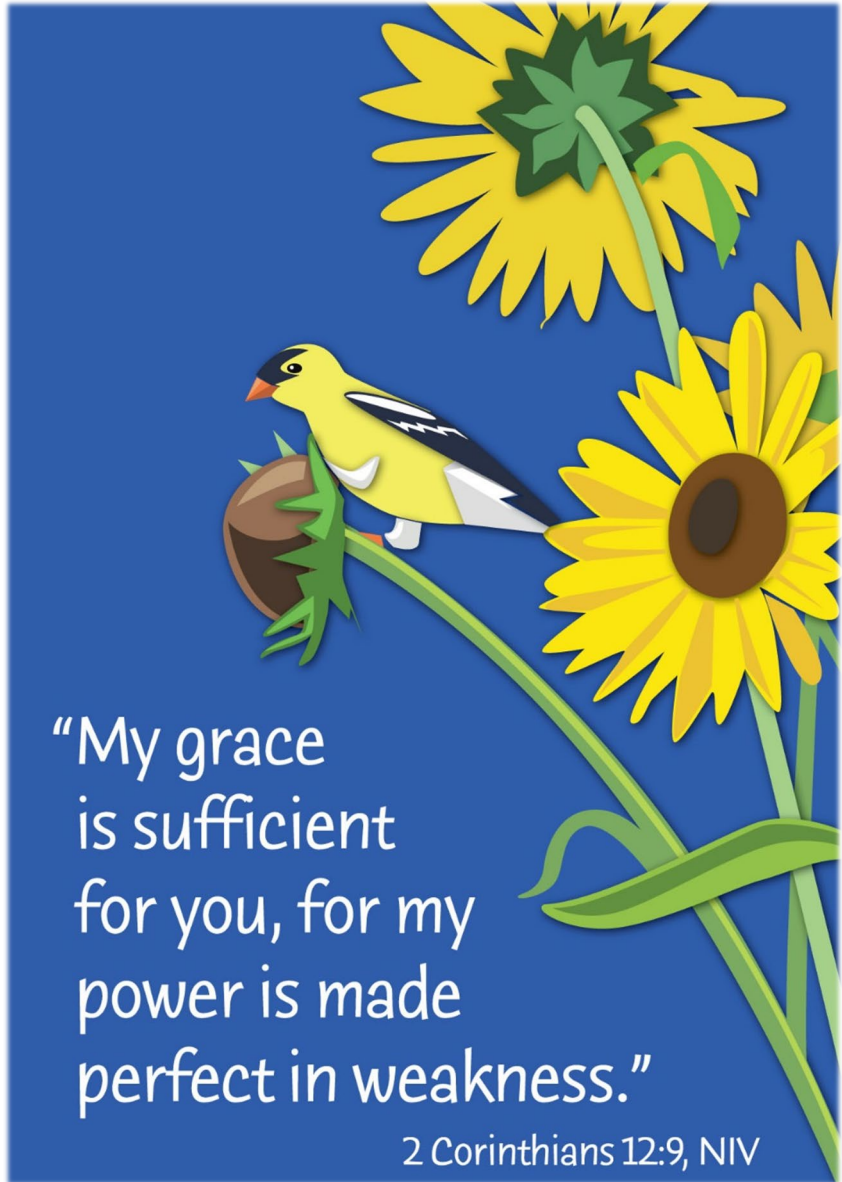


# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

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



“My grace  
is sufficient  
for you, for my  
power is made  
perfect in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 7, 2024**

**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:** Today we will be studying During the summer, we will be doing a 13-week topical Bible class entitled *A Simple Explanation of...* Today the topic is "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper."

**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 4

**HYMNS FOR TODAY'S SERVICE:** LSB 912, 728, 727, 628, 637, and 537

## 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

*Beautiful Savior*  
arr. Behnke

### PASTORAL GREETING

### SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

### OPENING HYMN

*Christ Is Our Cornerstone*  
LSB 912

*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; [18:20]*

### BAPTISM

*(Please turn to page 17 for the Baptism liturgy)*

(10:45am) Katherine Elizabeth Oestmann

## 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 ✠

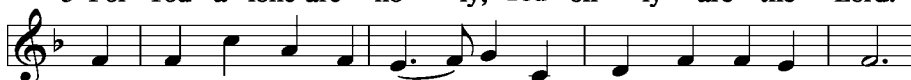
## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis* ~ (Latin: *Glory to God in the Highest*)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



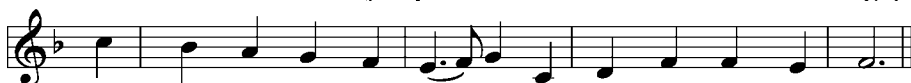
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## 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:

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

**GOSPEL VERSE**

John 6:68

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

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

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1–13

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands?" <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

- 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 SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

**C** **You shall not steal.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.**

**P** THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

**C** **You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Joel Schultz

## SERMON HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

LSB 728

## SERMON

*Perfect Power*

**2 Corinthians 12**

Pastor Joel Schultz

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED (8:00)** *(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** We bless You, Lord, for You have heard the voice of our pleas for mercy and sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our strength and shield. Save Your people and bless Your heritage forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Send laborers into Your harvest, Lord. Preserve Your ministers among us devoted to Your Word and to prayer. Give many servants to Your Church, that neither the preaching nor the care of Your people may fall into neglect or disregard. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, soften the hearts of Your people in every home. Turn parents and children toward each other in love and patience. Banish the spirit of impudence, stubbornness and rebellion from all. Sanctify us in Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, protect and defend our nation from its enemies. Support our leaders and preserve them from temptation. Through the work of all civil authorities, enable us to live a quiet and peaceable life according to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father, in our weakness we are strong for the sake of Christ, whose grace is sufficient for every need. Give comfort to those whose pain is chronic, whose suffering is unknown, who wrestle with difficult thorns in body or mind, or who are tempted to despair. [*Intercede also on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_.*] In weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities, let us boast in Christ and His cross, by which we and our sufferings are sanctified. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** *Additional Prayers of Thanksgiving or Intercession*, Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bountiful God, out of Your abundant blessing You satisfy us with Christ, the bread of life. Give repentance and faith to all who commune this day, that finding refuge in Your Son's true body and blood, we may taste and see that You are good. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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.**

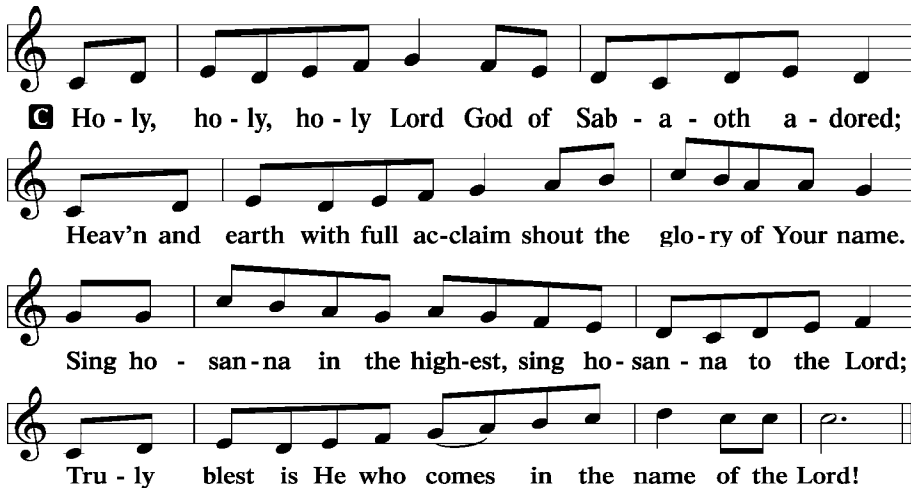
*[Psalm 136]*

## 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

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 727 *On Eagles' Wings***

**LSB 628 *Your Table I Approach***

**LSB 637 *Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord***

*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. *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

***Beautiful Savior***  
LSB 537

## POSTLUDE

***How Firm a Foundation***  
arr. Kerr

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



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**Rev. Michael Ada, Associate Pastor**  
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## SERVING THE LORD AND US TODAY:

Preaching .....	Pastor Joel Schultz
Celebrant.....	Pastor Joel Schultz
Liturgist.....	Vicar Nathan Harkins
Organist.....	Lauran Delancy
Acolytes.....	(8:00) TBD (10:45) Hudson Vogt
Ushers.....(8:00)	Matt Christensen, Keith Clarke, Matt Horyna, Matt Riechers, & Ryan Wolff
.....(10:45)	Leo Bertels, Phil Bertels, Jeff Hiller, & Paul Peterson
Altar Guild.....	Carolyn & Keith Clarke, Nancy & Jim DeLaney, & Gina & Tim Stoehr
Greeters .....	(8:00) Roger Berardi & Chuck Tuttle (10:45) Lois Clendening & Liza Pillers
Nursery.....	Jason & Alli Bauck (Helping Hands – Andrew & Marissa Lippe)
Counters .....	Eric Domsch, Todd Scheumann, & Bob Welsh
Altar Flowers .....	Patrick & Lauran Delancy's 21 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary
.....	Joe & Debbie Hodnik 39 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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## HOLY BAPTISM

**Katherine Elizabeth Oestmann**, daughter of Tim and Amy Oestmann, will be baptized this morning at the 10:45am service. Katherine's sponsors are Phil and Lyndsi Oestmann. We pray special blessings upon Katherine and her family as she becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.





# ✠ The Rite of Holy Baptism ✠

Katherine Elizabeth Oestmann

## INVOCATION

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

## BAPTISMAL PROMISES

## ADDRESS TO PARENTS, SPONSORS & CONGREGATION

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

- P** Because this child cannot answer for himself/herself, we shall all, together with sponsors, and parents, faithfully speak on his/her behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.
- P** Do you renounce the devil?  
**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, I 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.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

**P** **Katherine Elizabeth Oestmann**, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *(Parents)* **Yes, I Do**

**P** **Katherine Elizabeth Oestmann**, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## **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 Katherine Elizabeth Oestmann the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## WORDS OF WELCOME

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

*Baptismal Party may return to their seats.*

### PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **BSLC Guatemala mission group**, as they travel to Zacapa, Guatemala for a week of serving the people of El Divino Salvador and Colegio El Divino Salvador.

For **the Mahnken family**, as they travel abroad for vacation.

For **Helen Lett**, Moriah Obermueller's 97-year-old grandmother who was diagnosed with cancer.

For **God to bring about peace in the war** between **Israel and Palestine**.

For **God to bring about peace in the war** between **Ukraine and Russia**.

For the **ministry of Josiah Schultz and St. John Lutheran Church, Keystone, IA** as he was ordained Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at BSLC and will be installed as St. John's pastor July 14, 2024.

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 **Stacy Martinez**, who is home recovering from surgery.

For **Helen Claudy**, who has ongoing health issues.

For **Karen Kuhn**, who is having chemotherapy for stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

For **Pat Circle**, who is dealing with spinal stenosis and bulging disc.

For **Jane Dieckhoff**, who was released to a care facility for rehab.

For **Kent Pritzel**, Robin Pritzel's older brother, who has entered hospice.

For **our expectant mothers: Elise Christensen, Taylor Lewallen, Amy Morin, Morgan Riechers, Sarah Walsh, and Peyton Ziegler** for their unborn children, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For **those undergoing cancer treatment: Mandy Bender, Kevin Berube, Dale Brandt, Jordan Ebach, Karen Feldes, Wanda Fisher, Brad Gellerstedt, Garth Gonseth, Maya Goudy, John Huss, Brian Jenkins, Lauren Kandt, Linda Knight, Mikaela Koch, Karen Kuhn, Judy Landall, John Mahnken, Bonnie Malloch, Lorette Marsh, Milroy Moses, Susan Mountain, Melissa Nesemeier, Andrew O'Brien, Lori Russel, Lisa Schaefer, Randy Schlueter, Tyler Smith, Eydie Taylor, Kathy Woods, and Neal Wurth**.

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 **our neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments**, that God would bless them through our interactions, and they may come to know Christ.

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**

*Christians Help the Hungry in Gaza - Israel*

A pastor in Gaza and his team are regularly providing hot meals to hundreds of people sheltering and trying to survive the current conflict. "We have been able to distribute meals to the people in Rafah and the middle of the Gaza Strip," the pastor said. "The situation is very dire, and people are desperate for food." The pastor is grateful for support from the global body of Christ that enables his team to provide aid and hope to the suffering. "May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and compassion towards our brothers and sisters in Gaza," he said.