


Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



Over his head they put
the charge against him, which read,
“**This is Jesus,
the King of the Jews.**”
MATTHEW 27:37

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 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 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.**

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 1

AS WE GATHER

Now Is the Hour When the Son of Man Is Glorified

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming." He comes in gentle humility, "sitting on a donkey's colt," yet also as the King of Israel "in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13, 15). His royal glory is faithful obedience and self-sacrificing service "to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2:8). The love of God is manifested in the cross and Passion of His Son for the salvation of sinners. Since He has borne our sins and suffered our death, "God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name" (Phil. 2:9), and He exalts us in His resurrection. Our Lord did not hide His face "from disgrace and spitting" (Is. 50:6), but He trusted His God and Father, who raised Him from death and the grave and exalted Him to His right hand. This same King Jesus now comes to us in gentle humility in His Supper, where He feeds us with His body and cleanses and covers us with His blood, so that "after his resurrection" we also shall rise and enter the holy city (Matt. 27:52–53).

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Edward Broughton

PASTORAL GREETING

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

PROCESSIONAL PSALM

Psalm 24:7-10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

C **Lift up your heads, O gates!**

**And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.**

P Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in | battle!

C **Lift up your heads, O gates!**

**And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.**

P Who is this King of | glory?*

The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of | glory!

A **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.**

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

(Worship Note: "Hosanna" means "Save us now!")

LSB 442

ANTHEM

Palm Sunday Carol

Hatch

Children's and Littles Choir

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

(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 and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Let Happy Hosannas Ring

Waldrop

Laudate Ringers

(If you would like to meditate as the piece is played, please read John 12:12–13:

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!")

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 27:11–66

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

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

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You have said so." ¹²But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they testify against you?" ¹⁴But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or

Jesus who is called Christ?" ¹⁸For he knew that it was out of envy that they had delivered him up. ¹⁹Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream." ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before him. ²⁸And they stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on his head and put a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ³⁰And they spit on him and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him and led him away to crucify him.

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." ³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴²"He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said, "Wait, let us

see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!”

⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.” ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON HYMN

No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet

LSB 444

SERMON

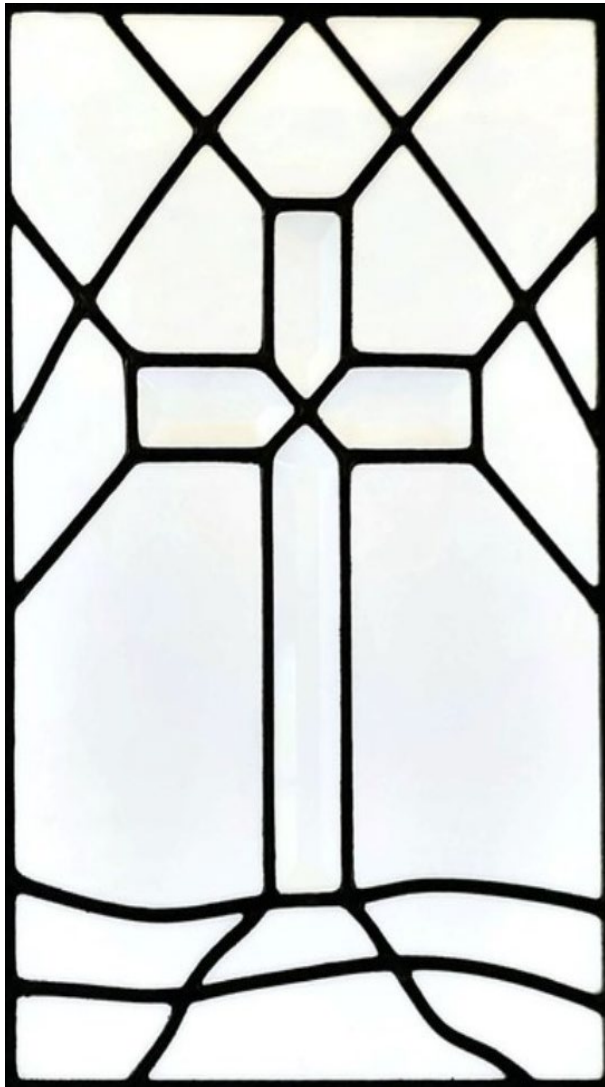
The Hour of Your Salvation

Matthew 27

Pastor Joel Schultz

SERMON NOTES: *Feel free to use this page to jot down notes and thoughts during the sermon. There are a few prompts given as well as 2 reflection questions at the end.*

Also, the picture can be used for a different kind of note taking. Perhaps you might fill in the 23 shapes with words or phrases that "jump out" at you in the sermon.



Reflect:

Describe the comfort or confidence this Word from the Lord gives you today.

Who do you know who needs this same comfort or confidence?

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** King of glory, Lord of hosts, lift up the gates of our hearts, and make way for Your blessed Son. Forgive our sins and renew our souls, that we may glorify Him who died to save us. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Merciful Lord, You desire not the death of any sinner but that all would turn in repentance to You. Bless the preaching of Your Gospel and the administration of Your Sacraments in mission fields around the world. Convert those who do not yet know Christ, and sustain those who face danger and opposition for the name of Christ. Bless and protect all missionaries as they proclaim Christ boldly in hostile places, and surround their families with Your care. Banish from our hearts all prejudice that might hinder our mission work here in our nation or abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord and Giver of Life, we give you thanks for Your gift of life from the womb to the grave. Help us to value all life as a gift from you. We especially give thanks and rejoice with Adam and Chelsea Holste, Chyler and Briann Ludolph, and Grant and Lexi Obermueller at the birth of their children. Grant health and strength to both mother and child and keep Hudson, Clark, and Lenae in Your care until the day they are washed with water and the Word in Holy Baptism.
C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You sacrificed Your own Son on the cross, that we may be called Your children. Increase the faith of all Christian fathers, that receiving Jesus and trusting in His atoning sacrifice, they may be enlivened to sacrificial love for their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, our King, Your Son entered Jerusalem as the true ruler, ready to lay down His life for His people. Grant this same mind to those in authority over us, that they would discharge their duty even for the least among us, and so receive Your commendation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Great Physician, Your Son bore all our sickness in His body on the tree. Remember those who suffer and are afflicted in any way as well as those who mourn, [*especially _____*,] and grant them restoration, hope, peace, and comfort according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal Lord, as Your Son once entered humbly into Jerusalem to cries of "hosanna," so send Him to us according to His promise in the Holy Sacrament, that we may eat His body and drink His blood in repentance and faith for the forgiveness of our sins and in the unity of a true confession. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna," in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And al - so with you.

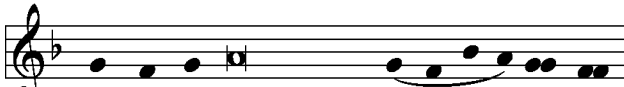


P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]




C 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.

P Welcome to the table of our 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 443 *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

LSB 547 *The Lamb*

LSB 629 *What Is This Bread*

Stand

DISMISSAL

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

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

LSB 441

POSTLUDE

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Roy Brunner

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



Rev. Joel Schultz, Senior Pastor

Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor

Vicar Avery Hjulberg, Student Pastor

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SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching..... Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant..... Pastor Mike Ada
Liturgist..... Vicar Avery Hjulberg
Organist..... Deb Miller
Acolytes.....(8:00) Ethan Wolff & John Yarnell (10:45) TBD
Crucifer (8:00) Alexius Wolff (10:45) TBD
Greeters..... (8:00) Tom & Brenda Bremer (10:45) Brett & Bobbie Clark
Ushers (8:00) Roger Berardi, Beau Campbell, Keith Gloe, Ken Knese, & Chris Wibe
..... (10:45) Kurt Batten, Dale Brandt, Danny Hundley, & Matt Tripp
Altar Guild..... Doris Baker, Denise Behrman, Carolyn Clarke, & Karen Kuhn
Nursery Zach & Alaina Booth/Helping Hands (if needed) - Waldmans
Counters..... Randy & Jeanne Kanoy
Altar Flowers..... In memory of Claire Deke

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VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Illegal Bibles Change Lives in Iran - Iran

Owning, printing, importing, or distributing Bibles in Iran is illegal. Since they are so difficult to obtain, Bibles are treasured by Iranian believers, and few have their own copy of God's Word. Despite the prohibitions and scarcity, Christians in Iran are working on placing copies of God's Word into people's hands. When they receive a shipment of Bibles, our Iranian brothers, and sisters hand-deliver the Bibles to strangers. They knock on the doors of people they don't know and give Bibles to anyone who will accept the gift, sometimes placing the Bibles in mailboxes. Front-line workers have shared numerous stories of Iranian Muslims who read the Bible for the first time after unexpectedly receiving one in their mailbox and later became followers of Christ. Pray the will LORD reveals more ways to get His word into the hands of His believers.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Adam and Chelsie Holste**, on the birth of their son Hudson Lynn on March 28th.
For **Chyler and Briann Ludolph**, on the birth of their son Clark Watson on March 24th.
For **Grant and Lexi Obermueller** on the birth of their daughter Lenae Jean on March 19th. Proud grandparents are Gordon and Sharon Obermueller.
For **Lee Kresin**, who is recovering from knee surgery on Wednesday.
For **Debbie Seutter**, as she awaits results from her EEG on Monday.
For **Richard Watson**, Janna Willnauer's brother-in-law, who is recovering from surgery to repair a detached retina. The surgery was a success, and his sight is returning to normal.
For **Patty Ott**, Amy Schepmann's mom who is recovering from pneumonia.
For **Brad Cornell**, who is recovering from Covid.
For **Mikaela Koch**, Kim Koch's 4-year-old great niece, who is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor.
For **Mark Chapin**, who is recovering from outpatient surgery on March 24th.
For the **Price Family**, friends of the Herrs, whose grandfather is in hospice care.
For **Bruce and Suzie Kempin**, as they mourn the death of Bruce's father Carl Kempin on March 29th.
For **Deb and Mike Johnson and her dad Charles Knight**, as they mourn the death of Deb's stepmom Norma Knight who died on March 22nd.
For **Bryson**, the Schreiners friend, prayers for his future and to be placed in a Christian foster home.
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 **Karen Rinne**, who is recovering at home from major surgery.
For **Nathan Wibe**, who is at basic training in Fort Jackson, SC for the KS Army National Guard.
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 **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 **Ivan Rees**, continued prayers as he recovers from health issues.
For **our expectant mothers: Kaylyn Bartels, Allie Melton, and Stephanie (Seutter) Thomas** 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.