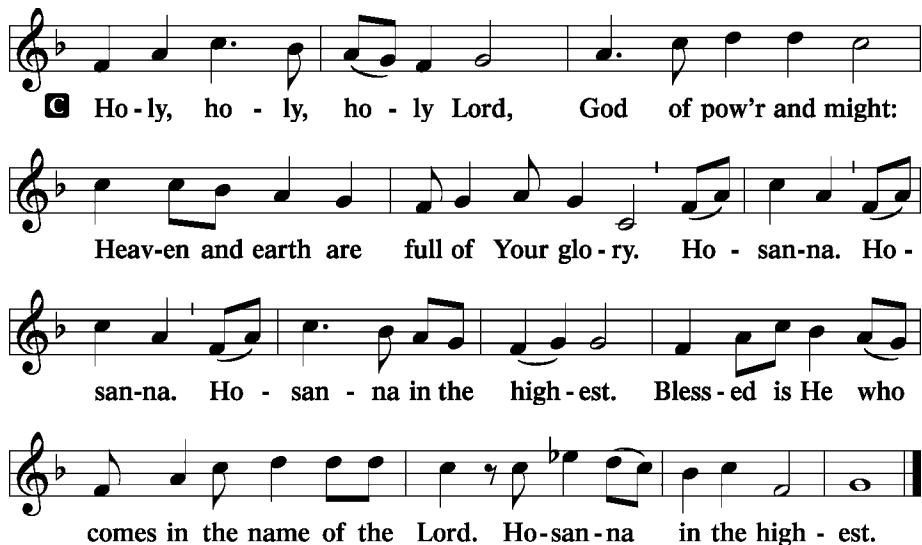
G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS~~(Latin: Holy, Holy, Holy)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

C **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

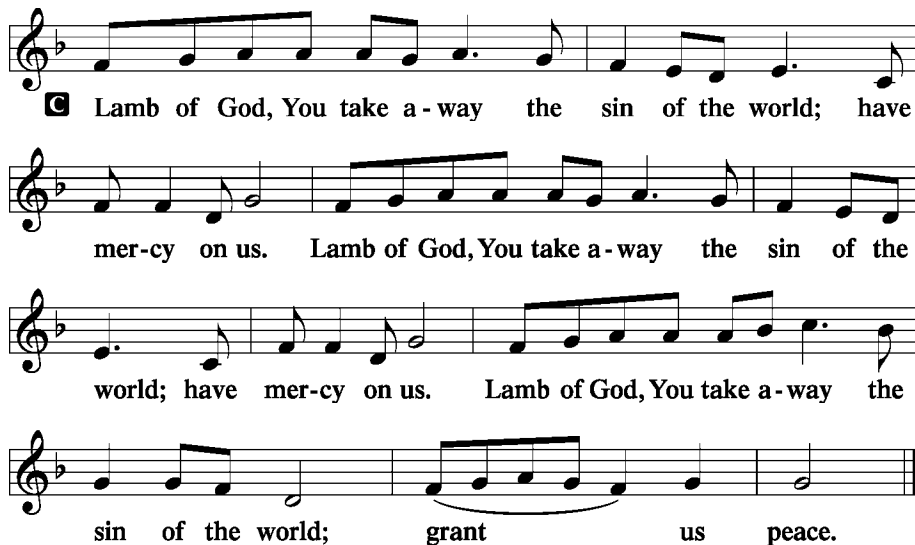
(The pastor here makes a **declaration** of the peace we have with the Lord through the forgiveness offered in this Sacrament. Therefore, we boldly respond **AMEN!** – which means "Yes, yes, this is so!")

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen!**

AGNUS DEI~~(Latin: Lamb of God)

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

INVITATION

P Welcome to the table of our Lord.

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?

(For a longer examination see pages 329-330 of the hymnal.

Communion Prayers are located inside the front cover of the hymnal.)

Instructions for Communing

We use continuous kneeling tables for Holy Communion. The congregation will be ushered forward to kneel. You will receive the Body of Jesus from the Pastors and then the Blood of Jesus from the Elder/Vicar. You may receive either from the common cup or the individual cup. When you have sufficiently meditated, stand, reverence the altar, and return to your seat. Those not communing will receive a blessing from the pastor.

Non-alcoholic white wine is 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 HYMNS

LSB 612 *As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered*

LSB 571 *God Loved the World So That He Gave*

LSB 569 *In Adam We Have All Been One*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Nunc Dimittis~~(Latin: Now Depart – Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -



veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you...and ☩ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

If Your Beloved Son, O God
LSB 568

POSTLUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
John A. Behnke



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 Bass Bell Quartet..... Eric Schlef, Nick Chiapetta, James Schultz & Mark Circle
 Acolytes.....(8:00) Aubrey Huseman & Cora Delancy (10:45) William Jeter & Hudson Vogt
 Greeters.....(8:00) Zach & Lisa Bahr (10:45) Scott & Angela Hodge
 Ushers (8:00) Debbie Johnson, Joshua Watt, Zach Booth, Mark Zarnstorff
 & Mike Johnson
(10:45) Mark Chapin, Brett Clark, Scott Behrman & Brad Johnson
 Altar GuildJanette Copeland, Nancy DeLaney, Angela Hodge & Karen Benz
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 Altar Flowers..... Hadley Holste Baptism Birthday

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Prayers Requested for This Week

For **peace in the war** between Ukraine and Russia.

For **The Evangelical Church of Ukraine**, our LCMS partner church, for their safety and love as they care for the people still caught in the conflict.

For **Karen Ledgerwood**, who is having shoulder surgery on Monday.

For **Michele Pierson**, who's mother passed away last Sunday.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Steve Bremer**, who is having heart problems which is delaying surgery.

For **Casin Down**, Dani and Eric Olson's son, as he begins basic training at Fort Jackson in South Carolina and for all members of the military and their families here at BSLC and around the world.

For **Robert Welsh**, who is recovering from hand surgery.

For **Brian Olson**, who is continuing his physical therapy and recovery at home.

For **Debbie Seutter**, whose test showed she has CLL, a form of leukemia.

For **Tammy Newberry**, who is in a long-term facility recovering from Covid.

For our expectant mothers: **Sarah Walsh, Alli Bauck, Alaina Booth, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen, Michelle Giangrosso, Christi (West) Schriener, and Nicole (Behrman) Paulie**, for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For those undergoing cancer treatment: **Erica Slaymaker, Karen Feldes, Eydie Taylor, Steve Bremer, Ellie Torres, Jenni Patience, John Mahnken, Pat Brackin, Patrick Gossen, and Karen Feldes**.

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

Voice of the Martyrs prayer request

Pastors Minister in Dangerous Areas, Reach Isolated Believers - Pakistan

Christians are among the lowest members of Pakistani society, and many do not have access to discipleship opportunities to grow in their faith. Working long hours in restricted areas as servants in wealthy households or toiling away in brick kilns, these brothers and sisters have little access to biblical instruction and Christian fellowship. Some Pakistani pastors have begun traveling to these restricted areas to encourage and build up the body of Christ. Though they face opposition and put their lives at risk to minister in these areas, these faithful servants of the Lord are advancing God's kingdom, carrying Bibles to these isolated believers, and preaching God's Word to them. Pray for these pastors to be encouraged as they serve in these difficult circumstances. Pray for their safety as they travel to minister in dangerous areas of Pakistan.