

# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

Luke 24:51

**Ascension Sunday**

**May 21, 2023**

**8:00am & 10:45am**

## 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): A study of Ephesians. **Bible Study 2** (Narthex Conference Room): *The Tabernacle: A Canopy of Grace* - The Tabernacle in the wilderness is where God dwelt with His people. It was seen as the center of worship for the Israelites. See how it points ahead to Jesus who became flesh to dwell among His people.

**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, Room 118.

**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 2**

### **AS WE GATHER**

The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues “to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47) even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is his body” (Eph. 1:22–23). In this holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:20).

### **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**

***On Christ's Ascension I Now Build***

John A. Behnke

#### **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*

### PSALM

**Psalm 47; antiphon: v.5**

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** **Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

**P** For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

**C** **He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.**

**P** He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**C** **God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

**P** Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

**C** **For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!**

**P** God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

**C** **The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

**A** **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

***A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing***

LSB 493

### BAPTISM

*(Please turn to page 20 for the Baptism liturgy)*

(8:00am) Joseph Michael MacDonald

## 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

*This Is the Feast*

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray:

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## ANTHEM

***Alleluia! Christ is Risen***

arr. Hopson

Youth Choir with handbells

## FIRST READING

**Acts 1:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

**Exultate**

Krug

Beata Handbells

*(If you would like to meditate on the words as the piece is played,  
please turn to the Gospel reading, specifically Luke 24:50-53.)*

## EPISTLE

**Ephesians 1:15–23**

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



## GOSPEL VERSE

Common

John 6:68

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

*On this festival day of Ascension, 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.**

***We Know that Christ Was Raised***

LSB 603

- 1. 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!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 24:44–53**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

<sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

<sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**2. 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*

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

**OFFICE OF THE KEYS**

**P** What is the Office of the Keys?

**C** **The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.**

**P** Where is this written?

**C** **This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)**

**P** What do you believe according to these words?

**C** **I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

## SERMON HYMN

*Up through Endless Ranks of Angels*

LSB 491

*Sit*

## SERMON

*Jesus is Enough*

**Acts 1**

Pastor Joel Schultz

*Stand*

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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For eyes of faith fixed on Jesus, who is seated at the Lord's right hand, ruling in the midst of His enemies, that we may have no fear of them but abide in Christ's peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church, over which Christ is head, that God would give pastors wisdom to hold fast to the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins; and that He would open the ears of all who hear to rejoice in the fullness of Him who fills all in all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For an increase of faith, knowledge, and wisdom, that God would open our minds to understand the Scriptures and see Christ proclaimed throughout His Holy Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our homes, that God who established Jesus at His right hand would give Him as companion and consolation for those who live alone, strengthen the love of husbands and wives, and bless parents and children as they gather around His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the rulers, authorities, powers, and dominions of this world, that mindful of Christ who reigns far above them, they might govern with wisdom and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who despair of possessing forgiveness, that God would comfort them with the news that Christ is their High Priest forever, full of grace and life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who are sick, injured, or mourn, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that our risen and ascended Lord would comfort them in their distress, grant healing according to His will, and console them with the certainty of the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession, let us pray to the Lord:*

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all communicants, that with penitent hearts they may receive the body and blood of Christ, who sits at God's right hand, ruling over all things, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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.

**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.**

*Psalms 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, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. 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 6:9-11*

**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, grant us peace.

### INVITATION

**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 492 *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build***

**LSB 821 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***

**LSB 629 *What Is This Bread***

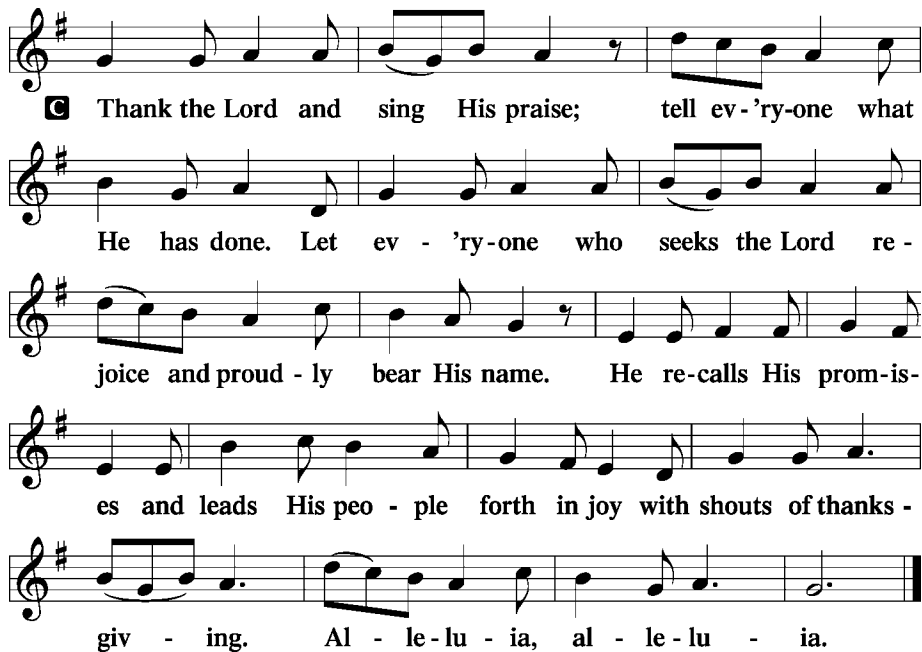
*Stand*

## DISMISSAL



## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

### *Thank the Lord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## 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

***Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious***

LSB 495

## POSTLUDE

***Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses***

Melvin Rotermund

**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) Nate Delancy & George Delancy (10:45) Rowen Clark & Kelsey Teply  
 Crucifer.....(8:00) Blake Hughey (10:45) TBD  
 Greeters .....(8:00) George & Karen Ledgerwood (10:45) Brett & Bobbie Clark  
 Ushers..... (8:00) Joel Ada, Zach Bahr, Chad Ronsick, & Robert Welsh  
 ..... (10:45) Carter Clark, Adam Holste, Jim Teig, & Joshua Watt  
 Altar Guild..... Deb Froelich, Debbie Hodnik, & Mary Jane Rees  
 Nursery..... Zach & Alaina Booth (Helping Hands) Matt & Morgan Riechers  
 Counters..... Randy & Jeanne Kanoy  
 Altar Flowers .....Chris & Mary Martin 26<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
 .....Brett & Bobbie Clark 21<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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**HOLY BAPTISM – Joseph Michael MacDonald**, will be baptized this morning in the 8:00am service. We pray special blessings upon Joseph as he becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.



## VOICE OF THE MARTYRS PRAYER REQUEST

Christian Family Rejected by Village - India

In the Bastar district of Chhattisgarh State, India, Christians face increasing pressure and violence for following Christ. Hema; her 16-year-old daughter, Chanda; and her 13-year-old son, Manish, are the only believers in their village since coming to faith in Christ two years ago. Village neighbors repeatedly tried to force them to reconvert to Hinduism, but they remained strong in the Lord, so the village excommunicated them. They are cut off from the village water supply and cannot graze their cattle on common fields. Threats were even made against Manish's life. Chanda went to the police to seek protection and get her brother out of the village to safety. She and her mother remain in the village. Chanda said, "As long as I live, I will follow Jesus." Pray for this family's protection, encouragement, and faith.

# ✠ The Rite of Holy Baptism ✠

Joseph Michael MacDonald

## INVOCATION

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

**C** **Amen.**

## BAPTISMAL PROMISES

### HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. JOHN

**P** Hear the word of the Lord from John chapter 3: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."  
John 3:5-6

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

**P** Because you have been called by the Gospel and instructed in the faith, it is right and good that you should now confess with the Church what God works in and through Baptism.

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty

**C** **Yes, believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C** **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?

**C** **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.**

**P** **Joseph Michael MacDonald**, do you desire to be baptized?

**C** **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 Joseph Michael MacDonald the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he 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.*



### PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Joseph Michael MacDonald**, who will be baptized into the faith this morning at the 8:00am service.  
For **Rachel Hanrahan and Bud Totten**, Becky Hanrahan's daughter, who were married on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.  
For **Jan Deckert**, who is in the hospital after a stroke.  
For **Gwen Garrison**, Karen Kuhn's sister-in-law who fell and broke her hip after hip replacement on the other hip.  
For **Margaret Brandis**, Sage Shepherd's grandmother who is recovering from hand surgery.  
For **Rachel**, a co-worker of Cathy Merchant who is having complications from a hysterectomy which adds to the already short staff grooming salon where they work.  
For **Danny Hundley**, who is in the hospital with a bile duct infection and waiting to start chemotherapy.  
For the **Batten family**, as they mourn the death of Kurt's dad, Robert Batten,  
For the **Ledgerwood family**, as they mourn the death of Karen's aunt, Ruth Schutte.  
For **family and friends of Cindy Welsh**, Debbie Seutter's best friend, who passed away suddenly last week.  
For **western Kansas and Nebraska**, as farmers are desperate for rain.  
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 **Gary Olson**, who is recovering from hospitalization for heart treatment.  
For **Payton Clause**, Janette Copeland's granddaughter as she goes through difficult times.  
For **Suzee Dittberner**, Abby Bean's friend who is recovering from surgery.  
For **Lyle Claudy**, Helen Claudy's ex-husband, who is in assisted living for liver cancer treatment.  
For **Stacy Martinez**, who is awaiting test results and dealing with other medical issues.  
For **Mikaela Koch**, Kim Koch's 4-year-old niece, who has a brain mass that is cancerous.  
For **Ivan Rees**, continued prayers as he recovers from health issues.  
For **our expectant mothers: Kaylyn Bartels, Charisse Meier, 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, Heather Delaney, Karen Feldes, Paul Hennegan, Brian Jenkins, Judy Landall, 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.