

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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

Jesus said,
“For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

JOHN 9:39, ESV



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

8:00 am & 10:45 am

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 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: Bible Study 1 (Fellowship Hall): *Promise: God Is for Us* - The Lord is a promise maker and a promise keeper. From Genesis 3:15 to Revelation 22:20), the Bible is the written record of God's promises. The life of faith is lived trusting in God's promises, which all find their "yes" and "amen" in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20). **Bible Study 2** (Sanctuary): *Pointing to Christ* is a series that focuses on typological fulfillment. We see how men in the Old Testament, through their person and work, point us ahead to the greater fulfillment in Christ.

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 4

AS WE GATHER

By His Word of the Gospel, Jesus Calls Us Out of the Darkness into His Marvelous Light

The Lord is grieved by the spiritual blindness of His people, yet in mercy He does not forsake them. He restrains His anger and keeps His peace, until He opens their ears and eyes to hear and see Him. "For his righteousness' sake," He magnifies His Word and makes it glorious in the coming of Christ Jesus (Is. 42:21). Jesus turns "the darkness before them into light" (Is. 42:16) because He is "the light of the world" (John 9:5). The incarnate Son of God does the works of His Father and displays the divine glory in His own flesh "while it is day," until that night "when no one can work" (John 9:4). By the washing of water with His Word, He opens the eyes of the blind and grants rest to the weary. Therefore, though "at one time you were darkness," now "you are light in the Lord" (Eph. 5:8). By our Baptism into Christ, we live in the eternal day of His resurrection, wherein He shines upon us. As often as we fall back into the darkness of sin, He calls us by the Gospel to "awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead" (Eph. 5:14).

PRAYER AT THE BEGINNING OF WORSHIP

Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through your Word to me draw near;
Preserve that Word in purity
That I your child and heir may be.

LW 197:1

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

Pastorale on "In the Cross"
Janet Linker

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING ANTHEM

What Wondrous Love is This
arr. Hanson
Adult Choir

✠ 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; [18:20]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** *Psalm 130:3-4*

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *[Luke 18:13]*

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

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

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy...and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

HYMN OF PRAISE

(There is no Hymn of Praise since during the penitential Season of Lent our "Alleluias" are silent.)

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

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

God Loved the World So That He Gave

arr. Delancy

Handbell Duet

*(If you would like to mediate on the words as the piece is played,
please turn to hymn LSB 571.)*

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE

John 6:68

Lent



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–7, 13-17, 34-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.

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

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

P THE LORD'S PRAYER – FOURTH PETITION

C **Give us this day our daily bread.**

P What does this mean?

C **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

P What is meant by daily bread?

C **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

P THE LORD'S PRAYER – FIFTH PETITION

C **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

P What does this mean?

C **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Mike Ada

SERMON HYMN

O Son of God, in Galilee
LSB 841

SERMON

Blindness
John 9
Pastor Mike Ada

Stand

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

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** Great Physician, enlighten our eyes by Your blessed Gospel, and hide us in Your shelter in the day of trouble. Provide a home in Your Church for those cast out by this world, and unite them with us in the pure confession of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord of hosts, Your Son abides among His saints in the temple of His Church. Shelter all those who seek refuge under the cover of His mercy and raise up pastors in every age to serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father, through Holy Baptism You have brought us into the light of Christ. Guide us always in Your ways and teach us to know Your will, that we would do what is good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, those who wait for Your salvation have the promise that You will not forsake them. Lead those who wander in darkness through rough places, that they would find the way of righteousness and not be put to shame. Bless our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments and sustain them in body and soul. Bless also Nathan Wibe as he goes through basic training. Sustain him in Your grace and prosper his training and work. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, You have promised that what we suffer does not condemn us, but instead displays Your glory. Sustain the afflicted in body or soul, [*especially _____,*] that they would take heart, trust You for healing and find You even in the midst of their trials. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, everyone who believes in Jesus as Lord will not be put to shame. Unite Your people in a right confession of Your Word, and free them from disagreement over Your truth. Bring us with penitent hearts to receive the great riches of Your Son's body and blood. 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

(Our offerings are collected at the door and brought forward and presented in thanksgiving to the Lord. If you missed this opportunity, your offering can be placed in the plate at the door as you leave.)

OFFERING PRAYER

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

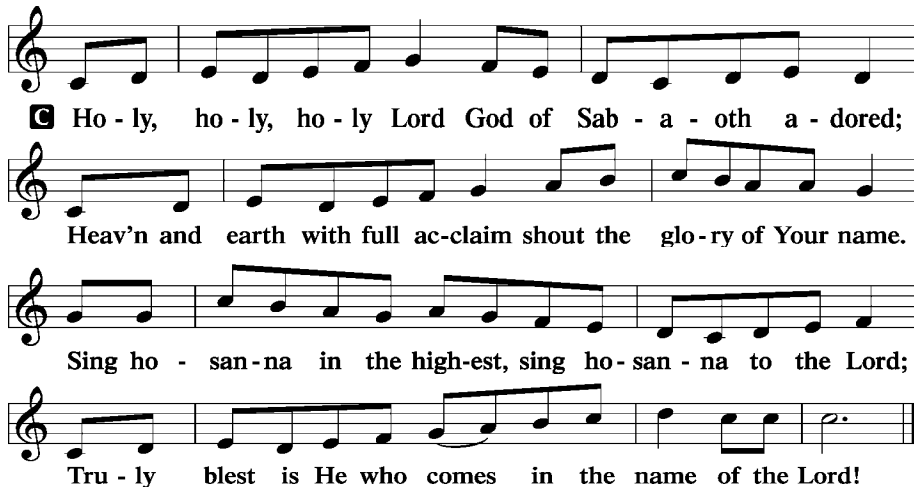
[Psalm 136]

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 Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

INVITATION

P Welcome to the Table of the Lord.

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?

(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 433 *Glory Be to Jesus*

LSB 425 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

LSB 643 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Stand

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you...and † give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

CLOSING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
LSB 849

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C Minor
Johann Gottfried Walther

**Before you go:
Visitors and Members –
please register your attendance.**



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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

- Preaching Pastor Mike Ada
- Celebrant Pastor Joel Schultz
- Liturgist Vicar Avery Hjulberg
- Organist Deb Miller
- Handbell Duet Lauran Delancy & Eric Schlef
- Acolytes (8:00) Jack McDonald & Sam Schlef (10:45) TBD
- Ushers (8:00) Zach Booth, Debbie Johnson, Mike Johnson, & Mark Zarnstorff
..... (10:45) Scott Behrman, Mark Chapin, Brett Clark, & Brad Johnson
- Altar Guild Karen Benz, Carol Brandt, Janette Copeland, & Deb Froelich
- Greeters (8:00) Zach & Lisa Bahr (10:45) Brad Keefe
- Nursery Jimmy & Liesl Jensen
- Counters Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle
- Altar Flowers In Honor of Hadley Holste’s Baptism

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PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Nathan Wibe**, who joined the KS Army National Guard and is at basic training in Fort Jackson, SC.

For **Mark Chapin**, who is undergoing outpatient surgery on March 24th.

For **Karen Rinne**, who is recovering from major surgery.

For **Carol Olson**, who is recovering from surgery.

For **Beverly Bahr**, Zach Bahr's mom, who is recovering from hip surgery.

For **Brian Jenkins**, Chris and Mary Martin's friend, who is undergoing treatment for stage 4 cancer.

For **Rev. Mark Croucher** at the sudden death of his wife Heather. Rev. Croucher was a former BSLC Vicar and Heather taught at Bethany Lutheran School where several of our BSLC kids attended.

For **Karen Kuhn and her grandson Daivion**, as they mourn the death of Kari Allen, Karen's daughter, and Daivion's mom.

For **Tom and Brenda Bremer**, as they mourn the death of Tom's uncle Dick Dahl.

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

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

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Amanda Matthews**, Rev. Darrell and Beth Matthews' niece, who is gravely ill.

For **Jana Thompson**, an old friend of Phil and Georgia Freese, who is recovering from heart surgery.

For **Bryson**, a friend of the Schreiners, prayers for his future and to find a loving Christian home.

For **our expectant mothers: Kaylyn Bartels, Chelsie Holste, Briann Ludolph, Allie Melton, and Lexi Obermueller** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Gwen Anrico, Leslie Beller, Mandy Bender, Zach Chain, Heather Delaney, Karen Feldes, Paul Hennegan, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Geordie McGuire, Milroy Moses, Melissa Nesemeier, Randy Schlueter, Rev. Dr. Mark Schulz, Eydie Taylor, and William Wolgast.**

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

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.

For **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that the Lord would continue to bless them and keep them in His care and that the Lord would turn their eyes toward Jesus. Fieldstone Apartments is a mission outreach project of BSLC.

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Church Destroyed on National Voodoo Day - Benin

Benin is considered the birthplace of Voodoo. Occult practices, including idol worship, sacrificing animals, and wearing special talismans believed to ward off evil, are widespread. Voodoo is so commonly practiced in Benin that it has a National Voodoo Day on January 10. This year in a small town in the center of the country, a group of Voodooists burned down a church when local Christians refused to honor the village idols during the celebration. The church's pastor asks for prayer that people in the village will be set free from the bondage of Voodoo, that the house of worship will be rebuilt, and that the congregation will be strengthened regardless of persecution.